



## Summer 2016

### Presidents Letter

Welcome to our new Colony Neighborhood website and online Newsletter at [The-Colony.info](http://The-Colony.info). I want to offer a big thank you to Kim Bragg for providing the technical expertise to launch the new website. There are many advantages to an on-line Newsletter. Reducing printing costs of course saves money, we can include more current information, and finally our survey results indicated a preference for an online newsletter. We know this is a big change, so please feel free to let the Board know what you think. As I start my new term as President I welcome hearing any concerns, comments and suggestions. You can email me at [sherriweisenfluh@gmail.com](mailto:sherriweisenfluh@gmail.com) or phone 859-806-0186.

It's been a busy summer. Hopefully, you saw the email I sent announcing our recognition as a "Runner-Up" in the Lexington In Bloom contest for the Wildcat Chase stream restoration project in the native planting category. Board member, Jane Madden has been refreshing some of the islands to improve appearance and enhance low maintenance. Jane's landscaping experience is in evidence and much appreciated. Also please take some time to appreciate the many beautiful yards/gardens located throughout the colony.

Unfortunately storms created some broken limbs and tree damage this month. Given the number of large old growth trees in our neighborhood, the damage could have been greater; however our sympathy goes out to those who lost trees.

Please plan to attend our Annual Colony Picnic, hosted this year by Mike and Tracy Hart and Ellen Tunnell (1272 Colonial Drive) September 18, 2016 from 4:00 PM to 6:30 PM. You should have already received an invitation with details. Please RSVP to Jennifer Rice at [TeamRice08@gmail.com](mailto:TeamRice08@gmail.com) or 727-656-2116. I'm looking forward to seeing you at the picnic.

As we find ourselves saying good bye to neighbors we also are welcoming new arrivals, and as always thanks for making the colony such a friendly welcoming neighborhood.

[Sherri Weisenfluh, President](#)  
[The Colony Neighborhood Association](#)

### Fourth of July

The Colony Neighborhood Association would like to say a BIG "Thank You" to the New Colony for celebrating and honoring the Fourth of July. Take a few minutes to thank our neighbors for their tradition of placing flags at the Colony entrance and lining the streets with flags on the fourth of July.



## Best in Bloom

Out of more than 250 nominations, the Colony Neighborhood Association received a Lexington in Bloom Runner-Up Award for the native planting category in our greenspace next to Wildcat Chase Stream. The Lexington in Bloom contest is sponsored by the Lexington Council Garden Club and is held every other year. The Colony also received a mention in the Herald Leader when the results of the contest were published. More nominations were received in 2016 than in the previous year. To be eligible all gardens had to be seen from the street. Categories included residential gardens created by professionals, amateur gardeners, large and small business gardens and miscellaneous (the Colony received recognition). An awards ceremony was held June 26, 2016 and was attended by Jane Madden, Jerry and Sherri Weisenfluh and Iby Morales. It's unknown who nominated the Colony area award but a big thank –you to them and made it possible. This award might just be the first as the Colony has many beautiful residential gardens and perhaps more will be



and nominated in 2018.



## Wildcat Chase Updates

A lot has happened lately at the Wildcat Chase greenspace. In June, we received a “runners up” award in the native plant category of the 2016 Lexington in Bloom competition conducted by the Lexington Garden Club. Unfortunately, the competition took place just before we installed our new plant markers. The great looking markers might have gotten us a first place. We also just received certification for the site as a Monarch Waystation. We’ll be putting up a sign for that this month.

If you’d like to learn more about native plants, stop down and look at our progress. We have about 75 different varieties of plants now, and many of them are in bloom. The markers tell you the common and scientific names for each plant. By fall, we hope to have a field guide or website that provides more information about the plants in case you want to

include them in your own garden.

In July we were visited by two representatives from the Urban County Government, Demetria Kimball Mehlhorn, Program Manager with Natural Resources Protection, Division of Environmental Services and Ben Krebs, Grant Manager with the Division of Water Quality visited the Wildcat chase Stream Project and Ken Cooke, Friends of Wolf Run. If you were up early on July 26, 2016 at 5:30 AM you may have caught reporter Lee Fields with WLEX, Channel 18 conducting a live interview with Demetria and Sherri and Jerry Weisenfluh, featuring the Wildcat chase stream. Two additional segments were taped and will run in the next two weeks.

## Former Colony Resident, Ben Withers Named Dean at CSU



The new dean of Colorado State University's College of Liberal Arts is an art historian and former department chair who has a track record in expanding and strengthening undergraduate programs, promoting multidisciplinary collaborations, fundraising, and supporting diversity and inclusion.....

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## Island Improvements

Based on your survey responses we know your top priority is the attractiveness and maintenance of the Colony islands. In response we have big plans for the islands. We're really fortunate to have board member, Jane Madden, in charge of landscaping this year. With her background as a landscape designer and her extensive knowledge of plants, she has some great ideas to improve the appearance of the islands. The guidelines for these proposed changes are to reduce maintenance, add colorful specimens, use native plants where possible, and improve visibility for motorists. This may mean moving, thinning, or removing some problem plants and replacing with better selections. You can see some of her work at the Colonial Drive/Mayflower island. These new plants were all selected for drought tolerance and should do





well with minimal maintenance. The next priority will be the Colonial Drive/John Standish Way island, followed by the big island at Colonial Drive/John Alden. We'll keep you informed on the changes as work progresses.

## In Appreciation

The Colony Board of Directors announced in the May Annual Meeting appreciation to all who have served as past and present board members and a desire to recognize past presidents of the neighborhood association. Small brass signs have been placed on the bench at the median located at Mayflower and Colonial Drive. The following have been recognized for their service:

Bill Taylor

Walt Whitlow

Fred O'Bryan

Mike Hart

Perry Bozarth

Carin Lovell

On behalf of the board we offer a BIG "Thank You" to all who have served. Our neighborhood would not be what it is today without the efforts of many.

