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Fall 2015

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Neighbors

I'm so grateful to live in such a wonderful community and was recently reminded of this when taking a visitor around the neighborhood - what a secret treasure we live in. Although, as with anything, neglect will mean decline. Thankfully, our neighborhood is filled with neighbors who recognize what it takes - efforts of volunteers, contributions, sweat equity, community-building, etc. - to maintain our treasure.

Your current board would like to invite you to participate in all aspects of your neighborhood:

- Committees need volunteers - hospitality, landscaping, and communications could use some infusion of your talents and time.
- Our dues are quite low compared to other neighborhoods of our caliber at only \$125 per year. If you've not contributed to this year's fund, please help!
- Opportunities for landscaping with other nature lovers abound with restoring our newly found park - Wildcat Chase. Roll up your sleeves and come join us!
- Events abound - Please join with neighbors at our annual Colony Picnic on Sept. 20, it's always a lot of fun! Colony Creative Chicks kick off in October, see schedule in this newsletter.

If you have any ideas for our neighborhood, please let one of the board members know.

Carin Hahn Lovell

The Annual Colony Neighborhood Picnic

This year's Neighborhood Picnic will be held at Cathy & Fred O'Bryan's home at 1245 Standish Way on Sunday, September 20, 2015 2:00 pm. We'll be having an All-American Picnic and look forward to seeing all of the neighbors, their children and grandchildren. No RSVP required just bring a dish to share and come as you are!

We will be having some games and fun activities for the kids. If you would like to help with the picnic please contact Jennifer Rice at (TeamRice08@gmail.com) or any member of your Hospitality Committee. We look forward to a great day with friends and family!



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Wildcat Chase Stream Restoration Project

**Fall
Planting
September 12
10-1pm**

On May 23 a group of neighborhood volunteers showed up with shovels, gloves and weeding tools to do some hard but rewarding work. Thanks to a Fayette Urban County Government Neighborhood Action Matching Grant, the Neighborhood Association purchased approximately \$700.00 worth of trees, shrubs and other native material to plant along the bank of Wildcat Chase Stream. A special thanks to Laura Kessler, Jennifer Rice, Jenn Withers, PJ Quinnby (Jenn's mom), Sherri and Jerry Weisenfluh and Frankie Daniel for their contributions. We are also grateful to Neal Warner for his \$ 100.00 donation of water to maintain the new plantings this summer and fall.



Jane Madden explaining the planting map she designed for the project.

Landscaper Jane Madden and Master Gardner Tony Huston volunteered to create an overall greenspace design. A schematic drawing was presented at the Neighborhood Annual Meeting in May and gave individuals attending an opportunity to ask questions about the design and the Neighborhood Action Matching Grant. The design strikes a balance between creating an attractive green space and the desire to create a 25 foot riparian buffer using native plant species along the stream. The buffer helps protect the water bank and improve overall water quality.

As a part of the grant the Neighborhood Association participated for the first time in the Kentucky River Watershed Watch water quality program. Jerry Weisenfluh and Jane Madden, along with several other neighbors, received training to become KRWW samplers. The first sampling event was conducted May 16th. This spring event focuses on pesticide detection, specifically Triazine compounds. Our sample came back below detection, indicating there are no current issues with that type of herbicide.



Jerry Weisenfluh testing water samples

The additional fall plantings will be Saturday, September 12, 10-1pm. Besides the one day of planting, there is also plenty of maintenance work to be done on a regular basis to keep the plants healthy. And we will also need to prepare the plants for winter. We need volunteers who are willing to put in an hour or two each week to weed and mow and to continue the grant work.



If you are interested in getting involved, please contact
Tony Huston
Or
Jerry Weisenfluh

Landscape & Maintenance



For those of you who may be unaware, our neighborhood association is responsible for landscaping the four islands and the entrance to our neighborhood. The city provides mowing, however, we are responsible for the plantings, weeding, mulching, and debris removal. Additionally through the diligent grant writing of Sheri Weisenfluh and the professional input of Jane Madden, we have obtained a Neighborhood Action Match Program grant (NAMP) and have assumed responsibility for a portion of the green space surrounding the small brook near our entrance, now named the Wildcat Chase(WC).



Island maintenance is ongoing and represents a significant portion of our annual budget. Spring cleanup resulted in the removal of several dead or dying shrubs. Remaining shrubbery was trimmed and dead branches removed. The harsh winter resulted in significant die back of many plantings and trees. Plans call for replacement planting in the autumn. Until then, you will notice landscaping gaps in many of the islands.

