

- OFFICIAL NEWSLETTER FOR COLONY CREEK – CHAMPION WOODS AND COLONY CREEK ESTATES

## Danny Woods Retires After 20 Years of Dedicated Service

After 20 years of service as board president, Danny Woods has resigned as president of the Colony Creek Village Community Association. Danny volunteered for the board of directors over 20 years ago because he wanted to make a difference. Having lived in Colony Creek for 15 years myself, I can tell you without any doubt that he achieved his goal. Danny worked with the builders during the creation of several of the newer sections in CCV. Some of his other accomplishments were building our clubhouse, retention pond, walking park and pavilion. Other accomplishments include working with other

communities as the Security Coordinator, working with the water board to permanently resolve flooding issues and lack of draining in the park, improving areas, including the park, pool, fences, playground, landscaping and many more.

Most importantly he made efficient use of our resources to maintain and improve our community. Some say the Danny was a little tight. Others said he squeaked when he walked, but I say he was a good steward of our money. Our homeowner's dues were \$235 when Danny was appointed President, and 20 years later they are still a rea-

sonable \$295...not bad, not bad at all.

Danny was recognized with the Barbara Bain Distinguished Volunteer Award by the Cypress Creek United Civic Association. This award recognizes one individual each year that is committed to service and has made a significant contribution to their community. Danny never missed an opportunity to make a difference and I can't think of anyone who deserved it more. We have restructured the board of directors and Michele Roddy was selected as our new President.

## A Message from new HOA President, Michelle Roddy

Hi Neighbors,

Our Colony Creek Mariners were victorious over the Gleannloch Gators last weekend. Congratulations swimmers! This Saturday (6/5) is the last home meet and they will be competing with Windrose. The last home meet ran late because there were over 440 competitors, but this weekend's meet should have less swimmers so they should be done earlier - around 3PM. The pool opens as soon as they are cleared out. Good luck Mariners!

As always, on meet days try to avoid Colony Creek Drive and use one of our alternate entrances/exits. If you have to use Colony Creek Drive, please watch out for the swimmers crossing the street. Children tend to sometimes not look where they are going. As always - thanks for your patience!!!

This is the last meet for season in our Colony Creek pool.

The pool opens full time summer hours starting tomorrow, Friday 6/4. The pool hours are Tuesday-Sunday 11-8. The pool is closed Mondays for cleaning.

If you did not get your pool passes during the five sign up dates, you can still get them. Go to colonycreekvillage.org to get the form and see how to get the passes or guest passes. There is a \$20 fee for late pool passes. Guest passes can be purchased for \$10 - (10 visits). They don't expire. Late passes are done by a fabulous neighborhood volunteer, but they take a few days to process. The lifeguards are *not* able to get your pool passes and you will not be allowed in the pool without a current pass and current emergency contact information on file.




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# Village Voice

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**Pearl Fincher  
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Fine Arts**

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*Pearl Fincher* | **Museum of Fine Arts**

As part of both the Runge/Howard Collection and the *Linhas Iluminadas* shows currently on exhibit through August 8, 2010, the Pearl Fincher Museum of Fine Arts has introduced an interactive activity for visitors to participate in.

The 'What Inspires You' card is available to visitors of all ages who can draw or write about what inspires them. Because many different things inspire artists, this is a fun way to let our guests tell us what types of things inspire them.

A small station is set up in the

main gallery allowing guests to sit down and complete their card as part of their museum experience. The visitor can then leave their card at the front desk and their 'inspiration' will be included with all the submissions and displayed on the flat screen monitor in our foyer as part of our daily slide presentation. New entries are added each day as received.

The card also provides guests an opportunity to complete an optional survey letting the museum staff know what genre of art they would most prefer to see at Pearl and to provide comments about the museum should they wish to.

"Our guests really seem to enjoy it when we include ways in which they can be interactive with our exhibitions and these 'inspiration cards' allow everyone the opportunity to find their own artist within" says Scott Silver Marketing and Promotions Manager for the museum.

For more information about current exhibitions, educational programming and other events and activities at the Pearl, please call 281-376-6322 or visit online at [www.pearlmfa.org](http://www.pearlmfa.org).



