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## \* COVID UPDATE \*

Even though many of us have received COVID vaccinations, this HOA still faces sanitizing requirements that make it impossible to fully re-open the Lodge at this time. We have updates from the CDC, the Lorain County Health Department, and the Cleveland Clinic (see enclosed flyer) advising us to continue with our current safety precautions. After every 2-hour session at the Lodge, staff or volunteers use a CDC-approved solution to sanitize all the fitness equipment, both locker rooms, and high-touch areas such as benches, door knobs, and light switches. The safety of our Avenbury Lakes residents continues to be our primary goal throughout this pandemic. **When the sanitizing requirements are amended or removed, we will respond accordingly and post notices on the website, in the Breeze, and on the doors to the Lodge.**

### Mulch Reminder

As reported in the Town Hall Meeting packet residents received last November, the Board has chosen to skip the mulch application in 2021. This decision was based upon the quality of the mulch we have received in the past few years and the application process. Some residents reported numerous large chunks of wood in the mulch, others advised that either too little or too much mulch was applied, and mulch against the trunks is harmful to our trees. Hopefully, skipping a year will give the mulch extra time to decompose while the Board investigates alternative sources for 2022. Any resident who wishes to apply mulch to the “approximately 3-foot areas” around their home is reminded to use *brown, double-shredded hardwood applied no more than 2 inches thick as specified in the Rules & Regulations section L.2.k*. No mulch is to be applied around trees in common areas. **Questions may be directed to our Community Manager at 440-937-9441.**



### HOLIDAY INFORMATION:

The Indoor Pool, Exercise Room, Information Center and Lodge Administrator's Office will be **CLOSED** at 12 noon on Friday, April 2 in honor of Good Friday.

## Check out the Live Eagle Cam in Avon Lake



A YouTube link on the Avenbury Lakes Website ([avenburylakes.com](http://avenburylakes.com)) will take you to the live Eagle Cam at Redwood Elementary in Avon Lake. The link shows a live video of the adult eagle sitting on three eggs. The camera was installed in 2015 and the parents, Stars and Stripes, return every year to nest. If you continue to monitor, the eggs will eventually hatch and you can watch the chicks being fed, grow and eventually take flight. In addition, our website has a Bird Page showing pictures of 120 birds sighted here at Avenbury with Wikipedia Links for more information. **Click on Caring and Sharing at the top of the home page.**

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## Landscape News

~ April is here and hopefully we will be able to get outside and enjoy some warmer days. Daylight Savings Time has afforded us more sunlight so we can be outside longer. Our plants are beginning to show signs of new life by forming buds and breaking through the cold ground. Daffodils and other spring flowers will survive any additional cold weather we have. Tulips, on the other hand, may not survive as the deer love them when they begin to bloom!

~ By now the landscapers have probably been cleaning out the beds around our homes. Weeds are the hardiest of all plants. If you are able, try to pull them out with their roots as soon as they appear. This is when the root system is easier to remove and maybe they won't return.

~ An effective and natural way to rid your beds of weeds is with vinegar, table salt and Dawn. The recipe calls for adding 1 cup of salt and a few squirts of Dawn to a gallon of vinegar. After mixing, pour some into a spray bottle. The weeds will be dead within a few days.

~ As stated in the Avenbury Rules and Regulations, **“During the growing season, each Owner/Occupant is responsible for adequately watering the lawn area on the Owner’s lot or in the Common Area immediately adjacent to their Unit. Owner/Occupants are also encouraged to water adequately the cul-de-sacs across from the unit as conditions warrant.”**

~ Grass that is not adequately watered tends to be unhealthy and weeds start to take over. When this happens, no amount of fertilizer or weed killer will help. Watering our areas is so important during dry spells to keep our grass healthy. Watering or using our irrigation systems should be adjusted to suit the weather conditions. If you do not have an irrigation system, you may consider having one put in. There are also lighter weight hoses that can be easily manipulated.