Spring also saw activity at our newly established WC. Thanks to many volunteers several hundred dollars of perennial flowers, shrubbery and trees were purchased and planted along a designated portion of WC. Kudos to the Crocker's for their in-kind donation of plant material. Many plants at WC are natives, though we're also including recommended non-natives that are hardy to this environment. Ken Cooke, the Secretary of Friends of Wolf Run, has been indispensable in advice, not only for the plantings, but for navigating the maze of regulations for the establishment of WC. Friends of Wolf Run has been active in watershed preservation in Fayette County since 1997.

During this initial phase, a little TLC will be instrumental in ensuring a healthy and sustainable riparian environment. Though the city continues to mow the majority of the WC, we have designated a no-mow zone, roughly 200 feet by 50 feet, to protect new plantings. This area requires walking mowers and careful weed eating around the plantings. Our greatest need now is volunteers to use walker mowers to keep the weeds and grass under control. We welcome anyone to help us control unwanted vegetation. Please feel free to contact Tony, at 859-254-22207.

We hope you will join in the fun of fall planting!





2015-2016 Budget



5/1/14 Balance Forward **\$11,541** - \$856 = \$10,685
 (Less spring landscaping expenses allocated to 2014-15) 2015-16

INCOME

New colony contribution \$410
 LFUCG neighborhood grant money (restore lamp posts) \$1,000
 Contributions 70% \$6,220

BALANCE FORWARD & INCOME, 2015-16 TERM \$18,315
LESS RESERVE -\$10,000
TOTAL AVAILABLE \$8,315

EXPENSES

Administration

Directory Printing \$75
 Annual Filing \$35
 PO Box \$92
 Annual Meeting Room Rental \$75
 Board Insurance \$556
 Postage & Supplies for notices, mailings (paper, ink, envelopes, labels) \$20
TOTAL ADMINISTRATION \$853

Support Services

Incorporated in Admin. \$100
TOTAL SUPPORT SERVICES 0

Facilities Management

Lighting maintenance \$200
 Lighting utilities \$1,035
 Landscaping Regular Maintenance (see schedule) \$3,772
 Landscaping Additions:
 Scotts weed application (\$690 splits half for two terms) \$345
 Christmas bonus for crew \$100
 Repair light poles \$1,000
TOTAL FACILITIES MANAGEMENT \$6,452

Hospitality

Annual Meeting light refreshments \$60
 Annual Picnic \$700
 Christmas Tree Lighting \$100
 Welcome/Sympathy/Life change gifts, cards and postage \$120
 Note Cards \$20
TOTAL HOSPITALITY \$1,000

Communications

Quarterly Newsletter printing (digital & few copies) \$10
TOTAL COMMUNICATIONS \$10

Safety & Security

Extra lighting (grant possible) tbd
TOTAL SAFETY & SECURITY 0

Development

Grants income/expenses are a wash for Wildcat Chase Grants
TOTAL DEVELOPMENT 0

TOTAL EXPENSES -\$8,315

Balance = 0

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If you have ideas, concerns, would like to get involved by volunteering on a committee, or would just like to get in touch, please contact us through our above contact information.
We'd love to hear from you!



Some News You can use

Your Property Tax

Lexington Fayette Urban County Government assesses property tax at different rates depending on services you receive. The full service District 1 has the highest rate of \$1.1867 per \$1,000 of assessed property value (2014 rate). The old Colony falls in District 2 because we don't receive waste collection or have city street lights. Our 2014 rate was \$1.0129 per \$1,000. For a home valued at \$250,000, that amounts to a savings of about \$434 per year. Thanks to the diligence of our board, we are now able to get waste collection for as little as \$240 per year, leaving you \$196. What better way to spend this windfall than by paying your annual Colony Neighborhood Association dues. These dues help keep our street lights working and supports all the other things you read about in these pages.



Thank You

LFUCG Neighborhood Development Funds for the funds to fix our street lamps that were in badly need of repair!

Trash/Recycling Info

Thanks to the tenacity of Ellen Tunnell and Lori Whitlatch, who researched the pricing of our trash/recycling pick up, which is likely to save you considerable money. This information was shared at our Annual Meeting, but in case you were not in attendance here it is again.

