



COPPER MEADOWS
SUBDIVISION



Newsletter

January 2014

Residents of Copper Meadows Subdivision,



Happy 2014!

As we begin a new year, we'd like to take a moment to recap our 2013 in Copper Meadows. Improvements in our commons areas continued throughout the year. We saw the completion of the playground area with the installation of trash cans and benches around the play equipment and the construction of our park sign. In addition to completing the playground area, we've begun planning for continued improvements at the park. Architect plans will soon be available for review. Benches and trash cans were also

added around our ponds to offer more comfort to our residents while enjoying our neighborhood. We also completed the installation of planned fountains in our phase three and four ponds. Additionally, homeowners approved a revision of restrictive covenants, explained later in this issue. In all, 2013 was a productive year, and your board members are looking forward to another great one in 2014.

2014 Board Members

Open board nominations were submitted in December, with six returning nominations and one new nomination. Continuing to serve in these voluntary positions are Jamey Abshire, Tiffany Blodget, Amy Deslattes, Wes Holt, Dave Pierret, and Bess Trahan. Joining us in 2014 is Katri Culotta. Should you have any questions or concerns you would like to bring to the board, please don't hesitate to contact us at info@coppermeadowsonline.com. We look forward to serving you the rest of this year.

Upcoming Dates

Upcoming activities for the 2014 have been tentatively scheduled. All dates are subject to change. Please refer to the website at www.coppermeadowsonline.com for the most up-to-date information.

- Youngsville Mardi Gras Parade- March 1
- Easter Social- April 5
- Spring Garage Sale- May 3

Future consideration for HOA activities include a Kids' Fishing Tournament, First Day of Summer Family Movie Night, Back-to-School Movie Night, Fall Garage Sale, Halloween Social, and Christmas Social. If you have suggestions for future activities, contact socials@coppermeadowsonline.com



Restrictive Covenants

At the August Open HOA meeting, residents voted to amend the restrictive covenants for Copper Meadows. These amendments were made in an effort to keep our children safe and to ensure the aesthetic integrity of our subdivision remains intact. A complete copy of the revised restrictive covenants can be found on our website at <http://www.coppermeadowsonline.com/regulations.html>.

Additions to covenants are below:

- a. Recreational equipment (temporary or permanent), including basketball goals, soccer nets, hitting nets, etc., shall not be placed within the street right-of-way, which varies by plat and legal description of the property.
- b. The placing and parking of house trailers or mobile homes on any lot in the subdivision shall be prohibited. No motor home, travel trailer, camper or other similar recreational vehicle may be used as a residence on any lot, and any such vehicle, as well as any boats, boat trailers, or other trailers, must be parked and kept behind the front set-back lines within a closed building or behind a fence at least six feet (6') in height. No vehicle may be placed on blocks or an immovable position on any lots or street in this subdivision.

This newsletter serves as official notice that revised covenants are now on file at the courthouse and take effect February 1, 2014. Any residents who need to move basketball goals or other athletic equipment that has been placed at the street are advised to do so prior to February 1st to avoid fines.

Yard of the Month

Each month, we are looking for homeowners who go above and beyond to keep their yards groomed and attractive. If you see residents who have done a terrific job of maintaining landscaping, we encourage you to email yardofthemonth@coppermeadowsonline.com and submit your nomination. December's Yard of the Month was a special recognition for Holiday Spirit. Congratulations to Scott and Michele Coker of 114 Brookhaven for their beautiful gingerbread house Christmas décor. These residents put many a smile on the faces of our neighborhood children.



December
114 Brookhaven

Reminder: Maintaining your yard includes picking up grass clippings or blowing clippings back into the yard. Leaving grass clippings in the street is in violation of the restrictive covenants. Please endeavor to keep the curb and street in front of your home as presentable as the yard itself.

Landscaping Lagniappe

Winter freezes can be very hard on most South Louisiana foliage. Researchers at LSU Ag Center recommend waiting a few weeks before pruning shrubbery that has been exposed to freezing since freeze damage may not be immediately apparent. Herbaceous plants can be trimmed back to living tissue, and you can check woody plants for life by using your thumbnail to scrape back a little of the bark. If underneath is green, the plant should be fine for spring. January and early February is also the time to prune rosebushes for fuller, flowering bushes in the spring. If you would like more information about home gardening in Louisiana, visit www.lsuagcenter.com.



