

THE COLONY COMMUNICATOR

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HEAR YE, HEAR YE, HOMEOWNERS' ANNUAL MEETING:

The annual meeting will be held on April 18, 2020, at Christ Presbyterian Church, 6901 Normandale Road, Edina. Registration will begin at 9 AM and the meeting will begin promptly at 9:30 AM. Please plan to attend as it is a great way to hear about the current status of financials, planned projects, committee reports and we are working on a guest speaker. If you cannot attend the meeting, it is imperative that you turn over your proxy to another homeowner who will be attending the meeting or to the office to have a Board Member designated as your proxy. If you have an interest in serving on the Board of Directors, now is a fantastic opportunity as we have all seven (7) seats to fill! Board participation is fun, informative, and a great opportunity to see first-hand how the Association really works.

**IF YOU ARE UNWELL, PLEASE ASSIGN
YOUR PROXY!!!!**

BOARD MEETINGS:

Board meetings are held on the 3rd Tuesday of each month. A schedule is posted on the website. Homeowner forum begins at 6:30 PM and the meeting begins at 7:00 PM.

Homeowners are welcome to stay for the meeting to observe.

ADDITION TO THE COLONY TEAM:

Thomas Knutson has joined The Colony at Edina staff as a full-time Maintenance Technician. He started his duties on March 4th and is doing a great job. Kevin is thrilled to have assistance so we can finally get started on some projects that have been delayed due to lack of manpower.

WHEN PLACING HOME FOR SALE:

Kindly review the Rules & Regulations prior to placing your home on the market. The Colony Staff must conduct a walk through of the home prior to sale to make sure that there are no non-conforming changes to the home. You may obtain the resale documents needed by contacting the Management Office. The packet of information will cost the seller \$250.00. The Resale Certificate is good for 90 days, so it is recommended to wait and order the packet once a buyer is in place.

MISCELLANEOUS FRIENDLY REMINDERS:

Grills: NO CHARCOAL OR GAS GRILLS ARE ALLOWED ON THE PROPERTY. ELECTRIC GRILLS ONLY. A charcoal grill was recently left unattended near a fence and prompted a homeowner to call 911 in fear of fire.

Trash Containers: Please remember that your individual trash containers are to be pulled out on pick-up day by 7AM and returned to garages by early evening that same day. Also, be sure your containers are placed so that the wheels and non-opening side are facing garage. For the townhomes, ideal placement of containers is at the medians in the driveways to make pick-ups easier for the trucks.

Unusual Trash Disposal: Should you need to dispose of a mattress, other furniture items, small appliances or hazardous waste, you must make direct arrangements for disposal at your expense and notify the office of your arrangements.

Composting Sheds: Please remember that the composting sheds on the property are meant for materials only, please do not try to dispose of your pots, those are for trash.

Recycling: When placing boxes in the community dumpsters, they must be broken down. Boxes found not properly recycled will result in a charge back to the homeowner for maintenance's time to break them down.

Pets: PLEASE be considerate when walking your pet; be sure they are on a leash and you *immediately* clean up after them. **Also, pets are to be registered with the office.**

Rentals: All rental units must have the proper documentation on file with the office, including contact information for the renter(s) and a copy of the current lease. If you have not done so, please contact Michelle with this information.

Parking: Vehicles cannot remain in same location outside of garage for more than 72 hours without running the risk of being tagged and/or towed at vehicle owner's expense. All Vehicles must display a parking permit in the lower left corner of rear window and visitors must display the appropriate visitor permit on dash. To obtain the appropriate permit, please visit the office

during business hours. Also, please do not park in fire lanes at any time. Vehicles found in these lanes are subject to immediate towing at vehicle owner's expense.

Contact Information: Email is the fastest way for us to get information out to our owners. If you have not done so, please provide your current e-mail address(es) to the office. Any updates to e-mail or other contact information should also be sent to the office as soon as possible so that we have the most up to date information at all times. If you do not want to receive any e-mails other than from the Office or the Board of Directors, you can set up a special google e-mail to be used for this purpose only. It's simple and you'll be assured that you receive the most up to date information about the Association.

Automatic Payments: If you are on the ACH program, thank you! If not, please consider signing up to have your dues automatically paid through your checking or savings account. You can either pay monthly or quarterly on ACH and the program eliminates late fee assessments or the office calling you about late payments. As you know, dues are collected to operate and maintain the community. If they are not paid in a timely manner, the Association cannot pay for regular services or maintenance projects. You can obtain a form to register for ACH from the office either in person or via e-mail.

PLANNED HAPPENINGS AROUND THE COLONY:

As previously mentioned, we are in year 2 of our 3-year roof replacement plan. Eight (8) buildings were completed in 2019, Eight (8) buildings will be done this year and nine (9) to be completed in 2021. Once the buildings are complete, we will need to turn our focus to living rooms and garages.

The Colony staff and Board will perform a thorough exterior inspection once the weather allows to identify exterior surface repairs needed and landscaping needs.

Now that Tom is here, we will soon get back to painting building common area interiors.

Kevin and Tom will be re-securing exterior stairs as needed once the weather permits.

Several areas have been identified as priority for concrete repairs/replacements. Once those are complete, we will work with the chosen contractor to develop a repair plan to be phased over another couple of years. We will also be looking for a phased plan for asphalt repairs/replacements.

HOMEOWNERS CORNER:

Anything you'd like to share with your neighbors? Observations, tips, something for sale, even a recipe if you like. Feel free to submit your ideas to Michelle in the office. Here's a start:

**WEDNESDAY MORNING
9AM COFFEE & CONVERSATION**

Please join your Colony neighbors (men and women) for our Coffee/Conversation gathering at the Commons.

We started this event last May and usually have a small group. It has been fun to have social conversation and to get to know our neighbors!

We are interested in building a stronger sense of community and welcoming new and old neighbors. Give it a try - you might like it - and come whenever you can!



LOST AND FOUND:

We have several items waiting to be claimed: sunglasses, black belt, scarf, a set of keys and ski goggles. If you believe an item to be yours, please claim during business hours.

The Colony at Edina Board of Directors