



# Colonial Village



*A place you are proud to call home.*



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**Carol Langenfeld  
Community Manager**



**Recycling Dates:**

January 30th  
February 13th &  
February 27th  
Please do not put  
the cart way out in  
the street and put  
the cart away by  
the end of the day  
on Friday.



## Certificate of Rent Paid Changes for 2020 CRP's

The State of Minnesota has made changes to the requirements for the Certificates of Rent Paid (CRP)

>New this year: married couples now each receive a CRP showing they each paid an equal portion of rent. If you have questions about the CRP information, please call Carol at the office.(763-786-3498).

Enclosed you will find your Certificate of Rent Paid for 2019. Please put the CRP in a safe place so you can locate it this summer when it's time to file for the property tax refund. The Form M1PR must be completed to determine the amount of your refund. Most residents wait to file until they receive their *Statement of Property Taxes Payable* in 2020 (property tax bill) in July. The M1PR form requires amounts from that Statement and this CRP.

Please keep this document in a safe place so you can find it next summer when you file. Or just give it to your tax preparer.

Questions call the Department of Revenue at 651-296-3781 or check [www.taxes.state.mn.us](http://www.taxes.state.mn.us).

## House Fire in our Neighborhood

Earlier this month there was a house fire here in Colonial Village. Thankfully no one was hurt. No one was living in the home and it was empty. The home was being rehabilitated and it's believed that the oil base paint the painters were spraying ignited near the water heater. The painters were able to escape.

Our thanks to the Spring Lake Park/Blaine/Mounds View Fire Department as well as Fridley Fire, Shoreview Fire, Mounds View Police, Highway Patrol and Allina Health for their quick and professional response to the fire.

A few interesting facts about manufactured home fires:  
Homes built since 1976 are safer than homes traditionally built on land. Nationally manufactured homes have 38-44% fewer fires and lower fire injuries than site built homes. The 2013 National Fire Protection Association study indicated "manufactured homes have stricter fire safety codes and less fires than site-built homes" Also "the fire safety code for manufactured homes is more stringent than the code for all other homes built on site".



**Web site:** [ColonialVillageCommunity.com](http://ColonialVillageCommunity.com)

**E-mail:** [Colonialvillagecommunity@comcast.net](mailto:Colonialvillagecommunity@comcast.net)

*"What good is the warmth of summer, without the cold of winter to give it sweetness." John Steinbeck*

## Easy Red Velvet Cake

Something special for those you love  
on Valentine's Day

- 1 box super moist German chocolate cake mix
- 1 cup buttermilk or water
- ½ cup vegetable oil
- 3 eggs
- 1 bottle 1oz red food coloring
- 2 Tbsp unsweetened baking cocoa



Frosting:

- 2 oz cream cheese softened
- 2 tsp milk
- 1½ cups whipping cream
- ½ cup powdered sugar

Heat oven to 350° (325° for dark or nonstick pans)  
Grease bottom and sides of 13x9" pan and lightly flour. In a large bowl, beat cake ingredients with electric mixer on low speed 30 seconds, then on medium speed 2 minutes, scraping bowl occasionally. Pour into pan. Bake as directed on box. Cool completely. In chilled large bowl, mix cream cheese and milk until smooth. Beat in whipping cream and powdered sugar with electric mixer on high speed, scraping bowl occasionally, until soft peaks form. Frost top of cake. Store loosely covered in refrigerator.

## Classified Ads

**Snow removal:** Sheldon 763-777-8639 or  
612-414-3260

If you'd like to place an ad, please call the office or drop a note in the rent box.  
Colonial Village does not endorse any service or product.



## Time to Vote

Election Day for the presidential primary is Tuesday, March 3, 2020. Residents can vote by mail or cast their ballot in person

from Jan. 17 to March 2. or vote at the polling place on March 3rd. Vote before Election Day at New Brighton Community Center Mon-Fri 8am-4pm. Best information on the Secretary of State website: [sos.state.mn.us](http://sos.state.mn.us)

## Misdelivered Mail



If you receive a piece of mail that is not addressed to you please immediately put a post-it note on it and put it back in your mailbox, pushing it all the way back so the carrier sees it. You may also put it in our office rent box on the office door.

It is very important to empty your mailbox every day or two. Thank you.

## Contest winner-Kham Vilayvong

Kham has won a \$50 gift certificate for Cub. You can be entered to win too! Just pay your site fees by the 3rd.

Next month: \$50 gift certificate for Gas.

## Ask John....

*the Colonial Repair Guy!*



**Q:** Oh my, I am SO tired of shoveling!  
Any helpful hints?



**A:** We have a snow shovel designed with a bent handle. It helps to reduce bending and allows you to stand upright while you are pushing the snow. You use your mid-section muscles and it may reduce the strain on the lower back. Of course we suggest you test different shovel designs. There are many personal factors - height, weight, gender, strength levels - that may make a certain design better for you.

## Coffee Social



Join your neighbors on the first and third Wednesdays of the month for coffee and donuts at the Garden Room

(next to the Colonial Village office)

Our next gatherings: Wednesdays, Feb. 5th and 19th 10:00am Please join us!