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**“Crisis doesn’t change people,
it reveals them.” Eric Walters**

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When this is over,
May we never again
take for granted
A handshake with a stranger
Full shelves at the store
Conversations with neighbors
A crowded theater
Friday night out
The taste of communion
A routine checkup
The school rush each morning
Coffee with a friend
The stadium roaring
Each deep breath
A boring Tuesday
Life itself.

When this ends,
may we find
that we have become
more like the people
we wanted to be
we were called to be
we hoped to be
and may we stay
that way—better
for each other
because of the worst.

Laura Kelly Fanucci

Board Bytes

The scheduled Board of Directors meeting was called to order at 4 p.m. on March 2, 2020. Everyone was present including our property manager except for Martin.

Business

- A memo from GFL (Green For Life—use to be Alpine Waste) was reviewed. It stated that, as of Jan. 1st, a new law was enacted that funds waste diversion across the Front Range. This means that our bill from them will be going up 6%.
- A new estimate for the pool gate repair was submitted and accepted. The gates themselves will not be replaced but the hinges will as well as a guard added to prevent being able to enter without a key. A new lock will also be added so that you will not need a key to leave the pool, only to enter.
- We need a new estimate for cost of repairing the timber wall near the NW entrance. Because the landscapers said they would not do it. [Since the meeting, they have changed their mind about the repair and have already begun.]
- An inspection of all garage doors, framing around the door, and weather stripping will be made. A notice will then be sent out to owners who need to make repairs.
- An insurance claim was made on a unit that had their refrigerator water leak into the basement. Their insurance company said they would not pay and that the HOA insurance was responsible. We can guarantee that the HOAs insurance company will not pay (your covenants make it clear that you are responsible for all inside repairs- except maybe sewer backup) so it will go back to the owner's insurance company. Evidently this is a 'game' the insurance companies play.
- We've been given an estimate for our tax audit for \$1200 (same price for many years).
- An adjuster will be on the roofs to inspect and take pictures to verify their condition before hail season arrives. This will be used if our insurance company refuses a claim –we will have proof.
- Signs will be put up along walks where we do not shovel in a snowstorm to inform (you should already know this) people who are walking there that they are not shoveled.
- Clips were put on the right side of each garage frame so that if we need to pass out information to residents, the paper will be clipped and we won't have to worry about putting them in gates, etc.
- There should be a letter coming soon from Earl re: roof dishes. He will ask you to let him know if you are still using the dish as we wish to continue removing dishes that are not being used.

Financial Report

We are pretty much on budget as of February 29th with cash and reserves at \$375,046.72.

President's Report

Maria brought attention to another townhouse community in the area that had to raise their maintenance fee by \$50 a month because they had not raised them in a long time, and they were paying bills from their reserve account.

The meeting was adjourned, and we will meet again on May 4th at 4 p.m. [for now]

Did You Know?

It seems that the e-cycle event scheduled for March 28th is still on (you never leave your car). It will be from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Central Facilities at 13646 E. Ellsworth Ave. Go to auroragov.org and go to the calendar and it will explain what they are taking and what they can not take. Electronics collected and recycled is done by Techno Rescue, a veteran-owned green IT company located in Aurora. The charge per car/individual is \$5 and there may be a small charge for particular items [the website tells you what has a charge or look on the bulletin board].

President's Pen.....



I'm sure you've heard enough about the COVID19 but I'd like to mention something about fear. There is a quote from Franklin D. Roosevelt that most have only heard a part of. He said, "First of all, let me assert my firm belief that the only thing we have to fear is fear itself- nameless, unreasoning, unjustified terror which paralyzes needed efforts to convert retreat into advance." Fear results when you don't feel you have all the information and you need to feel in control. It is good if it is the rational kind of fear. That means you are following CDC guidelines. It's the irrational fear that is a problem. Hoarding toilet paper. Buying guns. Naming the virus the #Boomer Removal. Those things I find scarier than the virus itself! (Some people must have been watching too many apocalypse movies.) For years government and businesses have taken efficiency to a narrow focus by not planning for things that they thought might not happen. That means emergencies like we have now- no extra hospital beds, masks, clothing, etc. Please, it will be a time to try your patience and pocketbook, but it's here and we must deal with it as best we can. Be kind.

Astronaut Scott Kelly knows something about isolation and has a few tips: put yourself on a schedule(that includes bed times); pace yourself and make regular scheduled time for fun activities; if you can go outside to enjoy nature-do so; have a hobby; get connected and keep connected; listen to experts like websites for WHO or John Hopkins Coronavirus Research Center rather than relying so much on social media for information. An example: I've signed up for AARP's Smart Driver 4-hour safety course online that I can do at my leisure (and will give me a discount on my insurance)/ I've started a jigsaw puzzle / and I make sure I stay in touch on the phone with my friends.

Mentioning scary things, twice we have come across fires in the garage space. Really? What could they have been thinking? If you want to grill food, do it on the patio. If you wanted to stay warm, stay in the house. I think they thought it must have been fine because in both instances, the garage door was open but, that might let bad gases out, but it doesn't prevent something catching on fire and burning down not only that unit but neighbor's units. Please use some common sense.

For those of you that are feeling you need to remodel your patio area, please keep in mind several things. Probably the most important is drainage. Make sure water has a way to escape- not in your unit or garage. Also, there have been issues with siding that has been covered up, especially with dirt. Of course, it's rusted. Then there are the vents and window wells on your patio side. Usually we have found that there has not been enough space left between the ground and the vent or metal rim of the window well. Be aware of these things even if you don't plan a total redo. Remember, we would like to start painting the buildings this Fall and those things might make a difference. Thanks.

I have not changed the dates on the back cover because I have no idea if we will continue these scheduled activities. I guess that would include the opening of the pool as well. We will inform you if anything changes.

Stay healthy and thank you to our neighbors who have reached out to make sure other neighbors are doing OK.

Maria Baker, your HOA president



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