



COPPER MEADOWS  
SUBDIVISION



## Newsletter July 2010

### Residents of Copper Meadows Subdivision,

We hope you are enjoying your summer! The first half of 2010 has kicked off with a great start. Our subdivision has hosted its first semi-annual garage sale with great success, we had a terrific turn-out for the second annual Easter social, and we organized our first kid's fishing tournament. The board has also been working to organize other events for the fall, including a Halloween social and an October garage sale. The board has also been working with members of the Master Plan Committee to establish a time-line and budget for our park area located in Phase IV. As you browse this quarter's newsletter, take note of the activities and events you and your family would like to participate in, and drop us an email at [socials@coppermeadowsonline.com](mailto:socials@coppermeadowsonline.com) if you'd like to help with the planning and set-up for these events.

### Easter Social

Our second annual Easter social was held on March 27. Residents were treated to a spectacular meal by Paul Huval while the kids participated in many games and activities. Thanks to Gina Brown for setting up the cupcake decorating station, and also to Charlotte Hebert for organizing the egg



dying event. Victoria Cary and Amy Deslattes painted faces for the kids and even some of the adults got in on the face painting fun! A special thanks goes to Chuck and Jeanie Beaston for preparing the grounds in advance and organizing the egg hunt. Thank you to the all of the volunteers who helped make the social a success either by



donating tables, equipment, or time to set-up. We couldn't have done it without your help! Our next HOA social will be around Halloween. Check the website as the fall gets closer or email the social committee to get involved.

### HOA Board Opening

There is currently an open position on the HOA Board. If you are interested in finding out more information about serving on the board, please email [info@coppermeadowsonline.com](mailto:info@coppermeadowsonline.com) The deadline is August 1<sup>st</sup>.



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## Kids' Fishing Tournament

Our first annual Kids' Fishing Tournament was held Father's Day Weekend. Many of our neighborhood kids spent the day hooking bass, goggle-eye, bream, and even a few catfish. We finished up the tourney with a hotdog lunch and cold watermelon followed by our awards.



Winners in the bass category were Laine E. and Joseph C. (7 and under), Jacob D. (8-11 yrs.), and Tyler N. (12-16 yrs.). Winners in the bream/goggle-eye category were Kyle E. and Collin T. (7 and under), Annie A. and Noel L. (8-11 yrs.), and Tyler N. (12-16 yrs.). Bringing in the biggest "trash" fish was Laine E. with a .834 catfish. Winners received various bait and tackle. Pictures of the tournament can be found on our website. Thanks goes to Nick Deslattes for organizing and running the event and also to Mike and Jenny Little who helped with set-up and cooking. We hope to see even more kids participate next year!



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## Pet of the Month



In lieu of the recent oil spill, this month's featured animal is our state bird, the brown pelican. Two of our residents, Jeanie Beaston and Donna Gee have recently spent several weeks in Ft. Jackson saving these birds and cleaning them from the effects of the oil. Thanks, ladies, for volunteering your time to help our Louisiana wildlife! 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](mailto:newsletter@coppermeadowsonline.com).





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## Yard of the Month



**April** 105 Brookfield

**May** 405 Green Springs



**June** 207 Copper Creek

Nominations for yard of the month may be submitted to [yardofthemonth@coppermeadowsonline.com](mailto:yardofthemonth@coppermeadowsonline.com). Winners receive one month free dues but may not win more than once in a 12-month period. Thank you to all homeowners who keep their yards looking nice!



## Landscaping Lagniappe

Due to drainage issues seen around the neighborhood, please be diligent when picking up lawn clippings. Clippings left in the street have been gathering with other stray debris and clogging the street drains. This could develop into a bad situation during heavy rains. If you use a blower, please consider blowing back into the grass. This will keep the streets clean and also help to re-fertilize your lawn. Also, those residents with homes located on the coulees are reminded to keep grass cut low down to the center of the coulee. The city has asked us to be consistent with maintaining the coulees to keep our subdivision drainage at its best.