**Klein High Student Earns Tommy Tune Scholarship**

Francis Vu, a senior at Klein High School, won a \$3,000 scholarship through the Tommy Tunes Award competition among area high schools. The Tommy Tune competition is known for its awards for high school musical theater. The program also offers an essay contest for college scholarships.

Vu is a strong student in academics and the fine arts. He holds place #14

in his graduating class of 803 students. Because of his academic standing and talents in the fine arts, he was awarded a generous scholarship from Baylor University.

In his Tommy Tune contest essay, Francis told how music became an integral part of his life and how its importance has grown.

Francis tried acting as a fourth and

fifth grade student when he participated in Destination ImagiNation.

At the high school level, he has appeared in *Guys and Dolls*, *Dirty Rotten Scoundrels*, and his school's one act play, *Proof*. With Playhouse 1960, he appeared in *Urinetown, the Musical* and Agatha Christie's *And Then There Were None*.

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We have restructured the board of directors and Michele Roddy was selected as our new President. Michele has been on the board for 6 years in the role of Secretary. She also served CCV by leading many of the special events and clubhouse activities. She has a proven track record and will serve CCVCA well. Please come to the next HOA meeting to congratulate Michelle.

I know that I speak for the entire board of directors and all of the residents of Colony Creek Village in saying that we will miss you greatly Danny Woods. Thank you so very much for all of your time, dedication and service to Colony Creek.

*Submitted by Royce Deveny  
Treasurer, CCVCA*

**Residents begin new Web Site  
for locating lost pets!!!**

**Colony Creek Village Pet  
Groups Starts New Web Site**

**Go to:**

**[www.colonycreekpets.com](http://www.colonycreekpets.com)  
and find information for topics  
such as: Lost &  
Found, Adoptable Animals,  
News & Events, Tips & Advice  
as well as links to other pet  
related sites. Take a few  
minutes and check it  
out!**



## Klein High School News

The Klein High Academic Challenge won the Academic Challenge State Championship held at Sam Houston State University. This is the second consecutive year the team has won the state title after two years of finishing second. Team members are Jared Skidmore, Michael Meehan, Jie Yong, Michael Xu, Matt Figueroa and Kyle Ashmore. The team will compete at the 28th Annual National Academic Championships May 29 - 31 in New Orleans.

The Klein Independent School District is located in north Harris County and has more than 44,750 students in its twenty-six (26) elementary, eight (8) intermediate, and four (4) high schools. Visit the district's Web site at [www.kleinisd.net](http://www.kleinisd.net) for additional information about the Klein Independent School District.

### Kleb News

Kleb Intermediate School  
If you have students going to

Kleb Intermediate this fall, there are a few dates to mark on the calendar. Text book distribution will be August 9-11<sup>th</sup>. School Supplies will be sold on August 12<sup>th</sup> from 9-12 and 5-7. Locks, spirit shirts, and PE uniforms will also be available at the sale. The new student orientation will be August 18<sup>th</sup>. We are still looking for a few PTO Board members, so if you are able to help us out, please contact our PTO President, Sonja Anderson at: [glenandsonja@hotmail.com](mailto:glenandsonja@hotmail.com)

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In the fifth grade, Francis began playing the viola. He continued in orchestra through intermediate and high school. He also added choir to his schedule in the sixth grade; he has continued in the vocal music program. Away from school, he is the lead cantor in a choir at St. Ignatius Church.

Francis gives community service through his church.

Francis's older sister attends the University of Dallas. He is the older brother of four younger siblings. He gives credit to his parents who are "behind him all the way."



TOMMY TUNE AWARD

## GOT PAINT?

In the last newsletter we had a "Got Paint" article that explained many of our older houses needed a fresh coat of paint. Thank you to the folks that took the initiative to get this done. All of the freshly painted houses look great.

To those that have procrastinated, our management company will begin sending reminder letters if it is determined that you need to paint. How will they know if you

need to paint? If your paint is faded, chalky, cracked or peeling off, you need to paint. This reminder could potentially lead to a serious violation, so if you should receive a letter please take care of it in a timely manor. Should you need more time please contact our management company to work out the details. Don't forget to fill out an ACC form before you paint. You can get and ACC form on the web

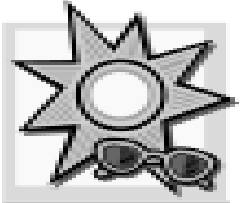
site or by contacting Beacon (our management company.)

