



# Colony Woods Newsletter

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## THE ONE YEAR ANNIVERSARY OF THE BIG MOVE

Thomas Thornhill, Director

About a year ago, my wife and I and our son Jack moved into the neighborhood from Brookside. We made the decision mainly because of my career as a CPA and my practice was right off 87<sup>th</sup> street. So we knew we wanted to move closer to my office but had trouble locating a spot to call home.

Then one day over lunch, I drove into Colony Woods. I have to tell you that I was immediately drawn to the neighborhood, because it had a Brookside feel to it. The large trees, people out on walks, and kids playing in their yards. I then began to frantically search for a place that was for sale so that I could get my wife, the boss, out to take a look. We found a great spot right across the street from the pool and the rest is history.

However, I must impart to you that this neighborhood is pretty special. While being here a year there have been numerous things that stick out. We have met so many nice people, and so many people welcomed us as if they had known us for years. We also experienced the birth of our daughter, Abby. I think as residents we are very spoiled, because this truly is what a neighborhood is all about. The scenery goes without saying, but it is the people that make any place home. These are the reasons I have chosen to take an active role as an At Large member on the board.

So, if you are new to the neighborhood go out and say “Hi” to your neighbors, volunteer to help out at a social event, get involved. In the end it’s our job as Stewards to our neighbors, and children, to leave Colony Woods in better shape than when we moved in.



## Do Fences Really Make Good Neighbors?

Recently, the City of Lenexa issued a citation to one CW property owner for a wooden fence badly in need of repair. A complaint had also been received from a CW resident regarding another neighbor’s fence that does not meet city code.

The city really doesn’t want to police fences and asks that residents take a good look at their properties and make appropriate repairs. While they don’t want to intervene, they will when necessary to maintain the quality and standards desired in Lenexa.

Two other reminders from the City of Lenexa:

- 1) With summer here, boats and trailers are common sights. The city will vigorously pursue those that overstay their welcome.
- 2) All the recent rains should make most plants healthy. However, dead and/or dying vegetation needs to be removed.

**Let’s all do our part to keep CW and the City of Lenexa a great place to live.**

## Summary of the June 14, 2004 Board of Directors Meeting

**Website:** The new website is under construction. New pages were reviewed. A request was made to add pictures from the pool opening party. Future additions will be Kids Classifieds, Referrals, and Local Business Advertisements.

A lengthy discussion was held regarding the necessity of the website, in view of the cost to maintain it. As there are several months before the current contract expires, a decision was postponed until the new website was completed and input was received from residents.

**Pool Committee:** The timer in the pump house for the pool lights has been replaced. For the most part, everything at the pool has been running smoothly this year. A group of teens, without pool tags, was asked to leave the pool due to their behavior. Residents are adjusting to the "Adult" swim time without kids in the pool.

**Newsletter:** The Board complimented Kellie Dworkin for her article in the May newsletter. Favorable comments have been received that the newsletter is more interesting and informative.

**Hospitality:** 2 new residents have moved into CW. There are 2 homes for sale in CW; 12659 W. 82<sup>nd</sup> St and 8207 Rosehill Rd.

**Directory update:** Only 4 directories have not been delivered.

**Social Committee:** The pool opening party held June 5, 2004 was a big success. Everything went well with the exception of the rain. Plans are being made for the 4<sup>th</sup> of July cookout and a fall event.

**Beautification:** The annuals and perennials have been planted at entryways. Grass cutting and fertilization continue.

**Architectural:** The committee is reviewing 'Hardie Board' and 'Smart Board' as alternative siding materials for use in CW. These may be approved in the future with limitations and specific requirements regarding appearance and installation safeguards.

**Treasurer:** After intervention by our Attorney, unpaid dues and late fees were collected from one of the two delinquencies. CW has an existing lien on the other property and will add this year's dues and other expenses.

It does not look like the budget line items for any committee needs to be reduced. A motion was made and approved by the Board to add \$5,000 to the pool sinking fund. This had been previously tabled by the Board due to tax concerns. An adjusted budget will be presented to the Board for approval at the July 2004 meeting.

**New Business:** A copy of the 'Request for Exterior Roofing Material Change Form' was reviewed and after a short discussion it was agreed that the form should be modified to include only the CW "approved" materials. These changes will be made and resubmitted to architectural control committee for approval.

# Neighbors in the News

## From the desk of the Hospitality Chairman

### **Congratulations:**

Daniel Suddarth graduated from SMNW and will be attending JCCC in the fall to complete his associates degree in graphic arts before transferring to a 4 year University

### **Congratulations:**

Donna and Dick Voll are happy to announce that their son, Mike, is entering into marriage to Theresa Yuncke of Wheeling, W. Va. Mike, a KU graduate, is the Southeast Business Director for Tri-Mech Solutions, an engineering software provider in Charlotte, N.C. His bride is a math facilitator within the Charlotte school system. Best wishes to the couple on their July 10, 2004 wedding in Charlotte.

