

The Town Crier

Colonial Square Homes

August 2026

Board Members	Office Staff
Leslie LaMarche – President	Crystal - On-site Manager
Debra Capps – 1 st Vice President	Brenda – Assistant On-site Mgr.
Kathy Pestock – 2 nd Vice President	Cliff - Maint. Superintendent
Judy Allister – Treasurer	Wayne – Lead Maint. Tech.
Nimo Abdinour– Secretary	Jerry – Maint. Tech
	Kevin – Maint. Tech.
	Chad – Maint. Tech.
	Ray -- Groundskeeper

Office News

Colonial Square Office: 816-452-6664

Maintenance Emergency: 913-894-3549

KC Police non-emergency # 816-234-5111

Parking Patrol for big rigs parked on Parvin please call:

816-581-0707

Please call 911 if you see or hear any suspicious activity.

Water bills for June 2026 total \$ 36,942.12

Colonial Square Homes, Inc.

July 9, 2026

Board Meeting

NEWSLETTER MINUTES

Board members present: Leslie LaMarche, president; Debra Capps, first vice president; Kathy Pestock, second vice president; Nimo Abdinour, secretary; and Judy Allister, treasurer

Staff present: Crystal Keeton, site manager, and Cliff Abel, maintenance superintendent

Also attending: Mike Lauer, regional manager with Tailor Made Property Services

The board convened at 5:30 p.m.

Open Session

All present observed a moment of silence and Leslie called the meeting to order at 7 p.m.

Liban Moallim signed in.

Office report

Crystal reviewed the office activity for June.

There were 17 statements of charges due, 16 statements of credit and six defaults.

Letters were sent about parking and pet violations.

Maintenance update

Cliff reported that 142 work orders were completed in June and 23 are not yet done. There were two move-outs and one move-in.

Twelve rehabs are in various stages of completion.

Two dangerous trees were removed: from the backyard of 2192 and the front yard of 2218.

House and Grounds

Tracts A and B have been walked and resulted in 41 violation notices. Eight work orders have been issued. Follow-up is continuing.

Member comments

Leslie opened the floor to member comments.

A community-use park was discussed.

Open ends

The open session ended at 7:40 p.m.

Staff exit

Crystal and Cliff were allowed to leave at 7:50 p.m. The meeting was adjourned at 8 p.m.

Back-to-School Sales Tax Holiday

Certain back-to-school purchases, such as clothing, school supplies, computers, and other items as defined by statute, are exempt from all state and local sales or use taxes for this time period only.

The 2026 Back-to-School Sales Tax Holiday begins Friday, August 7 at 12:01 a.m. and ends Sunday, August 9 at midnight.

The sales tax exemption is limited to:

- **Clothing** – any article having a taxable value of \$100 or less
- **School supplies** – not to exceed \$50 per purchase
- **Computer software** – taxable value of \$350 or less
- **Personal computers** – not to exceed \$1,500
- **Computer peripheral devices** – not to exceed \$1,500
- **Graphing calculators** - not to exceed \$150

Qualifying Items

Under **Section 144.049, RSMo**, defines items exempt during the sales tax holiday as:

“Clothing” - any article of wearing apparel intended to be worn on or about the human body including, but not limited to, disposable diapers for infants or adults and footwear. The term shall include but not be limited to, cloth and other material used to make school uniforms or other school clothing. Items normally sold in pairs shall not be separated to qualify for the exemption. The term shall not include watches, watchbands, jewelry, handbags, handkerchiefs, umbrellas, scarves, ties, headbands, or belt buckles; and

“Personal computers” - a laptop, desktop, or tower computer system which consists of a central processing unit, random access memory, a storage drive, a display monitor, a keyboard, and devices designed for use in conjunction with a personal computer, such as a disk drive, memory module, compact disk drive, daughterboard, digitalizer, microphone, modem, motherboard, mouse, multimedia speaker, printer,

scanner, single-user hardware, single-user operating system, soundcard, or video card; and

“School supplies” - any item normally used by students in a standard classroom for educational purposes, including but not limited to, textbooks, notebooks, paper, writing instruments, crayons, art supplies, rulers, book bags, backpacks, handheld calculators, graphing calculators, chalk, maps, and globes. The term shall not include watches, radios, CD players, headphones, sporting equipment, portable or desktop telephones, copiers or other office equipment, furniture, or fixtures. School supplies shall also include graphing calculators valued at \$150 or less and computer software having a taxable value of \$350 or less.



Extermination Schedule for 2026	
August 11, 2026	2310-2350
September 8, 2026	2352-2376 & 2076-2084
October 13, 2026	1850-1890
November 10, 2026	1892-1932
December 8, 2026	No Exterminations
January 12, 2027	1934-1976

THE OFFICE WILL BE CLOSED ON THE FOLLOWING HOLIDAYS

Labor Day	September 7, 2026
Thanksgiving	November 26 & 27, 2026
Christmas Day	Dec. 24, 2026 close at noon & Dec. 25, 2026

Colonial Square Homes, Inc. Vacation Notice

If you are planning to be gone for a few days and would like the maintenance staff to check on your unit, please complete this form and turn it in to the office.

Name: _____

Address: _____

Time frame of vacation: Leaving _____

Returning _____

Emergency Contact: Name: _____

Phone: _____

Number you can be reached at (if applicable): _____

Your cell phone number (if applicable): _____

Will you have someone checking on the unit while you are gone? If so, please provide the following:

Name: _____

Phone #: _____



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Mongolian Beef



Ingredients:

- 1 beef Top Sirloin Steak, cut 1 inch thick (about 1 pound)
 - 2 tablespoons minced garlic, divided
 - 1/4 to 1/2 teaspoons crushed red pepper
 - 1/2 cup chopped green onions
 - 1/4 cup oyster sauce
 - 2 tablespoons sugar
 - 1 tablespoon chopped fresh ginger
 - 2 cups bamboo shoots, edamame, baby corn or water chestnuts
 - 2 cups hot cooked rice
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Cooking:

1. Cut beef Top Sirloin Steak in half lengthwise, then crosswise into 1/8-inch strips. Toss beef with 1 tablespoon garlic and red pepper.
2. Heat non-stick skillet over medium-high heat until hot. Add half of beef; stir-fry 1 to 2 minutes or until outside surface of beef is no longer pink. Remove from skillet. Repeat with remaining beef. Remove from skillet.
3. Add remaining 1 tablespoon garlic, green onions, oyster sauce, sugar and ginger to same skillet; cook for 1 to 2 minutes or until sauce is hot. Return beef to skillet. Add bamboo shoots; cook and stir until bamboo shoots are hot. Serve over rice.

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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2	3	4	5	6	7	8
9	10	11 Exter- minations 2310-2350 Late Fees Applied	12	13 Board Meeting 7 pm	14	15
16	17	18	19	20	21 Attorney Referrals	22
23	24	25	26	27	28	29 Happy Birthday to members born in August!
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