Keeping up the appearance of your house will ensure that Colony Creek Village remains a great place to live, a place we can take pride in, and a place where we maintain our property value.

Submitted by  
Royce Deveny, CCVCA

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# Village Voice

### Newsletter Submissions

As you submit with this in mind, keep in mind that the newsletter is a FIRST COME, FIRST SERVED entity that serves the families of Colony Creek / Champion Woods. For cost saving measures, it is printed in black and white with a color background. A color version is typically posted on the Colony Creek webpage after the hard copy has been delivered to homes. Newsletters usually hit homes within 3- 4 weeks after the deadline.

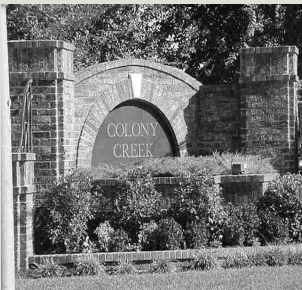
### About Colony Creek

Colony Creek Village / Champions Woods is a thriving subdivision in Northwest Harris County with one of the lowest crime rates in the area. The Village Voice Newsletter serves nearly 1,100 homes. Ad space in the Village Voice is among the lowest in suburban Houston.

### How to Submit

All submissions should be electronic (i.e. business cards, fliers, etc.) must be scanned. It is always FREE for residents to submit a community article or event. Nonprofits are typically FREE as well. ALL articles and advertisements are subject to CCVCA Board approval, and will be printed in the form/format submitted.

Submissions are currently being accepted at [sethbatiste@yahoo.com](mailto:sethbatiste@yahoo.com).



## RODDY: *Continued from page 1*

Have a safe summer! Remember - school is out now so please watch out for our children. Please slow down and stop at the stop signs. Don't let there be a tragic event in our neighborhood because you are in a hurry or on your cell phone.

We have a new crop of teenage drivers so please talk with your teenagers and let them

know they can lose their license for talking on their cell phone or texting while driving depending on their age and how long they have been licensed.

Let's all watch out for each other!



## Got Paint *Continued from page 2*

Beginning in April our new management company will be sending violation letters to anyone who needs to paint or remove mildew. If you should get a letter, please take care of the request in a timely manor. And won't it look great when our entire community has great curb appeal? This will also ensure that Colony Creek Village remains a great place to live, a place we can take pride in, and a place where

our property values are maintained.



## How to Settle a Delinquent HOA Account *by Todd Miller*

Colony Creek Village Community Association assesses maintenance fees to homeowners on a yearly basis. The funds collected are used to pay for amenities in the neighborhood such as mosquito spraying, swimming pool maintenance, landscaping upkeep and improvements such as flowers at the entrances, street lights, utilities (electricity and water), and taxes.

The maintenance assessments are due and payable on January 1<sup>st</sup> of each year. Late fees are applied for each month the assessment is unpaid and the delinquent account is referred to the Association's attorneys for legal action if the amount remains unpaid. Homeowners are responsible for paying all late fees, collection fees and legal fees associated with the delinquency.

If you have suffered a financial hardship and have been unable to pay your yearly HOA assessment, there are ways to bring your account current and avoid those costly fees. Payment plans are available and can be used to bring an account current. Future late fees may be waived on an approved pay

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## A Walk for Breast Cancer Research *by Laurel Barnes*

This year, I'll be participating in a very special event called the Susan G. Komen 3-Day for the Cure.

I'll walk 60 miles over the course of three days with thousands of other women and men. Net proceeds from the Komen 3-Day for the Cure are invested in breast cancer research and community programs.

I've agreed to raise at least \$2,300 in donations. My team has set a goal of \$20,000. So I need your help. Would you please consider making a one-time donation of \$25? Keep in mind how far I'm walking - and how hard I'll have to train. You can give online at [The3Day.org](http://The3Day.org). You can also call 800-996-3DAY to donate over the phone.

