



The Colony Column

Spring 2016

Note from the President:

Spring is here, and it's nice to see Colony residents out and about!

You've recently gotten your notice of the upcoming Annual Meeting on May 12 at 6pm at St. Raphael's Church on Parker's Mill, and we hope you plan on attending. You'll be updated on past and current activity, elect a new board, and munch on pizza provided. Please come with some thoughts and ideas for our community.

One of the ways your neighborhood association works for you is in keeping abreast of activity that surrounds us to protect the integrity of our neighborhood. As communicated via email, the zoning request we faced on Parker's Mill was withdrawn by the applicant.

The new zoning request at 2400 Versailles Road (the lot beside Starbucks) to B-1 was approved for a small multi-tenant retail development recently at a public hearing before the planning commission. There were many restrictions to assure that it will include quality professional and retail businesses.

Additionally, the proposed sports complex seems to have life in that the mayor has allocated \$7 million in funds in his proposed budget. The board will be working to keep abreast of this issue as well, and will give a report on this as well.

As I step down after serving on the board for 15 years, I just want to say that despite the challenges and hurdles experienced over the years, it is very rewarding to serve and invest in a community such as ours. I hope more of you will invest your time and talents to serve on boards and committees to preserve the treasure where we live.

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Arbor Day

Arbor Day, a holiday set aside by President Teddy Roosevelt to plant and honor trees was April 22, 2016. We can thank trees for improving water quality, air quality, and helping mitigate deforestation, poverty and hunger in the world. Trees are also known to increase home values by 15 percent.

The Colony subdivision is blessed with a wide variety of old and new trees. A number of resources are available to help home owners answer questions regarding the health of a tree. Ice storms, pests, and winds have all been known to affect trees and lead to concerns about their survival. It's not always easy to know how to save a tree or when a tree is a safety concern. When looking for answers it's a good idea to consult an arborist who is a member of a professional organization such as the International Society of Arboriculture (ISA), a group that provides certification for arborists.



Affiliations and credentials demonstrate a commitment to education and to staying abreast of the latest information and techniques. When you hire someone to work on your trees, take the time to check references and proof of insurance.

Two websites, www.isa-arbor.com and www.treesaregood.com, are helpful resources for information about tree care. In Lexington the UK Agricultural Extension Office on Red Mile Road can confirm tree diseases such as Bacterial Leaf Scorch (BLS) and help you find further information.

So plant a new tree in honor of Arbor Day, consult an arborist about saving an ailing tree, and always take a walk and appreciate the beauty trees have added to our neighborhood.



Arbor Day Continued

Neighborhood Tree Care

One of the most unique characteristics of our neighborhood is our trees. Many of our trees have already been lost to the effects of invasive vine growth. Please help preserve the beauty of our neighborhood and attend to trees at risk.

Vines should not be allowed to grow in trees. In the tops of trees the vines reach out beyond the tree leaves and block the sunlight. With sunlight cut down, photosynthesis is reduced and tree health suffers.

English ivy, Virginia creeper and other clinging vines are also a problem on trunks of trees.

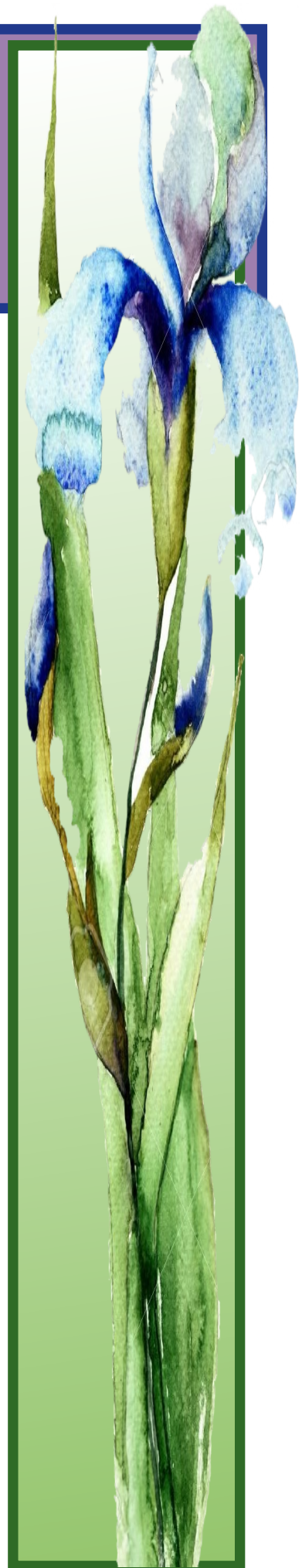
The foliage and stems collect organic material in the form of loose bark, dead leaves and dust. This mixture creates soil that collects in crotches but worse builds up on the root flares of trees. Long term this creates a condition similar to trees being planted too deep in the ground. Girdling, rot and even death can result but at the very least tree health and growth are reduced.


