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Colony Woods Newsletter

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Where Do We Go From Here?

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CW President

What can we do to improve Colony Woods? How can we do to encourage participation in the neighborhood?

These same old questions were posed to the Board and Committee chairpersons for discussion at the April meeting. When the discussion began, an immediate response was “What are we trying to improve? I think Colony Woods is a great place to live.”

The truth is “yes, it is a great place to live”. We have a strong, active social committee providing events that are reasonably balanced between family activities and adult activities. We have a well-maintained pool that not everyone uses, but which enhances our community and property values. Common areas at entranceways and cul de sacs are well maintained due to efforts of Bob Del Poppolo and the beautification volunteers.

Alas, we do have our downsides. At 4:00 on a beautiful Sunday afternoon, we begin to look like a trash dump. Some people move here because it is a wonderful place to live, but don’t want to pay their dues to have their trash picked up and the neighborhood maintained. Some just don’t want to maintain their properties. Fortunately, our problems are the exception.

So, what is it that we can do to improve Colony Woods? A large dose of ‘more of the same’ certainly helps. Getting more volunteers helps. Trying to enforce our Deed Restrictions fairly and equitably without being oppressive is certainly a must.

In order to communicate with everyone, we are trying to improve our Newsletter and our Website. Making them useful tools for our residents (referrals / classifieds) and having them promote the benefits of Colony Woods continues to be a strong priority. We have had some recent problems getting messages from the website but those are fixed. We encourage you to communicate back to us (www.ourcolonywoods.com).

The Board is composed of neighbors who have volunteered to ‘serve’ our community. This is a serious obligation. We are taking our obligation seriously. What we need from you is your response to “What can the Board do to improve Colony Woods and to maintain the pride in our neighborhood.”

VANDALS STRIKE! RESIDENTS RESPOND!



Just days after last month’s newsletter was distributed, a vandal struck Colony Woods using his or her vehicle to “farm” eight to ten yards, run over one mailbox, and otherwise destroy a second one. Residents responded over the next two days by filing a series of property damage reports with the Lenexa Police Department. Officers collected evidence including minor automotive parts, photographs of the damage, and photographs of tire tread marks. Since that time, there has been a noticeable increase in the number of patrols observed in the neighborhood. Although the individual responsible for this damage was not caught, please stay vigilant. Observe what is happening on your street or in your cul-de-sac.

Pool News...

The pool cover is off and opening day is just around the corner

Important dates to put on your calendar:

Pool Clean-Up - May 15

Saturday starting at 9:00 AM-11:00 AM Donuts and Juice will be provided as we get our pool ready for the summer. We can use everyone's help regardless of when you can be there. It will also be the resident's first opportunity to pick up pool tags. The rainout date will be May 22, same times.

Pool Opening - May 29th at 10:00 AM

Residents will be able to pick up pool tags from 10:00 AM until 2:00 PM that day.

Pool Opening Party - June 5th

Residents will be able to pick up pool tags from 10:00 AM until 12:00 that day.

If you cannot pick up pool tags at the above times you will need to make arrangements to come by our home to get them. Pool tags are required for entry into the pool.

The pool rules approved by the board are enclosed with this newsletter. It is the responsibility of all that use the pool to know the rules. There were two changes made to the rules that will help the pool run smoothly this summer.

1. We need all swimmers under the age of 17 completely out of the water during adult swim. This is a change from past years when they were allowed to sit on the deck and put their feet in the water. This time is part of the lifeguard's break and we need to be respectful of that. Please go over the change with your young swimmers and encourage them to cooperate when adult swim is called. (see rule #11)
2. Resident swimmers between the ages of 10-14 who come to the pool without adult supervision will not be allowed to bring non-residents to the pool. This has always been the intent of the rules, but now has been clarified further. (see rule #7)

We hope all residents find the Colony Wood's pool a place of enjoyment this summer.