One person is diagnosed with breast cancer every three minutes in the United States. That's why I'm walking so far. To do something bold about breast cancer. I hope that you'll share this incredible adventure with me - by supporting me in my fundraising efforts.

Thank you in advance for your generosity!  
Sincerely,

**Susan Laurel Barnes**

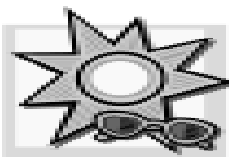
Board Secretary for CCV

P.S. Ask your employer if they will double your donation through a matching gift program!

The team page for **Blister Sisters** - Conquering Cancer Step by Step- web address: <http://www.the3day.org>

For more information about the Susan G. Komen 3-Day for the Cure or Susan G. Komen for the Cure, visit [The3Day.org](http://The3Day.org) or call 800-996-3DAY.

**My Participant ID: 3749244**



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## Colony Creek Village has now added



to the clubhouse and surrounding area. You can now bring your laptop or other device to the park, pool area or inside the clubhouse during your event. Hours of wireless operation are 9:00am to 10:00pm daily. To access, from your wireless software, look for Colony Creek Clubhouse and enter the password *clubhouse* ( note: all lower case ). There is no charge for this service.

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## COLONY CREEK VILLAGE VOICE

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-ment plan allowing an owner to pay incremental amounts to bring their account current without incurring further expenses such as late fees and legal fees. Most reasonable repayment plans are approved so there is no reason not to take advantage of this opportunity to save money.

If your account is delinquent, the Board of Directors strongly urges you to contact the Association manager, Todd Miller, immediately to set up a payment plan.

You can email the request to: [tmiller@beaconrm.com](mailto:tmiller@beaconrm.com) or call 713-466-1204.



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## Tips to Know When Selling or Renting *by Seth Batiste*

Now that it is summer, by taking a quick glance around the neighborhood, you may have noticed what seems to be an increase in "for sale" and "for rent" signage. In addition to what a realtor may tell you when selling or renting your home, I hope to provide some personal tips that will help to maintain high property values in the subdivision, and give everyone a greater return on your investment. Here they are:

### For those selling

- In addition to what a realtor might tell you to get the maximum investment, it may be wise to maintain the upkeep, landscaping, etc. until the house is sold
- Ask a trusted neighbor to keep an eye out on your home if you don't plan to live in it until it is sold.
- Inform potential homebuyers of the low crime in our area and subdivision in part because of vigilant neighbors, law enforcement presence and strict deed enforcement.

### For those renting

- Inform them BEFORE they move in of basic deed restrictions (i.e. property maintenance)
- Make sure that they have a clear understanding of how trash pick-up works, and who has the responsibility of paying for the service. Renters should also be informed of trash dates, payment deadlines and holiday procedures.
- Inform tenants of commons and pool area guidelines.
- If you have plans to sell, informing potential tenants is the courteous thing to do.

Finally, a community is only as good as those that seek to make it better. Thanks for making Colony Creek Village the best place to live!

Enjoy your summer!

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To submit an ad, contact Seth Batiste at [sethbatiste@yahoo.com](mailto:sethbatiste@yahoo.com) or via phone at 832-717-5476.

PLEASE send large attachments to [sethbatiste@gmail.com](mailto:sethbatiste@gmail.com).

Visit us on the web at  
[www.colonycreekvillage.org](http://www.colonycreekvillage.org).

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### Attention NW Harris County Tri Delta Alumnae

Mark your calendars and plan to join your Tri Delta friends for a "Girls Movie Night Out". Save the date for **Tuesday, January 12th**. Our group meets on the second Tuesday of every month September - April. We have a diverse group of women of all ages from a variety of colleges. For more information, please contact Christina at 281 -855-6893 or Karen at [trideltanews@yahoo.com](mailto:trideltanews@yahoo.com).

**CALL THE SHERIFF:** It's important for our residents to take action if you see something that isn't right. Our community has a contract with the Harris County Sheriff's department, not the constable or the Houston Police Department. If you see an emergency call 911, or a non-emergency call **713-221-6000**. Please call these numbers first before you call one of the board members or type to the chatter group.