

Autumn Wood News

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ANNOUNCEMENTS & REMINDERS

1 – Special Activity



The Activities Committee will be serving “**Pie and Ice Cream**” on Sunday, August 17th from 2:00 pm to 4:00 pm at the Community Building, 5633 N. 26th Pl. There will be a variety of pies to choose from and all Autumn Wood residents are welcome.

Three ways to sign up by **Wednesday, August 13:**

- Sign up online at autumnwoodlincoln.com/pie
- Sign up at the AW Community Building; the sheet is on the bulletin board.
- Or call any committee member: Shari Busch, Deb Bush, Pam Castro, Robert Hayden, Mary Haar, Jack Schmidt, or Gary Taylor.

If you have a neighbor that is unable to get out, please sign up for them as a "to-go" and we will be sure they get a slice of pie.

2 – Shuffleboard

CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR SHUFFLEBOARD CHAMPIONS!

Mary Haar & Pam Castro

If you are interested in League Shuffleboard, please contact Gary Taylor at 402-450-8417.



3 – Christmas Variety Show Helpers Needed:

When the July newsletter arrives in your inbox or at your front door there will be approximately 150 days until Autumn Wood’s 1st Annual Christmas Variety Show to be held at our December potluck on December 5th. The program is composed of ten 5-minute acts - songs, poems, jokes, instrumentals, Christmas carolers, and SANTA may even stop in.

There is an informational meeting on Thursday, July 17 at 1:00 p.m. at the Community Center for all the performers already on the program. We currently have 2 acts still up for grabs, so if anyone is interested in learning more about this opportunity, please attend this meeting. Keep in mind, all performers must be Autumn Wood residents, and their performances must follow a Christmas theme.

Not ready to be on stage, no worries. We need many volunteers for “behind the scenes.” Curtain changers, stagehands, costume change helpers, and lighting to name a few. Please come and check it out. For more information contact Entertainment Chair Pam Castro at 989-590-0116 or pamcastro322@hotmail.com

4 – Garbage Reminder

Please do not set out your plastic garbage bags at the curb the night before pickup. Animals scratch into them looking for food and scatter the contents.

5 – Community Building Reservations

Reservations for 2026 will be accepted beginning August 1. You may make a reservation one year in advance. The Committee will meet on July 21 at 10 am. If you have questions or are interested in serving on this committee, please contact our Interim Chair, Lorene Ludy, loreneludy@gmail.com, 402-318-4834.

6 – Volunteer needed to coordinate the distribution of paper newsletters

We still distribute approximately 165 paper newsletters each month to residents who do not have internet, a computer, or email. We need a volunteer to coordinate this effort. It would involve picking up the paper copies from the copy center, packaging them for 15 routes, and calling the volunteers who deliver them.

In addition to a coordinator, we need two volunteers to deliver newsletters: 1) on Homestead Ct. (due to Bette Mangels moving from Autumn Wood) and 2) on North 26th Pl. (due to Dan & Vicki Rempe retiring after 15 years of service).

If you are interested in helping us out, please contact Judy Fredrick, judyfredrick@gmail.com, text, or call 402-274-9315, or Lonnie Jacobsen, LonnieJ@ndlcms.org, 402-419-4840.

7 – Website Volunteer Needed

We are looking for someone to maintain our autumnwoodlincoln.com website. No website experience necessary, just someone that enjoys learning new technology and software. Most of the website is already built using customizable templates. The software we use is provided by HOAStart. They have many help videos and tutorials. Their support typically responds within 24 hours. Contact Judy Fredrick, 402-274-9315 or judyfredrick@gmail.com if you have any interest.

8 – HOA Board Member Needed

One 2-year term (2025-2027) position is open. Anyone interested in serving on the Board should send their resume/bio to Lonnie Jacobsen, LonnieJ@ndlcms.org.

HOA BOARD MEETING MINUTES, JULY 8, 2025

Meeting was called to order by President Lonnie Jacobsen with 14 community members present. Board members present: Pam Castro, Bruce Gaarder, Lonnie Jacobsen, Penny Jacobsen, Ken Keith, Marge Lange, and Lorene Ludy. Excused: Robert Hayden. Nancy Price from Albers. The Invocation was given by Lonnie Jacobsen followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

Minutes of the June 10 Board Meeting were approved.

