

# COUNTRY TIMES

Countryside Woods II

April, 2006

## Street Parking: Facts & Frustrations

Lt. Bob Fritschle of the Manchester Police Department was the featured guest speaker at the April Trustee meeting. The purpose of his visit was to address resident's concerns and questions regarding on-street parking.

An area of particular concern is the practice of parking in the middle of a cul-de-sac. Residents living in a cul-de-sac are very often frustrated by limited curbside space for parking. Families with multiple vehicles or frequent guests resolve the problem by parking side by side in the center of the circle.

City parking ordinances dictate that parking in the center of a cul-de-sac is permitted if there is ten feet of pavement around the perimeter of the cul-de-sac. This perimeter provides the space required for emergency vehicles or fire trucks, should the need arise.

The problem, as Lt. Fritschle pointed out, is that a large cluster

of vehicles can effectively block this ten-foot perimeter, thereby creating an illegal parking situation. If police officers respond to a complaint, they are confronted with the monumental task of going door-to-door searching for vehicle owners.

In a further communication on this subject from Sgt. Charlie Everingham, there are more restrictions residents should be aware of. He cited the "mailbox provision" which restricts parking within ten feet of a mailbox. This would seem to make parking at the curb in a cul-de-sac almost impossible.

To further complicate things, parking within fifteen feet of a fire hydrant is also prohibited. These two ordinances alone would seem to make on-street parking difficult for other residents, as well.

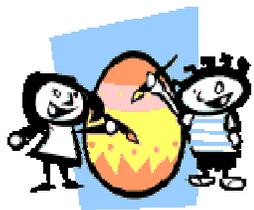
How many vehicles can be parked in a cul-de-sac without obstructing traffic? That's hard for the police

department to answer. Each cul-de-sac is configured differently because of driveways and mailboxes.

Both Lt. Fritschle and Sgt. Everingham indicate a willingness to work with resident's parking concerns rather than take a hard-line approach.

Lt. Fritschle reminds residents to keep the ten-foot perimeter in mind when guests park in a cul-de-sac. He also advises residents to phone the police department to give advance notice of guest parking. This allows for a point of reference if there is a complaint. Additionally, he recommends more communication between neighbors to help prevent misunderstandings.

The non-emergency phone number for the Manchester Police Department is: 636-527-9200.



The annual CLWII Easter Egg Hunt held on the clubhouse grounds April 8 was a smashing success. More than 75 children of all ages came in search of candy and prizes. This year's bunny was by far the cutest one in recent memory (Thanks, Ali). And, thanks to the generosity of Eleanor Lyons,

## EASTER EGG HUNT THANKS

(contributed by Karen Paszek)

delicious donuts were enjoyed by all. Thanks also to Eleanor for supplying the frames for the signs which managed to withstand the weather. Thanks also to Howard and Nancy Sutton, owners of the Big Bend Dairy Queen, for contributing free cone coupons as prizes.

This event was a great example of the community spirit that makes CLWII such a wonderful place to

live. Many residents, kids to adults, contributed time and effort to make this event run smoothly. Special thanks to Cheri Inman for all of her *eggscellent* advice on how to organize the hunt. And, thanks to the many others who pitched in—Tony, Mary, Cris, Ali, Zach, Patty, Liz, Mark, Denise, Ryan, Katie, Emma, Sophia, and Quinn.



The CLWII Swim Team is holding a fund-raising barbecue on Monday, June 26th. Food will be ready to serve at 5:00 p.m.

You may purchase a complete dinner or ala carte items at very reasonable prices. Selections will include pork steaks, bratwurst, hamburgers, hot dogs, various side dishes and soda.

Volunteers will be located on the front lawn at the clubhouse. Stop by on your way home from work and pick up dinner-to-go!!



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## Clubhouse and Grounds

During the April Trustee meeting, our webmaster, Keith Brown, announced that work was currently underway to add a new page to the CLWII website listing homes that are for sale in the subdivision. Stay tuned for further updates.

The aged and much-used copy machine used by the trustees finally bit the dirt in early April. Trustees purchased a new Canon copier, thanks to the assistance of Todd Brown.

Planned and budgeted improvements for 2006 include additions of a water fountain on the exterior wall of the clubhouse

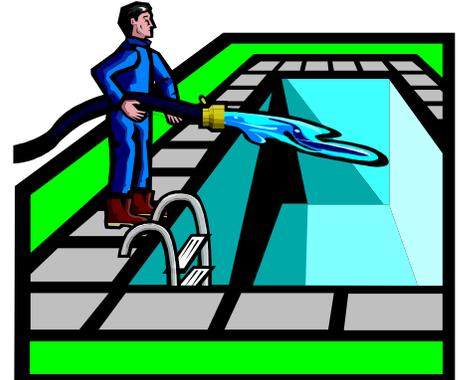
by the pools, diaper changing stations in each of the estrooms, and a complete refurbishing of the tennis courts, which includes removal of the basketball hoop.

The water fountain and diaper changing stations will be installed by the time the pool opens on Memorial Day Weekend.

Work on the tennis courts will commence soon and may be in progress when you receive this newsletter.

Repairs, cleaning, and procedures to ready the pool for opening will take up most of the month of May. The entrance

door to the pool will be painted.



## Pool Procedures and Hours of Operation

The 2006 pool season is right around the corner. We are including an insert in this issue of Country Times which provides pool pin information. On the reverse side, you will find updated pool rules. This insert may be removed and placed in a convenient place for reference all season. Please be aware that the age for adult pool pins has changed from 18 yrs. to 21 yrs.

