

Colony Woods News

OCTOBER, 2007

A MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

Kevin Sanders

You have all probably noticed a fair amount of work being done around the common areas in Colony Woods. We contracted Top Care Lawn to do renovations on all of the islands and both entrances to our beautiful neighborhood. Some of those areas will get little work and some will have received a major facelift.

The Board would like to thank Linda Brisson and Bob Webber for their hard work putting together the plans for island and entrance renovations. They will continue work on plans for more renovations throughout the neighborhood.

You also may have noticed work being done at the pool. The pool deck and pool tiles have been repaired and a new fiberglass pool liner has been installed. The Board voted and decided to eliminate the baby pool. It will be filled with concrete and the wrought iron fence enclosing it will be removed. A lot of hard work has gone into planning these necessary renovations at the pool. Thank You LeAnn Bissonnette and Greg Conway for all your hard work. The pool planning committee continues to work on plans for a total pool area facelift coming in the future.

We think everyone will be pleased with the changes that our Beautification and Pool Committee have begun to implement.

One last thing as we approach the last few months of the year. There will be a few Board positions opening up for the 2008 year and if you have never volunteered to serve your neighborhood maybe now would be the time! The hard work and commitment of Board and Committee member is a big part of why Colony Woods is such a desirable place to call home. If you are interested, please contact one of the current Board members.

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Message from a Neighbor:

Every morning I walk my dog, come rain or shine. Together we enjoy the beautiful neighborhood in which we live. Each season brings different sites, sounds and smells. I try to be an easy going person, but like everyone I have my pet peeves (no pun intended) and one of them are the irresponsible dog owners of Colony Woods. Dogs have needs. They need to be fed, watered and exercised whether they are small medium or large and the responsible dog owner takes care of these basic needs. However, when one lives in a wonderful community like we do, pet responsibilities are a little more extensive. We keep our dogs on leashes and try not to let them run around the neighborhood terrorizing cats or small children. We make sure they are checked out by the vet every year and get their immunizations. We bathe them when muddy and brush them when furry. But one thing which some members of the community fail to do as responsible pet owners is to clean up after their animals. The basic laws of nature dictate that what goes in one end must come out the other. Dogs poop – well, we all do but we humans have the advantage of being on the city sewer lines. Our dogs do not. The amount a dog poops is in direct proportion to the size of the animal. The larger the dog, the larger the ..well, you know what I mean. Now it has come to my attention of late (after nearly stepping in not one but two you know what's by my mail box) that some members of the dog owning community in Colony Woods are severely lacking in the activity of poop-picking-up-after-their-dog. I understand this is not the most pleasant of activities, but it is a very simple one to conduct. All one needs is a plastic bag – preferably with no holes in the bottom. The bag is turned inside out over the hands and the offending you know what is scooped up. The bag is turned the right side out and tied with a knot. Results? Picked up poop and clean hands. If you happen to walk pass Matt Taylor Park there are even poop bags available for use – and of course Hy-Vee or Hen House can supply grocery bags en masse if needed.

Why do I feel compelled to write on this topic? We have many new families in the neighborhood with small children that play at beautiful Matt Taylor Park and swim at the swimming pool. Let's not allow the park to become the neighborhood's dog sewer. If we all take responsibility for our dogs, the sidewalks, mail boxes, park and pool will remain clean for our children and grandchildren. So I challenge you – go ahead I dare you to be a responsible dog owner and join the group of poop-picker-uppers of Colony Woods.

Signed a poop-picker-upper of Colony Woods.

Social Committee News

We had great weather for the Labor Day Pancake Breakfast! The Social Committee profited approximately \$150.00 from this event. Two new easy up tents were purchased to be used for future events. Thanks to the Dworkin's for coordinating this event and all the other neighbors who helped pull it off!

Upcoming Events

Join us at the pool parking lot for our first ever Oktoberfest celebration on Saturday, October 13th from 6-10 pm. The evening will feature brats with all the fixins, German potato salad, slaw, and chips. There will be live classic rock entertainment with Brian Leftwich, starting at 7 pm.

**All of this for \$5.00 Plus one six pack of
premium beer per person!!
Don't Miss This Event!!!**



(This event will happen rain or shine... Rain out location will be at the Dworkin's home. 8015 Westgate Dr)

The next Ladies Night Out will be Thursday, October 25th at Wallaby's- 95th and Lackman. Be there anytime after 5 pm.

Save the Date

The annual CW Holiday Wine Social will be Saturday, December 1st. Look for invitations in the mail the first week or two in November. Please notify Jen or Suzanne if you do not receive an invitation in the mail!

In lieu of the tree lighting ceremony, Santa will be visiting us at Matt Taylor Park on Saturday, December 8th at 10 am for donuts with Santa! Bring the kids and your cameras for donuts, juice, and coffee.

