

Grapevine Newsletter

MERRY CHRISTMAS & HAPPY NEW YEAR

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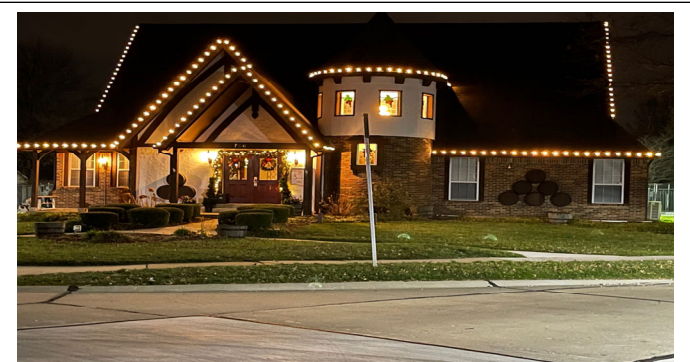


Merry Christmas and Happy New Year, everyone! And what a year it has been! Let's all hope that 2021 fares much better than 2020! Even though our Board had to cancel events throughout the year to keep us all safe, they still were able to come up with events that got us out of the house and had some fun. I know they sure worked hard to open the pool as soon as possible to protect our safety once again.

I drove through the neighborhood the other night and saw the many decorated homes for the holidays. Excellent job, everyone. I would pick one out to put on the front page, but it was too hard to do, so I picked the clubhouse. :)

Isn't the Vineyards a great place to live? I hope you enjoy the Grapevine, and I will see you next year!

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| Animal Control | 636-949-7387 |
| Cuivre River Electric | 636-928-5445 |
| Streetlights | 800-392-3709 x4391 |
| St. Charles Hwy Dept | 636-949-7500 |
| Code Enforcement | 636-949-7346 |

Meeting Minutes
OCTOBER 13, 2020

Trustees in Attendance: Sue Blasé, Greg Greenwell, Michael Eilers

Committee Members in Attendance: Julie Weissflog

Homeowners in Attendance: Multiple homeowners in attendance



Homeowner Concerns or Reports:

- Can informal events be booked now as well or only formal/ private events? Informal events are available again, but a waiver is needed for the attendants.
- There is a homeschool that has been using the tennis court area for recess around 12-1:30, but now the sprinklers are spraying the children at that time. Can we change the time to before or after this time? The sprinklers will be shutting off completely soon; once the new sod has been watered enough.
- A potential homeowner asked about our pet ownership rules in the indentures. The indentures say no more than 2 dogs. Indenture violations are complaint-driven and will be enforced by the Board.
- The boat across from the clubhouse moved after getting a letter.

Clubhouse:

- The fall carpet cleaning occurred on 10/13.
- The clubhouse will reopen with keycard access soon (provided the county doesn't shut us down again). Waivers need to be worked out first.

Social Update:

- The Christmas decorating event is scheduled for Friday, 11/20.

Pool News:

- Sails (as shaders) are being considered for the pool deck for next summer.
- The furniture will be getting picked up soon for storage.
- The coping stones will either be completed this fall or spring, depending on the company's schedule.
- The liquid chlorine was approved and will be going in before summer, but a date has not been set.

Grounds:

- There is new sod on the clubhouse grounds.
- Fall cleanup will be happening within the next month or so.



4th Quarter 2020

- Clubhouse grounds were seeded, fertilized, and aerated.
- The dead tree on Seven Hills common ground was taken down.



Finance:

- The payment plan resident made one installment on payment plan but did not meet our requirements. The offer will be off the table since a second payment was missed at the beginning of October.
- Pool Misc. is overdue to the hand sanitizer stations and the other Covid related materials.
- C&V collection fees are overdue to collecting more assessments than planned (good thing!)
- Payroll tax is over this year. We separated payroll processing and payroll taxes to track them better, and my split was off. Hopefully, we'll be over on one and under on the other.



Meeting End Time: 7:30 PM

Meeting Minutes NOVEMBER 10, 2020

Meeting Start Time: 7:00pm

Trustees in Attendance: Keith Ernst, Sue Blasé, Greg Greenwell, Dee Barnett

Board of Representatives in Attendance: Irina Hale, Sarah Claus

Committee Members in Attendance: Bob Emery, Bob Isermann, Julie Weissflog



Homeowner Concerns or Reports:

- The Clubhouse is available to be reserved for meetings again, such as boy and girl scouts.