Method to remove vines If a large vine is growing high in a tree, cut off the vine about six inches from the ground. Allow the vine in the tree to die (do not pull vine suckers off the tree, as this would cause more damage to the tree. When the stump resprouts, spray the shoots with herbicides



when they are about four inches long. Repeat the applications until the stump stops resprouting. If the vine is growing over a desirable shrub, remove the vine from the shrub while wearing rubber gloves, lay it on a sheet of plastic and spray with glyphosate or triclopyr. Once it is dry, push it under the shrub to die. Check frequently for signs of new growth and spray if needed. Poison Ivy: By far the easiest way to get rid of poison ivy in trees is to cut a chunk of the vine out with either a pair of loppers or a bow saw. After you have removed a 2-3 inch section of the vine near the base of the tree, pour undiluted

Roundup, Brush Killer, or Brush-B-Gon on the stump of the poison ivy vine immediately. Pour just enough to wet the stump. These herbicides will translocate into the root and prevent regrowth. Great info about maintaining trees can be found at www.treesaregood.org.





Wildcat Chase & Archival of Colony Documents



Come Visit Wildcat Chase!

Plants are beginning to emerge along Wildcat Chase. I love this time of year. Over 100 plants were put in last fall to add to the original plantings that were placed in Spring 2015. These are all native plant varieties well suited for the wet environment along a stream margin. We've had great success with plant survival thanks to the volunteers who have been tending the site. This spring, thanks to a Kentucky River Authority grant we'll begin adding markers to identify the different varieties of plants and will also be planting some select grass varieties designed to filter water runoff to improve water quality. Come on down and take a look. We'd love to have some additional volunteers to help with weeding and plant maintenance. If you'd like to become a regular participant or just have a few hours to volunteer, contact Jerry Weisenfluh, Tony Huston, or Jane Madden to get involved. Their information is on page 8.

Archival of Colony Documents

The current board, along with the Bozarth's, have spent the last two months reading, organizing, and at times feeling overwhelmed by the vast amount of records produced by the Colony Neighborhood Association board of directors and residents since its inception. Current president, Carin Lovell, suggested that to preserve the history of the neighborhood, documents be sorted, scanned, and organized for archival storage.

Resident's Inc. (The Colony Neighborhood Association) was incorporated in 1961, when business and documents relating to commenced. From 1993 onward minutes of annual meetings and board meetings are continuous. The petition for a zoning change to allow for the development of the new colony created the bulk of documents, along with ND-1 documents. Both of these initiatives reflect that much work was done to ensure the viability and quality of our neighborhood remains intact. The neighborhood owes much to the past officers who have served on behalf of the residents of the Colony. These efforts clearly translate into what the neighborhood is today. A thank you goes out to all who have served and volunteered their time.

When completed, the documents will be scanned, organized, and placed on Google Docs for historical documentation and future officer's use.

Neighborhood News

Triple J Farm 2016 Farm to Table

How our CSA works... CSA Members can expect to receive a weekly basket/share of that week's harvest for 18 weeks, starting about mid May through Mid September. The produce will vary from week to week as the spring, summer and fall seasons change. The members will pay a fee upfront to hold their share because shares are limited. If a member would like, they may pay the full amount at the beginning. Otherwise, they can pay the remainder of the balance over time but all members must be paid in full by May 15th, 2016.

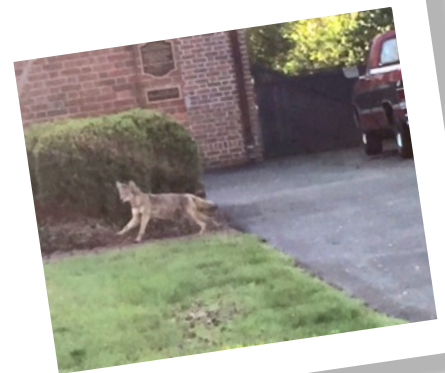
Egg shares are also available!



Coyotes in the Neighborhood!

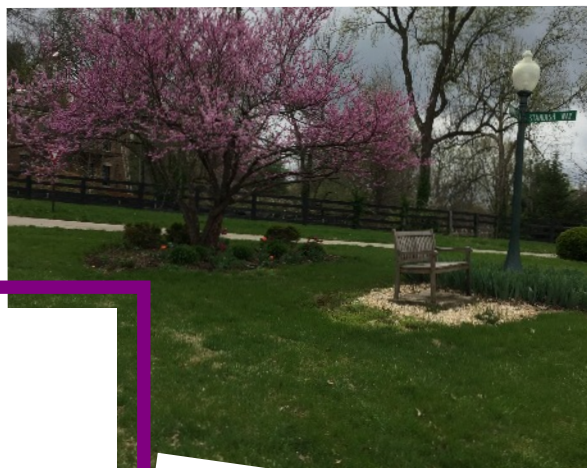
One of our neighbors took a picture and alerted the president of the board of a coyote in the neighborhood. "I just chased a coyote down Standish way" the neighbor said.

Also be on the look out for raccoons, foxes, and birds of prey that might stalk small pets.



