



Colony Woods News

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Colony Woods – 30 years and counting... *Jennifer Kuhn, Social Committee Chair*

It's hard to believe that the first neighbors moved into Colony Woods 30 years ago. Since that time, there have been many changes to our neighborhood. In speaking with several of the neighbors who have been here since the late 70's and early 80's, it was interesting to hear why these folks moved into the neighborhood and equally heartwarming as to why they have stayed. The overwhelming reason for picking Colony Woods was location, location, location.

One neighbor commented that it took one drive through early Colony Woods and they were enchanted. Everyone loved the trees, the pool, the park and the convenience to just about everything.

The neighbors also mentioned that they loved the houses in the neighborhood and how each was unique in some way, but they especially loved how almost everyone in Colony Woods takes wonderful care of their homes and yards. It is a testament to the kind of people that live in this great neighborhood.

It is a wonderful place to raise a family. Each year we see children who have lived in Colony Woods for many years graduate from high school and move onto the next phase of their lives while greeting new neighbors with small children who will also grow up in Colony Woods and become a special part of our neighborhood.

As we celebrate this 30th Anniversary of Colony Woods, we can be proud of the neighborhood we all call home. We can be proud of how well the neighbors care for their homes. We can be proud of the involvement of neighbors in the community.

We can take pride in our Board of Directors who governs this neighborhood with care and consideration for all neighbors. We can appreciate the work done by committee chairs over the years who have worked to keep the neighborhood architecturally sound, beautiful and social. We can be thankful for those committee chairs who have worked so hard to keep our pool looking new each and every year.

Neighbors have come and gone and will continue to come and go, but the indelible impact each has had on their neighbors and this neighborhood will continue on for years to come.

**Mark Your Calendars for
Labor Day Pancake Feed**

WHAT ARE SPEED HUMPS?

For several years, your Colony Woods Board has had conversations with the City of Lenexa about how to slow the traffic down on Rosehill Road. This is called “traffic calming” at city hall. This spring the city was asked if they would consider putting in crosswalks at 80th and Rosehill and at Westgate and Rosehill, along with signage intended to slow traffic down. That request has been rejected for what seem to be good reasons based on legitimate studies that have been done on the topic. One suggestion the City is considering, on a test basis, is the use of speed humps along residential streets where speed is a problem. Although they have not finally decided to try this, they might consider Colony Woods as a test sight.

What is a speed hump? It is like a speed bump (the ones we all hate) except they are quite a bit wider, a little wider than the length of a car. They are also not as high. A car traveling at the speed limit of 25mph could negotiate the speed hump at that speed. Cars traveling above that speed could get a good jar depending on how fast they are going above the speed limit.

As a very preliminary step, I would like to hear from anyone who has an opinion on this topic. While those who live on Rosehill are the most affected by speeding cars, those living away from Rosehill also use the street and will be affected by having to drive over the humps. **What is your opinion? Write me at rlwebber@everestkc.net.**

As a final note, the City has in no way agreed to do this and my question is strictly preliminary to any future discussions of the subject.

Notes from the Beautification Committee:

Things have been slow for our committee the past month. Most of the planting and designing were done in the spring, and now it's just a matter of maintaining and sometimes struggling to keep our plants and trees healthy and alive! We want to extend a thank you to all our island captains that have worked so hard to support us in our undertakings, in particular Paula & Mike Costello, Carol & Bill Mechler, and Susie Shafer for helping Denise Rawlings with the watering duties on one of the islands. Watch for more activity from our committee as the weather cools down a bit, but until then, stay cool and keep your plants and trees healthy!

**From the
Desk of
the
Hospitality
Chairman**

Introducing:

Robert and Christina Matulis reside at 12810 W 82nd St. Robert is an engineer at Henderson Engineers in Lenexa and enjoys gardening. Christina is a stay at home mom. Her hobby is scrapbooking. They have 2 children, 4 year old John and 2 1/2 year old Maria.

Todd and Cherie Coleman reside at 12600 W. 82nd Terr. Todd and Cherie are employed by The Trane Company. They have 2 children. Diana will be a Junior at SMN, and Steven will be an eighth grader at Hocker. Baxtor, a Basset Hound and Tabor, a cat are their pets.

Welcome to Colony Woods

NOTES FROM THE PRESIDENT

Complaints during June

One complaint was received this month, only this one was from the City of Lenexa. Apparently, someone filed a complaint with the City regarding our failure to have a permit to build the trash can screen at the pool. This problem was easily taken care of, although at an additional cost to the home owners of \$65.

City of Lenexa Cleanup Days Schedule – The following is a list of dumpster days:

Dumpster Days at Cottonwood August 6 & 7 and 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 our neighborhood.

Colony Woods Board and Committees Positions

It is that time again to identify 2006 vacancies on your Board. It is also time for you to consider serving your community. Various positions will be open on the Board and on various committees in 2006. What are your strengths and what can **you** bring to this great community in terms of leadership? **Begin thinking about it today.**

Contacts with the City of Lenexa

The City has now responded to all of the concerns that have been presented. Regarding crosswalks on Rosehill Road, it does not appear that those will be installed. Studies show that crosswalks tend to create a greater hazard because pedestrians pay less attention and tend to trust that motorists will stop. In addition, as a matter of policy, the City will not install crosswalks or stop signs if they are for the purpose of slowing down traffic on streets. There must be a legitimate need for each.

