

Colony West Special Newsletter



Colony West Homes Association, Inc. (www.colonywesthomes.com)

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Results of 2011 Annual Meeting of Association Members

(Emailed to homeowners on 10-9-2011)

On behalf of myself and David Bolick as well as the entire board of directors, I want to first thank all the wonderful homeowners that came to our Colony West Homeowners Meeting last night. We had a wonderful turnout of about 100 people with 78 voting homeowners.

Our meeting was held to about 2 hours and we covered two amendments to our ByLaws, one to allow the Board of Directors to "appoint" a new board member in absence of an open position and prior to an annual meeting election when and if the board gets down to only two people serving. **That passed 95% in favor.**

The second ByLaws amendment allowed for a change in the Proxy vote authorization method at annual meetings where a homeowner does not have to have a "Notarized" proxy but rather any acceptable proof of authenticity by a member of the board that the proxy vote is in fact from the homeowner. **That passed 96% in favor.**

We then had the membership at large vote to Confirm five new board members being Marisa Elmquist, Ann Stoker, Erik Blaty, Carlos Ordaz and John Castin, that had previously been appointed by the 3-member board and vote to re-elect David Bolick as the Treasurer. **Those votes all passed 100% in favor.**

Lastly with a lengthy discussion and presentation on a 5-year improvement program for Colony West and the Park by spending approximately \$270,000 by raising the POA dues to \$200.00 per year for the primary purpose of professionally remodeling our Tennis Courts, new professional upgrade of the Basketball Court, Resurface the Parking Lot, install an Auto-Open/Close Park Security Gate, create a Hiking/Biking/Walking Nature Trail around the entire parameter of the park, expand the Swimming Pool Deck some 15 additional feet on one side, construct a small Storage Building to store association property and purchase our own Tables & Chairs to store in that building, to eliminate the renting of such equipment for our annual events, construct and install a New Professional Park Entrance Sign, install a small Professional Grade Water Slide for the children at the pool, detach the Baby Pool with it's own filtering & pump system as recommended by our pool service company and Dept of Health, Remodel the Bathrooms, add a small Sprinkler System to the flowerbed, install new Tennis & Basketball Court Lighting, remodel the guardshack for a Full Service Concession Stand operation, and finally to construct an approximate 30' by 50' Clubhouse Building with a Kitchen & 2 Bathrooms on the vacant land where the bridge is, so it can be used year round by homeowners of Colony West for birthday parties, bridge parties or other gatherings as well as a general purpose meeting place. All improvements done will be spearheaded by the Park Improvement Committee who will tighten the bids, oversee the work and discuss the order of work to be done and what other improvements can fit into the budget. **The vote to increase the Annual POA Dues to \$200.00 per year beginning in 2012 to accomplish these improvements among others was passed by a 73% majority in favor.**

Anyone that would like a copy of our 70 page PowerPoint Presentation Slides used at the meeting, just send an email request to David Bolick at dbonweb@aol.com and he will send you a copy. You will not have any narrative or discussion that went with the slides but you will have all the statistical information discussed and all the details of the park improvements, cost and descriptions as well as financial reports and projections.

Our last order of business was to discuss setting a meeting for our 1st Neighborhood Crime Watch Meeting. As soon as that date can be confirmed we will mail and email a notice.

Thanks again for those that took the time to attend the meeting.

Wiley Greenbaum, President
David W. Bolick, VP & Treasurer



2011 COLONY WEST ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING

IMPROVEMENT HIGHLIGHTS

Below is a summary of the actual bids and some estimates of the projected future improvements to the Colony West Park as presented at the annual meeting. The Park Improvement Committee will obtain firm bids on projects which are only estimates and competing bids will be secured for others, however, our focus is long term "quality" and "craftsmanship" and not a cheap short-lived approach. As such, the reputation of any contractor will be a significant factor in any final bid acceptance.

The committee will also determine the order in which improvements will be made for each of the projected 5 year period projects and determine if excess funds are available to include other smaller improvements as time progresses.

Anyone that would like to make any additional recommendations or referrals, please feel free to forward those to Wiley Greenbaum @ wileygreenbaum@comcast.net and she will make sure the proper people get that information.