~ Remember April showers bring May flowers and we need something to look forward to, especially this year.

Stay healthy, The Landscape Committee



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## Avenbury Lakes Paver Garden - Last Chance for Spring Order!!!



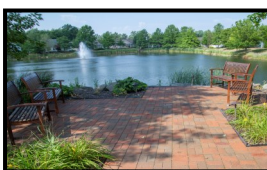
It's wintry cold out right now; but spring is really not that far off. If you have been thinking about adding a paver to the patio area overlooking our north pond, please get your order in **AS SOON AS POSSIBLE**. That way, the new pavers can be added to the garden when the weather gets warm.



You can order an engraved paver, and add a clip art picture to make it more meaningful. Go to the Community Fund Committee page on the Avenbury website and browse the FAQs and the available clip art pictures. Then print off an order form and put your thoughts on paper.



The price for a 4 x 8 paver with up to 4 lines of text is \$55.00, which includes sales tax, shipping/handling and installation in the paver patio in the recreation area, near the tennis court. An 8 x 8 paver with up to 6 lines of text is \$105.00. Check out the \$5.00 clip art options on the Community Fund Committee page on the website. There are military and organization symbols which require an 8 x 8 paver. There is one in our garden that is beautiful. Check it out!



If you have any questions, **please call Mary Lou Gross at (440) 785-7442 or email her at: [MaryL144@yahoo.com](mailto:MaryL144@yahoo.com).**

Complete your order form and make check payable to “The Avenbury Lakes Community Fund” and put it in the mail slot at the Information Center at 2122 Southampton. Thank you for supporting your Community Fund!



## Spring Property Clean-up 2021



Spring is on the way. As I write this article it does not look like it outside, but it is really on the way. In discussion with the Board, they feel since it is an outside activity we should go ahead with the Spring Clean-up, and even though a good portion of our community will have the opportunity to be vaccinated by April, **we will still be wearing masks and maintaining a distance of 6 feet from other participants.**

The Buildings and Grounds Committee is asking for your help in cleaning up our property on **Tue, April 13** with a rain date of **Wed, April 14** and a rain date back-up of **Fri, April 16**. Volunteers are needed to help with the project. Please wear gloves and sturdy shoes. Bags will be provided. We normally breakdown the property into approximately 12 different sections and you will be assigned a section to complete as the dates get closer.

We will start at approximately 10:00 AM. You may sign-up or ask any question by **contacting Bob Kennedy in one of three ways: call or text at 630-747-6626 or email me at [kennedy12850@gmail.com](mailto:kennedy12850@gmail.com).**

Thank you in advance.  
Bob Kennedy  
Chairman – Buildings and Grounds Committee

## Ideas for the North Pond

As many of you know, heavy rain falls can quickly raise the water level in the North Pond, sometimes overflowing the banks. The main reason for this is the accumulation of debris at the outlet pipe at the northeast section of the pond. Lenny typically clears the debris every day during the rainy season as does Aqua Doc once a week. That is the problem, now we need a good solution! How can we keep the outlet pipe free of debris so water can quickly drain out as it was designed to do, saving staff time and avoiding erosion of the pond banks? We purchased a 15x9 net intending for it to float on the pond surface south of the outlet pipe trapping debris before it bottle necks at the pipe, but we need a good way to haul it to the pond bank, clear it, and re-position it back in the pond. **This is where you come in.** We know that Avenbury Lakes has many talented and creative individuals living here. We would like you to evaluate the problem and write and/or sketch some solutions and submit them to the Information Center. We will try out your ideas in the coming months and report on the results. **Put your thinking caps on and solve this problem!!!**



## Monday Morning Bible Study



Our sunrises are becoming more brilliant through the season of Lent. Spring is here and Easter will be on April 4th. We have a lot to be thankful for and celebrate. The Monday morning Bible Study has continued to meet at Providence Church in a large classroom where we can be together and keep safe distances. The Book of Acts will be our topic of study. Everyone is invited to join the Bible study. We meet on Monday mornings from 10:30 to 11:30 at Providence Church located at 35295 Detroit Road in Avon. **Please call Phyllis Barrett with any questions at 440-465-5312.**