Maintenance Fund/Directory Updates/Survey

If you haven't done so already, we hope you'll consider supporting our neighborhood with your financial support and feedback. You should have received these forms last month. If you need them again, please contact Jerry Weisenfluh jerryweisenfluh@gmail.com



Neighborhood News

Jackson House Update

You may have noticed work being done on the Jackson house. It was purchased by the Maple family. And, as many of us were hoping, they have chosen to restore the house—hurray! They are also working with the Bluegrass Trust to maintain the house as much as possible to the original Meriweather plans.

There will probably be a bit of mess in the process of restoration, but it will be worth it! The windows and roof are first on the list of things to be replaced, and the work will continue through the summer. Chris and Gabrielle have 3 children and we will be seeing more of them as they are doing the restorations. They'd love to meet some of their new neighbors, so please don't hesitate to welcome them!



Non-Solicitation Neighborhood

We have posted that we are a non-solicitation neighborhood. If someone comes to your door, please inform them of this fact, and ask them to leave. If you see that they continue door to door, the police say we are within our rights to call them at the non-emergency number at 258-3600.

The Colony loses a long-time resident ~

Junior Odom was born on January 20, 1931 and passed away on Friday, January 22, 2016. Junior had been a resident of the Colony since 1975. His is survived by his wife, Pamela, who still resides on Colonial Drive.

Junior had been a colorful resident of the Colony since 1975, and served as president of the neighborhood association in 2002-2003. His wife is Pamela Odom who plans to stay in the Colony, and is currently remodeling her home.

Meet Your Neighbor

Alice Taylor, of 4009 John Alden Lane, credits her husband Charles with picking out their home and bringing them to the Colony. An avid gardener, as well as a pediatrician, Dr. Charles Taylor took one look at the yard and wanted to buy the house. He spent his free time planting and tending the beautiful yard. The greenhouse was added to the home after they moved in to facilitate the cultivation of new plants. Dr. Taylor passed away in 2010. The yard remains a testament to his skill as a gardener.

Their home was built in 1948 and originally included the lots to the right and left of the home. The first home owner, realtor Dorthea Clark, bought the home, divided the property and sold the additional lots. Ms. Clark lived in the house until 1968 when the Taylor's moved in.

Alice majored in history but developed a love of art and painting over her lifetime. In the early years of their marriage, Charles was in the Army and stationed in Paris. Frequent visits to the Louvre nurtured her love of art. Additional hobbies for Alice include tennis, which she plays weekly and bridge.

Alice can frequently be seen walking Lucy, her 9 year old lab mix. She has one daughter, a geologist now residing in California, with two grandchildren, and a son, a computer technician, living in Lexington.

As a resident of the Colony for 58 years, Alice has seen many changes. The couple lived in their home prior to the completion of New Circle Road. When asked what the biggest change in the neighborhood has been in recent years, Alice says that it is the new wave of younger families with children. Alice has seen many neighbors come and go but due to the closeness of the Colony neighborhood she has remained friends even after some have moved away.



Save the Date!

Upcoming Colony Events



The Colony welcomes two wonderful new additions!

Our newest resident is Lincoln Robinson of Standish Way!

The proud parents, Jesse & Elizabeth have lived on Standish Way since 2012 and are frequently seen jogging with their black lab, "Cash". Lincoln is the first child in the family and was born February 20th.

Another new addition is Andre King of Mayflower Drive. Diane King has resided on Mayflower since 2012 and her son, while no longer a baby, is an inquisitive, sweet toddler who is almost 2 years old already!

Please join us at the home of Jennifer Rice (1241 Standish Way) on Sunday, May 15th from 3-4 pm to welcome both of these handsome boys! Light refreshments will be provided.

Please RSVP Jennifer Rice At [727-656-2116](tel:727-656-2116) or TeamRice08@gmail.com by 5-13-2016



Free Mulch

LFUCG is having their free mulch day on May 21. Residents may pick up mulch between 8 a.m. and noon. Please enter through Jimmie Campbell Dr. Signs will guide you to the mulch site, and you will exit through the gate of the former landfill at 1631 Old Frankfort Pike. Mulch is distributed on a first-come, first-served basis. Each resident is allowed one pickup truck load of mulch.

Colony Neighborhood Annual Meeting

Please plan to attend the Annual Meeting May 12 at 6pm, St. Raphael's Church. We will have pizza, elect new officers, and review last year's business and take suggestions for the upcoming year.

Colony Yard Sale

We plan on our neighborhood yard sale Saturday, May 21st - 8am-2pm. Please let me know if you'll plan on participating. If we don't have enough people, we may not do it as a neighborhood. Last year attendees were a little aggravated that it was advertised as a neighborhood sale and only a few residents participated. If that's the case, I'll let you know, and you're welcome to have your own.

Get out and VOTE!

Primary Democratic vote is Tuesday, May 17 from 6am - 6pm. Lafayette High School - Cafeteria, 401 Reed Lane, Lexington, KY 40503

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