House Numbers

Emergency services in Lafayette Parish require you to have your house number physically displayed on your home. While mailbox numbers and painted curb numbers may help to make your address more visible, they do not serve as the official house identification that is required by emergency services. If you have a new construction home and have not placed your house number yet, please do so immediately to ensure the safety of your family in an emergency.

Commons Areas Update

We would like to thank those of you who communicate commons area concerns to us. The best way to let us know about an issue is by emailing commons@coppermeadowsonline.com. When we get these emails, we immediately contact the vendors and or contractors who are responsible for maintenance. Some issues can be solved immediately; however, others take longer. In the case of our fountains, we are in the process of having fountain casing replaced with equipment that is more watertight and longer-lasting. The vendor is currently testing replacement casing to make sure that it will hold up longer in our ponds. Because of this, you may notice that some ponds might remain unlit for a longer period of time as new casings are tested.

Procedures for Grievances and Violations

Occasionally you might find the need to report a violation of our restrictive covenants. All grievances are followed up with a review by one of our board members and appropriate action is taken. In order to submit a grievance, please use the form found here: <http://www.coppermeadowsonline.com/grievance.php> and submit a photo of the offense, if available, to violations@coppermeadowsonline.com. Documenting it this way allows us to maintain an email timestamp of each violation in order to process fines efficiently and accurately. Remember that trash cans are to be placed out the day before collection and removed the day of collection. Trash can violations are monitored on Tuesdays.



Architectural Control

Spring is spruce-up time around the house, and some of you may feel the need to repaint and/or refurbish the outside of your home. We remind you that all physical changes to your home must be submitted to the Architectural Control Committee. This includes paint, structural additions, concrete, fencing, and pools. Requests may be submitted via email to architecture@coppermeadowsonline.com and one of our board members will review your request and contact you with approvals or modifications.



Mardi Gras in Youngsville

The Youngsville Mardi Gras parade will roll on March 1, 2014 at 1:00 PM. The parade route usually closes two hours prior to parade start time. This means that Copper Meadows Blvd. will likely be closed by 11:00 AM. For those living off Quiet Meadows, Meadow Lake, and Copper Hill, please be sure your guests are aware of this restriction. Residents should still be able to access the neighborhood via Rushmore and Cane Derrick. Remember that parking on commons areas around the ponds is prohibited and residents living on and near Copper Meadows Blvd may wish to flag their yards to prevent cars from destroying lawns. Also, remember that if you bring a pet to the parade, proper restraints must be used, and you must have a means for collecting pet waste with you. We will have security in attendance, and as soon as further logistics are released by the city, we will forward that information.,

Easter Social

Our Easter Social will be held April 5, 2014. In order to hold this event, we need the assistance of homeowners to plan and set up activities for our children to participate in. If you are interested in joining our social committee, please email socials@coppermeadowsonline.com to have your contact information added to our list. We would love to have you join us!



Quarterly Dues

Many of you have already taken advantage of paying your dues monthly via bank draft. If quarterly payments are difficult for you to remember, consider submitting the form to our bookkeeper to sign up for monthly bank drafts: <http://www.coppermeadowsonline.com/forms.php>. Also, please remember that it is your responsibility to notify the bookkeeper when you sell your house to avoid additional dues. Send any billing inquiries to billing@coppermeadowsonline.com.

Board Communication

Have you been receiving email notifications from the board? If not, send your contact information to billing@coppermeadowsonline.com to have it added to our contact list.

Utilities

The City of Youngsville wants to remind all residents to refrain from placing non-flushable items in the city sewer system. This includes diapers, wipes, cardboard, and toys ☺. Also, if you notice any streetlights out in the neighborhood, Entergy asks you to inform them via their website at <https://secure.entergy.com/forms/StreetLights.aspx?FormId=132&RegionId=LA>. They will ask for the nearest house number as a reference point.



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P.O. Box 613
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