

Reminder to Pay Dues

If you have not paid your homeowners dues for 2000 and/or 2001 please do so by June 30th. The dues are for paying taxes on the common areas, maintenance of our common areas, office supplies, postage, checking account, post office box, liability insurance, attorney fees, and private streets upkeep. If you cannot pay the total amount all at once, please contact Beryl Bussey, Secretary/Treasurer, Collinwood West HOA, P.O. Box 143346, Austin, Texas 78714-3346, for approval (by the board) of a reasonable payment plan.

Homeowner dues are due January each year. We did not increase the budget for this year. Currently, the dues are only \$120.00 per year. This averages out to \$10.00 per month. We will try to keep our homeowners dues as low as possible. Our homeowners association is a corporation and we file each year with the State Comptroller's Office and IRS. We are a non profit organization and your board members nor officers are paid for their services.

Watch Out for Snakes!

Snakes are beginning to crawl. Watching where you step, put your hands, or sit down is the best ways to prevent snake bites. Poisonous snakes live on or near the ground and often like rocks, wood piles and other spots that offer both a place to sun and a place to hide.

There are cottonmouths (water moccasins) in the creek and within the greenbelt areas. Please do not let your children play in the wooded areas or along the running creek.

How To Get Along With Your Neighbor

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Living as close to our neighbors as we do, problems are bound to arise. The Hatfields and the McCoys are an extreme example of a neighborhood dispute, but it doesn't take much for a little misunderstanding to get blown way out of proportion. Noise levels, barking dogs, unkempt property, misplaced fences, blocked views, your next-door neighbor mowing his lawn at 7:00 on Saturday mornings, and all sorts of annoying behaviors can lead to feelings of ill-will that last for years!

When faced with problems relating to these or other issues, the sheriff/police should be the last, not the first resort. Try to see the other person's point of view. Work hard to resolve the problem between you and the other person. Control your temper and your anger.

You can reduce the rush of adrenaline that's responsible for your heart beating faster, your voice sounding louder, and your fists clenching if you take a few slow, deep breaths. Keep telling yourself: "Calm down"; "I don't need to prove myself"; "I'm not going to let this get to me".

Consider the consequences. Think before you act. Don't let anger control you. Try to find positive or neutral explanations for what has happened to provoke you. Don't argue. Make your goal to defeat the problem, not the other person. Be understanding, and willing to work out a compromise.

Time For A Get-To-Gether!



Spread some spring cheer

Well, after months of waiting... Spring is finally here! It's time to have fun and celebrate! So forget about spring cleaning and lets get together.

Stop by to meet and greet your neighbors and HOA board members/officers.

Bring your lawn chairs and any questions you may have regarding your Homeowners Association, Bylaws and CCR (Covenant, Conditions, and Restrictions).

We would be delighted to take your dues at this time, hear about your expectations, and any suggestions

you may have regarding our neighborhood or newly founded HOA.

When: Sunday, May 6th

Time: 2:00 –5:00 pm

Place: Common Area
Corner of Claywood Drive
& Stephanie Lee Lane