



# Colony Woods News

December, 2005

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## **SO WHAT WAS ACCOMPLISHED IN COLONY WOODS IN 2005?**

**By Bob Webber, President**

Over the years, I have served in numerous capacities in this community and have always marveled at how well things get done and how this community just keeps getting better as the years go by. This year, however, was very special. Your Board, its Committee Chairs and Committee Members, and all the volunteers simply outdid themselves in 2005.

At the beginning of the year, considerable time was spent setting goals for 2005. This was the second year for this process. These goals were handed out at the Open Board Meeting and printed in the April 2005 newsletter which is available at [www.ourcolonywoods.com](http://www.ourcolonywoods.com). Here is what was accomplished in 2005.

At the pool, the planting areas were completely renovated, a screen was built to hide our trash, the parking lot was sealed, the cabana and pump house were painted, and the outside retaining wall was washed and stained. All of this was accomplished for little more than the cost of materials using volunteer labor. In addition, an irrigation system was installed, two trees were removed (and one other tree on one of the circles), replacement pool furniture was purchased, new shade alternatives were installed, and the grassy areas around the pool were renovated. The pool liner was also repaired and new tiles were added to the top of the liner.

In addition to all the traditional social activities offered in Colony Woods, social functions were expanded by adding the Pancake Breakfast on Labor Day, which raised several hundred dollars for Katrina relief, the Chili Cook-off, and a night at the T-Bones. A very successful water aerobics class was also initiated. We celebrated our 30<sup>th</sup> anniversary as a sub-division. As part of this we were able to get coverage in the Kansas City Star. The celebration included visits and displays from the Lenexa Police and Fire Departments and Johnson County MedAct. The kids (and the adult kids) had a great time climbing all over the equipment.

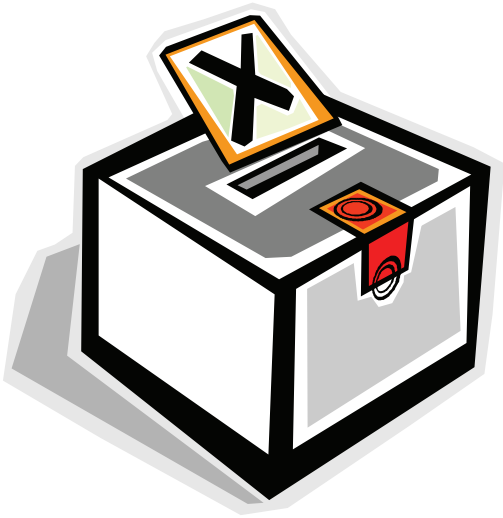
Services provided to our community were improved with the hiring of a new full service grounds maintenance company and a new pool management company for 2006. We were successful in having the City of Lenexa do an engineer/site distance study on Rosehill Road resulting in altering landscaping and speed limits to improve safety on that street. (Have you notice the new speed limit signs on Rosehill?) The City also responded to our complaints by cleaning up the weeds in the bricks and walls on 83<sup>rd</sup> Street. Finally, our faded entrance signs were painted.

We listened to your sometimes animated comments about “speed humps” and they were not installed. We tried to keep you better informed on the financial aspects of CW. Our website continued to improve with the help of your input. Picking up after our pets has been improved although additional work by a few residents is still necessary.

So was 2005 a successful year? Absolutely! At the left of this article are the names of those who serve as Board members and Committee chairs. If you see one of them or if you observed one of their Committee members volunteering their time, take a minute to say thank you. This committed and hard working group is so appreciated.

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## COLONY WOODS ANNUAL MEETING AND VOTING PROCEDURES



As required by the Bylaws of Colony Woods the annual voting for your 2006 slate of officers and directors will be held on December 3, 2005. This is part of the function of the Annual Colony Woods Holiday Social. Ballots will be available at the first house you attend at the holiday social. Only one ballot is cast for each Colony Woods household.

If are unable to attend the holiday social, you are still encouraged to vote. Please call Bob Webber (888-9636) or Tom Thornhill (888-8749) to obtain a ballot. Ballots will be available after November 14, 2004 and must be submitted to Bob Webber no later than December 3, 2005.

