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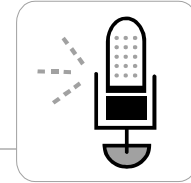
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- Neighborhood Garage Sale – May 13 and 14
- Free Tennis Clinics – June 11th
- July 4th Parade – July 4th
- Neighborhood Annual Meeting/Elections – September 15th



2005 Is Set to Be a Great Year

Copperfield Neighbors:

2005 is set to be a great year for our neighborhood. The clubhouse facilities are being used frequently by many of you. Neighbors are having a variety of events including parties, wedding receptions, Girl Scout meetings, exercise classes and many others. In addition the facility is providing a place for key neighborhood groups to be able to meet and discuss plans on improving the neighborhood.

The board is very pleased that we have two key committees that are actively meeting and planning. The Neighborhood Watch Committee and the Playground Committee are meeting to discuss how to improve the safety of our neighborhood and create a place where the young children can have a common area to play.

This newsletter is intended to provide all of you with updates on much of the

activity going on in the neighborhood. Each of our committees has provided a quick update on what they are doing.

Lastly, it is important to recognize that a neighborhood can only be as good as its volunteers. We need everyone to step up and become active in making a great neighborhood even greater.

Jim Pauley – CNA President

Communication Is Important

Since the current board came into office last September we have been searching for ways to communicate more quickly and effectively with the neighborhood.

Newsletters such as this one are a great tool, but they provide only a snapshot of information at the time of mailing. The newsletter doesn't provide a way to communicate with all of you on an ongoing basis.

The board has identified

three key ways that we will be communicating with you:



We have already been using neighborhood e-mail distribution as a way to get you information on events, needs and activities more quickly. However we have only about 30% of the houses covered. If you have not been getting any e-mails from us, be sure to send us your e-mail

address. Send an e-mail to president@copperfieldlex.org and include your e-mail, name and address.



Website

We have excellent website that is maintained by one of our neighborhood volunteers (Beth Tibbitts). This site is updated frequently with new information about what we have going on.

The website address is: www.copperfieldlex.org



"Communication is one of the keys to a great neighborhood."

Do you have a neighborhood directory?

If not, stop by the clubhouse and pick up your copy.

Spring is a good time to consider pruning your street trees. Remember that the neighborhood bylaws require that all street trees be trimmed to a minimum height of 8 feet to avoid damaging vehicles and interfering with persons walking on the sidewalks.

Please make sure your trees are in compliance with this requirement.

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Marquee Board

As all of you are aware, we have a message board posted as you exit the neighborhood via the main entrance. This message on this board is changed frequently to update you on events, meetings and neighborhood news. For many of the events, it will

alert you to go to the website for more detailed information.

Please check all three of these communications means to stay up to date on what is happening in Copperfield.



Clubhouse to Get a Facelift

The clubhouse is getting a tremendous amount of use. It provides a central place for our community to meet. One comment that many of you have made is that the interior of the clubhouse has deteriorated and is somewhat out of date with its décor.

The Board has budgeted funds for 2005 to make improvements to the clubhouse. This will include painting, carpet, new

tables/chairs and other improvements.

The work will be professionally done and will greatly improve this community asset.

In addition, we are looking at the landscaping and lighting around the clubhouse grounds. The clubhouse parking lot is basically unlit at night and creates a place for individuals to park cars

without anyone being able to see what is going on.

When completed, we will have a community "open house" so that everyone can see the "new" clubhouse.



New Pool Surface

You have probably seen workers at the pool over the last few weeks. The pool is getting a real facelift. The Neighborhood Facilities Committee has done an excellent job at creating a plan to improve

the pool (which has not had any major work done since it was built). The workers are repairing the pool surface and then will apply a completely new vinyl lining to create a greatly improved pool.

It should also be recognized that the plan developed by the facilities committee did not expend any neighborhood dues to make the pool improvements.