## Book Club

The Avenbury Book Club will meet by ZOOM on Thursday, April 8th from 10:30 to 11:45 AM to choose books to read and discuss in 2021-2022. Members will receive a ZOOM invitation by email. If you are new to Book Club, **please contact me at [kathleenfvb@aol.com](mailto:kathleenfvb@aol.com) by April 5<sup>th</sup>** so I can include you on the invitation. We read novels and non-fiction, classics, stories of historical events, mysteries, and current best sellers. If you love to read, please join us and share your favorite books with us. If you are unable to join the meeting but have a book you would like to recommend, email me the title and author and we will include your choice in our discussion.



## Directory Changes

### NEW RESIDENTS:

#### Heather & Michael Abel

1914 Pembroke Lane

Heather Cell: 440-308-5278

Michael Cell: 440-221-5559

Heather Email: [bommehe@yahoo.com](mailto:bommehe@yahoo.com)

Michael Email: [michaelabel26@gmail.com](mailto:michaelabel26@gmail.com)

#### Beverly & Tim Maloney

2229 Langford Lane

Home: 440-695-0141

Beverly Email: [queenbmal@gmail.com](mailto:queenbmal@gmail.com)

### CURRENT RESIDENT CHANGES:

#### Maureen & Art Davis

2308 Montague Ave.

Maureen Cell: 440-785-2996

Maureen Email: [davis.mkgd@gmail.com](mailto:davis.mkgd@gmail.com)

