

Coppell Greens Newsletter



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Coppell Greens Homeowners Association

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Yard of the Month

Due to the dormancy of most yards in the winter, the Architectural Control Committee (ACC) has decided to limit the Yard of the Month program from April until October each year. Start getting ready to show your gardening skills come Springtime!! Yard of the Month winners will continue to receive a gift certificate to Calloway's. We will also return to judging holiday decorations each December with 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place prizes!



Traffic Light

The newly installed traffic light south of Coppell Greens at Highland Drive and Denton Tap Drive will be operational shortly, there have been issues with connecting the power. It is hoped that the addition of this light will help slow the speed of drivers down Denton Tap.

Website

Don't forget to access

www.coppellgreens.com to get more information about our neighborhood!

Holiday Decorations

Thank you to Thorton Goetting, Jennings Rauschenbach, Linda Els, Tiffany Franzoni, Phil LaBerge and Mary Schueler for setting up this year's holiday decorations, taking them down, and storing them for next year. Thanks to our new median lights, we were able to enjoy the addition of holiday lights at our entryways and medians.



2009 Coppell Greens Social Events

The Social Committee has planned two events for 2009: We will have a community potluck on Saturday May 16th at 6pm. This is an annual event when the neighborhood celebrates their graduates, the end of the school year, and warmer weather! Each home contributes food to the event and more information will be provided about this as the event draws near. The second event is National Night Out, which is designated to be held on October 6th from 5:30pm to 7:00pm. This is a crime and drug prevention program that is a fun family event for our neighborhood. There is always pizzas, drink, a bounce house, and lots of friendly conversation! The fire and police departments always make an appearance, which is a highlight for the kiddos! In 2007, Coppell Greens was named a NNO Winner by the City of Coppell, so mark your calendars to help make this another award winning event!



Email Notification

For the past several years, one of the Coppell Green's homeowner's, Nader Nanjani, has offered to send out email notifications on occasion. He sends out approximately three or four a year--to remind the neighborhood about social events or crime alerts. The emails are used for no other purpose and have been very helpful in notifying homeowners about events in Coppell Greens. If you would like to add your email to receive these periodic emails, please submit your email to nader100@aol.com, or do it on www.coppellgreens.com.

Annual Meeting

Mark your calendars for March 26th from 7pm until 9pm across the street at the Vista Ridge United Methodist Church. The meeting is open to all homeowners and will feature a guest speaker from Market Street. Along with usual business, the elections for three positions on the board will be held. The board is typically made up of five homeowners, with two rotating off one year and three the next. If you are interested in learning about how our neighborhood works and volunteering approximately two hours of your time a month, please consider nominating yourself for a position. No particular skills are required other than having the neighborhood's best interest at heart. Are particular projects or issues like the playground, the pond, greenbelts, or schools a passion of yours? There is no better way to get your voice heard than joining the board! Please refer to the included proxy or nominating form for further instructions. The annual meeting is important to attend, as we have returned to meeting only once a year, instead of once a quarter.



Pond Update

The board has been working on getting quotes and scheduling for the work to begin. The plan is still for the pond to be dredged and the extraneous silt/dirt to be removed off site to allow for a deeper and healthier pond for all to enjoy. More information about this project will be provided at the annual meeting.

Litter:

Thank you to President Phil LaBerge for tirelessly petitioning the DMN from littering our driveways with the extraneous mini-papers and advertisements. He and his wife, Lois, also make a regular habit of walking and always pick up trash along the way. Your efforts to keep our neighborhood beautiful are very much appreciated!

New Recycle Trash Cans



In an effort to urge our community to recycle more, the City of Coppell has provided each home in our neighborhood with large blue recycle cans that are specifically to be used for recyclable materials only. Wondering what qualifies?? Check out: www.coppellgreens.com.

Crime Alerts:

There have been two crimes reported in Coppell Greens this year. On January 6th in the 800 block of Kilbridge, a home was broken into and property stolen. On January 4th someone broke into a vehicle in the 800 block of Applecross and committed a theft. Please be aware of suspicious persons or activity and do not hesitate to call the police. Remember to keep cash, jewelry, or other valuables locked away or out of view. Go to www.coppellgreens.com for safety suggestions.



In addition, there was a significant traffic accident on January 14th at the Fall-kirk entrance to Denton Tap. Please be careful, as drivers travel south on Denton Tap at a high speed. We have been communicating with the City about this issue and have raised the question of them installing a traffic light in an attempt to slow the speed of drivers.

Insulate your Water Heater

If you aren't quite ready to trade up your old storage hot water heater for a high-efficiency tankless system, then at least give a thought to some added insulation. Hot water accounts for 13% of the typical utility bill, so improving the efficiency of your heater can go a long way toward saving energy and cutting down on carbon emissions. Consider wrapping your old heater in a layer of insulation. For the nominal cost of about \$15, an insulating jacket can reduce heat lost through the walls of the tank by 25-40%.

Say NO to paper or plastic

You don't have to wait until grocery bags are banned: Say no to plastic or paper ones now. Instead, bring your own reusable shopping bags. Consider an entire set of reusable, double-handled hemp bags that work great for a large order, and reusable organic cotton mesh bags for your fruits and vegetables. For trips to the mall, opt for one of the new, eco-chic bags from sources such as Reusablebags. These funky,



graphically inspired totes and messenger bags are crafted from unlikely materials such as rice and sewn by hand in small batches in Cambodia. EcoBags, another source, carries totes made from recycled cotton, as well as a recycled cotton lunch sack to replace the brown bag or Ziploc. Or better yet, buy a FEED bag and support a project started by Lauren Bush, an honorary spokesperson for the UN World Food Program. Proceeds from the sale go to feed a child for a school year. The goal: Reduce the billions of plastic and paper bags headed for a landfill near you with a smarter answer. Make sure to recycle this newsletter!