



Coppell Greens Newsletter

COPPELL GREENS HOMEOWNERS ASSOCIATION

February 2011

Annual Meeting

The 2011 Annual Meeting will be held on **Tuesday, March 15th at 7:00 pm.** The meeting will be held at the Vista Ridge United Methodist Church. Check in will start at 6:30 pm. Cookies and refreshments will be served. Two positions on the board will become available this year, so if you are interested in serving our neighborhood, please consider nominating yourself. Return your nomination form when you get it in the mail or email our property manager, Ginnye Nance at: gnance@principal-mgmt.com. Also, homeowners who would like to showcase their business at the meeting, please contact us.

CISD Update

The CISD Board has not yet voted on allowing open enrollment. Open enrollment would allow children who are residents of the city of Coppell, but not residing in the boundaries of CISD, to attend Coppell schools on a case by case basis. Coppell Greens and part of the Riverchase subdivision fall into that situation. After much delay, the issue was reviewed by the CISD Board in the fall, but a vote was deferred pending further information on the impact of a planned minor redistricting (i.e. changing the boundaries within CISD defining which schools children will attend.) That information apparently will help the CISD Board forecast more accurately how full the classrooms will be. It may, however, be just another excuse to not approve even a trial of open enrollment. We were hopeful that the failure of the (TRE) tax rate election that was held in the Fall would help our cause. Unfortunately, the TRE passed with an exceptionally low voter turnout, while it failed in many other school districts. Since the TRE election, the State is considering drastic budget reductions. CISD's budget might be cut by as much as \$5 million. That will force them to look more seriously at alternate ways to increase revenue like open enrollment. Amazingly, CISD would receive \$5,799 from the State for each student that is admitted through open enrollment and there is little or no cost associated with it.

The CISD Board, however, has been reluctant to even give it a try! What can you do? **Speak Out!!!**

Send an e-mail to the CISD Board expressing YOUR desire for Open Enrollment and why. Send it to: Cindy Warner, Pres; Anthony Hill, VP; David Apple, Secretary; Susie Kemp; Thom Hulme; Scott Orr; Bennett Ratliff and copy us. Their e-mail addresses are respectively: Place6@coppellisd.com, Place3@coppellisd.com, Place1@coppellisd.com, Place4@coppellisd.com, Place5@coppellisd.com, Place7@coppellisd.com, board@coppellgreens.com

This is YOUR HOA

The Coppell Greens HomeOwner's Association (CGHOA), is just that. It is a neighborhood association established to regulate the community. In the last year there has been a lot of bad press about HOA's that have been quick to foreclose on homeowners for failure to pay dues. Your Board has worked very hard to help homeowners who have fallen behind on their dues to avoid foreclosure by offering them a structured payment plan, and above all communicating with them. The Board also recognizes that there is a balance between needing to establish and

maintain architectural controls while not being overbearing. What is OK? What's not? Ultimately you decide because you vote for and elect the Board and they represent YOU. What do you think about:

- Plastic flowers in flower beds
- The variety of front door colors. Is purple, pink or orange acceptable?
- Should someone be able to park an RV in front of a house and for how long?
- Should the CGHOA fine for non-compliance?

Unfortunately, home owners tend to be reactive and only get involved when something directly impacts them. We need to be better than that by getting people involved. Interested? Contact: board@coppellgreens.com In order to encourage participation in committees, the Board has decided to give committee members a \$50 gift card for each quarter that they participate. Committees will include: ACC, Social, Publicity and Audit and will consist of 3 members. Also, as a part of the Social Committee, we will be starting an effort to welcome people into the community when they move in.

Architectural Control Committee (ACC) Request Forms Mandatory

Any major change to your home or landscaping must be approved prior to work commencing. Here is a list of a few items:

- Adding a patio cover.
- Changing your fence line, type or color.
- Changing your house exterior paint color.
- Building planter walls.
- Changing your roof shingle color.

You can find the necessary ACC form on the bottom of the home page: www.coppellgreens.com

Gardening

Would you like to spend some time twice a year with your neighbors comparing notes on flowers, plants and trees? Contact Carmen Prince at: cprince1946@gmail.com

Spring Cleaning

We all like to live in a clean community that we are proud of. Springtime is a good time to start thinking about taking care of things like repairing, painting, or replacing your fence, painting the exterior trim on your house and front door, and putting joint sealant in the cracks in your driveway. Don't forget your yard. Spring is a great time to plant annuals or perennials and make it look great. It is very important to keep the condition of your property in good shape to maintain its value.

Earth Day

Help us celebrate Earth Day by cleaning up the trash in the neighborhood. Please sign up at the annual meeting to help cleanup the neighborhood on **Saturday, April 23rd from 1pm to 3 pm.**



Report It

See a broken sprinkler head, a broken water line, or water running at odd hours? Please tell us.

Pick Up Your Pet's Mess

This is a delicate subject but, unfortunately, there are some people who walk their dogs in the neighborhood who don't pick up their dog's poop.

Have you ever received a gift on your front lawn that you didn't appreciate? First of all, it is against City ordinance. Secondly, it is in bad taste and lacks consideration. All you have to do is carry a plastic bag with you, pick up the mess, and then throw the bag in the trash. If you don't, you may be reported to the City and fined.



Don't Forget your Pets this Summer!

Dogs should not be left in the backyard during the summer months without shade and lots of water. The garage is not a good place to leave your pet for a long time either. It can get very hot in the garage when the temperature rises. Also, there are toxic items kept in the garage that can be harmful or deadly to your pet. Love your pets by protecting them from heat during the summer and freezing cold in the winter.

Speed Humps

No matter what we do, people continue to speed in our neighborhood and it is very dangerous. The City of Coppell will soon be sending out letters to all residents along Fallkirk Drive asking for their approval to install speed humps. 46 letters will be sent out and 75% need to approve it for it to pass. They will be placed roughly where the duck crossing signs are located. **Please help your neighborhood by filling out the form and returning it.**

Holiday Lights Winner

Congratulations to our Holiday Lights contest winners. The winners were: 1st - 115 Fallkirk Dr., 2nd - 764 Kilbridge Dr., 3rd - 202 Lairds Dr.