TREASURER'S REPORT - distributed

- As of the end of June, Autumn Wood's total assets were \$335,618
- Total Income for June: \$28,127
- Total expenses for June: \$26,821
- YTD total deviation from budget (income and expenses): \$1,113

Sixteen receipts for reimbursement totaling \$705.84 were received in May and paid in June. Twenty-one receipts for reimbursement totaling \$672.72 were received in June.

The Board approved their payment.

ALBERS REPORT

Seventeen phone contacts: 7 regarding payment of dues; 1 regarding buying and selling information; 2 with mowing complaints; 1 from mowing company saying AW is too big for his company; 1 asking who is the Board president; 2 calls from potential buyer about walkout basement; 1 asking about 55+community; 1 call from Salt Creek Senior Living; 1 reporting tree in commons that needs trimming.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Activity—Shari Busch

The Activities Committee will be serving “Pie and Ice Cream” for Autumn Wood residents on Sunday, August 17th from 2:00 pm to 4:00 pm. There will be a variety of pies to choose from and the air conditioning will be on. There will be a sign-up sheet on the bulletin board in the Community Building or you can call any Committee member. You can also sign up online. If you have a neighbor that is unable to get out, please sign up for them as a “to go” and we will be sure they get a slice of pie.

Architecture—Bruce Gaarder

- 5545 N 26th Place. Change previously approved request for a pergola on his property to a retractable awning professionally installed. The committee approved the request.
- 5641 Enterprise. Request to make basement a walkout. I reached out and told her I had several questions. She got back to me saying the sale had been completed and she will get back to me to answer my questions. No approval yet.
- 2311 Lynnridge Pl. Request to replace broken storm door. The committee approved the request.

Building Maintenance—Don Dougherty

- Awaiting a call back for a light repair.
- The Building was treated for earwigs. Thanks to Pam and Don. Denzil reminded us that AW has the products to treat for insect infestation when needed.

Landscape—Denzil Anderson

- Trimmed trees, picked up broken limbs, hauled six loads of limbs and yard waste to landfill.
- Weed control in AW gardens, pavement cracks and around detached garages on going.
- Painted filler boards on detached garages that had meters moved during the circuit breaker relocation project.
- Repaired one detached garage security light.
- Restored four park benches.
- Cleaned debris from two clogged flow liners.
- Trimmed bushes over hanging sidewalks.
- **Reminder: Weed control and maintenance of landscaped areas around housing units and on personal property is residents responsibility. Our mowing company is not contracted to cut landscaped areas.**
- The Board approved the Landscape Committee providing cleanup at 5847 Wolff Lane (to be charged to the owner) if needed.

Neighborhood Association—Denzil Anderson

- Received reimbursement from the City of Lincoln for AW cleanup expenses.
- Purchased a Stihl hedge trimmer attachment.

Website—Judy Fredrick

Eight contacts: 1 Architecture Request, 2 requests for landscape crew, 1 regarding HOA dues, 1 looking for rentals, 2 regarding homes for sale, 1 regarding a donation.

Reservations—Lorene Ludy

The Reservation Committee will meet on July 21 at 10 am. Please attend, or contact me, if you want to serve on this committee. Reservations for 2026 will be accepted beginning August 1.

There are five reservations for July for family reunions and bunco.

Potluck—Marge Lange

There were 55 people at the 4th of July potluck. The Potluck Committee will meet on July 16 at 10:30 am.

Welcome—Bette Mangels

Met with Ron & Ellen Nealeigh, 2301 Atwood Circle

Telephone numbers: Ron 402-750-3309, Ellen 402-371-3054

President Jacobsen reported that Bette Mangels will be moving. We are grateful for her service to Autumn Wood! He and Penny Jacobsen will assume the welcoming function.

Old Business

The President reported that we have received four bids for mowing. We have met with some of the bidders and are planning to meet with another. We hope to make a decision in August. Please contact the Board with questions, concerns and suggestions.

New Business

The President reminded the community of our parking policies and reported that we now have a contract with Capital Towing which will enable us to enforce those policies as needed. New signs will be posted. Two Board members are authorized to request towing, please contact the board with parking concerns.

