



COPPER MEADOWS
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Newsletter

March 2013



Residents of Copper Meadows Subdivision,

Greetings from your board! With spring just around the corner, we know many of you will be taking the opportunity to get out and enjoy the warmer weather as you work on your flower beds and do some spring cleaning around your homes. We hope that you take time to get to know the neighbors around you and take full advantage of our new park facilities. We have some exciting things planned this year, and we'll be sharing some of them with you in this newsletter. As always, this board is a volunteer board, and we sincerely hope that you feel comfortable approaching us with ideas and suggestions for our subdivision's future development. We'd love to have your input and assistance with community projects!

Sincerely,

Jamey, Amy, Wes, Dale, Dave, Bess, and Robert

Open HOA Meeting

Our next scheduled open HOA meeting will be held on March 21 at 6:00 p.m. We ask that you join us at the fire station on Fountainview Drive to hear about our current status and upcoming plans. This forum allows you to see how your board functions and offer your input on current projects. We'll be presenting our 2013 budget and giving you a breakdown of last year's subdivision improvements. Please join us!

Easter Social

We will have an Easter Social this year on March 23 from 2:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. We invite your family to join us for an afternoon of fun, friendship, and games. Plans include an egg hunt, fun jump, face painting, and relay games. We'll have hotdogs and burgers on the grill, and we invite residents to bring finger foods and desserts to share with your neighbors. If you'd like to bring pop-up tents and chairs, we'll start setting up around noon. The Social Committee is looking for more individuals to assist in the planning and set-up of the event. If you are interested, please email socials@coppermeadowsonline.com to let us know how to best contact you. "Pinteresters" are welcome to participate!





Garage Sale

Do you have clutter around your garage or in your storage areas? April 6th is the day to clear everything out for our community garage sale. We'll place advertisements in the local media so you don't have to worry about any advertising costs. The sale will run from 7:00 a.m. until 2:00 p.m. or until all residents have closed shop, whichever comes first.

Paperless Communications

It has been almost two years since our HOA has gone completely paperless. As a result, we've saved money to be used for development of our Master Plan, but we want your input on continuing this process. Please come to our HOA meeting on March 21st to share your thoughts.

Master Plan

In addition to the playground area that is being developed, you will begin to see improvements in several other areas of the neighborhood. Our park sign has been ordered, and we hope to see installation by our Easter social. We've also ordered trash cans to compliment the benches surrounding our park area. Since many residents enjoy the fishing in our ponds, we'll be placing benches and trash cans around the ponds as well. Until trash receptacles are installed, we ask you to be vigilant with your trash when enjoying our common areas. Plastic bags and fishing line that gets discarded in the grass usually finds its way into our ponds and then into our fountains, costing the HOA more money in fountain repairs.

Volunteers Wanted!

As part of our social committee budget, we'd like to continue seasonal décor around our entrance sign. If you would be interested in helping to plan, create, or set up seasonal décor, please email the social committee. Plans are underway for an Easter garland, and your input is wanted. Additional holidays we'd like to prepare for are Fourth of July, Halloween, and Christmas. If you have ideas, please contact us.



Pet of the Month



This month's featured pet is Baloo Deslattes. Baloo is a 10-month old weimaraner who likes to spend time playing with his boys and cuddling on the couch. If you'd like to nominate your furry friend to be featured in this section, you may email pictures and comments to newsletter@coppermeadowsonline.com. We'd like to remind all pet owners to take precautions to identify your pets in the event they get lost. Most local vets participate in microchipping to identify lost pets and reunite them with their owners.



Pet Protocols

As a reminder, Copper Meadows falls under the Lafayette Parish Animal Control ordinances. This means that if a dog or cat goes beyond your private property, it must be controlled on a leash. In addition, the parish ordinance states that you are responsible for collecting all animal by-products when walking your pet around the subdivision. Residents who continue to allow their animals to soil common areas and other residents' yards and/or sidewalks will be referred to parish animal control wardens.



Yard of the Month

Congratulations to our February yard of the month, Alice and Floyd Kidder. Not only do these residents maintain the front yard, but their back yard is a paradise! Nominations for yard of the month may be submitted to yardofthemoth@coppermeadowsonline.com. Thank you to all homeowners who keep their yards looking nice!

Landscaping Lagniappe

The azaleas will soon be in bloom in South Louisiana. LSU Ag Center recommends that azaleas be fertilized and pruned *after* the blooming season. This should be late April or early May. Pruning before the bloom or during the bloom could prevent the full flowering effect of your shrub. An acid-loving plant food is recommended for these shrubs. For information about other plant varieties available in our area, visit the LSU Ag Center at www.lsuagcenter.com.

While keeping up your yard this spring and summer, remember that lawn clippings must be picked up or blown back into the lawn. Clippings left in the street could promote clogging in drains and will be cited.



Grievances and Architectural Control

Requests for permission to make structural changes to your property are available on our website. A committee of fellow homeowners will review your request to insure all changes, such as paint color, additional fencing, or out-buildings, remain consistent with the intent of the neighborhood covenants. The committee will review all plans and contact the homeowner in a timely fashion. Remember, all ACC requests must be made *prior* to beginning construction.

In addition, if you feel there have been violations to our covenants, homeowners may submit a grievance form via the website.

Time Change

Daylight Savings Time will begin on March 10. Don't forget to set your clocks an hour ahead Saturday night.



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