



## **The Colony Neighborhood Association 2018-19 Annual Report**

### **Board Members**

Jerry Weisenfluh, President  
John Burke, Vice President, Lighting  
Kevin Davis, Treasurer, Safety  
Abbie Loynachan, Secretary, Webmaster  
Darlene Bozarth, At-large, Hospitality  
Brigitte Prather, At-large, Hospitality  
Jane Madden, At-large, Landscaping

### **Administration**

Administration includes activities and associated expenses for operating the board as a non-profit organization. An annual report is filed with the Kentucky Secretary of State to keep the association in good standing, liability insurance for board members is obtained from Travelers Corporation, a checking account with PNC Bank is maintained, membership in the Fayette County Neighborhood Council is obtained, and a post office box is rented to facilitate collection of dues and board correspondence.

Total administrative expenses this year were \$826.00.

### **Communications**

The board provides information to residents through email alerts, printed notices delivered to mailboxes, periodic newsletters, and the Colony website. This year we issued two newsletters, one in the fall of 2018 and another in the spring of 2019. Both are available on the website ([www.The-Colony.info](http://www.The-Colony.info)) and the latter was printed and delivered to resident's mailboxes. The Colony website is updated throughout the year with events, directory information, meeting minutes, budget information, and much more. The board also provides a package of information about the association to new residents when they move to the Colony.

Total communication expenses this year were \$601.00

### **Hospitality**

The board plans several events that are available to all residents. The fall picnic was held on September 16<sup>th</sup> at the home of Redi and Rekha Palli. The original plan was for an outdoor picnic near one of the traffic islands, but forecasted inclement weather led us to move the location. The Palli's graciously offered their basement and driveway on short notice and we ended up with fine weather after all and a great picnic with many families in attendance.

The annual holiday tree lighting was held on December 7<sup>th</sup> on a beautiful, breezy evening. Jerry Morse was back for the visit with Santa, the O'Bryans provided transportation in their golf cart, and many neighbors brought canned goods to contribute to God's Pantry. The tree was fitted with new blue LED lights and looked spectacular.

The yard sale was held on June 2<sup>nd</sup> and this year we had a plant sale on the same day. Most of the plants were sold, and the proceeds went to purchase additional plants for the islands.

The annual meeting was held on May 7<sup>th</sup>, 2019 at St. Raphael's Episcopal Church.

Total hospitality expenses this year were \$701.00.

## **Landscaping**

We lost our beautiful redbud tree at the John Alden/Standish Way island during an early summer storm last year. A replacement was purchased from Wilson Nurseries and flowered prolifically this spring. A hydrangea tree was added next to the bench on this island and the planting bed behind the redbud is currently being enlarged.

John Burke offered to restore the teak island benches that were beginning to deteriorate. He power washed the wood and applied two coats of sealer. The bench on the Colonial Drive /Mayflower Lane island was beyond repair, and will be replaced with a metal bench now on order. A new metal bench was installed last summer on the split island along Standish Way.

A new planting bed was added to the island on Colonial Drive /Mayflower Lane. Mulch and Preen were applied to all of the island beds to help control weeds. Marianne Brian has been very diligent about weeding all of the island beds and her help is much appreciated.

Total landscaping expenses this year were \$2,769.00. New plant additions cost \$1,137 and regular maintenance cost \$1,632.

## **Lighting**

A significant part of our budget goes toward utility bills and lighting maintenance. This year we replaced six front entrance and eight street lamps with 40 watt LED light bulbs. The two flood lamps that illuminate the Colony lettering at the entrance have also been replaced with new LED fixtures. John Burke was able to renegotiate the KU contract for the street lights to an energy efficient rate, and that will save us about \$240 per year in utility costs. That savings will pay off the investment in about two years, and the new bulbs have a longer life span which will save on maintenance in the future.

Because of past issues with the power cables to the street lights being damaged by persons digging holes or trenches, we decided to trace the underground cable routes to document their locations and identify the KU pole having the fuse and light sensor mechanism. With rented tracing equipment, we were able to locate all the wires, marked and photographed their routes, and prepared maps to share with residents. This information should go a long way in preventing future damage to the cables.

Total lighting expenses this year were \$1,695.00. KU electricity cost \$1,233 and lighting supplies cost \$462.

## Wildcat Chase Stream Restoration

This was the fourth year of the stream restoration project at Wildcat Chase. We completed work on the Water Quality Incentive grant received in 2016. After removing tons of bush honeysuckle at the head of the stream (adjacent to the retention pond), native trees, shrubs, perennials, and grasses were planted in the spring of 2018. We currently have no additional funding for work along the stream, but continue to maintain the existing project areas and are evaluating future grant possibilities.

## Neighbors

Three properties were sold in the neighborhood this year. The homes at 1248 Standish Way and 4004 Mayflower Lane remain vacant. James Peavy, Catherine Trombley, and their two children Francesca and Jude moved into 1252 Standish Way in December 2018.

Long-time neighbor Bill Larmour of 1237 Colonial Drive passed away on December 13 at the age of 72.

## Safety

Kevin Davis obtained a grant that supplies Kangaroo motion sensors for our neighborhood residents. The sensors can be installed inside or outside to monitor specific areas of your home. They are battery operated, install quickly, and connect to your Wi-Fi to send alerts to your mobile devices. The sensors and basic service from Kangaroo are free for residents, and can be picked up at the annual meeting or by contacting Kevin at [Kevin.Davisgt@gmail.com](mailto:Kevin.Davisgt@gmail.com).

## Budget

This year 50 households (67 percent of residences) contributed to the annual maintenance fund. Along with other income sources, total revenue for the year was \$6,865. Expenses as of May 30 were \$6,591, leaving a balance of \$274 that will be carried over to next year. The checkbook balance as of May 1 was \$12,262.

Income	
Dues	\$6,191
New Colony	\$410
Plant Fund	\$239
Website Advertising	\$25
Total Income	\$6,865
Total Expenses	\$6,591
Carry Over Funds	\$274