

Copperfield Neighborhood

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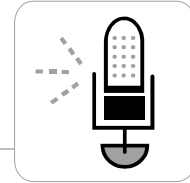
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Dates Ahead

Neighborhood Annual Meeting/Elections – September 12th 8:00pm at Clubhouse
Neighborhood Volunteer "Work Day" – September 24th
Adult Wine/Cheese Party – October 1st



2005 Annual Neighborhood Meeting

Mark your calendars!! The annual meeting of the Copperfield Neighborhood Association is scheduled for September 12th, 8:00pm at the Clubhouse. This meeting is open to all residents of Copperfield that are members in good standing*.

This meeting is a key to communicating where we are as a neighborhood and what is being planned for the future.

This meeting will feature a "State of the Neighborhood" discussion by the President. The objective is to highlight what has happened during the past year.

We will also review the financials through August 2005 as well as a projection for the end of the year. The financial information will be distributed at the annual meeting as you arrive.

Lastly, this meeting is where the board of directors will

be elected for the upcoming year. Each member in good standing will be able to cast one vote.

See you on the 12th!

*A member in good standing is defined as a lot owner within Copperfield that has fully paid their annual dues through 2005.

Election of the Board for 2005-2006

As part of the Annual Meeting in September, the neighborhood must elect a board of directors for the upcoming year.

There are seven board positions that must be filled.

If you are interested in being elected to the board, please send an e-mail to president@copperfieldlex.org to have your name placed on the ballot. You must provide your name and address to the board before September 9th in order to make sure that your

name is on the ballot.

Every submitted name will be included and neighbors will vote for seven individuals. The seven that receive the most votes will serve as the board for 2006.



Playground Update

The playground committee is beginning to define their fund raising efforts to put new playground equipment in place at the clubhouse playground.

The neighborhood board has committed \$2,000 each year for the next four years to support the renovation of the playground.

This is not an inexpensive effort, so help is needed through donations, support for fund raising, etc. If you would like to donate to the playground efforts, contact Melissa Schwarzell at Melissa_morley@hotmail.com.



"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.

Adult Wine/Cheese Party

Frequently, we are asked "Are there ever any neighborhood events for adults?" Well... our social director heard all of those questions and has responded.

bring a bottle of wine. We will also have sparkling cider available. This is intended as a social gathering to allow you to meet and get to know more of the adults in our neighborhood.



October 1st will be the date for an adult Wine/Cheese party at the Clubhouse. This event will be open to all neighborhood residents that are in good standing. We are asking each person (or couple) that attends to

More details will be coming as the date gets closer.

October 1st at 6:00pm

Clubhouse Renovation

By the time you read this, the renovation of the clubhouse will be well underway. It has been more than 14 years since the clubhouse was constructed and no improvements have been made to the interior.

annual meeting.

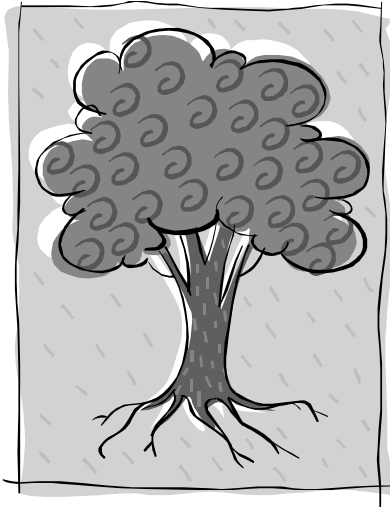
Improvements will include: painting, new carpet, tile work in the entry way and kitchen, replacement of worn out furniture and new countertops.

professional contractors, there have been significant time commitments from board members, facilities committee members and others from the neighborhood.

The objective is to have the interior renovation complete prior to the September 12th

Although some of the work will be completed by

The end result will be a greatly improved place that can be used by all in the neighborhood.



Street Trees

Did you know that you are responsible for the street trees located on your property?

This means that it is your responsibility to keep the trees trimmed to the proper height and to replace trees that have died or been removed for any reason.

There have been numerous complaints about trees not being trimmed properly and causing damage to passing vehicles (or in some cases to the head of someone walking by).

Section 17B-8 of the City Ordinances requires that "The minimum clearance of any overhanging portion thereof shall be seven (7) feet over sidewalks and twelve (12) feet over all streets except truck routes which shall have a clearance of fourteen (14) feet."

Please make sure that you keep your trees trimmed properly to avoid complaints to the city.

Vandalism (a message from the President)

As most of you are aware, we have had a number of instances of vandalism and related behavior this summer.

Although a measure of this behavior is common, I felt compelled to express my view on this topic.

In serving my term as President, this is the issue that has probably surprised me the most. Not the vandalism in general, but the fact that it appears in a large part to be

teenagers from our own neighborhood that are responsible for much of the problem.

Although we have not been able to witness much of the vandalism first hand, it doesn't take long for the word to spread about who was responsible for the behavior. One thing that you can count on is that kids tend to talk about who did what among themselves and the adults eventually get the

word on who was guilty. This means that it is everyone's responsibility to take part in stemming this type of behavior.

Some of the behavior are common pranks such as "egging" a house. However, more serious acts do result. In one recent instance, there were five teenage boys walking through the neighborhood completely naked. Not

streaking... just walking along.

It is that type of behavior that has led to me being "surprised" about the whole issue.

Please keep a watch out for unacceptable behavior. If you find it, report it to their parents or to the police if appropriate.

Jim Pauley – CNA President

Neighborhood Watch

We have not had much success at getting our NW program off the ground. There have been a limited number of neighbors willing to spend their time to help make this effort a success.

However, we continue to have a need to make some progress on this front. We receive periodic reports from neighbors about

missing items from garages, damaged property and similar activities.

The neighborhood board is frequently asked about what "we" are going to do about these types of crimes. It needs to be understood that the board has no authority to "arrest or detain" anyone, that is the job of the police department.

However, if every neighbor will take some time to look out for each other, we can stop some of these occurrences. That is what the Neighborhood Watch Program is about. If you are interested, please volunteer.

In the meantime, if you see a kid with a brand new set of \$600 golf clubs that just "showed up", you might ask a few questions about where they came from.

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"Building a Better Neighborhood"

Are you on the neighborhood e-mail list?

If not, please send your e-mail and address to president@copperfieldlex.org

Neighborhood "Work Day"

It is your chance to "volunteer". All of you have probably seen the white fence that runs from the neighborhood entrance out toward the Jessamine County line. This fence row is covered with brush, weeds and overgrowth that needs to be removed.

To facilitate cleaning up this area, we have set aside September 24th as a neighborhood work day. The plan is to meet at the Clubhouse at 9am and take a crew down to the fence to clear out this overgrowth. If we can get enough volunteers, we can have the job completed in 3 to 4 hours.

Please put this date/time on your calendar and show up to help out the neighborhood. We also need any tools that you can bring (shovels, rakes, weed eaters, pruners, etc.).

This is a great neighborhood project and will greatly improve the looks of our entrance along Clays Mill Road.



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