



# The Colony Column

Winter 2016

## Note from the President: 2015 - A Year in Review

Happy Winter neighbors! Hopefully the snow is behind us and everyone fared well through our last storm. Thankfully, Jerry Morse was able to contract with Matt Hill to arrange for residents to get their drives cleared, and plow our streets about 12 hours before the city could get to us.

Hospitality chair, Jennifer Rice pulled off our second-annual Christmas Tree lighting and Santa sighting, which was attended and enjoyed by many - including our council person Peggy Henson, despite rainy, cold weather.

You may be wondering what happened to our entrance sign this Fall. Our brass letters, along with Westmoreland's letters were stolen. Thankfully, their association installed a security camera at their entrance, which helped them solve this crime for both them and us. The thief was caught, and our letters returned not long ago. This saved our association more than \$500 to replace them (that would have been the equivalent of four resident's contributions).

Earlier in the Fall, Fred and Cathy O'bryan opened their home to host our Annual Picnic - a lovely BBQ event with lots of activities for children and adults alike. If you've never attended, please plan on coming next year!

Facilities chair, Tony Huston, has worked with our landscaping contractor to keep our neighborhood looking nice - and along with Jane Madden and Jerry Weisenfluh, has put in hours of maintenance on our new park, Wildcat Chase (WC). You may have seen some activity in the large entrance in the front of our neighborhood in the Fall. We are working on a plan to beautify the islands and have done some transplanting and new planting. We were disappointed the city would not approve a stone wall in the island at Colonial and John Alden, but are looking at alternatives to make a nicer entrance there.

Sherri Weisenfluh, our Vice President, has seen us through two completed grants for our new neighborhood park, Wildcat Chase. We have just received notice that another grant she applied for was approved, and will be arranging a meeting soon with adjacent stream neighbors for ideas on implementation to improve and beautify the stream and green space.

Jerry Weisenfluh, our Treasurer, has been wearing many hats in doing water testing for WC, mowing and weeding the park area, and most importantly keeping us on budget!

Communications is Jenn Wither's forte! The newsletter you have in your hand is Jenn's labor of love for our neighborhood, and she also serves in taking board meeting minutes to keep us all on task!

As always, if you have ideas for our community, please share them!  
Carin Hahn Lovell



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# Happy Neighbors And the Tree Lighting

Approximately 30 residents brought their friends and family out to the 2nd annual Colony tree lighting which is held every year the Sunday after Thanksgiving. Residents brought an ornament for the tree which looked lovely throughout the Christmas season. We had special visits from past residents, our city councilwoman and even Santa Claus! The Colony elves ensured everyone had a good time with sweet treats and special beverages and all of the children received a gift-bag from Santa.

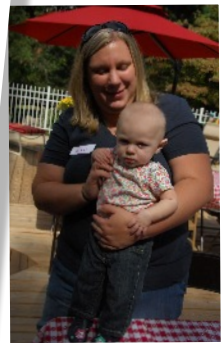


**Council Member  
Peggy Henson**



# The Annual Picnic

THANK YOU Cathy & Fred O'Bryan  
for hosting the Annual Picnic this year!





# Wildcat Chase

## Stream Restoration Project

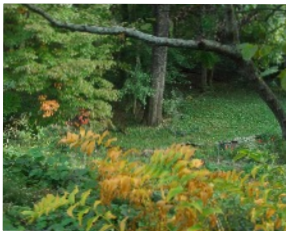
Wildcat Chase Stream Restoration Project Final Report for 2015

In January 2015 The Colony Neighborhood Association received \$2433 in grant money from the Lexington Urban County Government Neighborhood Action Match Program. The grant was funded to remove invasive Bush Honeysuckle from the Wildcat Chase Stream and restore native vegetation to create a buffer along the waterway. We hope to stabilize the banks, reduce erosion and positively impact water quality. To qualify for the grant the neighborhood association agreed to donate volunteer hours valued at \$2,699.

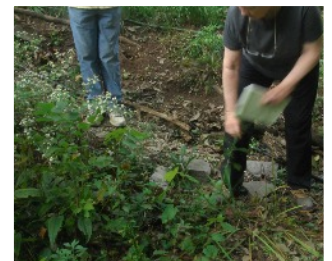
Early in the year a group of hearty volunteers cut honeysuckle, cleaned up the stream and began to prepare the stream for a May planting. Throughout the summer volunteers weeded, watered and nurtured new plants. More trees and plants were added in September. We hope by spring of 2016 the greenspace will look more attractive as well as providing a restored stream buffer. Over the year we have seen birds nesting by the stream, a turtle and other wildlife. I'm happy to report that the neighborhood exceeded the required match. The monetary value of the hours volunteers donated came to \$5,499. Additionally Barbara Crocker and Neal Werner donated over \$330.00 in water and plant material to the project. Jane Madden, Tony Houston and Jerry Weisenfluh provided leadership and expertise to see this project to completion. Much thanks to the many additional residents who took an interest in the project and donated numerous hours.