(1) Tennis Court Resurfacing	\$ 44,500
(2) Basketball Court Resurfacing	\$ 16,800
(3) Parking Lot Resurfacing	\$ 11,800
(4) Auto Close Park Security Gate	\$ 8,000
(5) Install Hiking/Bike/Jogging Trail with Bridge	\$ 16,000
(6) Construct Clubhouse Building	\$ 135,000
(7) Expand Pool Deck 15'	\$ 4,000
(8) Construct Storage Building	\$ 3,000
(9) New Park Entrance Sign	\$ 3,000
(10) Install Pool Waterslide	\$ 3,000
(11) Remodel Bathrooms	\$ 5,000
(12) Detach Baby Pool from Main System	\$ 8,000
(13) Purchase our own Tables & Chairs	\$ 3,000
(14) Add Sprinkler System to Flower Beds	\$ 2,500
(15) Install New Lights to Pool & Tennis & Basket ball Court .	\$ 3,000
(16) Install Sink for Full Concession Stand Operation	\$ 3,000
TOTAL	\$ 269,600



1st Colony West Neighborhood Crime Watch Meeting

We are having our **FIRST Colony West Neighborhood Crime Watch Meeting** on [Thursday, October 27th from 6:30 p.m. to 8:15 p.m.](#) at the St. James United Methodist Church on Pleasant Valley Drive and it's very important for everyone in Colony West to attend.

NOTE: The meeting will begin at 6:30 SHARP by Dwight Davis, Public Affairs & Neighborhood Watch Coordinator for the City of Little Rock Police Department. Although he commended us on all the preparations we've done for our presentation, he cannot incorporate any of our meeting with his presentation. His presentation is 1 hour and will be finished at 7:30. We will have 45 minutes left to run through our Colony West personalized presentation, our past problems, observations and goals to achieve an end to.

As you should already know at this point, we started having criminal activity invade our quiet subdivision on July 3rd, beginning with a home break in on Queenspark Road. Since that time, there have been approximately 12 home or auto break ins. The activity stopped within the borders of Colony West about September 30th, however crime activity then picked up in Sturbridge, Echo Valley and Pleasant Valley with 2 armed robberies in Pleasant Valley, one in their Park on Arkansas Valley and the other on the parking lot of the Pleasant Valley Shopping Center.

We are all collectively involved including Pleasant Valley, Echo Valley, Sturbridge, Breckenridge, Walnut Valley, Colony West, Leawood, Walton Heights and others, and are working towards joining forces with all surrounding subdivisions to share information about criminal activity to apprehend these criminals, that travel from within these borders, faster.

As part of our research and investigation, you might be shocked to discover that a large number of robbery and breaking and entering criminals are being released from jail within days of arrest, just to be back on the streets robbing again. Our conclusion is that reducing home invasions is far more reaching than just "neighbors watching neighbors", "calling police" and assuming success upon the "arrest of the criminal". This is going to require YOU to be involved as a political advocate for either changing the minds of judges making sentences, setting bail or influencing enough state lawmakers to toughen the sentences for these crimes. As Mayor Stodola told me in an email....

- ***From: Mayor
Sent: Monday, September 26, 2011 1:33 PM
To: Stodola, Mark; 'mstodola@catlaw.com'
Subject: FW: More Policeman***
- ***I couldn't agree more! The failure is not at the point of arrest. It is at the point of conviction and incarceration. Recidivist thieves and burglars need to be locked up. Plain and simple. You might want to send this to all the state legislative representatives and senators who passed legislation this last session so that we are not incarcerating (for very long) those people who we are mad at, but commit nonviolent crimes.***

Please plan to attend our 1st meeting and let's get organized and be vigilant !

NEIGHBORHOOD CRIME MEETING AGENDA

► Presentation by Little Rock Police Neighborhood Coordinator

Colony West Presentation:

- ❖ What is a Neighborhood Crime Watch?
- ❖ Recent Crimes in Colony West
- ❖ Location Map of Criminal Activity
- ❖ Criminal Activity in the Colony West Park
- ❖ How we reduced the Park Criminal Activity
- ❖ How Do We Get Started and Steps for Formation?
- ❖ Block Captains and Neighborhood Map
- ❖ Things you can do to prevent crime
- ❖ Documentation service provided by Colony West
- ❖ Communication and Organization Chart for Crime Watch
- ❖ Political Aspects of Reducing Crime-Proactive Plan

<http://groups.google.com/group/colony-west-neighborhood-crime-watch>

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