Landscape Committee brought a request for permission to permanently encroach upon the adjacent common area for the purpose of performing a drainage improvement project. The Board approved granting this request pending receipt of appropriate documents. [the homeowner has since withdrawn this request]

Member Comments and Questions

A member asked about repairing or replacing mailboxes on Blaine Drive. This is the responsibility of the homeowners, and proposed changes need to be reported to the Architecture Committee.

A member asked about a parking concern. The Board replied that this is a neighbor-to-neighbor issues and the Board is unable to solve it.

Meeting Adjourned.

Lorene Ludy, Secretary

Next Autumn Wood HOA Open Board Meeting, Tuesday, August 12, 2025, at 3:00 PM

POTLUCK, FRIDAY, AUGUST 1, 2025, AT 5:30 PM

REGULAR POTLUCK — August is a regular potluck with “A DOG DAYS OF SUMMER” theme. Fresh seasonal recipes that don’t require a hot oven are the go-to ~ to stay cool and enjoy! The cost to attend this event is \$3.00.

Please sign-up, so we know how many to set up for the day of the Potluck.

Three ways to sign-up by Wednesday, July 30:

- Sign-up online at AutumnWoodLincoln.com/potluck
- Sign up at the AW Community Building; the sheet is on the bulletin board.
- Call Marge Lange, 308-390-5231. Leave a message with your name and how many will be attending.

ENTERTAINMENT — The Dixie Downbeats, a local Dixieland band, a type of jazz ensemble, will be here to captivate us with their melodies and harmonies played simultaneously on various instruments.

AUGUST SERVERS — May Gose, Donna Cordle, Sandy Fletcher, Donna Newell, Jackie Long and Julie Pommier.

JULY POTLUCK was a picnic potluck. Fifty-four members attended. Local talent, Bill Chrastil, entertained the group. Thank you to our servers, the set-up crew and all the hands that broke down the tables and chairs.

ACTIVITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

RED HATS LADIES — Red Hats will be meeting at the community building on Thursday, July 31 at 12:30 p.m. Bring snacks to share. All AW ladies are welcome to attend. If you have questions, call Donna Newell at 402-430-1179. We decided at the last meeting to postpone the Tea Party until April. Too many travelers in July!

ROMEOS AND JULIETS — We will meet on Tuesday, August 5, at 11:30 a.m., Mazatlan II, 2701 King Lane. All AW residents welcome. If you have questions, call Marge Lange at 308-390-5231.

BOOK CLUB — The Book Club will meet on Monday, August 11, at 10:00 a.m. at the Community Building. Please contact Mary Haar at 402-438- 3087, for the book chosen for discussion.

NEW RESIDENTS

If you are new to Autumn Wood, please notify our Welcoming Committee, Lonnie Jacobsen, LonnieJ@ndlcms.org, 402-419-4840 or Penny Jacobsen, Grandmapen13@gmail.com, 402-419-4841 or if you know of anyone who recently moved into your neighborhood and has not been welcomed. They have important information to share about the association, activities, and dues. They will also try to answer any questions about Autumn Wood and provide you with an Autumn Wood phone book.

OTHER ANNOUNCEMENTS

MONTHLY HOA DUES – The Board encourages your HOA dues to be paid via ACH. To pay dues electronically, please contact Albers Company for an Authorization Form and instructions. Email Nancy at nprice@albersco.net or Jean at jbennett@albersco.net or call Albers Management Company at 402-434-0292. If you are not paying electronically, you may send your monthly dues to: Autumn Wood HOA, % Albers Co., 9060 Andermatt Dr., Suite 105, Lincoln NE 68526. Your check must be made out to Autumn Wood HOA or the bank will not accept it. For your convenience, ACH forms and mailing labels are located on the Bulletin Board at the Community Building.

MONTHLY NEWSLETTER – We would like to encourage those with an email to receive your AW Newsletter and calendar by email if possible. This will help reduce printing costs and the time that it takes to deliver door-to-door. To sign up or change your email address, send your name, address, and email address to ContactUs@autumnwoodlincoln.