From the desk of the Hospitality Chairman

1. **David Modellmag and Ryan Otte**, 8012 Westgate. They moved from Merriam to Colony Woods on February 1, 2004.
2. **Roy and Ellen (Ellie) Kline**, 10509 W. 81st Terrace. Moving from Country Hill to Colony Woods on Monday, April 12, 2004. They have two sons, Scott and Steven, two daughters, and five grandchildren. Rounding out their family are 2 pets, Cody (3-year-old puppy) and a beautiful honeyed colored cat named Punky. Ellie, has retired from her position, legal secretary from the Coons Law Firm and is now enjoying staying at home and creating flower arrangements. Roy operates his business, Town and Country Petroleum Marketing. Roy 's interest is American Indian crafting.

Neighbors in the News

Congratulations Graduates:

Chris Bianculli is graduating from Shawnee Mission Northwest. He is going to KU to study Education with an emphasis in Math.

Will Chatfield-Taylor graduates from Shawnee Mission Northwest in May and will go on to Cornell University, where he plans to study ecology and evolutionary biology.

Kristin Marsh is graduating from MU-Columbia, School of Journalism. Future plans: Dow Jones Newspaper Fund intern in Richmond, VA

Austin Marsh is graduating from SMNW and plans to attend K-State, majoring in Architecture.

Tim Raaf will be graduating from Saint Thomas Aquinas. He is planning to attend Minnesota State University in Mankato, Minnesota with interests in both chiropractic medicine and architectural engineering.

Nicole Anderson will be graduating from Shawnee Mission West and she will be attending KU.

Alex Dworkin will be graduating from Shawnee Mission Northwest and plans to attend the University of Kansas.

Birth Announcement:

Barbara and Bob Del Popolo would like to announce the birth of their seventh grandchild; Mia Christina Del Popolo. To Kim (Bellome) and Rob Del Popolo, April 20, 2004. Mia weighed 4 lbs. 15 oz. and was 18 in. This is Barbara and Bob's third grandchild in 2004

Congratulations:

Alex Dworkin has achieved his Eagle rank in Boy Scouts. His project was building 6 benches in the pond area at Shawanoe elementary. Alex and his parents would like to thank all of the Colony Woods neighbors who supported him through his scouting years. He plans to remain in his troop as an adult leader

The "Neighbors in the News" gives Colony Woods residents a place to share their news. Birth Announcements, Graduations, Promotions, or other outstanding items are welcome. Submit it to Dean Weishaar for submission in the Neighbors in the News section. (weishaar@everestkc.net).

We are sorry to hear of the passing on April 13th of long-time Colony Wood's resident, Chuck DeCarlo. He had been fighting heart disease for many years and managed to maintain a life that was as full as possible despite his infirmity. Our thoughts and prayers go out to Linda and their two children.

May Chuck Rest In Peace!

Beautification Committee Report

May 2004

Celebrate the true coming of Spring 2004 with the "Clean up, paint up, fix up approach"

Week 1: - Celebrate May Day! Give a flower to a friend

- Set out tomato, eggplant and pepper plants
- Once ground is warm: plant cucumbers, squash, pumpkins
- Add a row of nasturtiums for color and flavor with basil a good companion for all vegetables
- Add a row of colorful "Cockscomb' Celosia
- DO NOT remove tulip and daffodil foliage now matter how bad they look. Wait until it yellows and begins to die.
- Cut Mums back to 2 " tall. Pinch tips back June 1 and 15, July 1 and 15
- ADD annuals to the cul-de-sac Islands

Week 2:

- First Lawn fertilization if you fertilized in the fall. Second if you fertilized in April.
- Use Propell or Bradfield Organic SystemApply Preen to annual plantings

Week 3:

- When soil is warmer, plant tender bulbs like caladium, elephant ears and callis lilies. The garden in now warm.
- Mulch annuals and veggies to conserve water
- Add water lilies to those hidden ponds!

