

The Colony of Edina

September 2022 Newsletter

Join a Committee

Consider joining a committee to be more involved with happenings around The Colony?

New committees:

- Bylaw changes
- Comcast/Cable TV

Existing committees:

- Landscape
- Security

Contact the office if you are interested in joining one.

Keeping Pool Open Longer

We are delaying closing the pool for at least a week after Labor Day.



Vehicle Registration Notice

September is vehicle registration month at the Colony. We have many new residents and some new vehicles that are not registered.

With the end of summer, we want to be ready for possible notifications for snow plowing in the coming months. If you do not have a green Colony parking sticker, you can download a [form](#) for each of your vehicles and bring the completed form to the office. Dolly will assign you a sticker and your vehicle information will be entered into our management software, Appfolio.

Please fill out your form completely. If we haven't gotten your email address or phone number (or if they have changed) on a previous form, it's our chance to be able to update that information as well.

In October, we will place warning notices on cars that do not have a sticker. Cars will be towed after two warnings.

We have included the Parking Rule with this newsletter. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact the office.

Colony Maintenance Staff

We have hired more staff to help with maintenance

With aging infrastructure and 12 acres of grounds, maintaining The Colony is a three person job. This is why the board has hired three fulltime maintenance staff. Micah and Dan will be helping Kevin keep this place in shape. This will allow projects to be completed faster.

As a reminder, please don't stop maintenance staff while they are working. Contact the office with complaints and problems (or a positive message!).



Thanks for Helping Out on the Grounds

Jane Bruss spent numerous hours taming overgrown shrubs and removing weeds around the pool and the office. Jen Teegarden spent many hours on multiple weeks filling water bags to keep newly planted trees alive. Both are excited to have maintenance staff take over these jobs.



OFFICE HOURS:

Monday, 9 am -4 pm
Tuesday, 9 am - 4 pm
Thursday, 9 am - 4 pm

OFFICE PHONE:

952-920-6464

OFFICE EMAIL:

office@colonyedina.com

MAINTENCE EMAIL:

maintenance@colonyedina.com

BOARD EMAIL:

board@colonyedina.com

LANDSCAPE COMMITTEE EMAIL:

landscape@colonyedina.com

OPEN FORUM:

Third Tuesday of month at 5:30 pm

BOARD MEETING:

Third Tuesday of month at 6 pm

VEHICLES AND PARKING POLICIES

1. It is mandatory for residents to register their vehicle(s) with the Association office. A parking identification sticker must be affixed to the inside of the back window on the driver's side. If this is not possible, please notify the office. A sticker in your vehicle must be present at all times when on Colony property. Cars without stickers can be towed without notice.
2. All vehicles on The Colony property must be in operable condition and have current license plates/tags. Cars cannot sit in one spot more than 72 hours. The vehicle will be towed at the owner's expense if not moved to prove that it is in working order.
3. You must be able to park car in your assigned garage. Garages cannot be used strictly for storage.
4. Under no circumstances are garages and other parking areas to be used as a play or recreational area.
5. Residents are asked to rent available garages only to other residents of The Colony.
6. Garage doors must be closed when garages are not in use.
7. A resident of a unit shall not be allowed to park that resident's vehicle in an outside parking space unless the vehicle of another resident of that unit is kept or parked in the garage allocated or assigned to that unit.
8. Each unit is allocated parking for two vehicles unless there is a third licensed driver that is a full-time resident of a unit. In this case, one additional space will be allocated. The total number of spaces include the garage, if applicable.
9. All vehicles shall be removed from the outdoor parking areas to allow for snowplowing or be subject to towing at owner's expense.
10. Trailers, boats, campers, buses, commercial vehicles (with the exception of commercial vehicles owned or operated by persons or entities hired by an owner or the Association to perform work at The Colony), recreational vehicles, and any other vehicles other than passenger vehicles, are prohibited from parking at The Colony's outside car stalls.
11. Motor vehicles, whether passenger or commercial vehicles driven by residents may be parked in the garage stalls, provided the size of the same do not interfere with the ingress or egress of other vehicles in said garage space.
12. Visitors of a resident may park in an outside parking space for up to 24 hours. If a longer parking period (not to exceed seven days) is required, the resident must secure a parking permit from the Association office, which is placed on the vehicle's dashboard and is visible from the exterior of the vehicle. All Vehicle and Parking Policies apply to visitor parking.
13. In addition to all other remedies available to the Association, the Association has the authority to tow or remove from The Colony any vehicle (at the owner's expense) or other personal property that is kept at The Colony in violation of these Rules, without prior notification of the owner of the vehicle or anyone else.

Update on Bylaw changes

The Bylaws balloting has run its course. During the 60 days of balloting, we heard your concerns. These included, but were not limited to:

- Delivery issues
- Inability to vote for changes individually
- Language regarding rentals

The results of the vote for all of the changes was 23.346% refusal to consent. This means that the Bylaws changes would have passed but after determining there was a procedural error that could endanger the durability of the changes and hearing the opinions of many homeowners, we have decided to abandon the recent proposals.

The Board is committed to updating the current Bylaws and would like a committee to review the current proposal, recommend changes and additions to that proposal, and investigate the possibility of voting for changes individually.

If you are interested in serving on the Bylaws Update Committee, please email board@colonyedina.com.

Disposing of Yard Waste

As we move into fall, you are probably thinking about cleaning up yard waste or flower pot contents. These materials should not be placed in the garbage. Instead, we have two sheds (one on the north side of the property on the west side of Barrie Road and one on the south side of the property on the east side of Barrie Road) where you can drop off materials in yard waste or paper bags (no plastic bags). Pick up free yard waste bags from the office. When dropping off bags, please put bags as far back into the shed as possible. Cut sticks into pieces less than 3 feet in length.



H06 Policy Information

The Colony Bylaws and Rules and Regulations require homeowners to buy an H06 policy to cover damage to their unit not covered by the Association.

American Family provides insurance to the Colony. While there is no discount if you choose to purchase an H06 policy from American Family, in case of a common loss with the HOA, the deductible is waived. Also, claims handling may be simpler.

The Colony's agent is Robert Mickelson. Contact him at 651-636-9952 with questions.

Cable Service

If you have questions about your Comcast/Xfinity cable service, please call 855-307-4896. This number is specifically for "Bulk Contract" customers. They will be able to explain how the Colony contract interfaces with your personal contract.

Clogged Pipes

Please remember not to flush feminine hygiene products, "flushable" wipes, facial tissue, or paper towels in the toilet. They don't decompose and have caused some very costly plumbing calls and a lot of cleanup for the homeowners in lower level cluster units.

NextGen Trees

Hopefully you will see some new trees on The Colony grounds this and next year. The city of Edina wants to plant trees in areas with lower tree density to help improve climate, health, and tree equity. This is important to our neighborhood since many large ash trees are dead or dying from emerald ash borer. Luckily, The Colony has been treating our ash trees to keep them from being infested. The landscape committee did discover three ash trees in a cluster courtyard had not been treated. Two of the trees were healthy enough to be treated while one will need to be removed this winter.