WEEKLY AND TIME SENSITIVE EMAILS - To receive weekly email reminder notices regarding Board meetings, weekly social activities, special AW events, lawn care/mowing and snow removal announcements, etc. contact Deanna Bahr at deannabahr81@gmail.com

AUTUMN WOOD MEMORIAL FUND - If you wish to donate in memory of a spouse, family member, friend, or others, please submit donations along with your name and the name of the individual to be remembered to Gaylea Sturgis, 402-450-4220, or Mary Haar, 402-438-3087. Donation/Memorial form may be printed from our website under documents [Donation/Memorial Form](#)

ILLNESS OR DEATH NOTIFICATIONS - Patricia Koranda, 402-641-4081, is the resident to notify if you know of a friend/neighbor in Autumn Wood who has been hospitalized, is at home under the weather, or of any death in the area. She will send the appropriate card from the Autumn Wood HOA.

RESERVATION COMMITTEE

Please contact Lorene Ludy to make a reservation for the AW Community Building.

• Lorene Ludy, Interim Chair, 402-318-4834 loreneludy@gmail.com	• Gaylea Sturgis, 402-450-4220	• Dottie Williams, 402-304-2583
• Connie Keith, 619-203-7473	• Cheryl Neafus, 402-435-9678	• Cheri Brinkman, 402-304-2723

For Autumn Wood Residents planning to reserve the Community Building, the building is NOT RESERVED until your reservation form is completed and returned along with the NON-REFUNDABLE \$50.00 reservation fee to a Committee Member. Careful selection of your opening and closing times, including time for decorating and clean-up, will be appreciated. Make checks payable to "Autumn Wood HOA." **At no time is the community building to be left opened and not occupied.** The building may not be reserved for partisan political groups, organized religious services, or money-making events. Reservations are not available on most holidays.

AUTUMN WOOD ACTIVITIES

All activities are open to all residents and are held in the Community Building unless otherwise noted.

Activity	Day	Time	Info/Contact
Book Club	2nd Monday of the month	10:00 AM	Mary Haar, 402-438-3087
Coffee	Every Monday	8:30 AM	All the coffee you can drink for \$1.00, with roll - \$1.50.
Dominoes (Mexican Train)	3rd Tuesday of the month	1:30 PM	Mary Haar, 402-438-3087
Exercise (Range of Motion & Balance)	Monday, Wednesday, Friday	1:30 PM	Mary Haar, 402-438-3087
Line Dancing	Every Wednesday	2:45 PM	Celia Sherman, 402-525-7272
Pinochle	2nd and 4th Thursday of the month	1:00 PM	Yvonne Craghead, 402-890-1244
Pitch Tournament	4th Tuesday of the month	1:30 PM	Gary Taylor, 402-450-8417
Potluck	1st Friday of each month	5:30 PM	Marge Lange, 308-390-5231
Shuffleboard	Every Saturday	8:30 AM	Gary Taylor, 402-450-8417
JULIETS Ladies' Luncheon (Just Unique Ladies Independently Eating Together)	1st Tuesday of the month	11:30 AM	Watch newsletter for details. Marge Lange, 308-390-5231
ROMEOS Men's Luncheon (Retired Old Men Eating Out)	1st Tuesday of the month	11:30 AM	Watch newsletter for details. Marge Lange, 308-390-5231
Red Hats	Last Thursday of the month	Time varies	Watch newsletter for details. Donna Newell, 402-430-1179

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1 1:30 PM Exercise 5:30 PM Potluck	2 Bldg. closed 5:30 - 7:30 AM for cleaning 8:30 AM Shuffleboard AW Bldg. Reserved 12:00 PM - 5:30 PM
3	4 8:30 AM Coffee 1:30 PM Exercise	5 11:30 AM ROMEOS & JULIETS at Matazlan II 2701 King Lane	6 1:30 PM Exercise 2:45 PM Line Dancing	7	8 1:30 PM Exercise Bldg. closed at 3 PM for cleaning	9 8:30 AM Shuffleboard
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17 2:00-4:00 PM Pie and Ice Cream Party	18 8:30 AM Coffee 1:30 PM Exercise	19 1:30 PM Dominoes	20 1:30 PM Exercise 2:45 PM Line Dancing	21	22 1:30 PM Exercise Bldg. closed at 3 PM for cleaning	23 8:30 AM Shuffleboard
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- All events are held at AW Community Building unless otherwise noted.

- See the back of this calendar for contacts regarding specific activities and reserving the AW Community Building.