Week 4:

- For a more lush lawn, mow grass at 3-4 inches
- Fertilize roses and annual flowers with Miracle Gro

Chuck DeCarlo passed away recently and he was an island Captain "in the Desert" area and took pride in it's maintenance. With his Linda's permission, a placket will be placed in his memory. His successor will have a tough act to follow.

April Update of Activities and Comments

1. Island, entryways and exterior of pool were cleaned and groomed with mulch added prior to Easter Sunday.
2. Lenexa has current and upcoming trash pickup so take advantage when you can. Some items mentioned last month have not moved.
3. Should politically correct signs be placed to encourage dog and cat walkers to pick up animal waste? The main entry areas have been hit really badly by residents and non-residents. You should see and smell Matt Taylor Park!
4. A list is being compiled on curb and street cracks and will be submitted to Public Works for warranty implementation.
5. Specific homes in the area (you know which> ones they are) that have been of maintenance concern are being maintained on an owner or volunteer basis. Thanks for your patience on this matter and we will keep on this!
6. For those neighbors that back up to 79th and 83rd. Street, it is "your responsibility" to maintain those areas to the curb like the rest of your property. If not maintained the City of Lenexa will maintain them and a bill will be sent to the residents. No kidding!
7. Always thanks for your positive and constructive criticize.

Social Committee Events

Ladies Night Out

Our next Ladies Night Out is April 30 at Park Lanes Bowling alley. Starts at 5:00. Ladies Night Out in June will be on June 4th. Plans now are to go to the T-Bones Baseball games. We can Carpool and game time is 7:05. Interested parties need to contact Suzanne Sanders 322-2244. We can pay out there, but want to have a head count.

Pool Opening

The theme for the Pool Opening is "Survivor Island". We will be proving BBQ brisket, buns, chips and desserts. We would like each family to bring a side dish (not dessert or chips) and BYOB. We will have water, lemonade and ice tea. The fun starts at 1:00, lunch around 1:30. Games, survivor skills and prizes for all ages. June 5, 2004. \$4 for adults, \$2 kids 10 and under.

July 4th Parade/Party

The 4th of July Parade and Party is right around the corner. We would like to invite any veteran (or current service member) to march in our parade and also invite back any alumni who might be available. More details to follow in the next newsletter.

TGIF

Watch for announcement about TGIF's by the pool. We are exploring some ideas for different activities to involve all ages.

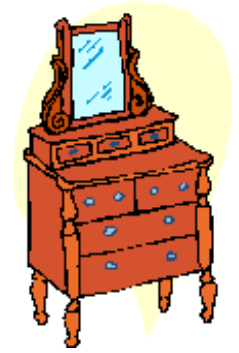
Our next meeting is May 24th, 7:00 p.m. at Jennifer Kuhn's 12709 W. 82nd Street

Architectural Review Reminder...

In order to maintain our community, new siding on homes needs to be reviewed by Architectural Review. Certain types of siding are not permitted here, even though we frequently get offers of free installation. Please get plans reviewed in advance of work commencing.



Colony Woods Garage Sale
June 3rd – 5th
8 am – 5 pm



Now is the time to clean out and sell all that stuff that is taking up space, plus making a little spending money to boot. These neighborhood garage sales really bring in a lot of buyers.

If anyone has a specific item they are selling and would like to share with the public, please list below and I will make a list with your address on a sheet to hand out to the customers. I will make several copies available for each participant to hand out. To cover expenses for advertising in the Star and Sun newspapers, there will be a \$3 fee per participant. Please bring to my house after 3:30p.m. by May 31st.

Susan Veldhuizen
7947 Westgate Dr
894-6682

Participant: _____

Phone # _____

Address: _____

Optional: Item or items to be listed:

Summary of the April 12, 2004 Board of Directors Meeting

Treasurer's Report: Five residents still owe Homes Association dues. Final notice has been mailed to these residents. If not paid by April 15th, liens will be placed on the properties.

