



Colony Woods News

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LET'S GET READY FOR SOME FUN IN THE SUN **David and Joy Cooper, Pool Chairpersons**

Summer is here and now we get to enjoy our neighborhood's biggest asset, the pool. A lot of our resident's effort, time and money have gone into the pool this off season. New tiles, new shade, new landscaping and new paint are some of the improvements that you will see. I hope all the improvements make the pool an enjoyable place for you this summer.

The pool is our biggest asset on the balance sheet, but is it our greatest asset in the neighborhood? Yes, the pool does represent a big number on the balance sheet, but our greatest assets are the residents that use the pool. The pool provides a focal point for our entire neighborhood to enjoy each other's company. This is something that is very difficult to put price on. So, I will call on a commercial to sum up my feelings.

Royal blue tiles to fix the top of the pool liner - \$5700
Big shade umbrellas along the west side of the pool - \$498
Beautification committee's blood, sweat, and tears - free
Friday night at the pool with a cold (insert favorite drink here), sitting around with neighbors while my children and their friends play in the pool - priceless . . . Colony Wood's residents are providing good times money just can't buy.

Come join us for a cold one at the pool this summer.



IT'S FINALLY HERE!!!

THE POOL IS OPENING MEMORIAL DAY WEEKEND, BUT THE FUN WILL BE ON JUNE 4TH AT OUR ANNUAL POOL OPENING PARTY: Pizza, salads and desserts will be available starting at 1:00. \$3 for adults, \$1 for children under 14. There will be games and prizes and lots of fun, we will have water and lemonade but if you prefer something else, its BYOB.

Notes from the beautification committee:

A belated “Thank You” to everyone who assisted with the Beautification Committee’s pool enhancements on Saturday, April 23rd. Thanks to Joy and Kathryn Cooper, Nicia Gdanski, Carolyn Webber, Mary Baker, Mindy Anderson and Chris Gralapp, who all pitched in and finished our tasks promptly.

Thank you to Dave Solenberger, Denise Rawlings and Kellie Dworkin for dedicating so much of their time to the improvements of their islands. Denise actually is tending two islands and the entrance at 79th Street! We appreciate all your work!

The Beautification committee has finished their improvements at the pool for this season. Now, our focus will be plant and lawn maintenance, and upkeep on the new sprinkler system. The islands continue to be “works in progress”, but will be beautiful when completed.

Lastly, Colony Woods Garden Tour will be Saturday, June 25th from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Come view the exquisite gardens and yards at:

7911 Rosehill Road
8246 Parkhill Circle
8255 Parkhill Circle
12637 W. 82nd Terrace
8015 Westgate Drive

****Watch for the flags in the ‘tour yards’
to show you which houses are on the tour!****

Vandalism at the Pool – Already?

Vandals entered the pool in early May and used the deep end for a half pipe with their bicycles. The result was three of our new tiles being broken (the day after installation), the deep end light being broken, and tire marks all over the pool surface. Fortunately, we were able to have the tire marks removed. However, the pool renovation company estimated the cost of repair at \$6,000 had we not been able to scrub off the marks. Had the pool liner been damaged, the price could have been as high as \$25,000. Seems kind of costly for what was thought to be in innocent prank. The tile company agreed to replace the tiles at no charge and the cost of the cleaning and light repair was \$250. A police report was filed on this matter. Anyone caught trespassing on or destroying Colony Woods property will be prosecuted and the cost of any damages will be sought from the offending party(s).

Water Aerobics

We have a time and day! Water Aerobics will be Monday and Wednesday: 5:30—6:30 beginning on June 6th. Cost for the classes will be determined by how many we have signed up. Please contact Joy Cooper to participate (492-7358 or coopdj@everestkc.net) or just show up on Monday the 6th at 5:30.

NOTES FROM THE PRESIDENT

Complaints during May

Cleaning up after your pet continues to be cause for my phone to ring. One resident wrote me a letter which I thought relayed the general thoughts on this topic pretty well:

Board of Directors/President Bob Webber:

While out walking our dog this year, we have noticed something that has increasingly become disturbing to us as residents of Colony Woods.

There has become an increasing tendency for other dog owners in the neighborhood to allow their pets to leave their droppings on the ground without picking up after them. We find this particularly offensive, but in addition we noticed last evening that (in three different locations) near to the CWHA swimming pool, that these owners had allowed their dogs to leave their messes on the sidewalk. This total lack of regard for us as owners of property in Colony Woods is reprehensible in our opinion, and should not be tolerated. We cannot imagine what kind of impression that this gives to our visitors.

As some of you may know, there is an easy solution for these people. These owners can simply use plastic bags (we use our newspaper delivery plastic bags), to pick up after their pet, and then put it into the trash at their homes. We see some of our neighbors doing this, but others are obviously not. Those who do not are apparently regularly walking their dogs at night so others cannot see this reprehensible behavior. This clearly indicates that they know better ... they simply don't want to get caught.

We can do better. We should be proud of our neighborhood, and of the folks who live here. Let's try to make this a nicer neighborhood.

City of Lenexa Cleanup Days Schedule – The following is a list of dumpster days and heavy item pick up days in Lenexa:

- Curb-side large item pick up June 11
- Dumpster Days at Cottonwood August 6 & 7
October 7 & 8

This is a great opportunity to throw out the old to help improve the quality and appearance of your property and of Colony Woods as a whole.