For many homeowners, all of the colorful spring flowers we planted in March are now beginning to wilt in the summer heat. If you'd like to keep bright color in your flower beds, consider planting heat tolerant flowers such as marigolds or zinnias. Also, watering before 7:00 a.m. will help your lawn and garden retain the water and not evaporate too quickly.

If you have any landscaping tips to offer, please email [newsletter@coppermeadowsonline.com](mailto:newsletter@coppermeadowsonline.com).



## Phase 3/4 Improvements

You will soon see new pond fountains in the Phase 3 ponds that border the coulee. Through a cooperative work with developer John Broussard, two new fountain/aerators are currently being installed. We have also taken over this area as part of our common grounds, and the landscaping company has begun recurring lawn services to keep this area nice for our residents. Mr. Ron Boustany has been contracted to begin upkeep of these ponds to keep the algae and pond grass under control. You will also see new signs installed on the common grounds to discourage parking on the grass. If you need to drive your vehicle to the pond, please use the asphalt drive located in front of the substation. These are just a few more steps we're taking to unify the front and back areas of our subdivision.

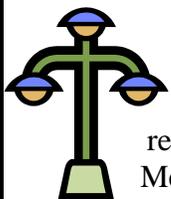
## Garage Sales

The spring garage sale was a success for our subdivision. Many residents reported selling out of goods within the first few hours, and our bake sale raised over \$130 towards flower bed upkeep in the front boulevard. Our next garage sale is scheduled for October 2<sup>nd</sup>. The committee will send out a reminder in September, and plans are being made to distribute maps of the subdivision with participating houses listed. This should help to ease the traffic flow in some of the cul-de-sacs and circles. If you are interested in helping to plan or advertise this event, please email [info@coppermeadowsonline.com](mailto:info@coppermeadowsonline.com)

## Grievances and Architectural Control

Remember, if you have a grievance concerning a violation of our HOA covenants, forms are available on our webpage. The board of directors will review all complaints in a timely manner and proceed accordingly.

Also, if you are planning to make any structural improvements on your home, such as changing paint color, adding or moving fencing, or creating additional living space, you are required by the covenants to complete an ACC request. These are available on the website. 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.



## Lighting Concerns

Several residents have voiced concerns recently about the lack of lighting around Copper Meadows Blvd Circle and over the coulee. This is an area board members have been studying, and we are looking into lighting solutions and responsibility. If you notice any street lights out in your area of the subdivision, please contact the City of Youngsville with this information.





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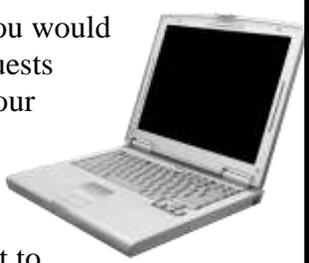

**Copper Ridge Park**

Soon Coming! After many months of analyzing financing options, gathering information from residents, and obtaining purchasing power, we will soon see work beginning on this phase of our Master Plan. One of the first steps was to analyze what concepts of the plan would actually be affordable for our subdivision. The Master Plan Committee, comprised of board members and volunteer homeowners, have met with various contractors and gathered quotes for playground equipment and splash pad construction. The first step will be to add

dirt and level the ground. Next, the committee will need to decide whether to spend the funds on playground equipment or a splash pad. With the account that has been established, we will be able to fund one of these two items immediately, and then we will have to decide if financing is an option we might want to pursue to complete the second project. It is the board's desire to make sure that shrubbery and trees are a part of this planning stage to provide shade and environment to the area. If you would like to participate in the Master Plan Committee, please email [parks@coppermeadowsonline.com](mailto:parks@coppermeadowsonline.com)

**Electronic Communication**

Remember, electronic communication is available for subdivision information. If you would like to add your email to our list, please email [info@coppermeadowsonline.com](mailto:info@coppermeadowsonline.com). Requests may also be made to receive your newsletter and statement electronically and/or pay your invoice through debit. You may download the either of these forms on our website.



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