## NOTES FROM THE PRESIDENT

### Complaints to the President

Although there were some complaints this month, rather than comment on those, I would like to say thanks to all of those that I called this year with a problem or issue. Not once was I received in any other than a cordial manner. In every case, the problem being raised was addressed and cured within a very short time period. Thanks for your courtesy and cooperation.

### Colony Woods Home Improvements

Have you noticed all the ongoing construction in Colony Woods? New roofs, patios, decks, paint, siding, driveways, windows, furnaces, air conditioners, and interior work to mention a few. Maintaining our homes helps improve the value of our neighborhood and therefore all our homes. In addition, regular maintenance helps homeowners to avoid bigger problems when things are let go. Our neighborhood may be 30 years old, but it doesn't look it thanks to you.

### Speeding in Colony Woods

Early observations are that we have slowed down. However, there are still some who cannot seem to get to the next corner fast enough. Take time to review your habits. If you are one of those who are always in a hurry, please take time to slow down. By speeding, you may save 5 or 10 seconds getting to the end of the street. **But what is the potential cost?**

😊 **PLAN TO ATTEND THE COLONY WOODS HOLIDAY**

**SOCIAL ON DECEMBER 3** 😊

## Social Committee News.....

Want to have some fun and meet fun people at the same time, come and join the Colony Woods Social Committee. This is a great committee that helps make sure that there are activities for the whole family throughout the year. This is a very small commitment of your time but the reward is immense. If you are interested in joining, call Jennifer Kuhn 894-4309.

Watch your newsletter and e-mails for the next Ladies Nite Out. We will begin again in January.

If you would like to be added to the LNO reminder e-mail list, contact Dianne Conway at [con5way@everestkc.net](mailto:con5way@everestkc.net).

### Upcoming events:

RESCHEDULED!!! - Due to the inclement weather on the 27<sup>th</sup>, we have rescheduled this event.

December 4th @ 6:30 - Annual Tree lighting at the pool!! Santa Claus will be there to hear your holiday wishes and hand out cookies and hot chocolate. We will also have music and caroling, come join in the fun!!

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Don't forget!!

## ANNUAL HOLIDAY SOCIAL AND BOARD ELECTIONS



Come and celebrate the season with your neighbors on **December 3, 2005** starting at 7:00 p.m. Your personal invitation, sent to you in early November, will tell you where to start your evening. We have three host homes this year and we will progress from house to house throughout the evening.

**Diane Snyder - 12725 W. 82<sup>nd</sup> Street**

**Craig and Sandy Jorgensen - 8150 Rosehill Road**

**Dean and Stefanie Weishaar - 7937 Westgate**

**This event is also our annual election of the Colony Woods**

**Looking forward to a fabulous evening.**

**Please Bring an Appetizer to your first house. Wine, beer and soft drinks will be provided**

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## **DUES NOTICES TO BE MAILED**

**The annual dues assessments will be mailed around the first of December. Please note that there is a dues increase of \$15 for next year. This is the first time in several years that there has been a dues increase despite ever increasing costs. Dues are payable on January 1, 2006 and past due on February 1, 2006. As stated in the dues notice, a new fee and penalty structure was adopted this year which addresses the problems of the few residents who fail to pay their dues on time. These fees and penalties help to more equitably recognize the time it takes to address these few collection problems. If you need to make special arrangements to meet your dues obligation, please contact the Treasurer, Jerry Magliano, at 913-541-8764.**

**From the  
desk of  
the  
Hospitality  
Chair**

### **Introducing:**

**Peter and Rhonda Loftus** reside at 12722 W. 82nd Street. Peter is employed by Cardinal Health Care and Rhonda is employed by Associated Wholesale grocers. Peter and Rhonda enjoy boating. Their pet dog is Abbey.

**Tony and Dana Corporon** reside at 8228 Rosehill Road. Tony is an attorney for Perry and Trent LLC; Dana is a Mortgage Originator for Peoples Bank. Tony enjoys cooking, fishing and hunting. Dana enjoys stained glass windows and mosaics. Peiton is their dog and Ramses and Marlo are their pet cats.

