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Colony Woods Newsletter

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A CHILD'S PERSPECTIVE OF COLONY WOODS

By Kellie Dworkin, Director

Over the years, many of the residents of Colony Woods have been asked to fill out questionnaires having to do with likes and dislikes of the neighborhood. We have been asked about particulars such as, how money is spent, social activities, safety issues and aesthetic concerns. I thought it would be interesting to find out how the kids in the neighborhood viewed Colony Woods. In addition, it would give me something to write about under pressure!

When I started thinking about what I thought the responses would be, I assumed they would be that they liked the pool, the park, and the social events. I was pleasantly surprised by the responses that I got to the question, "What do you like about Colony Woods?" The ages of the kids that I asked ranged from 6 to 18, but the answers were very much the same. Yes, the pool was mentioned several times, as was the park. The creek was also mentioned a few times. The big trees seem to be a favorite of a lot of the kids and the fact that even with all the trees there are still lots of open spaces to play in. Friendly people and friends living nearby are important to them. One boy said he liked the fact that it was a small and quiet neighborhood because you could get to know lots of people. But the answers that surprised me the most were that the neighborhood was a safe place to live and that it is neat and clean. Those are the kind of comments that I would expect to hear from the adults.

What do the results of this very unofficial survey mean? I'm sure we could find some deep philosophical explanation for their answers if we wanted to. I prefer to reason that, like their parents, the kids in the neighborhood are just "comfortable" here in the Woods.

As a board member, I would like to end with a huge thank you to all of the neighbors that make things happen in addition to all of the neighbors who take part in keeping our neighborhood what it is, a friendly, clean and safe place to live and to raise a family!



The Colony Woods Garden Tour is back



On Saturday, June 19th there will be 7 houses (gardens) open for our viewing. Please come and see the many different varieties of plants and yard art that are hidden in your neighborhood. The houses will be open from 10AM until 2PM rain or shine. The addresses are as follows and may be viewed in any order. Maps will be available at each house to direct you.

Denise and Roger Rawling	7917 Westgate
Kellie and Sam Dworkin	8015 Westgate
Robin and Gary Schuberth	8019 Westgate
Roger and Pat Olney	8142 Rosehill
Bob and Carolyn Webber	12517 W. 81 st Terr
Dan and Sue Hopkins	8244 Parkhill
Fred and Jane Schmidt	8246 Parkhill

Beautification Committee Report

By Bob Del Popolo AIA

Look around you and enjoy seeing a neighborhood blossom into great color and creative projects

Some tips and reminders follow for the month of June:

1. "Please don't pick the Daisies"... The west side entries at 83rd St. have plantings finding new homes. Lately, Creeping Phlox have disappeared. Dave and Susan Solenberger have done a great job to show pride in our subdivision by volunteering their talents. Do we need a "Flora" Alert?
2. Pool floral pots have been designed and will be at the pool to enjoy.
3. As a neighborhood effort, plant your extra annuals in the islands. Coordinate with the Captain. If you do not know who they are contact this committee.
4. When you or your lawn service cut the grass etc., blow the clippings back into the lawn area to decompose. Those stray seeds work into the cracks and then you will have to mow the street, too. Thanks!
5. If you have suggestions or comments on the entries of islands, contact the committee and we will address your needs.
6. If your neighbor has a problem with lawn care etc. volunteer to assist them. We will all benefit by this kind gesture,
7. The pool was groomed and pruned for the summer activities. Would you like to see a soft area at the pool area?

Lawn and Garden Checklist:

1. Mums can be divided and transplanted now. Add a little bone meal into the soil and pinch back as indicated last month.
2. Mulch to prevent weeds and retain water. July and August are coming quickly.
3. Grub time is here. Apply Merit to your lawn and water in.
4. Use broadleaf spray on weed control with spreader sticker to control those spring and fall non-favorites.

Island Captains: May and June are our wettest months, so remember to monitor the moisture during the summer. We lost new city-applied sod earlier due to non-watering.

Remember Flag Day is June 14th

Summary of the May 10, 2004 Board of Directors Meeting

Treasurer's Report: Two CW residents still owe Home Association dues. The lien filing documents have been prepared.

A brief discussion was held regarding the 2004 budget. It was recommended that the Board meet to review expenditures to determine where we are over and under estimates. This meeting will be held prior to the June 2004 Board meeting.

