



Colony Woods News

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FOCUSING ON BEAUTIFICATION IN COLONY WOODS

By Linda Brisson

The Beautification Committee has been busy since the new committee formed last summer. Our primary focus has been to give the neighborhood a more contemporary look, while staying within our budget. Our committee's areas of focus are the neighborhood entrances, the islands, and the 'green area' surrounding the pool.

We accomplished some significant improvements at the pool last fall, with the removal of unmanageable plants, sprucing up bushes and trees, and placing pavers and gravel for a more expanded seating area. Other plans for the spring include building a visual screen for the pool garbage cans and filling the cracks and sealing the pool parking lot. This spring we will also finish the improvements in relation to the shading concerns and planting more greenery and flowers. One major and long awaited improvement was completed in April with the installation of an irrigation system covering all grass and planting areas around the pool.

Also this spring, we are focusing on the islands throughout the neighborhood. We are placing new mulch on each island, and some will get new plants or flowers. We welcome any additions that the island captains want to add to 'their' island, to show off their individual gardening expertise. Our goal for the islands is to have them as low-maintenance as possible, so it will be effortless to keep them looking beautiful.

If you have any interest in joining us as we plan, plant, and basically play in the dirt, please contact either of the co-chairs. We would love to have a substantial group of neighbors involved in this fun and rewarding activity!

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Mark Your Calendars

**The July 4th Annual Picnic and Barbeque will also
be a Celebration of
Colony Woods 30th Anniversary.
Watch for Future Articles of Planned Events for
this Special Day.**

COME ONE AND ALL TO OUR ANNUAL POOL OPENING



Come welcome the start of summer and the pool season on **JUNE 4, 2005**. We will have pizza, salads, fruit and desserts, along with carnival games for the kids. This will be a BYOB Drink event and a small charge for the food. We hope to see everyone there as this is a fun, fun day for all!!! \$3 for Adults and \$1 for children under 5 years old

It's almost time to go to the Pool

Pool clean up is May 14th with the rainout date being May 21st. We will start at 10:00 AM with donuts and juice for energy. There will be jobs for all ages and sizes. Please bring cleaning items (example buckets, old rags, brooms, brushes) for pool furniture, bathrooms, & cabana. The beautification committee has taken care of the landscaping, so we can concentrate on clean-up and set-up. (Make it a point to check out the fresh, new low-maintenance look of the pool. Beautification has done a great job with the renovation of the landscape!)

Pool Tags will be available at pool clean up and on opening day of the pool, May 28th starting at 10:00 AM until 4:00 PM. We will also make them available at the pool opening party. If you cannot pick them up at those times please call David or Joy Cooper (492 7358) to pick them up.

We will be instructing the lifeguards to check for pool tags and have everyone sign in when entering the pool area. It is the easiest and safest way to protect our pool from unwanted person(s) using our pool. When you do not wear your pool tag and sign in with the lifeguard, they have no idea that you're a resident. Your cooperation with these simple tasks make the pool enjoyable for all. Do not be surprised if you are asked to leave because you have not complied.

Looking forward to an enjoyable summer at the pool,

David & Joy Cooper Pool Chairperson(s)

From the Desk of the Hospitality Chairman --

Introducing two new families:

Frank and Patti Ballard residing at 7904 Rosehill Road with their two children, Lindsay, (a sophomore), Donald (a senior) both attending Shawnee Mission West and Alex, the cat. Patti is a stay at home mom. Her hobbies are refinishing furniture, reading and traveling. Frank is a manager at Garmin International. Frank enjoys golfing and swimming.

Jim and Julie Mehnert reside at 7915 Rosehill Road with their two children , Sophia (age 3), William (age 1) and Wally, a Wheaten Terrier and Palo, a Tonkinese cat. Julie is stay at home mom. Her hobbies are cooking, gardening and traveling. Jim is a civil Engineer at HNTB. Jim enjoys gardening, reading and windsurfing.

Thanks you!!!

A special thanks to Tom Thornhill (Fiser Group), Jodee Mufich (KC Tour and Travel), Richard Baker (Baker Environmental Consulting, Inc.) and Craig Jorgensen (American Family Insurance) for donating "goodies" for the Colony Woods Welcome Bag.

SUMMARY OF BOARD MEETING MINUTES APRIL 4, 2005

Pool Committee: J. Cooper reported that the tile company that is installing the new tile at the pool hopes to have a completion date by the end of the week. She also presented a bid provided by KP Sanders Painting to replace rotten siding on the pool house and cabana and for painting of both buildings. The Board agreed to proceed with this work and funds will be taken from the pool committee budget. The bid was for materials only as Kevin Sanders has agreed to do the repairs and paint the exterior of the two buildings at no charge for labor. Pool Clean-Up day is scheduled for May 14th.

Hospitality: A. Marshall reported that there are currently 6 homes for sale, 2 of which have contracts pending.

She presented a new directory option for 2005. A company has been contacted that publishes directories at no cost to the homes association. The proposed company will print and deliver directories at no charge. This will save approximately \$800.00 in printing expenses. It was agreed that this is probably an option that should be considered, but the discussion was tabled until a later date.

Social Committee: J. Kuhn reported that the Social Committee's events include the Pool Opening Party, scheduled for June 4th, which will feature pizza, salad, desert, and carnival games for the kids. Other events include the 4th of July Picnic and a Family Night outing to the T-Bones in early June. Ladies Nights are also planned.

She also presented a sample of professional signage that the Social Committee would like to see purchased to advertise upcoming neighborhood events (i.e. Pool Opening, 4th of July, Easter Egg Hunt and Annual Holiday Social / Election). The Social Committee asked the Board to help with the cost of these signs.