Our Financial Condition

2004 Financial Summary

Beginning Bank Balance	\$27,602
Income	\$94,920
Accounts Receivable (1)	<u>(\$2,908)</u>
Total Income	\$92,012
Expenses	\$56,461
Increases to Assets (2)	\$9,635
Loan Principle	<u>\$11,761</u>
Total Expenses	\$77,857
Net Income	\$14,155
Ending Bank Balance	\$41,757

- (1) This is primarily made up of outstanding dues from previous years
- (2) This includes equipment and physical improvements to the clubhouse

2005 Budget Summary

Beginning Bank Balance	\$41,757
Income	\$89,100
Accounts Receivable	<u>(\$2,500)</u>
Total Income	\$86,600
General Expenses (1)	\$59,231
Clubhouse/Grounds	\$27,200
Improvements (2)	\$27,200
Loan Principle	<u>\$10,704</u>
Total Expenses	\$97,135
Payments to Reserves (3)	\$13,000
Operating Cash Min Balance	\$5,000
Ending Bank Balance	\$13,222

- (1) This includes expenses such as social events, interest on the loan, landscape/mowing, insurance, etc.
- (2) Includes clubhouse interior renovations, tree removal, repairs, fence repair, playground, etc.
- (3) The board has established some reserves to be added to annually. These are established to handle any future events such as roof replacement, HVAC replacement, etc.

Playground Committee



Dear Copperfield Community Members,

A Playground Committee was established in January with the objective of pursuing ways to make the playground more enjoyable. The response has been great, and we already have twenty volunteers. Through their hard work & research, we have gained input from playground equipment

companies, the Dogwood Park Coordinator, and LFUCG Parks & Recreation playground planners. We have also sought input from Copperfield residents via an email survey, and we appreciate your responses.

One of our main goals at this point is to raise funds. We are pursuing a number of different options, including: grants, corporate sponsorships, local donations, and fun events such as a Hole-in-One Shoot Out. At the same time, we are researching ways to lower costs through financing options or less expensive equipment. If all funds must be raised prior to purchase, we will likely hold several events over the next two years in hopes to install by 2007.

However, with generous donations or a financing breakthrough, we may be able to install much sooner. We will keep you posted.

Our other main goal is to develop a good plan for the area. We would like to create a space where children can play & exercise and where adults can relax & socialize. Safety and durability are important, as are adding value to the neighborhood and improving quality of life. A playset, toddler swings, safety mulching, benches & picnic tables are all on the wish list.

A final way this project will touch our community is that we are hoping to do a "Community Build". This means we construct the

equipment ourselves under the supervision of a professional. It is very much like a barn raising in that it requires dozens of volunteers and plenty of honest sweat. It is also a great way to bring people together, reduce future vandalism, and save money (up to 30-40% of the cost). We hope you will join us when the time comes.

If you have questions or suggestions, please feel free to contact me. If you have ideas or time to share, please consider coming to our next meeting- April 28th, 6:30pm at the Clubhouse.

Sincerely,
Melissa Schwarzell, Chair
224-3532



Neighborhood Watch

In response to some incidents within Copperfield, a Neighborhood Watch committee has been established with the goal of developing a Neighborhood Watch program. The purpose of a Neighborhood Watch is for neighbors to be alert, observant, and caring, and to report suspicious activity or crimes immediately to the police. Remember, Watch groups are not vigilantes and do not assume the role of the police. The next step in creating our Copperfield Neighborhood Watch is to get your help!

Please volunteer to be a Neighborhood Watch Block Captain.

You can find out more information about what a block captain does by checking out the Neighborhood Watch section of the Copperfield website.

For more information or questions, send an e-mail to safety@copperfieldlex.org

Social Events by Jennifer Marshall (our new Social Director and Board Member)

We are beginning to put together the spring and summer social calendar for this year. Our goal is to provide ample opportunities for Copperfield residents to get together and get to know each other better. We hope to offer a variety of events that will appeal to the different types of households in our community.