Hospitality: Two homes in CW have sold since the last Board meeting. These properties are located at 12644 W. 82nd Street and 12810 W. 82nd.

Directory Update: The directories are being printed and should all be delivered by the end of May.

Social Committee: The pool opening party is scheduled for June 5th with a theme of Survivor Island. Several ideas were discussed at the last Social Committee meeting for TGIF's at the pool.

Pool Committee: The pool clean-up day is scheduled for May 15th from 9-11 a.m. Pool tags will be distributed at the pool clean-up day and also at the pool opening day, May 29th.

Newsletter: The deadline for information is the 22nd of each month in order to reach residents by the 1st of the next month. Events need to be planned out far enough in advance in order to occur after distribution of the newsletter.

Beautification Committee: Annuals at entryways will be planted 2nd week of May. Dead plants on islands will also be replaced within budget parameters. The city will be contacted on landscaping that did not survive the plow. The Connors property was cleaned, mowed and pruned.

Architectural Review: A revised CW Home Improvement Request Form was approved. The form will be included in the newsletter, on the website and in the welcome packet for new residents. It is crucial that this form be completed prior to any work being done on properties.

Website: A sample of the updated Home Page of the CW website was presented. A lengthy discussion was held regarding posting classified ad's on the website. The Board voted to limit advertising to CW residents only.

Goals: The Board is trying to focus on 1 topic a month. It was suggested that a Garden Tour be organized for the month of June. This would be for all CW residents that would like to invite neighbors to tour their gardens/landscaping.

Other Items: The outstanding dues, maintenance cost and lien status of the property at 79th and Rosehill have been discussed with the CW Attorney. Appropriate action has been authorized.

A discussion was held regarding the siding installed on a property where the resident did not complete an Improvement Request Form. A meeting of the Architecture Committee will discuss the material and any necessary action.

A recent trash pickup survey performed by the City was reviewed. We need to investigate if we can obtain better pricing from Deffenbaugh if we work with other local neighborhoods.

CW Directory Update

The new directories came back from the printers on Friday, May 14th. As of Wednesday, May 19th, all but 37 directories have been personally delivered. After three attempts of delivery, we still could not deliver all the directories. So, if you have not received your directory, please call Angeline Marshall, 541-0055 and I will deliver it to you or you may come to my house and pick it up. A special THANKS to Jennifer Marsh, for making the updates and getting the directory printed and to Bob Marshall and Suzane Sanders for helping me deliver them to you.

Angeline Marshall

Pool News...

Thank you to all who showed up for pool clean up. It went very quickly because so many of you participated.

The pool will be open for the first time Saturday May 29 at 10am. You will be able to pick up pool tags from 10-2pm that day. Residents will also be able to pick up pool tags on June 5 from 10-12pm (the following Saturday). **Only adult residents will be allowed to pick up pool tags.** If you cannot pick up pool tags at the above times you will need to make arrangements to come by the Coopers to get them. Pool tags are required for entry into the pool.

The pool will be open on Tuesday June 1 at 10am even though it is a school day for some.

There has been a request for swimming lessons at the pool this year. It would be helpful if we had an idea on how many and what age residents want lessons. Please call me and let me know, so I can let the lifeguards know.

If you are planning to use the pool for a party this year please remember the following:

1. 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.
2. There is a limit of fifteen (15) people per party.
3. 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 guests did no damage. All party guests must be respectful, mindful of general pool rules, and courteous to other swimmers.
4. Please get any request for a party in early enough to make arrangements with the guards and make sure the pool is available.

We have had residents share some great ideas with us for uses of the pool. We will accommodate as the pool rules allow, however anything that goes beyond that needs to be presented to the board. Please put your request in writing or email it to us and we will present it for you. The next board meeting is June 14.

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

Neighbors in the News

Congratulations:

Michael Dalbom will be graduating from the University of Kansas on May 23, 2004. He received a B.A. degree in Communication & Leadership Studies. He will be working full time for Pulte Homes as a Real Estate Sales Professional in Kansas City. Michael is also engaged to Emily Peterson, and they will be married in May 2005.

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).

Why do we care?