### Kentucky River Authority Water Quality Grant Application

Since 2014, we have been working on the stream restoration project at Wildcat Chase to improve water quality in the Wolf Run watershed. This fall, we submitted another grant application to the Kentucky River Authorities Water Quality program. This grant has a primary goal of providing education about the native plants that are being used to replace the invasive species removed during previous projects. If awarded, we intend to use the funds to purchase plant markers identifying all the different varieties of plants at the site. We'll follow that up by preparing a field guide explaining each plants characteristics, uses, and care. We hope to know about the award by early February.



Volunteers tour  
Barbara Crocker's  
garden for possible  
transplants to use in the  
Wildcat Chase project.  
Thank you Barbara!



# Wildcat Chase

## Stream Restoration Project



### Water Quality at Wildcat Chase

As part of the Wildcat Chase stream restoration project, Jerry Weisenfluh and Jane Madden have become certified to take water quality samples under the Kentucky River Watershed Watch program. KRWW is a non-profit organization that supports citizen volunteer efforts to monitor and improve water quality in the Kentucky River basin. Sampling events are conducted several times a year to monitor changes in a variety of water quality parameters that relate to stream health. So far, we've participated in three sampling events at the stream.

The parameters that are measured are bacterial contamination from leaking septic systems or animal waste, pesticides, and nutrients from fertilizers. Our stream water flows into Wolf Run and eventually makes its way to the Kentucky River that is the source of drinking water for many communities. It's too early to tell whether there are any quality issues with Wildcat Chase, so we'll continue to sample to establish enough data to see trends. All the data collected by KRWW volunteers is available to the public for inspection.

Anyone who wants to learn more about the KRWW program or our sampling results, can visit the following websites. The KRWW website is at [www.uky.edu/OtherOrgs/KRWW/](http://www.uky.edu/OtherOrgs/KRWW/). To view an interactive website of the sampling results, go to [kgs.uky.edu/WWKY/](http://kgs.uky.edu/WWKY/). Once at this site, click on the Site Number tab and enter site 3390, then click View Site Data. To see a map of the sites showing surrounding sample locations, click the Map tab under the Site Search bar.

### Snow Removal

Residents can call to arrange to have their driveways plowed ("avg." \$50-\$60 each). Please note that those who call to make reservations are served first. We all benefit from using the same contractor, because he will give us a break for plowing our common roads if the city cannot get to us for a time.

Payment by the Colony Association for the plowing of our streets in the original Colony only would be determined by how many driveways get plowed. Please remember that this plowing expense is NOT included in our regular budget - this is an instance where our reserve fund is utilized for the benefit of all.

Our arrangement with Matt Hill for plowing our streets is for a base price of \$500.00 if none of our driveways are plowed by him. However, for every 5 driveways he does, \$50.00 is subtracted from the total amount. If he plows 30 driveways, our streets are free.

If you are interested in using this program, please call Matt Hill at 221-7563 or email him at [mztt.hill@yahoo.com](mailto:mztt.hill@yahoo.com). Also, please let me know if you have used his services so we can keep track of the discount that would be due us.

Lastly, PLEASE if you don't have a snow-worthy vehicle, please don't venture out and block the roads. If you have an emergency that you need to either get out, or need something brought in, please contact Carin at 859-608-5742. She has a list of people who are willing to assist in emergencies.



# Colony Budget

Each year we ask for voluntary \$125 contributions from residents to pay for expenses the association incurs. We typically receive contributions from 50 of 72 residents, giving us a participation rate of just under 70%. The table below explains how these funds are used in an average year to benefit the neighborhood.

## Category Budget

Administrative	750.00
Street Lights	1,500.00
Landscaping	3,000.00
Hospitality	1,000.00
Printing and Postage	250.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$6,500.00</b>



Administrative fees include banking and rental for a post box, but are primarily used for board insurance. Because our property taxes do not include street lights, this category pays for the electric service and maintenance on the historical lamps along the Colony streets. Landscaping, the largest annual expense includes maintenance of the islands and periodic addition of plants in them. The hospitality category is for meetings, events, and welcoming new neighbors. Printing funds are for the newsletter and periodic mailings to residents.

