



# Colton Meadow News

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## GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING TO BE HELD AT DELAWARE CITY FIRE HALL ON WEDNESDAY, JUNE 16th

**The Colton Meadow Homeowner's  
Association Meeting is scheduled:**

**DATE: WED. JUNE 16, 2004**

**TIME: 7:30 PM**

**PLACE: DELAWARE CITY FIRE CO. HALL**

**150 CLINTON ST. DEL. CITY**

*Make a right onto Cox Neck Road, and follow Cox Neck Road into Del. City. At the traffic light, proceed straight for 3 blocks, the Firehouse is on your left. Parking is available in the lot or on the side streets.*

**All residents of Colton Meadow are cordially invited and urged to attend this meeting.**

The Agenda for this meeting will include:

1. Approval of the minutes from the March 17, 2004 meeting.
2. Old Business:
  - Committee Report
  - Open Space—Entrance Sign, Open Space Signs, Park Improvements
  - Reforestation Grant/Planting Day
  - Storm Water Management Maintenance Program Status
  - Budget / Assessments
  - Yard Sale
3. New Business:
  - Park Clean-Up Day
  - Land Use Representation
  - Reforestation Phase II
  - Request for Lawn Care Bid Committee
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### **Planting Day—A HUGE Success!!!**

Colton Meadow residents along with Cub Scout Pack 92, Boy Scout Troop 123, Delaware Military Academy and Americorps volunteers planted over 1500 seedling trees, 200 red cedars and wildflower seeds in a 5 acre section of our open space. The turnout of over 100 volunteers allowed us to complete the project in two hours. At the June quarterly meeting, residents will be voting on whether they wish to continue with this reforestation project. There is still grant money available for future plantings if the community wishes to proceed.

Janis Beldowicz has been the driving force behind this project. **THANK YOU JANIS FOR ALL OF YOUR HARD WORK!!!**



## Minutes from March 17, 2004 Meeting

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No quorum for official business. 19 attended, 8 Proxy votes for Budget approval accepted post meeting. Minutes from January 21, 2004 meeting were approved as written in the newsletter.

Mark Byrd from Motiva attended the meeting to discuss the upcoming sale of the refinery to PremCor. A letter of interest was signed with PremCor on January 14th. Currently Motiva is conducting “due diligence” and anticipate signing the agreement for sale in late March. New company will take over the union workers and the “non-union” workers will be reassessed for detainment. Currently the refinery is working on a “Clean Air Project” which will scrub sulfur and nitrous oxide out of the air. This project’s estimated completion is 2006. They had 2 flair ups due to cool water decrease cause by weather issues.

### Old Business:

**Snow Removal:** We will be getting approximately \$500 back from the state as reimbursement from the two large snow storms. New regulation was imposed by the board which will have no plowing under 2” and salt and sand as necessary at intersections. Will plow for any snowfall over 2”.

**Open Space:** Planting day will be held on April 17th at 9:00. All residents are encouraged to attend. Grant has been awarded for \$4,345 for the reforestation project. Community will receive a credit of \$16.45/hour per person that helps plant. If we have enough community involvement, the cost to Colton Meadow should be 0.

**Storm Water Management Facility:** Total cost of improvement is \$15,800, of which 75 % will be covered by a Conservation District Grant. We will receive \$3,000 from DNREC. The electric installation will be covered by the grant. A compression unit will be installed in the facility and it will run 2 diffusers that will blow air in the water to maintain the circulation. Will also treat with herbicides to maintain the correct PH levels. Current year cost of maintenance is \$6,600.

**Community Yard Sale:** Will be held on May 1st from 8:00—1:00.

**Entrance Sign:** Sign designs were reviewed. All agreed that sign will just read “Colton Meadow”. A smaller sign will be purchased that read “deed restricted community”. Residents discussed putting “Dilsheimer Community” on a smaller sign as well.