In a neighborly way, the Architectural Committee wants to try to maintain property values within Colony Woods. To ensure Colony Woods remains an upscale community as our homes age and need outside roofing and siding repairs, we ask that residents complete the Colony Woods Home Improvement Request Form or the Roofing Material Change Form, before work commences. The form should be submitted to the Architectural Review Committee.

New products have come on the market since Colony Woods was built. Many residents want alternative products, instead of the wood shake roofs and wooden sidings. Two alternative roofing materials were approved a few years ago. No alternative sidings have yet been approved. Vinyl siding is not permitted. Hardie board was not approved because of health safety concerns. The committee is currently reviewing Smart board as an alternate.

If you are thinking of roofing / siding replacement, please contact the Architecture committee. We want to help you and preserve our neighborhood.

Don't  Forget

CITY OF LENEXA SPRING TRASH PICK UP SATURDAY JUNE 12TH

Crews will pass through the City on **Saturday, June 12, 2004 only** and collect waste material placed at the curb line, other than white goods involving Freon. Pick up will begin at 7:00 AM Saturday morning and will be completed by that evening for the entire City.

The City also provides **Dumpster Weekends** for its citizens as an opportunity for them to bring material they wish to dispose of to the City's Service Center at 7700 Cottonwood from 8:00 AM - 5:00 PM. The 2004 service will be provided this year during the months of April, August and October.

Social Committee Events

Survivor Island

Pool opening June 5, 2004

Beginning at 1:00 with food served at 1:30.

"Survivor Island" Games for all age groups.

Neighbors should bring a side dish, not chips or desserts.

Also, BYOB. Social committee members will provide everything else including dessert.

Adults \$4, kids under 10 - \$2.

Come join the fun.

Upcoming Events:

July 4th Parade and Picnic at the Pool.

Come one and all. Parade with the Colony Woods Grill Team, if you are so inclined. Look for more information but we would like the neighbors whose last name begins with A-L to provide side dishes and M-Z to provide dessert. Social Committee to provide everything else. Also, we would like to invite all service men and women, active or inactive to march in the parade. We appreciate the sacrifice and would like to honor them.

Also, any "older kids" who would like to participate in the parade (like last year), we would love to have anyone who has everyone marched in the parade to join us again.

Next **Ladies Nite Out**, May 28th, 5:00 p.m. on the deck at the Longbranch Saloon, I-35 & 87th Street. Looking forward to seeing everyone.

The next **Ladies Nite Out**. June 18th, at the pool. Start around 5:00 p.m.

Social Committee to provide the drinks, bring an appetizer to share.

Also, let your kids know if they show up, we may embarrass them, they should hang around at their own risk.

Also, anyone interested in going to "**Menopause, the Musical**", June 13, is encouraged to call Kellie Dworkin at 599-0544.

Next Social Committee meeting is June 21, 2004 at 7:00 at the home of Angeline Marshall 12607 W. 81st Terrace.

COLONY WOODS HOME IMPROVEMENT REQUEST FORM

The Colony Woods Deed Restrictions require that all changes to the exterior of a home be approved by the Architectural Review Committee. Please allow the Architectural Review Committee 30 days from the receipt date of your completed form to consider your request.

Date: _____/_____/_____
Owner's Name: _____
Address: _____
Phone No.: _____

1. Project Description

2. City Building Permit approved: Yes _____ No _____
Project may not be approved without a city building permit (if required).

3. Location of proposed improvement. Attach a lot survey or scale drawing showing project. Include distances from fences and houses.

- front of house back of house side of house driveway
- roof patio/deck garage fence
- other: _____

4. Project start date: _____ Projected project completion date: _____

5. Materials to be used in the project:

Please attach brochures containing material information or samples if this is available.

Signature of Homeowner: _____

Projects reviewed by the Architectural Review Committee are considered based on the exterior guidelines and building materials outlined in the Colony Woods Deed Restrictions. Once a project is approved, any changes made to the property exterior that differ from the specifications submitted by the homeowner, are subject to review by the Committee. The Committee reserves the right to review the changes and to ask the homeowner to bring any changes into compliance with the Deed Restrictions. The Committee also reserves the right to ask for the removal of improvements that fail to comply with the Deed Restrictions. The Committee will follow up to assure that the scope of the project was followed per the agreement.

Action by Architectural Review Committee:

Date form received: _____
Date request approved: _____ Date request denied: _____
Signature of Architectural Control Committee Chairperson: _____

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