The social calendar will include

some of the past favorites (Fourth of July parade and festivities, Luau, Friday night flicks) along with some new events. Some of the ideas we are exploring include a neighborhood playgroup, ice cream social, welcome to the neighborhood summer cookout for new residents, game night and possibly an adults only wine/sparkling cider and cheese party. We would love to get your

input on these possible activities. In the next week we will be emailing a brief survey to gather this input. The survey will also be posted on the web or you can call Jennifer Marshall directly at 224-8170 to discuss. As with the Easter Egg Hunt the success of any of these events will depend on volunteers. There will be a

place on the survey to indicate your interest in volunteering for any specific event. You can also feel free to call me at the number above to discuss how you might get involved. I hope everyone is as excited as I am to get started on the Spring and Summer social events! I look forward to hearing from many of you in the coming weeks.

A New Neighbors Perspective by Brenda, David and Caroline Vance

“Welcome to Copperfield – You are going to love it!” This has been the consistent greeting we have received upon meeting a new neighbor. So far we do! It has been interesting to hear each person’s “Copperfield” story. We have talked to people who have lived in Copperfield since our house was a field, to at least two families who

own their second home in the neighborhood. We quickly perceived the sense of pride each homeowner has in this neighborhood and how genuinely happy they are to live here. As a newcomer, it was very encouraging to see the enthusiasm and immediate support that rallied to make the pool repairs. It was

obvious from just one meeting that there is a lot of passion for maintaining the excellence and high standards of the neighborhood. It was also obvious that there are many people who are willing to invest significant quantities of time to make Copperfield the best. Our first social event was the Easter Egg hunt. The event

was well planned and everyone seemed to have a wonderful time. Again, we had the opportunity to see volunteers that worked together to prepare for the successful morning. We are looking forward to warm weather to be outdoors and meet more of the people who have been so friendly to wave at us. We are excited to be here – see ya at the pool!

Pool Memberships



Want to have a place to have fun with your family, meet your friends, and make new friends? Then now is the time to join the Copperfield Pool and Tennis Club!

A new pool management company, as well as a pool maintenance firm has been hired to upgrade the pool structure and appearance. The upgrades include new pool surface and skirt, repaired and/or new mechanical equipment, and other cosmetic improvements. Regular activities will be held to add to your enjoyment as well.

By popular demand, the Snack Shack is returning for your convenience! No more loading up the car with all your snacks for the day, unless you just want to.

The Copperfield Pool and Tennis Club's fees have not increased in years. Comparable neighborhood fees are often substantially higher and even mandatory. There will not, however be an Early Bird discount as in years past, but we will be offering other incentives. Membership fees paid by April 30 will be entered into a drawing to be held on Memorial Day

Weekend.

These prizes include:

- Weekend getaway at the Hilton Garden Inn
 - One year Copperfield Pool Membership for 2006
 - One free Copperfield Clubhouse rental
 - \$50.00 Snack Shack credit
 - Gold's Gym Membership
- Another incentive for any member of The Copperfield Pool and Tennis Club is a \$25 Snack Shack credit for any member who recruits any new individual or family to join the Club who has never been a member before.

Membership is open to all Copperfield residents in good Neighborhood Association standing. Here are the details for the 2005 season.

Family Membership.
\$375.

Senior Membership.
(Includes 10 Grandchildren passes)
\$275.

Junior Membership.
(For ages 12 to 17, with a signed parent or legal guardian signature)
\$275.

Swim Team Information



The Copperfield Crocodiles are getting ready for the 2005 Swim Season. You will be receiving more details on sign-ups, fees, etc. in the very near future.