Colony Woods Board and Committees Positions

As we approach the half way point in the year, it is time to start planning for next year. Please consider service to your community as a worthwhile opportunity to serve. Various positions will be open on the Board and on various committees in 2006. What are your strengths and what you can bring to this great community in terms of leadership? **Begin thinking about it today.**

Contacts with the City of Lenexa

Requests have been made to the City of Lenexa for two items. The first is for more aggressive weed control in the brick and walls on 83rd Street. A positive response was received from Bill Nicks. Ron Norris was also contacted about the installation of crosswalks at 80th and Rosehill and at Westgate and Rosehill to serve as crossing point for our children going to the pool and to improve safety on Rosehill. His response was to hand it off for further study which, in the past has not resulted in favorable answers. If you have an opinion about either of these topics, you can communicate these to the following email addresses: Bill Nicks - bnicks@ci.lenexa.ks.us or Ron Norris – rnorris@ci.lenexa.ks.us.

...From the Social Committee



Ladies - mark your calendars, our next night out is June 17th at the pool. Should be nice and hot by then, so bring an appetizer to share and BYOB – *no glass please*. We'll start at 6:00 and go until?? Looking forward to seeing you then.

Next LNO's

July 29th @ TGIF (Shawnee Station)

August 26th – Location to be determined.



If you want to receive an e-mail reminder about the next LNO, please contact Diane Conway - con5way@everestkc.net and she'll add you to her reminder list.

“Take me out to the ball game”

Come join your Colony Woods neighbors at the June 25th T-Bones game for a Family Fun Night. If you have not been to this ballpark, you are in for a treat. Anyone interested in going should meet at the pool @ 4:30 p.m. Tickets are \$5 for GA. Bring tailgate food and a beverage and chairs or blankets to sit on. If you can't meet at 4:30, meet us at the stadium which is out by the Kansas Speedway

Congratulations CW Graduates:

Stephanie Benedict graduated with her Bachelor of Arts degree in Human Biology from Kansas University. She will go on to graduate school at the University of Missouri St. Louis to study Optometry.

Elizabeth Anne Benedict graduated from St. Thomas Aquinas High School. She will attend the University of Kansas next fall studying Broadcast Journalism.

Matt Baker graduated from Kansas State University with a Bachelor's Degree in Construction Science. After a much deserved trip to Cost Rica (a graduation gift from his parents), Matt will start his Construction Management career with Walton Construction Company.

Becky Joines—Loyala University—Summa Cum Laude

John Kennyhertz—UMKC School of Law

Ann Bianculli—Kansas State University

To recognize your recent graduates, please forward the information to deanweishaar@hotmail.com.

SUMMARY OF COLONY WOODS MAY 9TH BOARD MEETING

Pool Committee: Vandalism occurred at the pool during the first week of May. The cost to repair the damage (broken light, 3 broken tiles and black tire marks in deep end of pool) was approximately \$250.00. There will be no changes made to the pool rules for 2005. D. Cooper distributed a sign-up sheet asking for volunteers to pass out pool tags the weekends of May 28th-29th and June 4th-5th. He is asking volunteers to work in 2 hour increments.

Newsletter: The Board's approval was requested to add a "kid's corner" to the newsletter. The Board agreed to add the column.

Hospitality: There are currently 3 or 4 homes for sale in CW. Four home sales are pending and awaiting closing dates.

Social Committee: The upcoming pool opening party will be held June 4th at noon. The social committee will be furnishing pizza, salad and dessert.

J. Kuhn showed the Board the new signs that were purchased to advertise upcoming events. The Board agreed that they will be a nice addition to the neighborhood.

Beautification: It was reported that updating at the pool is complete other than some minor planting and some mulching that will be done at pool clean-up. A break down of work that has been done or needs was provided. The irrigation system surrounding the pool grounds has been installed.

The Beautification Committee will prepare an article in the newsletter advertising the date and a contact name and number for neighbors interested in participating in the garden tour.

Treasurer: Currently 4 homes have not paid their homeowner dues. It was noted that one property has sold and the CW HOA will be receiving \$2,181.17 from prior year's dues and penalty's. Lien notices have been prepared and will be sent to residents at 8000 Rosehill Road; 7923 Rosehill Road; and 7903 Rosehill Road. Those not paying their dues by May 20 will have liens filed against their property.

Neighborhood Classified:

LOST AND FOUND:

In April, a nicely carved walking stick was found in the pool area. Anyone who has lost one can contact Nicia Gdanski to claim it.

FOR SALE:

If anyone would like to purchase a roll/s of those great yellow trash bags, please contact Kevin Conway, 541-0042. He is selling them for Boy Scouts. They are \$8 for 25 bags.

Deliver to Current Resident or:

We're on the Web
www.ourcolonywoods.com

Calendar of Events

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| June 4th | Pool Opening Party |
| June 6th | Water Aerobics Begins |
| June 17th | Ladies Night Out—CW Pool |
| June 25th | Colony Woods Garden Tour |
| June 25th | Social Outing—T-Bones Baseball Game |
| July 4th | Annual Picnic and Barbeque (30th Anniversary) |