

# THE COLONY COMMUNICATOR

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## GARAGES & PARKING:

- All garages should accommodate a vehicle – they cannot be used solely for storage.
- We rolled out a new permit plan in August. All vehicles should now display a green Colony parking permit.
- Access for emergency vehicles and trash pickup should always be kept clear.
- Our plowing trigger is 1 ½". All vehicles need to be moved away from garages for plowing.
- Do not park in fire lanes at any time. Vehicles in these lanes are subject to immediate towing at vehicle owner's expense.

## COVID TESTING:

A homeowner was kind enough to share testing site and home kit information as follows:

Link to free testing at the airport

<https://www.mspairport.com/blog/covid-19-testing-now-available-msp>

Link to home test kits:

<https://www.health.state.mn.us/diseases/coronavirus/testsites/athome.html>

## OTHER REMINDERS:

- Gallery Buildings: Individuals will try to buzz different numbers from the call box to see if they can gain entry to the building. Others may claim to have a delivery for another resident and will ask that you open the door for them. **PLEASE do not allow access to the gallery buildings unless you know the person requesting access or it is a confirmed delivery for you.**
- Please pick up your packages as soon as possible after delivery. Leaving them in a common area invites theft. We have found packages opened and contents taken.
- Our answering service allows 2 options: One to leave a general message for the office and the other to speak with the operator in the event of an emergency. We have allotted minutes per month for operator involvement and beyond that, we are charged per minute. Please only choose the operator option in the event of a true emergency (as we say in the biz: fire, flood or blood). Thank you!
- Please remember to replace furnace filters monthly in the winter and at a minimum every 3 months spring through fall.
- There is **NO PARKING** on Barrie Road for the hours of 12 AM to 6 AM through the winter.
- 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.
- **GALLERY DUMPSTERS ARE FOR THE USE OF GALLERY RESIDENTS.** Townhome and cluster building residents are to have their own trash and recycling containers. You can use the gallery building dumpsters if your trash container is full prior to the next pick up date or if you have a trash item that is too large for your container.
- Disposal of mattresses, furniture, small appliances, or hazardous waste must be coordinated directly with Waste Management or another vendor at your expense. Please inform the office of this event.

- **TWO (2) VEHICLES ARE ALLOWED PER UNIT;** a third if a third licensed driver is in residence. One vehicle must be able to park in the garage.
- **WATCH YOUR SPEED WHEN DRIVING IN GALLERY GARAGES (5 mph) AND ON THE PROPERTY ROADS (10 mph).**
- 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 need 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 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:

- Roof replacements have been completed for the season. We will finish the buildings in 2021 and then move onto the roofs of living rooms and garages.
- We will continue painting interiors of buildings as time allows. 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).
- Many common area trees were trimmed and removed where necessary.
- A mesh fitted pool cover was purchased for the cold season to protect the pool lining and keep the leaves, debris, water (*and baby ducks!*) out.
- All common area carpeting in the cluster and gallery buildings was cleaned in early August.
- A Kinetico water softener was purchased for the 6300 cluster building to replace the softener previously leased by Robert B. Hill. We anticipate the Kinetico system to be more environmentally friendly and provide cost savings. Should this prove to be true, we will replace other softeners as funds allow.
- French drains have been installed in two areas to mitigate water pooling and ice buildup.

#### 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 the office for inclusion in the next newsletter edition.

LOST AND FOUND: We still have some unclaimed items that will be disposed of at the end of the calendar year.