A motion was made by B. Webber to have the 30th Anniversary of CW be the theme for the 4th of July Parade/Picnic. He indicated that he has contacted the Lenexa PD, Fire Department, and Johnson County Med-Act and they have tentatively agreed to attend with their vehicles for display. He has also contacted the KC Star and Sun Newspapers to have an article about Colony Woods published for the 30th Anniversary.

Beautification: Plans for revising the pool landscape are well under way. In addition, the pool committee will purchase some larger umbrellas to provide more shade options at the pool.

B. Webber has volunteered to build a fence around the trash area at the pool making it less noticeable. Island enhancements will be starting this spring. The pool parking lot will also be resurfaced.

B. Webber has received 3 estimates for an irrigation system at the pool. The lowest estimate is for approximately \$2400.00 which will include a quick connect faucet to service the slide. The system will include the irrigation of all grassy areas and a drip system to service the pool's planting areas. Also included in the bid is a rain sensor to turn off the system if it rains during a scheduled sprinkling. A brief discussion was held regarding the necessity of an irrigation system.

Architectural Review: B. Webber reported that the Architectural Committee had received 2 requests for home improvements; both were approved. One request involved the use of James Hardie siding as a siding alternative.

Minutes Summary Continued.....

Treasurer: J. Magliano reported that there are currently 6 homes that have not paid their homeowner dues. Lien notices will be mailed to the residents that have made no attempt to contact him regarding their homes association dues.

J. Magliano distributed a copy of the Treasurer's report along with the 2004 and 2005 budget. A brief discussion was held regarding budget adjustments that have been made year to date. A lengthy discussion was held regarding funds available to cover the installation of a sprinkler system at the pool and professional signage. J. Magliano indicated that the majority of funds could be reallocated from other budget categories due to prepaying certain expenses in the 2005 budget out of 2004 funds. Any minimal shortfalls resulting from this reallocation at year-end, if any, will be funded out of the pool sinking fund.

A motion was made by C. Benedict and seconded by K. Dworkin to proceed with the installation of the sprinkler system at the pool at a cost of \$2400.00. The motion passed unanimously.

A motion was made by S. Sanders and seconded by B. Webber for the Board to cover the expense of professional entrance signage for the Social Committee in the amount of up to \$250.00. The motion passed unanimously.

New Business: B. Webber reported that the City of Lenexa has agreed to set up a speed trailer on Rosehill across from the pool from May 24th – 28th. The purpose of the speed trailer is to slow down traffic on Rosehill by displaying the speed a vehicle is traveling.

Notes from the beautification committee:

We are still in the process of island improvements, and that project is coming along at a moderate pace. Some islands need a little more TLC than others! Any island captains with questions please call either Linda or Marilyn for information.

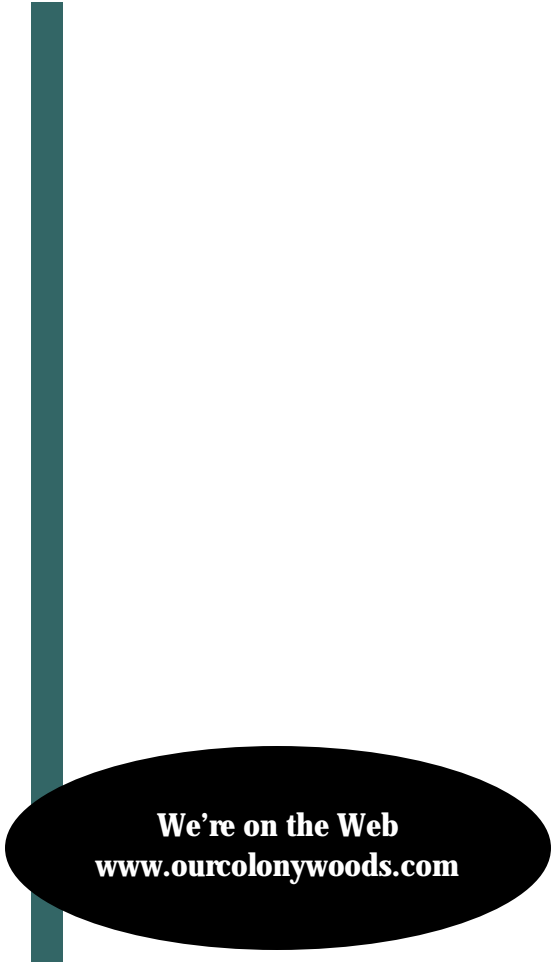
How is your yard and spring garden coming along? Take a drive by the yard at 8124 Rosehill Road, and you'll see a beautiful garden with new mulch, plants and an exciting garden design. This is an eye catching yard every spring, and is our first winner of the 'Beautiful Yard' of Colony Woods. Please let us know if there are other 'beautiful yards out there, and watch for the information regarding our "garden tour" coming later this spring.

Retirement Reception:

Shawano Kindergarten Teacher, Carol Dietrich is retiring. During her tenure in the Shawnee Mission School District she has taught many Colony Woods children. Please join Carol at a reception in the Shawano cafeteria on May 24th from 5—7 pm. If you would like to thank Carol for her services, but are unable to attend, cards are being accepted for her at the school.

Neighborhood Classified:

Summer babysitting and pet sitting by a young neighbor who is experienced and loves to baby-sit and take care of pets. Call Claire Shelley at 307-0645 (8209 Parkhill Circle)



We're on the Web
www.ourcolonywoods.com

Calendar of Events

May 14th Pool Cleanup

May 28th Pool Opens

June 4th Pool Opening Party

July 4th Annual Picnic and Barbeque (30th Anniversary)