Last year's pool season was a source of concern to some pool-goers because of problems they felt were not addressed. Unfortunately, these problems were not reported in a timely manner and the trustees heard about them after the pool

closed for the season.

In an effort to be more responsive to problems this season, we are urging pool-goers to report problems as soon as possible. Speak to the manager on duty at the time a problem is observed. If you feel the manager did not resolve the problem, you may call the pool supervisor, Sue Frizzell. Her cell phone number will be posted at the pool. Calling her directly rather than calling the clubhouse should save time and get the problem addressed sooner.

Again, please do not wait until the end of

the season to report problems.

Pool hours of operation are Tuesday thru Sunday, 11:00 a.m. till 8:00 p.m. If Monday is a holiday, the pool will remain open and then be closed on Tuesday. Watch the bulletin board for later hours two days weekly during July.

NOTE: Because many of our lifeguards are still in school, the weekday hours of operation for the first few weeks after opening and the final two weeks prior to close in September will be 4:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.

## March Corporate Meeting

The CLWII first annual corporate meeting was held on Tuesday, March 7, 2006. Approximately 70 homeowners attended the meeting, which featured a Power Point presentation, a first for any CLWII meeting.

Guests included Ward II Alderman, Marilyn Ottenad, Manchester City Administrator, Ed Blattner, and CLWIII

attorney, Chuck Billings.

Mr. Blattner presented highlights of pending adjacent commercial developments and their potential impact on CLWII. He and Ms. Ottenad also presented the current status of erosion control projects in Ward II.

Mr. Billings gave an overview of the subdivision's legal stature.

### TRUSTEE/HOMEOWNER MEETINGS

Trustee/Homeowner meetings are held on the first Monday of each month at 7:00 p.m. in the clubhouse.

### REMAINING 2006 EXCEPTIONS:

September—Monday, 9/11

## Clubhouse Rental Information

DEPOSIT..... \$100.00

(Deposit is refundable but may be held to pay for any damages to premises. Deposit check is necessary to reserve your rental date and must be provided within 5 days of booking, or date may remain open.)

WINTER RENTAL RATE..... \$ 75.00

(Sept. thru May-excluding Memorial & Labor Days)

SUMMER RENTAL RATE..... \$100.00

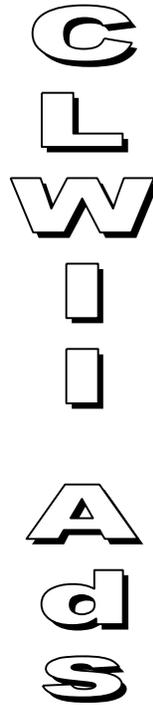
(Memorial Day Weekend thru Labor Day Weekend)

POOL RENTAL ONLY..... \$100.00

CLUBHOUSE W/POOL..... \$100.00

(Pool rentals must end no later than 11:00 p.m.)

Renters are required to clean premises after use. Trash bags, paper towels and vacuum cleaner are provided. Pool rental arrangements must be made at least 3 weeks prior to rental date. Lifeguards will be required and additional fees are charged by the pool company for this service. Clubhouse viewing: First Monday of each month at 6:30 p.m.



### IAN'S LAWN SERVICE

Mowing & trimming, \$20-\$30, depending on size. I will do almost any job you have for \$8/hr. Call 636-225-0081 and ask for Ian.



TUTORING - Experienced tutor and teacher of 17 years. K-College, all areas. Call 636-225-0522.



## TIME-SAVING TIPS

### ARCHITECTURAL CONTROL

For approval of home additions, alterations, or new fencing, please submit plans or drawings, along with a copy of your plat map, indicating location of project. Be sure to include your name, address and phone number. Place in envelope and address it to the attention of Eric Ruegg. Drop in mailbox in front of the clubhouse at 851 Country Stone Drive.

### STREET LIGHT OUTAGES

To report street light outages, phone Manchester City Hall at 636-227-1385 and chose the menu option of "Public Works" for "street light outages."

### SELLING YOUR HOME?

The title company will ask for your assessment information. Our assessment accounting is provided by City & Village Tax Service, #3 Hollenberg Ct., Bridgeton, Missouri, 63044. The phone number is 314-739-4800.

## COMMON GROUND MAINTENANCE

Many homes in the subdivision are bordered by common ground. These areas provide us with a great deal of beauty and privacy, while increasing everyone's property value. Please remember that common ground, particularly creeks and gullies, is not to be used as a dumping ground for yard wastes.

When yard wastes, tree limbs, etc., are thrown into waterways or gullies, they can become lodged and act like a dam for water retention. During periods of heavy

rain, water builds up behind these "dams" and drains improperly causing erosion and flooding of private property and homes. Several months ago the trustees had to correct a problem when storm water, diverted by a buildup of yard wastes, flooded the family room of a CLWII homeowner.

Thunderstorms and high winds may become more frequent during May and June. These conditions pose a threat to common ground trees and branches. If

you notice a downed tree, broken branches, or a dead common ground tree, please call the clubhouse @ 636-225-0930 and report the problem. The trustees check for phone messages more frequently when high winds or severe storms descend on our area.

Your cooperation is appreciated in the efforts to maintain the beauty of our community.

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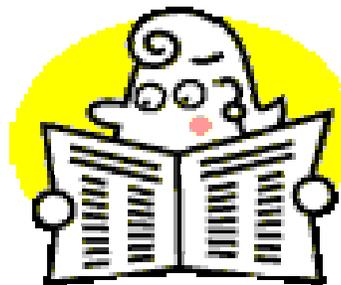
*ADDRESSEE:*

*We're on the Web!*  
[www.countrylanewoodsii.com](http://www.countrylanewoodsii.com)



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