



Colony Woods News

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A word from the Colony Woods Social Committee...

Jennifer Kuhn, Chairperson

When our family moved into Colony Woods in August of 2001, we knew it would be a great experience to meet new neighbors and continue to enjoy living in Lenexa. We moved from just up the road where we had been for 7 years. We were welcomed to the Colony Woods family with open arms and have been enjoying being in this community ever since. Our first experience in getting out and meeting folks was the Annual Holiday Social which occurs each year in December. Neighbors from the entire neighborhood progress to several homes during the evening to meet new people and share good times with old friends. This is the last and largest event that we have each year and will continue to be a tradition for Colony Woods.

Let me share with you all the activities and events that we have throughout the year. Each year we traditionally have a group of events that will continue to be annual events. Every spring, typically in March, we hold our annual Newcomer's Party. This event gives the Board of Directors and the Committee Members a chance to greet folks who have moved into our neighborhood within the last year. This is a wonderful opportunity to welcome our new friends into Colony Woods. Also in the spring is the Annual Easter Egg Hunt for children from 0 to 10. The Easter Bunny works hard to hide all of the eggs filled with candy at the Matt Taylor park and then visits with the kids after they are done hunting.

Next comes the Pool opening party. We open the pool around Memorial Day and have the pool opening the weekend after. This is a great family event that attracts many neighbors. Each pool opening has a different theme and is a wonderful time to see everyone.

July brings us the 4th of July Parade and Picnic. Our parade features kids on bikes, young adults dressed patriotically and in recent years has included members or our armed services, both active and retired. Also in the Parade is the Men's Grill Team. Everyone marches proudly from the park to the pool where the BBQ grills get going, food is plentiful and there are games and activities for all.

We also have a Tree Lighting at the pool right after Thanksgiving to kick off the Holiday Season. Santa makes an appearance and there is caroling and refreshments.

I mentioned the Holiday Social which is also the time of year we elect our new Board Members. This event has a long history and should not be missed.

In addition to the Annual Events, the Social Committee meets each month to come up with other exciting events that involve the entire neighborhood. Some of the recent successful events have been TGIF's at the pool, with live music, Sunday afternoon tailgate parties to root for our Chiefs. Colony Woods day at the Royals, Casino nights, luaus and other fun events.

In 2004, Colony Woods started a tradition of a monthly Ladies Nite Out (sorry guys). This is typically the 4th Friday of each month at a restaurant or other venue in our area. These have been greatly attended and will continue into the future.

Our most recent exciting party we

had in September was our 1st "Wine in the Woods", a wine tasting event and Silent Auction that was well attended on a perfect September night at the pool. We plan to make this an annual event.

After reading about all of the activities that Colony Woods has to offer, your next thought has to be, "where do I sign up?" The Social Committee is committed to keeping the traditions of many years going in our great neighborhood and welcome anyone who is interested in serving on this committee, or any other committees, to let the committee chair know. Each Chair is listed in the directory and in the newsletter. There is also a website available for a wealth of information,

I have been on the Social Committee since moving into this great neighborhood and have been Chair since the beginning of 2004. We have an amazing group of people who serve on the committee and would like to invite anyone who has an interest to come and see what it's all about. A neighbor was at a recent meeting of other local Homes Associations and **Colony Woods was referred to as the #1 Homes Association in this area for events and neighborhood involvement!!** That is one outstanding endorsement for Colony Woods. Keep reading the newsletter for upcoming events and committee meetings. This is an awesome place to live and it takes all of us to make this the most desirable community in Lenexa. Thanks to all who make this a great place to live and play.

THERE IS STILL TIME TO GET INVOLVED

Since last month's newsletter, several of your neighbors have graciously volunteered to serve in a number of positions that were previously noted as open. The Board thanks all of those who have agreed to serve. We still have a few positions in need of additional candidates to serve our community.

Vice President – This position serves as an assistant to the President. The expectation is that this is a two year commitment with the second year serving as President of the Association.

Treasurer – Although someone has volunteered to take this position, he is also available and is interested in another position. If you feel comfortable with numbers and can reconcile a checkbook, please show your interest by volunteering to serve as treasurer.

Directors-At-Large – This position oversees certain committees and reports back to the Board at monthly meetings.

Architectural Control Committee – Volunteers will participate as members of this committee under the Committee Chairperson. If you have an interest in maintaining the aesthetic quality of our neighborhood, this position is for you.

Of course, additional volunteers are always welcome and needed on the Social Committee and Beautification Committee. Also, anyone wishing to have their names added to the official ballot for one of the other Board positions is encouraged to volunteer.

If you have an interest in serving our community, please call Bob Webber (888-9636 or rlwebber@everestkc.net) or John Gavin (438-8958 or jpgavin@everestkc.net).