Here are some important dates to remember

- April 26th Registration and Packet Distribution at the Clubhouse 6:30pm-7:30pm
- April 30th Registration and Packet Distribution at the Clubhouse 9am - 10am
- May (TBD) Swim Clinics
- May 26th Practice Begins (may vary with pool opening date)
- June 1st Mock Swim Meet and Parents Meeting
- June 8th Dual meet at Equestrian Woods
- June 15th Dual meet at Home with Firebrook
- June 22nd Dual meet at Wilmore (held at Nicholasville YMCA)
- June 23rd Team Photo's
- June 29th Dual meet at Home with Waterford
- July 6th Dual meet at Pinnacle
- July 13th Dual meet at Home with Cumberland Hills
- July 15th Pancake Breakfast
- July 16/17 Conference Meet at Waterford
- July 20th Swim Team Banquet

Free Tennis Clinic for Copperfield Residents!

Former UK Tennis player Dan Burch will be conducting a **FREE** tennis clinic at the Tennis Courts on Saturday June 11th for Copperfield residents.

There will be 2 (two) one hour clinics with the first being at 10am for kids ages 6-17.

The second will begin at 1pm for Adults 18 and over.

PLEASE email Dan (copygenius@alltel.net) or call (494-5550) in advance as space is very limited!! This is a first come, first serve event so sign up early!. Just bring a racquet! (Rain date is Sat. June 18th)

Easter Egg Hunt --- A Success!!

The Copperfield spring social festivities got off to a great start with the annual Easter Egg Hunt on March 19th. Thank you to Lynn Frank and Gwenda Winder for their hard work in coordinating such a fun event for our children.

Thank you also to all of the volunteers who helped that day. This shows what great social events we can offer through the efforts of neighborhood volunteers.



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"Building a Better Neighborhood"

Pool Information

Opening Day – May 30th
Closing Day – September 5th

Operating Hours
Mon thru Fri 11a to 9p
Sat 10a to 9p
Sun 12p to 8p
School Days, Mon thru Fri 4p to 8p



We're on the Web!
See us at:
www.copperfieldlex.org

A Note to Parents

As Copperfield residents we all have a collective responsibility to make our neighborhood a "community". I am writing this column to the parents of children within our neighborhood because some events in recent weeks have caused us concern with respect to the behavior of some teenagers within our community.

Recently, we have had occurrences of unacceptable public behavior in our community property areas. This has included unacceptable use of profanity (at the tennis courts), destruction of neighborhood property (at the tennis courts and pool area) and driving cars through the green space areas..

All neighborhoods have to deal with some of these issues, but what is disconcerting about these events is that it is primarily involving children from our own neighborhood.

Although it is certainly up to the parents to control the

behavior of their children, I do feel that it is important to communicate that the association does have an interest in making sure our community property is protected. In addition, I do not believe that any of us would expect our children to be exposed to excessive use of profanity when they come up to the tennis courts, playground or clubhouse.

All neighbors should be aware of the following:

1. Destruction of community property will be pursued with the proper authorities.
2. Abusive profanity will not be tolerated in the community areas.
3. The tennis courts are for members of the neighborhood and are for tennis or planned neighborhood activities. Baseball bats or other such items are NOT to be used on the courts.
4. Bikes, roller blades and similar items are not permitted on the tennis courts.

5. It is expected that users of any of the community areas make sure that their trash is picked up when they are finished.

Violation of these rules will result in the entire family losing their privileges to use the facilities.

These are issues that I believe can be addressed and resolved with effort by parents. Please take a few moments to help remind everyone to respect our community property.

Jim Pauley – CNA President

Tennis Lessons at Copperfield!

Dan Burch – Instructor

(All Ages and Levels Welcome!)

Call 494-5550

Or for more information, please visit

www.BurchTennis.com

Fitness for Friends!!!!

Begins April 19th

6 Week Session

Tuesday/Thursday Session

5:45PM - 6:45PM

\$25.00 Cost

Basement of Clubhouse

Call Theresa Hobson

552-5286 for your spot

Neighborhood

Garage Sale

May 13th and 14th