



Colony Woods News

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Happy Holidays to All

John Gavin –CW President

By the time this newsletter comes out, Thanksgiving will have come and gone again. The Holiday season is upon us again and a New Year approaches.

The year that has almost finished has been notable for many reasons: the recent elections, the continued fighting in Iraq and Afghanistan and the economy growth (or lack thereof). While our subdivision activities certainly pale in comparison, they also have had their ups and downs.

Your Board of Directors and all those who chair or serve on various committees are all volunteers willing to spend their time trying to improve or, at least, maintain our subdivision. They are a great group of people.

As always, when you have a diverse group, you don't always have consensus. The year has not been without strife, both within the Board/Committees, and within the residents of the community itself. However, regardless of our differences, Colony Woods continues to be among the most desirable communities. Home buyers want to move here. Neighboring Homes Associations value our input for their subdivisions.

At the Annual Meeting/Holiday Social on December 11, we will elect new members for our Board of Directors. They will have many challenges ahead of them. Low interest rates reduce our available funds. Inflation in general, and the aging of our community, increases our costs. Like the rest of the country, budget management is crucial. After all, we can't run a deficit budget.

On the upside, we have had a lot of successes over the past year. Dean Weishaar has done a great job improving our newsletter. Tom Howe has done wonderful work on our website – referrals, items for sale, and items of interest. Our new Beautification Committee is working hard around the pool and the community in general. Our Social Committee continues to provide an enjoyable mix of events for adults only and for families. The Cooper's have ensured our Pool is well managed and well maintained. New residents are immediately welcomed by Angeline Marshall and Architectural Review considers homeowner's request in a thoughtful approach, mindful of the need to maintain the quality of the community, balanced with the practical needs of individual home maintenance. A new directory was produced and distributed thanks to Jennifer Marsh, Angeline and Bob Marshall.

It has been a most interesting and challenging year for me. It has been probably more challenging for my wife who has to do all of the work. While we may not have accomplished all we wished, we move on knowing that a great group of volunteers will follow, headed by another well meaning President with another hard working spouse to pick up after him.

Our Annual Meeting/Holiday Social has always been one of our major events in the community. Please get out and enjoy the hospitality of some or all of our three host's homes. While you are at the first home, please vote. We have a great slate of candidates volunteering for Directors-at Large and hopefully other positions in the future.

Best wishes and a happy, healthy & prosperous New Year to all our residents and to all of your children and relatives serving our country abroad.

COLONY WOODS ANNUAL MEETING **VOTING PROCEDURES**



As required by the Bylaws of Colony Woods the annual voting for your 2005 slate of officers and directors will be held on December 11, 2004. This is part of the function of the Annual Colony Woods Holiday Social. Ballots will be available at the first house you attend at the holiday social. Only one ballot is cast for each Colony Woods household.

If are unable to attend the holiday social, you are still encouraged to vote. Please call John Gavin (438-8958) or Bob Webber (888-9636) to obtain a ballot. Ballots will be available until December 11, and must be submitted to John Gavin no later than December 11, 2004 and prior to the starting time for the Holiday Social.

From the desk of the Hospitality Chairman

Welcome New Neighbors:

Scott and Sharon Brisbin and their family moved to 12721 W. 82nd Street from Columbus Ohio in October. They have two sons, Garrett (7-8-92) and Logan (4-20-94) and a daughter, Alivia (3-2-96). Included in their family are 3 pets—a dog named Charlie, a cat who answers to Abigail and a hamster named Belle.

Sharon works for Goldwell Cosmetic Company as a Regional Education Manager. Scott is working towards a Degree in Philosophy. Scott is a guitarist and a golfer. Sharon enjoys crafts and reading.

Kevin and Marcia Jellema, moved from Mission to 8134 Westgate, in October. They have four adult children, Micah, Seth, Megan and Amanda. Rounding out their family is a pet dog (Tasha) and a cat (BC).

Marcia is a Home Health Nurse at Shawnee Mission Hospital and Kevin works at HMS as a computer programmer

Summary of the December 8, 2004 Board of Directors

Website: More referrals and pictures from social committee events have been added.

Pool Committee: Mid-America Pool Renovation Inc. has started the pool liner repair and if weather permits, the work should be complete in the next couple of weeks.

Newsletter: Pictures have been added to the newsletter. The board unanimously agreed on how much the newsletter had improved over the course of the year.

Hospitality: There is currently 1 home for sale in CW. All new residents have been contacted and interviews have been scheduled. Those who have not moved in yet will be welcomed as soon as they do.

Social Committee: The tree lighting ceremony and a visit from Santa will be held at the pool on November 28th. The Social Committee will be collecting canned goods and Toys for Tots at the lighting ceremony. These donations will be given to a local food bank or charity organization.

Invitations will be sent shortly by the Social Committee for the CW Annual Meeting/Holiday Social on December 11th. The three host houses for the Holiday Social are Bob and Carolyn Webber, Tom and Jennifer Kuhn and Jeff and Jo Kaeser. There will be no ladies night in December due to all the holiday festivities.

Beautification: There was a good turn out on October 17th for a fall pool clean-up day. The remaining work may wait until spring to be finished. Several bids have been received for the landscaping services of CW. A decision will be made by year end. The upkeep of the properties along 79th Street was discussed. The city will be consulted regarding the problem.


Architectural Review: Residents who have expressed interest in joining the committee will be contacted shortly.

Treasurer Report: The 2005 budget was reviewed. Although we did not purchase any pool furniture or equipment in 2004, the budget line item was decreased for 2005. This proposal requires further review. The pool parking lot will need to be sealed within the next year. An estimated cost needs to be included in the budget of either the pool committee or the beautification committee. The board agreed to look into these matters prior to approving the 2005 budget.

Homes Association Dues letters are scheduled to be mailed in December.

New Business: The Colony Woods 2005 Board of Directors Official Election Ballot was reviewed and approved. Instructions will be provided to the hosting homes for the CW Annual Meeting/Holiday Social.

Newly elected 2005 Board members will be invited to attend the next meeting on December 13th.



We're on the Web
www.ourcolonywoods.com

Calendar of Events:

December 11	Holiday Social (Invitations have Been Mailed)
December 11	Board of Director Election
December 13	Board of Directors Meeting

There is no "Ladies Night Out" in December.

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