



Colony Woods News

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HAPPY NEW YEAR 2005

Bob Webber – CW President

The Colony Woods Holiday Social and Annual Meeting was the final successful 2004 event concluding another positive year in Colony Woods. As part of this event, CW residents were asked to vote for their favorite candidates to serve as members of the Colony Woods Board in 2005. It is with great pleasure that I announce the members of your new Colony Woods Board of Directors. They are: Bob Webber - President, Tom Thornhill – Vice President, Jerry Magliano – Treasurer, Suzanne Sanders – Secretary, and Kelly Dworkin, Mary Baker, and Christine Benedict as your Directors at Large. A big thank you to all of you who volunteered to run for office. The continued success of this homes association relies on the willingness of its residents to serve our community.

With 2004 behind us, and looking at what was accomplished last year, I believe we are poised to go forward with more of the ideas put forth by your Board members during last year's planning meetings. The difference between 2004 and 2005 is that last year the members of the Colony Woods Board were all new from top to bottom. Therefore, it took some time for everyone to get their feet on the ground. This year, we have more continuity with several members of last year's Board continuing on the 2005 Board.

As your President, it is my commitment to you to try to represent the interests of all residents of Colony Woods. I know from comments already received that this may be no easy task. None the less, your ideas are important to the continued growth of this community as a positive place to live and raise our families. If you would like to present your ideas, I would appreciate an email at rlwebber@everestkc.net or you may contact one of the other board members. Your suggestions and those of the individual board members will form a list of priorities for the 2005 year. Another forum for presenting your ideas and concerns will be the annual open board meeting currently scheduled for February 14. Details for the time and place of the meeting will be noted in the February newsletter.

One priority of the Board in 2004 was and is to have ongoing and effective succession planning to ensure that your Board has knowledgeable and experienced representatives. It is important that new residents step forward to ensure that current board members do not serve beyond a reasonable period of time. Such planning starts on day one. Therefore, please begin now to consider yourself as a future participant in leading Colony Woods' future.

Again, I look forward to serving as your President to continue the strong traditions that have made this one of the best places to live in the Kansas City area.

THANK YOU

On December 11, Colony Woods held the homeowners' Annual Meeting/Holiday Social. This event has always been one of the highlights of our community. The Social part of the evening gives us the opportunity to visit with friends and neighbors that we may not see regularly. Combining the Annual Meeting with the occasion helps ensure a good turnout of voters for the Board of Director Candidates.

We had another successful and enjoyable event. Our three Host Homes deserve a big Thank You. Homeowners were Jo Mills-Kaiser and Jeff Kaiser, Jennifer Kuhn and Tom Kuhn, and Carolyn Webber and Bob Webber. Thank you for making your homes available. Thank you for all your hard work, both before and after the event. It's great to have neighbors like you.



Last, but certainly not least, thanks to those on the Social and Beautification Committees, and others, who got the wreaths and holiday decorations up at the entry ways, to those who helped with the Social arrangements, and to the Co-Hosts who greeted and assisted at the Host Homes. Successful events don't happen without a lot of effort from involved participants. Thank you for your efforts.

MISSING DISHES ANYONE

If you left some of your fine china or crystal at one of the three host homes, please arrange to pick up your items as soon as possible.

From the desk of the Hospitality Chairman

Introducing our new neighbors from Vassar Ks. Thomas and Diane Harries are now residing at 12691 West 82nd Terrace. They have four adult children and a Irish Setter, Molly and 2 cats, Purrky and Maggie. Diane teaches at Junior High School in Lyndon Ks and Tom is Senior Pastor for Hope Lutheran Shawnee.

Tom likes to hunt and golf and enjoys lawn work. Diane likes to cook and garden. Welcome to Colony Woods.

Notes from the Beautification Committee:

Well, the Thanksgiving snowfall certainly altered the appearance of the neighborhood for a while. Initially, it was just the beauty of the snow on the tree limbs, although broken tree limbs, downed trees, and just a general mess of small branches and leaves followed that. Our committee would like to thank everyone for the prompt clean up of the neighborhood, which in some instances was quite a chore! It is back to looking nice again.

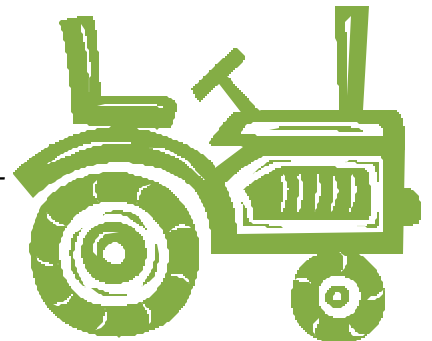
Additionally, we would like to thank everyone who has decorated their homes and yards for the holidays. Our neighborhood looks SO festive! To do our part, our committee decorated both entries with lovely wreaths made by Nicia Gdanski and Marilyn, and we updated the extension cords and placed timers for the tree lights at the entries.

This is the time of year when our committee works on small projects in anticipation of our spring 'busy season'. Please let us know if you have any questions or concerns – we are here to keep the neighborhood beautiful!

Marilyn Ewing and Linda Brisson
Beautification Committee

A Great Neighborhood:

I've received a few emails recently about a generous neighbor who uses his John Deere tractor to remove snow from neighbors driveways after every storm. From emails I've received, the neighbor does it purely out of the kindness to help his neighborhood and expects nothing in return. The next time it snows, don't be alarmed if you look outside to see your driveway being cleared. Just another example of great neighbors in a great neighborhood.



Win-Win with the Colony Woods Web-site

One of the Board's main objectives is to increase and promote our Neighborhood website. A good way to get Colony Woods residents more involved in our website is the ability to offer them something of value.

The Website Committee is dedicated to the purpose of providing the residents of Colony Woods with pages of valuable local up-to-date information. One issue that the committee needs help in is giving our CW "web-surfers", a monetary value. This could be made in the appearance of coupons or discounts to our CW residents for purchasing products that are advertised and sold by local businesses and more importantly businesses of CW residents. This would not only give the residents of Colony Woods a reason to stop by the CW website, but would give the advertising business a chance to promote their products and services and allow them the ability to spread the word throughout the Lenexa, Overland Park, and the Johnson County region about great products and services that they have to offer (Win-Win).

Please join us in making this effort a successful one. The more involvement we have from every CW resident, the better off all of us will be. Any leads or contacts can be sent to the website committee, via the Colony Woods webpage.



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