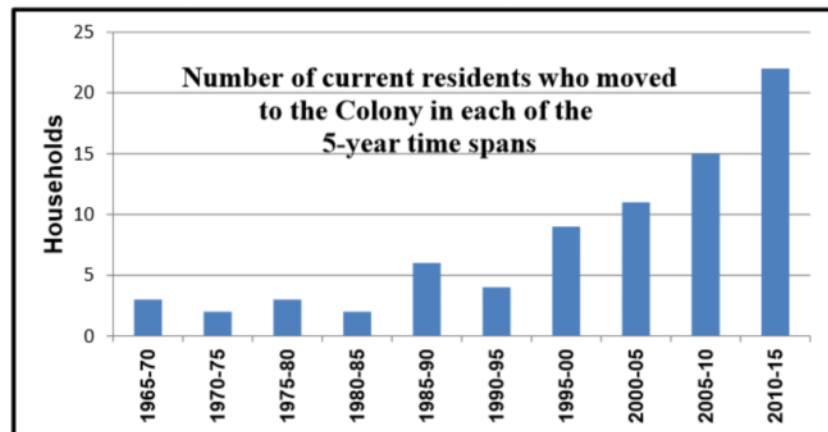
We really appreciate all contributions, but want to remind everyone that this is a very tight budget. It's one of the board's most important duties to make sure the funds are used wisely.

Don't forget:  
Reduced trash and recycling rates!

If you haven't already, you can call Rumpke or Republic to negotiate your rate. Be sure to mention you are in the Colony neighborhood when you call and they will reference this rate.



## New Friends in the Old Colony



Each bar on the graph represents the number of households that moved in during the five-year period labeled below it. For example, 15 new residents moved in during the 2005-10 period.

# Neighbor News



Council member Peggy Henson's assistant, Hilary Angelucci, who has helped us behind the scenes with many things in the Colony has given birth to Matthew Cole Angelucci on January 19th. Congratulations Hilary!

In December, Diane King adopted the foster child she brought home from the hospital in summer 2014. His new name is André Jesús King. She couldn't be more thrilled that they now get to stay together as a forever family! Congratulations Diane!

Junior Odom, 85, of Lexington and long time resident of the Colony, husband of Pamela Odom, passed away Friday, January 22, 2016. He was the son of the late Robert Newton and Leona Arsnow Odom and was a designer of artificial limbs and prosthetics. He was also a member of the Revival Tabernacle Church. Besides his wife, survivors include two step daughters, Nelda Senior, Lexington and Heather (Eric) Greenlief, Lexington; five grandchildren and numerous great grandchildren. He was preceded in death by a son, Ron Odom and one daughter, Tamra Odom. Our sympathies to his wife and family



Suzanne Concannon Cassidy, 89, wife of the late Frank D. Cassidy, died Saturday, Oct 17, 2015. Born in Lexington, she was a daughter of the late Martin J. and Anne Donnelly Concannon. At her passing she was the executive director of the Center for the Written Word at Cardome Center, which she founded in 2008. In 1974, she started Bluegrass Woman Magazine, a magazine for the women of central Kentucky. And in 1985 she founded Bluegrass Magazine, which covered everything from downtown Lexington development to where to find the best hot brown. She was a graduate of Cardome Academy and the University of Kentucky, and was a member of the National Society of Arts and Letters and St. Paul Catholic Church. She was a woman of big ideas and great optimism. Survivors are four children, Anne Cassidy Capehart (Tom), Dr. Ellen Cassidy (Dr. Eric Sundel), Edward Drew Cassidy (Brenda) and Phillip Cassidy; a sister, Mary McNeese; seven granddaughters, and numerous nieces and nephews. Our Sympathies to her family.



# Neighbor News



## Advertise to the Colony!

If you have a business, and would like to offer a product or service to residents of the Colony, you now have an opportunity to reach your neighbors through advertising in our newsletter.

Ads are available in a 2"x2" space for \$25 an issue. If you, or someone you know would like to advertise, please contact the editor, Jenn Withers at [quimbywithers@gmail.com](mailto:quimbywithers@gmail.com) or 940-2175.

## If you see Suspicious Activity

Please call the Police non-emergency number at 258-3600.

## Email Policy

The CNA Board of Directors may send broadcast emails to residents about matters pertaining to the regular business of the association as well as to announce events and news of interest to its members. Residents may request that personal emails be distributed to announce activities related to non-profit organizations (e.g., school fundraisers) or for-profit activities that all residents are welcome to benefit from (e.g., neighborhood yard sales, resident art shows, plant sales, etc.). The Board reserves the right to approve personal requests on a case by case basis. For all other uses, residents may send their own emails to those listed in the Colony directory.

## Creative Colony Chicks Christmas Cookie Baking

On December 10, 2015 Sherri Weisenfluh hosted an evening of appetizers, drinks and rolling out cookie dough. Sugar cookies, gingerbread men, sparkles, sprinkles and frosting were all a part of the Colony Chicks gathering. Favorite cookie cutters were shared and each of the six in attendance was able to take home two dozen decorated cookies.



## Save the Date:

Annual Colony Meeting will be Thursday, May 5 from 6-9pm

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