The Resident Newsletter for Colony Oaks Townhomes

Holiday Greetings

It's hard to believe, but the hurricane season is finally over, the colder weather has arrived and the Winter Holidays are right around the corner. Enjoy your time celebrating the season. May you, your family and friends have a wonderful and safe holiday season!

Daylight Savings

Boy, does it get dark early now that the time has changed. What a welcoming site when you pull into your driveway and your front light is on. Please consider putting your front light (over the planter box) on a photo sensor so it will come on at dusk and turn off at sunrise. Hint - if you use a CFL bulb, the cost is but a couple of pennies a day.

Taking Care of Your Neighbor

Did you know that the highest number of burglaries take place from just before Thanksgiving through the New Year season? Please watch out for your neighbor during this time of year. If you will be away for the holidays, consider telling your neighbor, so they can watch over your home. If you are having packages delivered and will not be home, consider sending them to a neighbor, who will be home so that the packages are not left on your front porch. Remember to ask your neighbors to pick up your newspapers, too.Consider putting your interior lights on timers, so there are lights going off and on, even when you are away.

Winter Traffic

This is the time of year when all the "snowbirds" return, there are many visitors to the area and people are into the hustle and bustle of the holiday season. There are more vehicles on the road and sometimes it takes longer to get to places we normally go. Plus there are many more delivery trucks on the road, even around our complex. Please be careful and aware when driving around the area roadways and on the complex.

Parking

During the Holiday Season, we might have lots of family and friends over for celebrations. Many of your neighbors travel during the holidays and are not home. Please talk with your neighbors to see if your guests might be able to park in their driveway, while they are away. As a reminder, there is over-flow parking at the church parking lot or on Russell Street. Please do not block your neighbor's driveway or the turn-arounds on the complex.

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Season Safety

We want everyone to have a safe and uneventful holiday season. As everyone begins to decorate their homes, light candles, use their fireplaces and put up outside decorations, please remember to be safe. If you haven't used your fireplace in a while, you might want to consider getting a chimney sweep to clean it out. When putting up your outdoor decorations, please check your cords and wires for any worn areas. If using extension cords, do not over load them.

Community

Thanks to all the owners who continue to maintain their property in an outstanding manner. The whole Association profits from having a well maintained and clean property. Unit 32 recently sold for \$315,000 and Unit 38 also recently sold for \$340,000. These are the highest sale prices in the last six years. Please continue your great work!

Next Special Board Meeting

There will be a Special Board Meeting to review and vote on the proposed Association 2018-2019 budget. The meeting will be on Monday, December 11, 2017. Following this Special Board Meeting, the Regular Monthly Meeting will take place.

Board of Directors

We hope you will consider running for the Colony Oaks board of directors. In accordance with our governing documents, the Board of Directors vacates their office, on January 31st of each year.

There can be up to 7 Directors on the Board. You need to be a homeowner and can nominate yourself. Nominations will occur in early January 2018, there will be a written call for nominations and voting will be later in January 2018.

All homeowners will vote for their new Board of Directors. The voting will take place during the Association's Annual Meeting in January 2018. If you are elected, you will need to take a 2 hour course that outlines your responsibilities as a Board Member. The Board has monthly meetings that last 2 hours, normally on the 4th Monday of each month.

Questions or Concerns?

Homeowners that have any issues, questions or concerns about the property or their unit, should reach out to Ameri-Tech instead of the board directly. CKelly@ameritechmail.com