Hospitality: Two new residents have been contacted and will be welcomed when they move at the end of April.

Directory: 36 directory updates have been received. The cut-off date for updates was April 15th. A goal has been set to have new directories delivered by May 15, 2004.

Beautification Committee: Island and entryway clean up has been done. Several new annuals have been ordered for the entryways and they will be planted the first of May. The landscape company will be doing their maintenance at the pool 1 week prior to the neighborhood pool clean-up day.

Matt Taylor Park: Colony Woods resident Dave Solenberger presented some beautification suggestions for Matt Taylor Park to the Board. The city has no further plans for funding park improvements. Dave is willing to donate several new trees and hedges to the park. He is only asking for help in obtaining a water source to maintain them. The Board gladly accepted Dave's offer.

Social Committee: The Easter Egg Hunt held on April 4th was a big success. The social committee is currently working on finalizing the pool opening party and Royals outing. April 30th is set for the next Ladies Night Out at Park Lanes Bowling Center.

Pool Committee: Pool clean-up day is scheduled for May 15th, with May 22nd as a backup day. Pool tags along with a copy of pool rules will be handed out on clean-up day, as well as pool opening day, which is May 29th. A discussion was held regarding discipline actions at the pool.

Architectural Review: Several residents are having new roofs installed.

Website: Suggestions for the new website include: pictures of the entrance at 83rd & Rosehill, clubs and hobbies of CW residents, copy of pool rules, social event pictures, information on upcoming events, and referrals/classified ads. A sample presentation will be prepared for next month's board meeting.

Issue: The Board is working with the CW Attorney on the property at 7903 Rosehill.

Neighborhood Classified Advertisement:

Do you have a college student coming home this summer who loves dogs and wants to earn some extra \$\$? I need a responsible live-in house and pet sitter July 31-August 7. Could work another job during the day. Call Mary Stare at 894-5903.

Anyone selling yellow trash bags? Please call 894-5903.

Anyone in the neighborhood interested in training or volunteering for the MS 150 in September, please give Sam or Kellie Dworkin a call or email. (599-0544)

dworkinco@everestkc.net

**COLONY WOODS HOMES ASSOCIATION
POOL RULES 2004**

**HOURS OF OPERATION: 10:00 AM TO 10:00 PM
POOL PHONE NUMBER: 599-5205
Pool Committee Chairpersons – David & Joy Cooper – 492-7358**

1. The pool will close at 10:00 PM and loitering will not be tolerated. During non-pool operation, the parking lot will be closed by chained barrier.
2. The SIGN IN and ID Tag system has been implemented to protect our property. All residents and their children must wear their ID tags to gain admittance to the pool! NO EXCEPTIONS! Tags must be openly displayed. When tags are not worn in such a manner, you will not be allowed into the pool. All residents must SIGN IN with the lifeguard to gain admittance to the pool – NO EXCEPTIONS!
3. Lifeguards have complete and final authority at the pool.
4. The following are examples for expulsion from the pool grounds:
 - Disobeying any order from the lifeguard
 - Using offensive language
 - Any minor using alcoholic beverages or drugs
 - Any adult using alcoholic beverages excessively or drugs
 - Improper behavior that infringes upon the rights of others
 - Unsafe actions that endanger yourself or others
 - A non swimmer unaccompanied by an adult
 - Any behavior that is offensive
5. Only one person is permitted on the slide and ladder at a time. It is only permissible to use the slide in a sitting position facing forward. No jumping or diving off the top of the slide is allowed. The lifeguard has the authority to terminate any dangerous activities on the slide at his or her discretion. Playing or standing on the rope in the deep end is not allowed. No one can be in the slide area when people are using the slide.
6. The pool telephone is provided for the safety and convenience of all residents and guests, but is primarily for emergency purposes only. Phone calls should be limited to one minute or less.
7. There is a maximum of TWO guests per resident. All residents are required to register guests with the lifeguard, providing names and phone numbers for emergency purposes. Failure to register guests is cause for expulsion. Residents must remain at the pool with their guests. Residents under the age of 14 are not allowed to bring guest under the age of 14 without an adult resident.
8. Residents are responsible for making the rules of the pool known to their guests and are responsible for any damages or acts of their guests.
9. All children under the age of 10 years AND those who cannot swim the length of the pool must be accompanied by an adult.
10. All baby sitters, including older siblings, must at least be 14 years old before they are allowed to bring younger children to the pool. The baby sitter, or older sibling, must also bring a letter of permission from the parent to be given to the lifeguard.
11. An adult swim or children's rest period will be called at every hour at the discretion of the guards. Adult swim includes 17 years and older. Residents 16 and under must be on the deck and out of the water. Violation is cause for loss of pool privileges.
12. No glassware is allowed inside the pool area or pool grounds. Drinks must be in unbreakable containers. No gum in the pool. Please dispose of cigarette butts in appropriate containers and NOT on deck or in garden area. Please pick up your own trash and cigarette butts.