You can call either Rumpke or Republic to negotiate your rate. For example, I was paying \$167 per quarter for trash and recycling. I called Rumpke, and they quoted \$17 per month which includes trash and recycling. I then called Republic back to see what they could do, and they gave me the following rate:

\$30 trash senior rate 55+ (reg rate is \$3 more) includes 2 bins
\$10 recycling includes unlimited bins
\$5.30 fuel fee
\$5.89 environmental recovery fee
\$3.25 administrative fee
\$54.44 per quarter (3 mos)



That gave me a savings of \$112 per quarter!

If you call be sure to mention you are in the Colony neighborhood, and they will reference this rate.

Save the Dates!

Upcoming Colony Events



“Colony Creative Chicks”

We would like to resurrect the “colony chicks” (a group of women that like to make art/craft/etc).

October

Debbie Moody has offered to host the first meeting at her house, Tuesday, October 13, 2015 6-9 pm. We will be making **Wooden Pumpkins**. Please email Debbie to RSVP and for more information on the project and a list of supplies to bring.

Email Debbie to rsvp at debbiemoody.events@gmail.com.



December

December 6, from 1-3 a **Soap Felting Class** is being held at the Fiber Art and Photography Studio by Lindy Hueber at Seldom Scene Farm. The farm is 35 minutes from Lexington. To sign up for the class email alpacalindy@gmail.com. The class is 2 hours.



Here is her description:

Learn to make the super-popular felted soaps (they are like having your soap and washcloth all in one) in either natural colors or brights. I'll supply the wool and or alpaca or bring your own and mild olive oil based unscented soap. Leave with 2-4 finished soaps.

Lindy prices by the number of students attending 2-4 attending its \$25.00 each, if the class is 5-10 its \$20.00. RSVP to Sherri sherriweisenfluh@gmail.com

On December 10, we will be **Baking Holiday Cookies** at Sherri Weisenfluh's home from 5-9 pm. Email reminders including what to bring will be sent closer to the event. Please rsvp to sherriweisenfluh@gmail.com.

If you are new to the neighborhood or just haven't been able to make a previous event, please join in the fun!



Fall planting

Saturday Sept 12, from 10am till 1pm
Wildcat Chase

Board meeting

September 15

Neighborhood Picnic

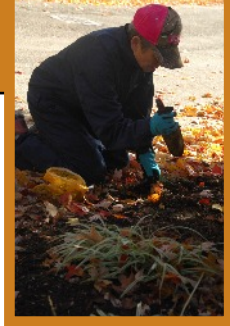
Sunday September 20, 2pm

2nd Annual Christmas Tree Lighting

November 29 in the island where
Colonial Dr meets Mayflower.



Neighbors



Meet the Helgersons 1252 Colonial

Matt is the owner and operator of Southern Comfort Heating and Cooling. Stefani is a nurse turned stay at home mom for now. They have four children, Gabe 12, Ella 10, Luke 7, and Abel 2. They also have a bloodhound named Chief who we hope doesn't howl to much. They are so excited to raise our family in our awesome neighborhood and we are happy they are here!

Welcome New Neighbors!

We are so happy you have joined our neighborhood and we look forward to getting to know you better.

1232 Standish Way: Adam, Susannah & Ollie Stitzer

1237 Standish: David & Marianne Brian

1252 Standish Way: Steven Fauth

1273 Standish Way: John Burke & Marti McCann, homeowners: George & Linda Birk

1229 Colonial: Robyn & Kevin Florian, friends and homeowners: Aylene & John Guard

We need your help!

There are 11 folding tables and 14 folding chairs that are in need of storage. The neighbor who is currently housing them will not be able to do so. Can you help for the year? All will need to go to their new home after the Colony Neighborhood Picnic.

Please contact TeamRice08@gmail.com if you can help with this.

Thanks so much!

Resident's Passing

Michael Blaine Jackson
1208 Colonial Dr.

January 14, 1951 - July 23, 2015

Michael "Mike" B. Jackson, 64, died July 23, 2015. He is survived by his children Alexandra Elizabeth Jackson and Blaine Covington (Sarah) Jackson and sisters Janet Elaine Jackson and Mary Katherine Jackson. He is preceded in death by his parents William and Peggy (Gwaltney) Jackson.

Mike was a successful businessman as an architect, with a life long passion for ballroom dancing, woodworking and shooting skeet. He lived out his passion for art by designing tree houses. An excellent cook, he loved participating with his Supper Club. Quiet times were spent studying history, especially his family history, or the history of his beloved Kentucky.