The next Social Committee meeting will be held Monday, October 1st at 7pm at Jen Runyan's home. (8140 Westgate Drive)

We are always looking for fun people interested in continuing the great CW social tradition!! Come join us!!!

Welcome New Neighbors:

Rob and Lindsey Nickel live at 12637 W. 82nd Terrace. They moved here from Olathe in June. They have two children, Walker who is 7 and Kiana who is 5. They also have a dog named Vader. Rob works at Aero-comm as the Production Manager and Lindsey works part-time at Little Blessings Preschool. They enjoy sports and travel.

Tom and Heather Novacky live at 12590 W. 82nd Terrace. They moved here from Merriam in June. They have a 5 year-old daughter, Alyssa and two dogs; Piper, a Black Lab and Cricket, a Cavalier. Tom works at Bernstein-Rein, an advertising agency as a Print Buy and Heather works at Advanstar, a veterinary publication company as Advertising Manager. Their hobbies include traveling, going to the dog park and anything pet related.

Chris and Haven Gunther live at 8214 Rosehill. They moved here from Lexington subdivision in July. They have two children, Logan, who is 14 and Charity, who is 9. They also have a dog named Bridget. Chris works at Home Depot as a department head and contracts handyman services. Haven is a Database Administrator at DST Systems, Inc. Their hobby currently is working on their home. Logan enjoys reading, electronic games and playing tennis. Charity enjoys dance class and being with her friends.

In Remembrance:

Colony Woods Resident, Al Cohen, passed away July 11, 2007 while vacationing in Barcelona, Spain. His wife Linda lives at 12570 W. 82nd Terrace. He is greatly missed by all who knew him.

If any one is needing the Great Yellow trash bags or the White kitchen ones, Kevin Conway has them available – 541-0042 at 8103 Westgate
They are \$8.50 a roll of 25.

Perfect for Fall leaves !



Homes Needed:

The Social Committee is still looking for 1 host home for the Holiday Social. If you have never had the opportunity to host this hassle free event you are definitely missing out. The Social Committee will give you \$100.00 to be used as you please, either for decorations or house cleaning it's up to you. They will also provided all the drinks and paper products, all you need to do is volunteer your home and contact one of the Social Committee Chairpersons to get signed up. Any questions, call Suzanne Sanders 322-2244 or Jen Runyan 307-0101.

Colony Woods Homeowners Association Board Meeting September 10, 2007

CW President, Kevin Sanders, called the CW Board meeting to order on September 10, 2007 at approximately 7:00 p.m.

Board and Committee members present were M. Baker, L. Brisson, G. Conway, G. Quackenbush, K. Sanders and B. Webber

Committee Reports

Architectural Review:

K. Sanders reported that the CW attorney continues legal work on the unapproved roof at 12641 W. 82nd Street. Nothing new to report

Beautification:

L. Brisson and B. Webber presented the new Top Care, Inc. proposal to the CW Board. After reviewing the revised proposal, both the committee and the CW Board were satisfied with the recommended island renovation, seeding and soil work. A motion was made and seconded to accept Top Care's proposal along with additional watering allowance up to a \$500. The motion was approved. The original signed proposal will remain with B. Webber and a copy with the September CW Board minutes. Anyone interested in seeing the proposal, contact B. Webber.

Hospitality:

Nothing new to report

Newsletter:

Nothing new to report

Pool Committee:

Greg Conway reported on behalf of the ad-hoc pool committee. The Mid America Pool bid for the pool liner was reduced to \$18,940. This is approximately \$20,000 less than we originally thought and will include tile repair. We also will need \$2,840 worth of deck repairs which must be done before the liner is repaired. This brings the total to \$21,780. The prices are for repairs done this fall. Next year they will be more. Those totals are far less than any other alternative the Pool Committee has researched. Mid America Pool has agreed to accept half payment this year and the remaining balance next year. The pool committee is to submit the final proposal to the CW Board within the next several weeks in time for Fall work.

Social Committee:

See the newsletter for details on all social events.

Treasurers:

Glen Quackenbush reported that during the first month of using the new pop machine at the pool, the committee spent \$70 on pop, but grossed \$180. Next year we expect to triple that income. Anyone interested in seeing the treasurer's report should contact Glen.

Website:

Nothing new to report

Other Business: .

After a brief discussion, a motion was made and seconded to build a storage loft in the rafters of the pool cabana. The motion passed. K. Sanders will manage the project.

Calendar of Events:

October 13

Oktoberfest

October 25

Ladies Night Out

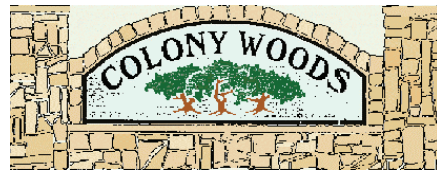
December 1

Holiday Social

December 8

Santa visits C.W.

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