Clubhouse:

- The Vineyards Lending Library has been moved and is located in the entryway on the shelves. The Little Free Library is still next to the tennis courts.
- The Clubhouse will be reopening for key card access as long as state and county requirements and suggestions permit.

4th Quarter 2020

- There is a collection site for Toys for Tots and the Caring and Sharing Food Pantry in the Clubhouse entryway. Toys for Tots final pickup will be December 12th.

Social Update:

- The Holiday Decorating Event will be on Friday, November 20th.
- The Chili and Cornhole Event was a success. Thank you to everyone that participated!
- There will be a pie giveaway in front of the Clubhouse on the Tuesday before Thanksgiving.

Pool News:

- We are collecting quotes on replacing the privacy fence to the bathrooms.
- Coping stones will be replaced in the spring of 2021 before the pool season opens.
- The new liquid chlorine set up will also be ready before the pool season opens.

Grounds:

- Fall clean-up is being done currently.
- The final cul de sac weeding of the year is going on.
- The lawn care contract is up for renewal.



Finance:

- We are still shopping for new insurance since the rates went up significantly.
- The 2021 budget is being worked on.

Meeting End Time: 8:08pm

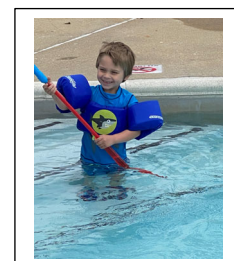
Meeting Minutes **DECEMBER 8, 2020**

Meeting Start Time: 7:00pm

Trustees in Attendance: Keith Ernst, Greg Greenwell, Dee Barnett, Sue Blasé

Board of Representatives in Attendance: Sarah Claus, Irina Hale

Committee Members in Attendance: Bob Isermann



4th Quarter 2020



Homeowners in Attendance: Jay & Mitch Murry

Homeowner Concerns or Reports:

- Residents contacted the board about the possibility that the Barsack retention pond may have contributed to the flooding of a resident's basement. The county and Greg reviewed the pond with the resident to review what could be done for the future. The pond and drain have been determined to be within county code. We also checked with the HOA insurance to see if there was anything through insurance and were told that water is the responsibility to mitigate.
- Jay Murry will be doing the Rett Gets Rocked marathon in the neighborhood from 10/3-10/4.

Clubhouse:

- The pool table is now also available to be reserved via the same Calendly link on the website. At least one adult is required, with a maximum of four people.
<https://calendly.com/thevineyardsclubhousegym/15min?back=1&month=2020-09&date=2020-09-25>

Social Update:

- The holiday decorating event will be held on Friday, November 20th.

Pool News:

- The bid for the liquid chlorine has been accepted. A new structure to hold the tank will be built on the pool deck, and the bulletin boards will be affixed to it.
- County cited us for the coping stones, so those must be remedied to open next summer. We are currently collecting bids, but it will be a large cost.
- We are also looking into bids to have the privacy fence around the bathrooms and the gutters done simultaneously.

Grounds:

- We will be meeting with Ernie about the fall plans soon.
- A tree will be coming out on the clubhouse grounds. The entrance signs will be getting new plants.
- We are still investigating the wet sprinkler spot near the tennis courts.

Finance:

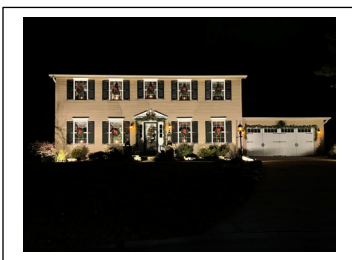
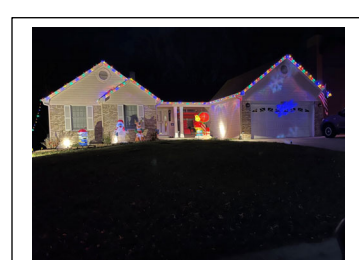
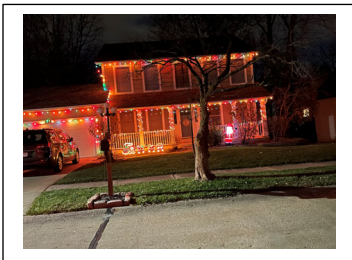
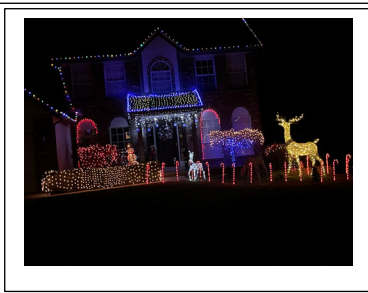
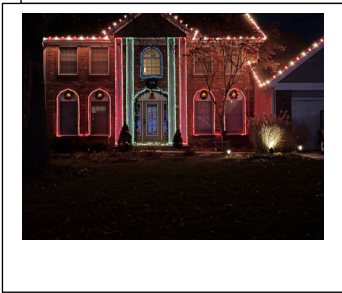
- We are still on target except for being short of projected rental income.
- We are waiting until next year to get new insurance since it's already so late in the year.

