



Colony Woods News

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LOOKING FOR HOLIDAY SOCIAL HOSTS

By Linda Brisson

“Colony Woods” – It’s a neighborhood my husband Joe and I wanted to live in after transferring to the Kansas City area and finally, after many home tours, we found ‘our’ house. We previously had lived in one of those “other neighborhoods”, but all our friends from school, church and sports lived in Colony Woods. We would visit our friends at the pool and found that the pool is the center of socializing during the summer. At that time, I was involved in a playgroup that consisted of mostly Colony Woods moms, so we spent a majority of our time here. In our former neighborhood, no one came outside, so we rarely saw our neighbors, unless they were driving by. Once we moved into this neighborhood, we found that it takes an entire summer evening to walk about two blocks because there is always someone in their yard, ready to chat. This community is full of friendly, smiling, welcoming neighbors. It’s what brought us to this neighborhood, and what makes it so enjoyable to call this home.

One of our core events for socializing with your Colony Woods friends and meeting new neighbors is our annual Holiday Social. This year’s social is scheduled for Saturday, December 3. This is designed as a progressive event, with three homes volunteering to act as hosts for their neighbors to get together during the holidays. It also serves as the Association’s Annual Meeting including the election of its Officers for the coming year. Every neighbor receives an invitation in the mail directing them to the home that will be their starting point for the evening. After roughly an hour of eating delicious food and sampling various beverages, guests move on to their second home on their ‘tour’ and then later to the third home. At the second and third homes attendees will be greeted by a different group of neighbors than were at the first home, with the hopes that you will eventually see all the neighbors attending the event that evening.

We need three families to volunteer to host this occasion. The social committee provides the beverages and the first group of guests to each home supplies the hors d’oeuvres. All that is expected of the hosts is to welcome the neighbors into their house and to ensure that each resident votes. Your home doesn’t need to be large; your guests can mingle in many rooms as well as in one. If you’ve recently updated your kitchen, or another room in your house, please feel free to ‘show it off’ to the neighbors! If you haven’t, that’s fine too, we’d love to just socialize with our friends, and your home may be the best place to do that!

Plan to Attend the Labor Day Pancake Feed at the Pool. This is also our pool closing day. The pool will open at 9:00 AM

NOTES FROM THE PRESIDENT

Complaints to the President

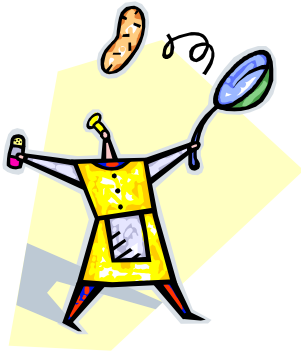
Two complaints were received regarding homes that are in various stages of being painted. Painting projects greatly improve the appearance of our neighborhood. Please complete these projects as soon as possible after beginning the project.

Colony Woods Board and Committees Positions

It is 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 conducted a study on “limited sight distances” on Rosehill Road and found several areas where there is limited visibility due to turns in the road, overgrown vegetation, and an earthen berm. The City is planning to remove overgrown vegetation and sign areas where visibility is less than desirable on Rosehill Road. Hopefully, this will help in improving safety for both autos turning on to Rosehill and pedestrians.



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

SPEED HUMPS?

In last month’s newsletter I wrote about speed humps and asked for input from you regarding your feelings. Unfortunately, I had very little response. Most disappointing was the small response by those most affected by speeding cars, those that live on Rosehill Road. My take on this is that there is little interest in this subject. Is it the view of most of our neighbors that speeding cars are not a problem? In particular, what is your opinion on the speed of traffic in our neighborhood and on speed humps as a potential solution?

What is your opinion? Write me at rlwebber@everestkc.net.

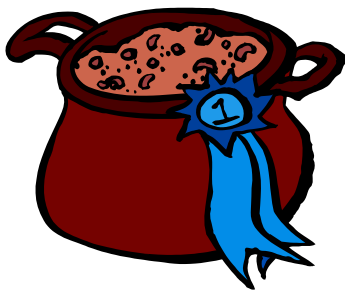
Social Committee News.....

Next Social Committee meeting is September 13, 2005 7:00 p.m. at the home of Angelina Marshall, 12607 W. 81st Terr. We need lots of neighbors to join us as we are finalizing plans for 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 September 23, 2005 at Mi Ranchito, I-35 and 95th Street. They have an outdoor deck and fabulous cheese dip. 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.

Want to bring out your creative side and have fun at the same time, then join us on October 21, 2005 at All Fired Up, downtown, Overland Park. 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!! Cost for paint and firing is \$6.00. Ceramics are priced from \$5 to \$50. Bring something to drink and an appetizer to share. Come join in the fun!! Starts around 6:00 p.m.



Are you an expert at making chili? Then the Colony Woods Chili Cook Off is the place to be on October 22, 2005 at the pool parking lot. We will be judging the best chili in the neighborhood so now is the time to show your cooking skills. We will have activities for including a moonwalk for the kids. Kids are encouraged to bring their already carved/decorated pumpkins as we will also have prizes for the cutest, scariest, most unusual pumpkin creations. We will have hot dogs and lemonade. The fun begins at 3:00 to 7:00. *BYOB if you don't drink lemonade*

FORE!!

- Dust off the ol' clubs and join us for the Annual Colony Woods Golf Tournament.

September 24, 2005
Oak Country Golf Course
DeSoto, KS
3:00 Putting Contest
3:15 Tee Off
\$ 20 per person



Dinner & Awards to follow at Barley's Brewhouse @ 7:00 (I-435 & Midland)

*** If anyone has company sponsored gifts they'd like to donate, koozies, tees, golf balls, etc. Please call Suzanne Sanders at 322-2244.

RSVP to Suzanne Sanders 322-2244 or Vicki Baker 492-7845



Upcoming events

November 27th, 2005 @ 6:30 - Annual Tree lighting at the pool, Santa will also be there to help hand out cookies and hot chocolate.

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Mark your calendars, the Holiday Social and Board Elections will be Saturday December 3, 2005. WE NEED HOST HOMES!! All you have to do is open your home to your neighbors; we will supply everything else, including a monetary gift to use however you would like. If you are interested in hosting this year's event, please contact Jennifer Kuhn at 913-894-4309.

Deliver to Current Resident or:

We're on the Web
www.ourcolonywoods.com

Calendar of Events

September 5	Labor Day Pancake Feed
September 23	Ladies Nite Out
September 24	CW Golf Tournament
October 21	Ladies Nite Out
October 22	CW Chili Cookoff
November 27	Annual Tree Lighting
December 3	Holiday Social and Board Election