\*Remove Landline\*

#### Ruth Oleksiak

2183 Southampton Lane

Ruth Cell: 440-320-7423

Home: 440-695-1541

#### Lottie Taylor Blake

2404 Worthington Place

Cell: 216-410-5559

#### Gail & Wayne Vidovich

1912 Pembroke Lane

New Home: 440-695-0087

## COMMUNITY MANAGER UPDATES



- **CLOSINGS AND CANCELLATIONS:** Due to the Coronavirus Pandemic and following the advice of the CDC, the Ohio State Department of Health and our attorneys, the Lodge remains closed to residents EXCEPT for posted times for the Exercise Room, Indoor Pool and the Library. This includes the postponement of the Annual Meeting. We will be closely following this situation as it develops and will keep you informed of any changes. **Check the website and/or email blasts for the latest news.**
- **HASTINGS LIFEGUARDS:** If you or someone you know would like to be a Lifeguard this summer, please contact Hastings at 440-832-7700 or visit their website at [hastingswaterworks.com](http://hastingswaterworks.com).
- **PETS:** Just a few reminders that pets may not be left unattended or tied outside a Unit and must be walked on a secure hand-held leash. Pet droppings must be removed immediately from all Common areas, walkways and patios. A dog must wear a valid tag at all times. Please report violations in writing to the Information Office.
- **HOMES FOR SALE:** If you are putting your home up for sale, **please notify the Information Center and Lawrence Community Management Group (440-937-2800)** as soon as possible. We can have your home posted on the Avenbury website “For Sale” section and LCMG can provide a “maintenance fee update” and other items for the buyer.
- **SNOWPLOW DAMAGE:** Please **report any damage** caused by snow removal equipment to the Information Center by **April 15, 2021**. If there is damage to your irrigation system discovered once the system has been turned on, please contact the Information Center at that time.
- **NO PRUNE AGREEMENT:** This form should be turned into the Information Center by **May 1, 2021** for those residents who do NOT want BRIGHTVIEW to weed, trim trees, trim shrubs or maintain other plants that require specialized care (roses, hydrangeas, mugo pine and rhododendrons) in their homeowner beds. **Please see the form included in this issue of the Breeze.**
- **GEESE:** Please **do not feed** the geese including ground feeding around bird feeders! If you see any nesting activity, please call the Info Center so that we can limit nests and notify Ohio Geese Control of their locations. The geese are nesting early this year, pairing off into couples. Male geese may be aggressive at this time of the year, so **do not approach them!**
- **TREES:** Each year dead and/or diseased trees are removed from the property. These trees are typically identified with yellow ribbon and were recommended for removal by Bartlett Tree. The Board then must decide which trees to replace. Typically, front yard trees are replaced and rear yard trees are not. However, if you would like to have a tree in the rear yard replaced, the option exists to **submit a request** to the Landscape Committee for consideration. The resident would pay for the cost of the tree and installation, and the HOA would maintain it going forward. Also, Trees that were removed in the fall will have the stumps ground and some areas will be replanted with grass as the weather warms up.
- **IRRIGATION AND WATERING LAWNS:** As we move into summer months, please be mindful of over and under watering turf areas. This can lead to turf diseases and insect damage. Per Brightview, under typical conditions irrigation should run for a maximum of 10 minutes 3-4 days per week. This of course is weather dependent. Residents may also benefit from a Solar Sync module that automatically turns irrigation systems off and on depending on weather and soil conditions. This device can save substantial amounts of money on your water bill.
- **MODIFICATION FORM REMINDER:** If you are planning on making changes to the exterior of your home (for example: lights, windows, doors, satellite dishes) or changing your landscaping (removing more than 3 plants, removing or planting a tree), you must **submit a Modification Form** to either the Architectural or Landscape Committee. They will review your request and give you a fast answer with best results if they have the request early in the month. The Info Center can answer questions about the process, and we have an Architectural Standards Book available for common replacement components. This is also available on our website.
- **PROPERTY INSPECTION ISSUES:** Please check the Rules & Regs regarding Landscaping in homeowner beds. Some common violations include: vegetable and herb plants placed in areas other than the rear bed where they are allowed, no more than 3 yard art items in the front and side yards combined, no more than 10 flower pots in the front and side yards combined, no pots or bird feeders in any common areas.
- **WIND AND RAIN:** The Spring can bring some very windy and rainy weather! If you notice damage to your home from a weather event, please **call the Info Center or send us a Maintenance Request form** from the website. The HOA does not cover every type of damage, but they do cover some types and we can assess the issue and guide you with next steps.



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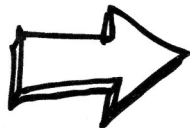


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## Architecture Reminder:



Many of you are considering new **air-conditioning** units as the weather warms.

~ 1) If you are replacing an exterior unit, using the **existing piping hole** as an entry point through the siding, you **do not** need Architecture Committee approval.

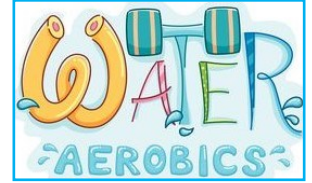
~ 2) However, if the **piping enters vertically** up to the soffit, please refer to Architectural Standard #1: Air-Conditioner – Piping Replacement for information on **obtaining approval** before the unit is installed.

~ All Architectural Standards are located @ <https://avenburylakes.com/architectural-2/>

## The Water Dance

The residents of Avenbury Lakes are so fortunate to have a beautiful indoor pool where they can exercise, relax or meditate. The exercise component can be achieved so easily in the water. As you move through the pool, the resistance of the water allows increased muscle training and a built-in safety barrier for joints. The pleasure of being in the water adds a playfulness to your exercise routine. You can create your own routine by simply walking back and forth through the pool facing forward, then sideways, and backwards. Along with the water and its benefits is the wonderful social aspect of exercising with your neighbors and making new friends. Whatever you choose to do, the water at your pool is always waiting for you. Shall we dance?

*By Joan Kemper, Making Waves*



As of March 15<sup>th</sup>, **Joi Kime**, Administrative Assistant at Avenbury Lakes, resigned her position. Joi was a valuable member of the staff for 7 years and she will be missed. We wish her all the best in her future endeavors. We've identified a good candidate to fill this position who will be starting in the beginning of April.