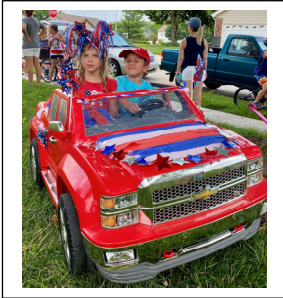
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THE VINEYARDS CELEBRATING THE HOLIDAYS



There were many more, but as many of you know, one has only so much room in a newspaper. 😊





VINEYARDS CLUBHOUSE
OFFICE HOURS

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| Sunday | Closed |
| Monday | 1:30 – 8:30pm |
| Tuesday | 5:30 – 8:30pm |
| Wednesday | 1:30 – 6:30pm |
| Thursday | Closed |
| Friday | 1:30 – 5:30pm |
| Saturday | 9am – 3:30pm |

Any changes will be noted on the calendar provided on our website:

Vineyardsclubhouse.com



Caring and Sharing Food Pantry
A Thank You Note From
Pat Grob & Sandy Rubel
(Caring and Sharing Volunteers)

We would like to say thank you to the neighbors who donated food for Caring and Sharing Food Pantry during the Corn Hole and Chili Cookoff event at the clubhouse. Would you please put a thank you in the next newsletter for us? It was very much appreciated.

Pat Grob and Sandy Rubel, Caring and Sharing Volunteers
Vineyards Residents on Chablis Court

Pat and Sandy – Here it is. Thank you for sharing your kind thoughts!

AN APPRECIATION LETTER

FROM EMILY SEITHEL

I live on the corner of Napa and French Oak Court and just wanted to suggest highlighting the women in the French Oak Court cul-de-sac for always being so supportive, compassionate, and caring over these past few months. Some of our houses have hosted socially distanced wine nights and driveway chats, just to continue our sense of community in these tough, isolating times.

What caused me to write this was actually more recent events. We have several houses that have been hit with some medical burdens. Between positive COVID-19 tests (early on), to checking in on an elderly neighbor, to a teen's diagnosis of a family disease, to two of our houses caring for ailing parents (in hospitals several times and now on hospice) ...our whole cul-de-sac has come together to support one another and provide aid any way they could.

I will admit, I am not a social butterfly and definitely prefer to stay inside and keep to myself, but I really love some of these women, the support they offer, and knowing that I am raising my 1-year-old son in such a caring community. I often joke with my husband that I don't "fit in" in The Vineyards because I'm such a "homebody" or because our huge dogs always bark at everyone or because I hate decorating for holidays (ha!). Still, these gals make it feel like home, and I am proud to live here!

I thought you would be a nice place to start so I could share the warmth and compassion of these women. Thank you for considering, and let me know if there is anything else you need from me.

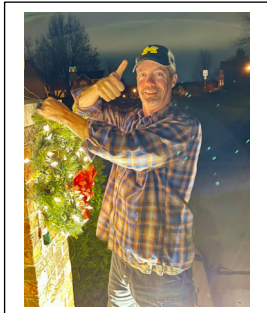
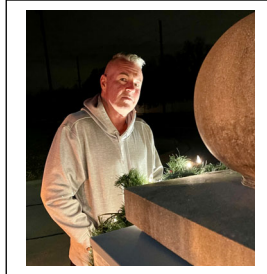
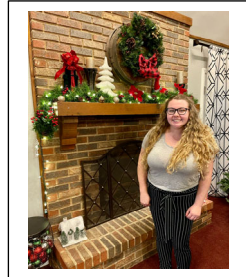
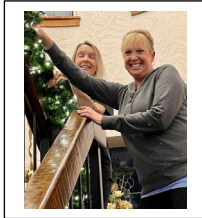
Have a great rest of your weekend!

