



Colton Meadow News

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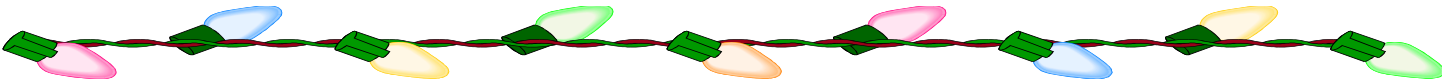
Front Entrance Sign Update

The sign was installed on Saturday, December 1st and is finally complete!



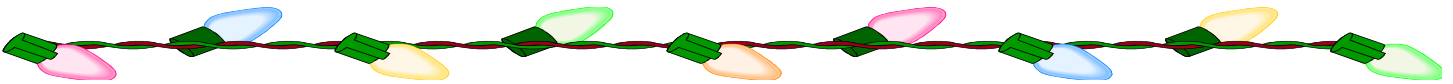
SANTA IS COMING TO COLTON MEADOW

Santa will be arriving by fire truck on Wednesday, December 19th at 6:30 PM. We are requesting donations for candy that will be handed out to the kids by Santa. If interested, please drop off all candy donations to Michele Grygo at 23 Cobblestone Drive.



Holiday Home Decorating Contest

It is time to dig out the ball of lights you have in the basement, spend a day unraveling them, and decorate your home for the holidays! Decorations must be complete by dusk on Saturday, December 22nd. Two impartial judges will determine the winner that evening or the following (depending on the weather). The winner will be announced via e-mail on Monday, December 24th. Since this is our first try at this contest, the prize is **BRAGGING RIGHTS!** Good luck and most important, be safe!



Welcome to our new neighbors



The Walton Family - 33 Cobblestone Dr.

The McNeill/Sharper Family - 26 Cobblestone Dr.

Snowplow Policy

Snow plowing will take place only if snow is 2 inches and above. Salting and sanding will be as necessary, and will be decided on a case by case basis by the Board.

Please remember to keep your cars off the street during each snowfall.

Atkins & Sons have been awarded the snowplow contact for the 2007/2008 season.

Storm Water Management Update

10 Bears Engineering was awarded the contract to study the pond and develop plans to resolve continuing issues with maintenance.

Minutes from November 7, 2007 Meeting

New Business

- **Introduction of new board members:** Jennifer Nace - President, Debbie Atkinson - Director, Dawn Yannuzzi - Secretary, Dave Carpenter - Treasurer, Greg Yazidjian - Vice President
- **Front entrance sign.** Expected install date on the new sign is November 16th. The sign is going to look like the old sign with chocolate background and gold leaf lettering. We were able to get an adjustment minus the deductible.
- **Open Space.** The tree seedlings have failed. The area has been bush whacked and sprayed. Ideas were given for what to do with the open space in future such as to just have grass or have full grown trees put in. Jennifer Nace is checking to see if we can get a grant for the trees. The concern was how much it was going to cost the community. We will get an appraisal from Atkins & Sons and will revisit the options.
- **Storm Water Management.** Janis Beldowicz is no longer handling this. Bryan and Michele Grygo volunteered to join the Storm Water Management Committee. We have been in contact with the conservation district. They are agreeing to pay for an engineering study for the pond. They will do a survey and study on how to fix the pond to help us find a solution so that we are not spending so much money on the pond. Our pond is a wet pond that is 3 ft. of water and it is made to handle a 100 yr. flood. DNREC is going to be responsible due to previous issues with the pond of the chemicals being washed away. They are looking to do the study at the end of Nov. 2007.

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ASSESSMENT REMINDER

Four homeowners are not current with their assessments. If assessments are not received by the end of this year, a lien will be filed against these properties.

NEED A POOPER SCOOPER?



There have been reports of residents not cleaning up after their dogs while walking them. Please be considerate of others property

and of the communities open space.
Remember to clean up after your pet.

Special thanks to Tamie Hotchkiss for all her hard work organizing our 1st annual Halloween Parade, and also to the parents that supplied or prepared food and drinks for the children.

Minutes from November 7, 2007 Meeting (continued)

- **Post and Rail Fence.** There was a motion at the last meeting for a post and rail fence to be installed to separate the two developments of Colton Meadow and St. Georges Heights. An option was having trees planted along the fence as well. We presented the one appraisal we received from Bear Fencing. Some of the attendants at the meeting raised some concerns of installing the fence. We did go over the previous meetings minutes that stated the motion was that they agreed to wanting the fence installed. An offer was to see if anyone knew someone that could install the fence for less expense.
- **Swing Set.** An appraisal was presented to the attendants to see if any interest was to have a commercial grade swing set added to our playground. Design plan was presented with two bays which would have a total of four swings. Some of the parents were requesting this due to our kids from the community going over to Barb's Farm's to play. They would need to survey the property to see where the swing set would fit best. A vote was requested from the community to have this installed. The cost would come out of the capital gain budget. The end result was that the idea would be tabled until another estimate was presented.
- **Budget.** We still have not received assessments from 4 homes. If they are not received by the end of this year, a lien will be filed in JP Court on their home. Annual year for assessments run from April 1st to March 31st. Bills will go out by May 1st.
- **Snow Plow.** We are in the process of getting some contracts together for review for the snow removal. We have received 1 back so far.
- **Yard Sale/Bake Sale.** Great Participation! Thank you to all who bought, donated, and participated. Bake sale raised \$137.00 that will be placed aside for the swing set if approved.
- **Movie Night.** An idea was presented to have a movie night in the open space. We would hire the company to come out and put up an inflatable movie screen and we could sell items to compensate for the cost. The attendants had some concerns due to mosquitos and a block party idea was presented instead. The attendants voted for this idea. Anyone interested in volunteering for the committee for this please let us know.

Upcoming Events

- Santa Clause is coming on the fire truck! Wednesday, Dec. 19th 6:30 p.m. He will be here passing out candy to the kids. We are requesting donations of bags of candy to hand out. Please drop off the candy to Michele and Bryan Grygo's house which is located at 23 Cobblestone.
- Winter Holiday Decorating Contest. An idea was given to have a holiday house decorating contest. We could have a community contest to see who has the best decorated house for the holiday. Just something to bring the community together and have some fun. Events for 2008 include an Easter Egg Hunt....more details to come as it gets closer. Also a Community Clean Up Day! If you have any other ideas please let us know!

Other

- Remember we have a website for the community – www.coltonmeadow.org. All of the information for our community will be placed on this website. In addition newsletters go out quarterly to keep the community informed.
 - If you are interested, sign up for Colton Meadow email updates. There is a sign up sheet to add your email address to start receiving updates and reminders regarding the community. These addresses are kept confidential.
 - Volunteers are ALWAYS needed.
 - Please remember to keep watch of your children. Some children are found climbing on top of the playground set and found playing in the drains.
 - Please make sure all dog droppings are cleaned up while walking your dogs.
 - Community street lights are maintained by Delmarva Power. Contact Delmarva for outages or repairs.
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