**Jeff VanHoose** resides at 8147 Westgate Drive. Jeff is employed by Tallgrass Technologies. He enjoys computers and electronics.

**Leo and Lynette Logan** reside at 12713 W. 82nd Street. Leo is employed by Coates and Logan LLC as an attorney. Lynettes is the Assistant Bookkeeper at Coates and Logan LLC. Skeeter is their pet dog.

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This has been a record year for Colony Woods. We have welcomed sixteen new residents. There are currently five houses for sale in our neighborhood. This is my last opportunity to welcome new residents as Hospitality Chairman. A big thanks for everyone that has assisted me in this effort. Please welcome Beth Thornhill as the new chairman.

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## COLONY WOODS BOARD MEETING SUMMARY

### NOVEMBER 14, 2005

T. Thornhill updated the Board on the status of Board and Committee positions available for 2006. The nominees are: Tom Thornhill – President, Kevin Sanders Vice-president, Jerry Magliano – Treasurer, and Mary Baker – Secretary. Director candidates are: Kellie Dworkin, Christine Benedict, Al Cohen, and Ty Van Landingham.

B. Webber registered concern about how the voting went last year and asked each Board and Committee member to be aware at the first home they visit to help ensure that attendees are properly directed to a voting area and that the voting is handled in an appropriate manner. Voting instructions and the ballots will be delivered to each of the host homes by B. Webber on December 3, prior to the social.

**Pool Committee:** A new contract has been finalized with KC Pool Care, Inc. The contract needs to be signed and returned along with a check for the \$1,000 initial payment. The contract runs from December 1, 2005 to November 30, 2006.

**Hospitality:** Year-to-date there are 16 new residents in Colony Woods, 15 new owners and one new renter. This compares to 11 new residents in 2004. There are currently 5 houses for sale in the neighborhood. It was announced that Beth Thornhill will be taking over as the head of the Hospitality Committee in 2006.

**Social Committee:** The remaining socials for the year include the Tree Lighting at the pool on 11/27 (to be held at 6:30 pm) and the Holiday Social/Election on 12/3. The hosts for this year's Holiday Social are Dean and Stefanie Weishaar, Diane Snyder, and Craig and Sandy Jorgensen.

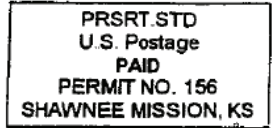
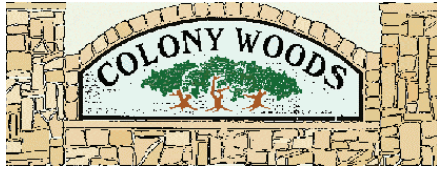
**Beautification:** A contract had been signed to have Top Care, Inc. to take over all grounds maintenance in Colony Woods effective October 15, 2005.

**Architectural Review:** There was one request for a new roof this month. This request was approved by the Architectural Review Committee.

**Treasurer:** J. Magliano distributed a budget status report for the year-to-date status along with a 2006 Budget Estimate. A lengthy discussion was held concerning the remaining balance in this year's budget and the increase in 2006 expenses for trash collection, new pool management company, ground's maintenance. The need for additional funding for 2006 was discussed, including the need for an increase and the amount of increase needed. B. Webber made a motion to increase dues by \$15 per year from \$325 to \$340. The motion was seconded and carried unanimously. Dues notices are scheduled to go out on or about December 1, 2005.

**Old Business:** A copy of the 2005 goals that this Board had agreed upon at the beginning of the year was distributed. The successes of this Board in meeting its goals were discussed and how each Board member and each Committee Chair (and their committee members) had stepped up and accomplished so much. Of particular note were the number of projects and ideas and how they were carried out in a timely manner without delay.

**New Business:** It was suggested that certain changes that further define the Colony Woods Restrictions should be codified and recorded in the Johnson County records. He will look into this with a view of getting this accomplished by the end of January 2006.



**Deliver to Current Resident or:**

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## **Calendar of Events**

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| <b>December 3</b> | Holiday Social and Board Election |
| <b>December 4</b> | Annual Tree Lighting              |
| <b>January 1</b>  | Home Owners Association Fees Due  |