**Review of Budget:** The budget was reviewed in detail. Announcement was made that a \$75 penalty will be added for those residents who haven’t paid their dues by April 30. Second notice will be sent out after 30 days than we will file in court. Estimate that lawn care will decrease in the next budget due to the reforestation project. 19 residents voted to accept the budget. An e-mail will be sent out to residents for further ratification depending on proxies received.

**Park Clean-Up Day:** If interested contact Chris Rue.

**Campaign Interest:** There is no interest by the community to have candidates seeking election attend a quarterly meeting.

**Land Use Representation:** There is a need for a resident to take over this position. Please contact the Board if interested.

**Welcome:** Ken and Alma Brown, 1 Carrington Court, were welcomed to the neighborhood.

## DEED RESTRICTION CLARIFICATION

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Clarification to Deed Restriction #8—Swimming Pools. The following is a statement defining above ground pools that are prohibited per our Deed Restrictions and New Castle County Code:

**No inflatable pool that requires a filter shall be erected or maintained on any Lot. Inflatable pools that do not require a filter are permitted (i.e. kiddie pools); provided they are not in excess of twenty-four (24) inches in depth for the side wall and the water level, when filled, shall not exceed nineteen (19) inches. The erected pool shall be no more than twelve (12) feet in diameter for circular pools and no more than six (6) feet by six (6) feet for rectangular pools. Pools cannot be erected prior to Memorial Day and must be deflated and placed out of view by Labor Day.**

*DEED RESTRICTIONS ARE ENFORCED UNDER THE DECLARATION OF COVENANTS AND THE POLICY ESTABLISHED AND APPROVED BY THE GENERAL MEMBERSHIP IN JUNE OF 2000.*

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## Storm Water Management Facility Update

Work to improve the condition and appearance of our storm water management facility is well underway. Electric service to the pond is completed and a four headed diffuser has been installed and is now running 24 hours a day. Workers from Envirotech Consulting come twice monthly to test the water and add appropriate herbicides in our continuing effort to eradicate the pond weeds that have plagued us for the past years. We continue to work closely with the New Castle County Conservation District whose monetary grant was essential to this project.

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## FRONT ENTRANCE SIGN UPDATE

The mason contractor is working on a final price for the concrete inset of Colton Meadow, with two additional signs of "Homes by Dilsheimer" and "Deed Restricted Community". The community decided to go with the following concept and quoted price of \$ 5,000 that included labor, stone and concrete work (except the concrete inset):





## Welcome to our new neighbors...

Dorothy Stanton—27 Summerfield Lane  
Steven & Michelle Mitchell—30 Summerfield Lane  
William Green & Darlene Hendy-Green—32 Crestpoint Drive  
Anthony & Darlene Ferreara—18 Crestpoint Drive  
Amy Sanderson & Dave Kohl—60 Crestpoint Drive  
Jefrey & Susan Ferris—10 Dalton Court  
Kevin & Alma Brown—1 Carrington Court

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## THANK YOU to our Busy, Busy Neighbors...

Thank you... **Trish & Dave Smith, Millard Faunce and Janis Beldowicz** for spending a great deal of time repairing the mess on the hill left by the trenching for electric. They refilled the trench, added topsoil, grass seed and tamped the soil. It took hours.

Thank you... **Michele Grygo, Trish & Dave Smith and Kimm Jensen** for all of their hard work preparing for the community yard sale.

Thank you... **Frank Michaels, Steve Wilson, Dave Carpenter and Greg Yazidjian** for installing the green "For Colton Meadow Residents Only" signs throughout the community.

Thank you... **Greg Seiverd, Lars Jensen, Frank Michaels, Richie Michaels, Jacob Michaels, Anthony Archdiagano, Nick Gonzon and Greg Yazidjian** for cleaning up the playground, installing the trash can and mulching.

Thank you... **Christa Yazidjian, Stephanie Seiverd and Lisa Michaels** for providing lunch for those who helped clean up the playground.

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