## Top Ten Pages Accessed on the Avenbury Lake Web Site

~ If you have not yet found the Avenbury Lakes Web site at [avenburylakes.com](http://avenburylakes.com) here are some reasons to do so. First, there is no need to remember a password, except for a very few secure pages. Second, there is some great information other residents have already found.

~ The page most read on the web site is obviously the home page. There you will find updated snow removal and landscaping information and other news. The home page also has links to other pages in the top ten – Frequently Asked Questions, Board Minutes, Avenbury Passing, and the Breeze. The information on the home page changes weekly, often daily.

~ The second most read page is the Homes for Sale Page. No surprise there, as the demand for homes here is always high. The Contact Information page, also in the top ten, contains not only how to contact the office but also the Board members, as well as information about Avenbury Lakes.

~ The popularity of the Landscape Committee and Architectural Committee pages demonstrate that residents are thinking about ways they can improve the function and look of the outside of their homes.

~ Rounding out the top ten are the Recipe Page and the ALHOA Forms Page, which **include downloadable forms** for almost any need residents might have.

~ So many other pages on the web site have not been mentioned here but can be found on the drop-down menu at the top of the page.

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Homeowners Association  
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**Debra Bryan  
Community Manager**

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### Information Center Hours:

*\*By appointment only\**

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### Emergency Maintenance

**After Hours:  
440-937-2800**

**Medical Emergency: call 911**

**Avenbury Lakes Lodge  
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1<sup>st</sup> Trudi Kakos; 5<sup>th</sup> Raymond Gerber; 6<sup>th</sup> Eileen Moran, Ruth Souder, Carole Trevathan; 7<sup>th</sup> Dave Crudele; 9<sup>th</sup> Marie Olson, Carrie Yashin; 11<sup>th</sup> Jean Morgan-LaTona; 12<sup>th</sup> Carol Knight, Ron Rochester; 14<sup>th</sup> Louis Brunelli, Bonnie Kitral, Nancy Linonis, Jeanne Moser, Mary Jo Peter; 15<sup>th</sup> Evangeline Richards; 16<sup>th</sup> Alice Amos, Diana Lyon; 18<sup>th</sup> Phyllis Barrett, Carol Wharton; 20<sup>th</sup> Margrit Deistler; 21<sup>st</sup> Bill Baringer, Don Hibler, Mary Ann Konya, Robert McFarland; 24<sup>th</sup> Bill Barrett; 25<sup>th</sup> Margaret Christ; 26<sup>th</sup> John Crawford; 28<sup>th</sup> Jonathan (Jay) DesForges, Frank Samsel; 29<sup>th</sup> Judith Reitz



7<sup>th</sup> Carolyn & Gene Braden; 18<sup>th</sup> Norma & Hank Okuma; 19<sup>th</sup> Barb & Marty Valgora; 25<sup>th</sup> Kathy & John VanBlargan; 29<sup>th</sup> Kathy & Jerry Leamon

**\*DISCLAIMER:** If you would like your information to be taken off either of these lists, please contact the Information Center at 440-937-9441 to be removed.



**AVENBURY LAKES HOMEOWNERS ASSOCIATION  
NO PRUNING AGREEMENT**

The Avenbury Lakes Homeowners Association (ALHOA) recommends all homeowners take full advantage of the pruning services contracted by the Board with our on-site Landscape Contractor. In addition to caring for all common areas, the Landscape Contractor will perform **in the foundation bed around each residential unit** the following services:

- pruning of new growth on **shrubs** during the growing season  
**EXCEPT:** plants that require specialized care such as roses, hydrangeas, mugo pines & rhododendrons which our contracted landscaper does not prune
- pruning of new growth on **deciduous trees** in late winter
- cutting and removal of **perennials** debris in late fall
- cutting and removal of **grasses** debris in early spring

Homeowners who prefer to prune the **shrubs and deciduous trees** within the foundation bed of their unit for themselves must submit a signed copy of this “No Pruning Agreement” every year - stickers, tape, ribbons and signs advising not to prune will not be recognized. Please note that the “No Pruning Agreement” does not apply to perennials and grasses which will continue to be cut by our Landscape Contractor per the schedule above.

