

THE COLONY COMMUNICATOR

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the wallpaper removal and painting in the 6301 building and have requested a bid for the 6309 building.

PROPERTY PLANTERS:

Calling all green thumbs to help fill planters around the property (you will be reimbursed up to \$50 upon submission of receipt for materials). Several planters have been claimed, but there are many still available. If you are interested, **call or e-mail Michelle no later than Thursday, May 28th.**

POOL:

You will see that the pool has been filled even though it will not be open for the time being due to the pandemic. The water is not being treated or heated at this time, but the pool needs to be filled to keep it in good condition. If we can open it for swimming later in the season, we will be able to ready it for use within a few days of the decision to open.

GARAGES & PARKING:

- Garages are to be kept clear enough so vehicles can be parked within them.
- We will be rolling out a new parking permit program later this year. You will be asked to pick up new permits at the office during business hours.
- Vehicles cannot remain in same location outside of a garage for more than 72 hours without risk of being tagged and/or towed at owner's expense. All vehicles must display a parking permit in rear window and visitors must display visitor permit on dash. To obtain the appropriate permit, please visit the office during business hours.
- Do not park in fire lanes at any time. Vehicles found in these lanes are subject to immediate towing at vehicle owner's expense.

HOMEOWNERS' ANNUAL MEETING:

Due to the pandemic, the annual meeting was not held in April. The Board is currently monitoring state guidance and developing plans for a future meeting. In the meantime, please watch for a packet of information to be mailed soon in preparation for a vote by mail. We have seven (7) director seats to fill on the Board this year.

BOARD MEETINGS:

The Board continues to meet monthly but has had to forego homeowner attendance due to the pandemic. If you have any concerns, questions or issues that you would like to bring to The Board's attention, please contact Michelle.

MAINTENANCE STAFF UPDATE:

As most of you know, Tom Knutson has left The Colony due to family issues. We hope to find a replacement for him as soon as we are able to bring candidates in for interviews. In the meantime, we have hired someone to complete

MISCELLANEOUS REMINDERS:

- Per the City of Edina: **NO GRILLS OR FIREPITS ARE ALLOWED TO BE USED ON THE PROPERTY NOR ARE THEY ALLOWED TO BE STORED ON YOUR BALCONY OR PATIO.** The only exception is a grill hardwired into the building's electrical system, (performed by a licensed electrician & proof filed with the office). You may have a grill stored in your garage for use off premise, but no propane, lighter fluid, or other flammable materials can be stored in the garage.
- Place trash containers out on pick-up day by 7AM and return to garage by early evening that same day. Ensure containers are placed so that the wheels and non-opening side are facing garage. For townhomes, place containers at medians in driveways.
- **ALL BOXES ARE TO BE BROKEN DOWN AND PLACED IN THE RECYCLING CONTAINER.** Failure to do so will result in a \$15/box fee.
- Disposal of mattresses, furniture, small appliances or hazardous waste must be coordinated directly with Waste Management at your expense.
- Compost sheds on the property are for compost materials only (not pots or containers). Kindly bag compost materials and stack them neatly within the sheds.
- Be considerate when walking pets; ensure they are on a leash and clean up after them immediately. **ALL PETS ARE TO BE REGISTERED WITH THE OFFICE.**
- All rental units must have proper documentation on file with the office, including contact information for the renter(s) and a copy of the current lease.
- If you experience a power outage, please confirm with a neighbor prior to calling the office or the emergency number. Xcel Energy provides outage information via phone and online and will inform you of the outage location and estimated time power will be returned. Please be advised that fire panels in each building will beep until power is restored and the panel resets itself.

CONTACT INFORMATION:

If you have not done so, please provide your current e-mail address(es) to the office, as email is now our primary method of communication. If you are opposed to email, notices will also be posted on the community bulletin board outside of the office, gallery bulletin boards, and in townhome laundry rooms.

AUTOMATIC DUES 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 pay monthly or quarterly via ACH and eliminate late fee assessments or the office calling you about late payments. 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.

YOUR HOA DOLLARS AT WORK:

- The roofing replacement project is in full swing and going well. We will finish building roofs next year and can then move onto garages and living room roofs.
- Several sidewalk and stoop areas will soon be completed as priority areas have been identified. Areas will be identified and repaired annually.
- We are in the process of hiring a contractor to perform tuckpointing on brickwork. This is another annual project as areas are identified annually.

- We will continue painting interiors of buildings as we can. There are buildings that have been painted and are still waiting for unit doors to be painted. We will be contacting residents to vote among the colors previously approved (blue, berry, watermelon).

HOMEOWNERS CORNER:

LOOKING FOR A HOUSECLEANER? We have one right here at The Colony: Nancy's Housecleaning, 952-215-5191.

Here's something fun and thoughtful left for the staff, thanks to the coffee group:



What a great way to start the day!!

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 the office for inclusion in the next newsletter addition.

LOST AND FOUND:

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

THANK YOU!