Emily Seithel

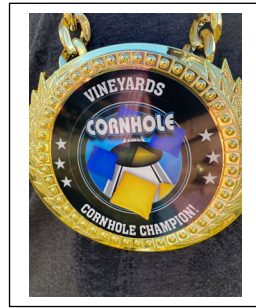
Emily, as requested, here is your email that you asked to be posted. Thank you for sharing your message. We are all glad that you are in the Vineyards and surrounded by many warm-hearted neighbors. Bob Isermann



MORE PICTURES AT THE VINEYARDS



SUCCESS



CHAMPIONS CHILI COOK OFF CORN HOLE

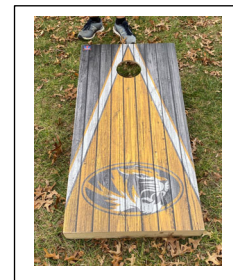
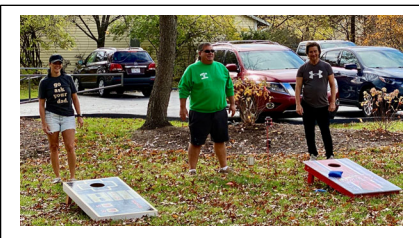
Back on Sunday, November 8th, the Vineyards showed that we are excellent at two things, cooking chili and playing a major sport of Corn Hole. We had three champions that took home the prizes. Kevin Burgos and Scott Reese were winners of the Corn Hole challenge and Tom Eckert for the best chili.

Thanks go out to Keith Ernst and company for putting on this event for the Vineyards. It brought a lot of good friends from the neighborhood together.

Also, the weather for November was great for the event.

It was all for a good cause.

Donations went to the Caring and Sharing Food Pantry in Wentzville.



WELCOME TO ALL THAT ARE NEW TO THE VINEYARDS

The Trustees, Committee Members, and everyone else in the Vineyards welcomes you to the neighborhood. We hope you enjoy living here as much as we do. This neighborhood offers many great things. We have young families with small children, older adults who have lived here for more than 30 years, and young adults attending school. The neighbors here take pride in their homes and are comfortable looking out for one another and helping when needed.

We also have many events during the year, such as an Easter Egg Hunt, 4th of July parade around the neighborhood, a fireworks display, pool parties along with a band, and sometimes outside movies at the pool. How about a Christmas Party at the Club House for the kids, along with Santa? There are many other fun times we have here. If you are a swimmer, we even have a swim team!

Don't forget to read the Vineyards Indentures. You will find important information to follow.

Come to our Homeowners Association Meetings. You will find us at the clubhouse, on the second Tuesday of every month at 7:00pm. Learn about what is going on in your neighborhood and get involved.

IMPORTANT INFORMATION

2021 Vineyards Assessment

The 2021 budget has been approved, and the Assessment will remain \$395 for the 2021 calendar year. Notice will be mailed by City & Village early in 2021. Assessments will be due by 4/1/2021. You can pay your Assessment in advance if you would prefer. City & Village also accepts credit cards (a convenience fee will apply). Contact City & Village with any questions at 314-739-4800.

Clubhouse Access

Keyless entry to the clubhouse has been restored for those wanting to use the gym or sauna. Access will be permitted one household at a time. We ask that you visit the vineyardsclubhouse.com website to book your time slot and that you stick to your allotted time. We cannot guarantee that the facility has been cleaned prior to your use, so plan on bringing your disinfecting supplies to clean before and after your visit. Because it has been some time since you used your keycard, you may need to hold the card flush to the glass on the front door on the lighted reader (bottom left corner of the door left-hand door) to "refresh" your key card. If you have any issues or questions, contact Gena at the clubhouse thevineyardsclubhouse@gmail.com

Holiday Luminaries

As has been a tradition, we encourage families to place luminaries at the edges of their property on Christmas Eve. We are trying to coordinate with someone to set these up for the clubhouse. If you can help, let us know. Luminaries are candles in paper bags that light the night. Luminaries have been a longstanding Vineyards tradition that has diminished over the years, but many residents still participate. We would love more participation. If you have any questions on how to go about this, you can contact Keith Ernst at kje22kje@yahoo.com

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