In accordance with this Agreement, the homeowner takes full responsibility for pruning the **shrubs and trees & weed control** within the foundation bed in a manner consistent with the ALHOA Landscape Standards as determined by the Landscape Committee. If the shrubs and trees & weed control in the foundation bed are not maintained in a manner consistent with the Standards, the homeowner will be notified that corrective measures may be taken and the homeowner will be **assessed the full cost of the service.**

In the event that the home is sold, this Agreement will terminate and the Landscape Contractor will again prune trees and shrubs in the foundation bed unless a “No Pruning Agreement” is signed by the new owner before May 1<sup>st</sup> of that year.

**THIS AGREEMENT MUST BE RENEWED BY THE HOMEOWNER OF RECORD ANNUALLY BY MAY 1<sup>ST</sup>.**

I (we) have received a copy of this No Pruning Agreement and agree to abide by the Rules and Regulations:

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature (Homeowner): \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature (Homeowner): \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

## A note from the Cleveland Clinic CEO and President Tomislav Mihaljevic, MD

The new guidelines for those who are fully vaccinated are a welcome sign. But they don't mean that you can go back to how life was before the pandemic if you are vaccinated.

There are now fewer COVID-19 cases and more people vaccinated. Because of this, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) has issued new guidance for those who've gotten their vaccine already.

These new guidelines are the first steps toward a return to normal. But it's crucial that we follow the regulations and not cut corners. I know you are all eager to see friends and family, but we must remember that the pandemic is not over yet. It's important that we continue to protect ourselves and those around us.

### What do the new guidelines mean?

If you're fully vaccinated, you can now visit in small household groups, indoors with others who are fully vaccinated without wearing face masks or maintaining physical distance. You may also gather with members from a single household who aren't vaccinated — as long as no one in the household is considered [high-risk](#).

You are considered fully vaccinated two weeks after you've received the second-dose of the Pfizer or Moderna vaccine, or at least two weeks after receiving the single-dose Johnson & Johnson vaccine.

This means that grandparents who are fully vaccinated can now visit maskless, indoors with their low-risk, unvaccinated children or grandchildren who all live under the same roof.

Plus, if you've been vaccinated, you no longer need to quarantine and get tested after a known COVID-19 exposure, as long as you don't have any symptoms. However, if you're fully vaccinated and have been around someone who is sick, you should still get tested and stay away from others if you develop symptoms yourself.

Last, it's important to note that these new guidelines are meant for private situations only. They don't apply to work, school or other public settings. They also don't apply to healthcare settings. Cleveland Clinic's current masking policies and [visitor restrictions](#) remain in place.

### If you're fully vaccinated, you should still:

- Continue wearing a face mask in public.
- Avoid anyone who is high-risk and hasn't been vaccinated yet.
- Avoid medium and large-size gatherings.
- Wear face masks and follow safety protocols when visiting other unvaccinated people from multiple households.

Science is showing that COVID-19 may not spread as much among vaccinated people. However, it's still early and there's more to learn about how effective the vaccines are against the COVID-19 variants and whether or not the vaccines keep people from spreading the virus.

While things are slowly improving, I ask you to remain alert. If you're fully vaccinated, please continue to protect those around you. Together, we can control the spread of COVID-19. Thank you for your patience as we work to vaccinate our communities.



**Tomislav Mihaljevic, MD**  
CEO and President  
Cleveland Clinic



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# SPRING cleaning

- ✓ Declutter closets & drawers
- ✓ Clean kitchen & organize coverts
- ✓ Dusting & vacuuming
- ✓ Change bedding
- ✓ Clear out and clean refrigerator
- ✓ Organize a “donation” pile
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