We would like to have our slate of candidates finalized by the first of October.

From the desk of the Hospitality Chairman

Introducing our newest residents, **Ty and Kate Vanlandingham**. Ty and Kate moved from another location in Lenexa to 12659 W. 82nd Street August 14th. Ty is an Account Manager at Akcia and Kate works in Information Systems at Children's Mercy Hospital. Both like all sports, Ty is an avid golfer. Welcome to Colony Woods Ty and Kate.

A SPECIAL THANKS to Jodee Mufich, K.C. Tours & Travel, Richard Baker, Baker Environmental Consulting, Inc., and Craig Jorgensen, American Family Insurance, Craig Jorgensen Agency, for donating "goodies" for our CW Welcome bags for our new residents.

Summary of the September 2004 Board of Directors

Website:

A copy of the CW Deed Restrictions and Bi-Laws are currently being scanned onto the website for availability to all CW residents. There has been a lot of positive feedback on the Website itself. The history of Colony Woods will soon be available.

Pool Committee:

It was reported that the pool liner is pulling away from the sides of the pool in the 4 ft. area. This is currently under warranty and we are trying to get it fixed before the pool opens in 2005.

Newsletter:

D. Weishaar was thanked and complimented on his outstanding work with the newsletter.

Hospitality:

Two new families have moved into Colony Woods. It was noted that there are currently 3 homes for sale in CW.

Social Committee:

The fall events planned are the CW golf outing Oct. 2nd, Christmas tree lighting at the pool on Nov. 28th and the Annual Holiday Social on Dec. 11th.

Beautification:

Island captains have been contacted requesting input and suggestions for their designated island and landscaping ideas for the pool area are being discussed with the pool committee.

Treasurer:

Colony Woods continues to operate well within the budget and currently is looking at some expenditures towards year end that will be a benefit in the future. Budget planning for 2005 is underway.

Architectural Review:

A recommendation for Hardie Board and Smart Board as a siding alternative for CW residents will be put together and presented to the Architectural Committee and the Board for approval.

Upcoming Social Events...

The "Wine in the Woods" event was a success with about 50 neighbors stopping by. The Silent Auction netted funds for much needed supplies for the Social Committee. Look for this to be an annual event.

Upcoming events

Ladies Nite Out

October 29, 2004 On the Border, Oak Park Mall

November 19, 2004 TGIF - Shawnee Station

Keep watching for upcoming LNO in 2005, 4th Friday of each month.

Tree Lighting - November 28th, 6:30 at the pool, Santa will be there along with music & refreshments.

Holiday Social and Board of Director Elections - December 11, 2004. Watch for your invitations in November and plan to attend.

**Mark your
calendars
for the
Holiday
Wine
Social.**

**December
11th, 2004**

Frequently Asked Questions:

We continue to receive inquiries/complaints about the property at 7903 Rosehill. There is a legal dispute about the property. Early this year, we hired persons to maintain the property, but had to use Home Association Dues for legal expenses to recover those costs. Now, the association works with the City of Lenexa to ensure that the property is "reasonably" maintained. While the city might not "reasonably" maintain it as frequently as we wish, the costs are added to the property owners tax bill, and do not come out of our Homeowners Dues.

BEAUTIFICATION COMMITTEE

The first meeting of the New Beautification Committee was held on September 16th, and we had a great turnout! We have some projects that will keep us busy into the late fall, so if anyone is interested in joining our group, please contact us.

Just a reminder: Homeowners whose property line is on either 79th Street or 83rd Street, are responsible for maintaining their property along the street. If you are uncertain of what's expected, or need help with maintenance, please contact the Beautification Chairwomen, and we will be glad to assist you.

Our next meeting will be our Fall Cleanup at the Pool. A sign will be posted to let you know when that will take place.

Enjoy your fall gardening!


Marilyn Ewing & Linda Brisson, co-chairs



Website Update:

We have had requests to have the Bylaws/Deed Restrictions online where they could be reviewed/downloaded. As these pages are from 1975, finding clean copies was difficult, but most are pretty good. We are in the process of scanning them into the website. There are 37 pages, so they may not all be there when you read this, but they will be there shortly. If you are contemplating selling your home, by law, these need to be given to the buyer by your realtor, or by yourself if For Sale By Owner, and they form part of the Disclosures in the agreement.





We're on the Web
www.ourcolonywoods.com

Calendar of Events:

October 2nd	Annual Golf Outing—Oak Country CC, Desoto, KS
October 29	On the Border, Oak Park Mall
November 19	TGIF - Shawnee Station
November 28	Tree Lighting Ceremony—CW Pool
December 11	Holiday Social

Events are detailed in the newsletter. Please see articles for times and other information.