13. No cutoff shorts or other clothing will be allowed as a substitute for a swimming suit. Cloth diapers and other “swim” diapers with tight fitting outerwear may be worn by babies. No disposable diapers not designed for water application are allowed in the pool. Disposable diapers and street clothing may damage filters. Babies or toddlers will not be allowed in the pool without appropriate diapers. This is for the health and protection of all pool users.

14. No bicycles, skateboards or roller blades are to be permitted in the pool area. Use bike racks and do not block or create obstacles to get to pool entry.

15. Water guns are not allowed in the pool area. No hard objects, such as tennis balls, Frisbees, etc., will be allowed to be thrown in the pool area, and fighting over any toys is not permitted. Dunking, horseplay, and pushing other swimmers into the pool are not allowed. On busy days, the lifeguards will have the discretion to limit an activity that may cause injury or inconvenience to others (including nerf balls, rafts, inner tubes, or noodles). Hitting the water or other swimmers with a noodle is not allowed and will result in loss of pool privileges.

16. As a common courtesy to those who live near the pool, please keep the noise level low, especially during the evening.

17. Due to the limited parking, residents are requested to walk or ride a bicycle to the pool whenever possible.

18. Persons with infectious diseases will not be permitted in the pool.

19. No animals are allowed in the pool area.

20. The following rules will apply to pool parties:

- All pool parties must be registered with the Pool Committee Chairperson, David/Joy Cooper, two weeks in advance. Lifeguards have the authority to refuse parties and/or close the pool if parties have not been scheduled in advance.
- Only Colony Woods residents are allowed to arrange pool parties.
- One Adult chaperon must attend for every five children. Strict supervision is required.
- If the number of guests exceeds seven, an additional lifeguard must be hired at the expense of the party provider. Cost of an additional lifeguard is \$17.00 per hour.
- There is a limit of fifteen (15) people per party.
- A \$50 deposit must be paid to the Pool Committee Chairperson. This deposit will be refunded if the party area has been cleaned up by the party provider and no damage was done by guests.
- All party guests must be respectful, mindful of general pool rules, and courteous to other swimmers.

21. Discipline

- The lifeguards have complete and final authority. Any disagreement with his/her judgment should be presented to the Pool Committee at a later date and not discussed with the lifeguard.
- The lifeguards have the authority to terminate all pool privileges of any person, including guests.
- First and second offenses will result in termination of pool privileges for a period of 24 hours. However, the Pool Committee reserves the right to take further action on the first or second offense, if the offense is considered egregious.
- Third offense will result in termination of pool privileges until disciplinary action can be determined by a meeting, which will include the pool committee
- Any resident or guest can have his/her pool privileges terminated for the season.
- These rules will benefit all that use the pool facilities only if every resident cooperates.

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Needed...
BE ONE**