Introducing our two newest CW residents.

**Ollie and Laurisa Lusby** moving from Prairie Village to 12810 W 82nd St. They have two children, Isabelle (3 1/2 years old) and Elijah (2 years old). Laurisa is a part time Clinical Social Worker with the state of Missouri and also has a private practice in Overland Park. Ollie is a Quality Manager for Jesco

**Doug and Nancy Stone** moved to 12644 W 82nd St from another location in Lenexa. They have two children, Morgan (4 years old) and Hailey (1 year old). Nancy works part time at Dales and Doug is a Court Reporter for Appino and Biggs.

**I need your HELP.**

**I am running out of "stuff" to put in the Welcome to Colony Woods Bag for our new residents. If you have any promotional items or items that you would like to donate, you can call me 451-0055 and I will be glad to pick them up. I thank you for your generosity in advance.**

**Angeline Marshall**



## Rain to Recreation Program

This message was received from the City of Lenexa, Department of Public Works:

In 2000, Lenexa residents approved by nearly an 80% margin, the creation of a new City program whose mission is to reduce flooding, protect water and environmental quality and create recreational and education opportunities for the citizens of Lenexa.

As part of this new storm water philosophy, the [Rain to Recreation](#) program puts a high value on community participation and education. Community events such as our annual Storm Drain Marking Event and WaterFest are wonderful events that demonstrate just how much Lenexa residents care about the environmental condition of our community. Please join us at the 5<sup>th</sup> annual WaterFest, which will be held on July 24, 2004 at Sar-Ko-Par Trails Park.

For more information on the [Rain to Recreation](#) program, please visit us on the web at [www.raintorecreation.org](http://www.raintorecreation.org) or contact us at 913-477-7680.

# Social Committee

## 4th of July Parade and BBQ:

Parade starts at 12:30 at Matt Taylor Park. We moved it back 1/2 hour to accommodate churchgoers. If anyone wants to march with the Grill Team, please call Tony Bianculli at 541-1087. All veterans or current members of the armed forces are invited to attend and march. Kids should decorate their mode of transportation.

We will start serving hamburgers, brats and dogs around 1:00 to 1:15. Neighbors are asked to bring a side dish if last name is A-L and a dessert if M-Z. We will provide beer, lemonade, water, chips, condiments and buns.

**\$5.00 - 11 and up**

**\$3.00 - 10 and under.**

## Ladies:

The next Ladies Night Out is July 23, 2004 at "On the Border" at Oak Park Mall. Starts at 5:00 p.m.

## TGIF at the pool:

August 5th. Look for signs for more details, BYOB and a snack. Adults only. Alex Dworkin's band: Tad Williams Quartet, will be performing.

## Future events

Fall adult event, we are looking at a Wine Tasting event at the pool in September, more details to follow.

**Next Social Committee meeting is August 17th, 2004. Place TBA.**

## Pool News:



The mild weather has kept the pool attendance down this year. Hopefully mother nature will be kind to us from here on out and give us great weather for the pool at the same time not burning up my yard. I know that some residents have found the pool to be on the chilly side. I promise you the rumor about the kids in the neighborhood trying to create icebergs is not true. With the mild temperatures at night and the amount of rain we have received the pool's water heater is not able to keep the water temperature up. I am sure there is a science to it, but I am a business major.

An issue that needs some clarification seems to be the number of pool tags that residents are entitled. You should have received one tag for every resident living in your home. Any guest you have at the pool needs to be accompanied by you and signed in as guest(s). This includes your grandchildren and children that have their main residence elsewhere. Please have your pool tag with you when using the pool and sign in with the lifeguard. I have asked the lifeguards to be more vigilant since everyone should have had an opportunity to pick up their pool tags. This system is the easiest way to keep unwanted visitors from using our pool. Please make it easy for the lifeguards.

One last note, please pick up after yourself when leaving your area at the pool. There are trashcans all around the pool. If you make a mess or spill please get the broom out of the cabana or ask the lifeguard for the spray nozzle to the hose and clean affected area. If you move lounges or chairs, put them back.

**We hope all residents find the Colony Woods Pool an enjoyable place this summer.**

## Colony Woods Home Association Officers and Chairpersons

**President:**

John Gavin (438-8958)

**Vice-President**

Bob Webber (888-9636)

**Secretary:**

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**Treasurer:**

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Ann Devine (495-9546)

Kellie Dworkin (599-0544)

Tom Thornhill (888-8749)

**Architectural Review:**

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Tim Devine (495-9546)

Bob Del Popolo (888-2617)

**Beautification:**

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**Hospitality:**

Angeline Marshall (541-0055)

**Newsletter:**

Dean Weishaar (894-0542)

**Website:**

Tom Howe (888-5723)

**Pool:**

David/Joy Cooper (492-7358)

**Residents' Mailing List:**

Jennifer Marsh (888-3626)

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Jennifer Kuhn (894-4309)



**Volunteers Always  
Needed...  
BE ONE**