Please see the article on **HUMPS** for one option that the City presented to possibly help slow traffic on Rosehill Road.

Maintenance of 83rd and 79th Street

Residents with property bordering on 83rd and 79th Streets are responsible for maintaining these areas including mowing and cultivating, as the case may be. During the month, one resident on 83rd Street did exactly that. Looks nice! Please help us to maintain a pleasant appearance of the areas around our subdivision. For those just driving by, it can lead to a good or bad impression of Colony Woods. Good impressions can mean improved values of our homes.

The 30th Anniversary Celebration

This year we celebrated the 30th anniversary of Colony Woods, as part of the July 4th picnic. In addition to the traditional children's bicycle decorating competition, the Grill Team, and the parade, we also had a short article in the Kansas City Star and had visits from the Lenexa Police Department, the Lenexa Fire Department, and Johnson County MedAct. They brought their equipment with them and the kids (and adults) had a great time climbing all over the rigs.



Everyone had a really good time at the picnic. Tony Bianculli's Grill Team once again was on top of their game in grilling the burgers, brats, and dogs. Thanks so much to the Social Committee for again putting on another first rate social event for our community

Social Committee News.....

Next Social Committee meeting is August 9, 2005 at 7:00 p.m. at the home of Jennifer Kuhn, 12709 W. 82nd Street. We need lots of neighbors to join us as we begin planning the rest of the year, including the Holiday Social and Board Elections. If you would like to join the Social Committee, please feel free to come on by. Any questions, 894-4309.

Next Ladies Nite Out is August 26, 2005. Location to be announced. Look for the signs and keep checking your e-mail. If you would like to be added to the LNO reminder e-mail list, contact Dianne Conway at con5way@everestkc.net.



We are planning a LNO in September at All Fired Up. We had such a great time last year making beautiful ceramics that we are doing it again. Might be a good time to create some holiday gifts!! Come join in the fun!!

Mark your calendars, the Holiday Social will be Saturday December 3, 2005. We are in the process of looking for host homes. If you are interested in hosting this year's event, please contact Jennifer Kuhn at 913-894-4309.

Your Social Committee is also planning a fall event. Keep watching the corners for signs and newsletters for information.

WATER AEROBICS EVERY MONDAY AND WEDNESDAY AT THE POOL, 5:30 PM (COST? - \$3).

Coming in October

Chili Dinner and Family Cookoff in the Park—Date to be determined

COME TO COLONY WOODS FIRST ANNUAL LABOR DAY PANCAKE FEED



Want a “flippin” good time? Join your Colony Woods neighbors for the first annual **LABOR DAY PANCAKE FEED** and help celebrate the end of another wonderful summer. Monday, September 5, 2005 at the pool. Join us from 9:00 to 11:00 AM for pancakes, fruit, and juice.

Price: **\$2 per person (Cheap!)**. Everything is provided. The pool will be open early so come and enjoy the fun!

CWHA BOARD MEETING SUMMARY FOR JULY 11, 2005

Pool Committee: D. Cooper reported that the issues with pool temperature have been resolved. The pool committee will be looking into purchasing some new pool furniture by the end of the season for next year. At this point there are some pieces of pool furniture that are stained but none are non-functional. The cabana and pump house have been sprayed for carpenter ants.

Hospitality: A. Marshall reported that there are currently 6 homes for sale in CW (1 is FSBO). There have been 13 homes put on the market this year.

Social Committee: S. Sanders reported that there was a good turnout at the 4th of July party.

K. Dworkin expressed interest in holding a pancake breakfast at the pool. K. Dworkin will be contacting Chris Cakes to check their availability if we were to hold the event on Labor Day. A short discussion was held regarding the number of residents that would need to be served in order to make this event worthwhile.

Beautification: B. Webber reported that there are 4 islands that have not received attention this year. Per L. Brisson, the committee is looking at hiring this work out due to lack of time and volunteers. B. Webber suggested getting a bid from the lawn company which would include island upkeep to submit for next year's budget. This would keep all islands looking good and prevent burn out from residents.

Architectural Review: A brief discussion was held regarding a letter received from a resident whom had requested permission to widen their driveway. The board agreed that they had handled this situation properly. This letter and Architectural Review Committee form for the project have been attached to the minutes of this meeting.

Treasurer: J. Magliano reported that the last resident owing homes association dues has contacted him and they will be paid by month end. Homes Association dues will be 100% paid after this is collected.

Old Business: B. Webber reported that the city has cleaned up the sidewalks on 79th and 83rd Street. He is still waiting to hear back on his request for crosswalks on Rosehill Road.

New Business: B. Webber requested that J. Kuhn write the front page article for the August newsletter.

A brief discussion was held regarding Board positions for next year.

McKenzie Baker and Meghan McCluskey would like to pet sit your pets. They are reliable 9 year olds and are experience with a variety of animals. Call McKenzie at 492-7845 or Meghan at 310-0981

Deliver to Current Resident or:

We're on the Web
www.ourcolonywoods.com

Calendar of Events

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| August 6/7 | City of Lenexa Cleanup Weekend |
| August 9 | Social Committee Meeting |
| August 26 | Ladies Night Out |
| September 5 | Labor Day Pancake Feed |