

February 2023

GENERAL NEIGHBORHOOD MEETING

THURSDAY, 7:00 PM TO 8:30 PM, FEBRUARY 23, 2023!
Colonial Country Club Ballroom, 2736 Countrywood Parkway

Main Speakers

Jim Strickland, Mayor of Memphis
Rhonda Logan, Memphis City Councilwoman for District 1
Colonel Christopher Moffatt and/or Lt. Colonel Rodney Adair (MPD)
Jim Russell, Colonial Country Club Holdings, LLC



Please save the date for the General Neighborhood Meeting and bring your questions! Thank you for understanding why the general neighborhood meetings were canceled in 2021 and 2022. The Board felt it would be irresponsible to have meetings during the pandemic. All residents who live in Greater Countrywood are invited, which includes in-fill neighborhoods such as EagleRidge, Carrollwood Lakes, Fairway Gardens, ChimneyHill Condos, Countrywood West Condos, Gardens of Berryhill, Colonial Estates, etc. **NOTE: Please park in the lot on the east side of the club which is just past the club when you approach it.** The first lot on the west side is reserved for club members and people with limited mobility.

Note from the President (Carl L. Garrett) – Thanks to everyone who participated in the Countrywood Annual Neighborhood Sale September 17th! There were 94 registered participants and many more who participated but forgot to pay the \$25 fee to reimburse the association for its expenses in making the event possible. There were complaints about the many residents who rented out their yards to “outsiders”. This defeated the purpose of sale which was to allow residents to clean-out their homes and make a little money without competing with “outsiders”. Thanks to all who picked up litter after the sale and removed the signs which were left out everywhere. The Memphis City Beautiful event trash boxes the association placed were not intended to be filled with sale leftovers and old tires! We hope all participants had a sale as great as the weather that week! Saturday, September 16th, is tentatively “penciled-in” for the next neighborhood sale.

Tennessee is called the “Volunteer State”, and you can help it live up to its name. As a homeowner in Countrywood, you have made a big investment in the neighborhood. Protecting your own investment is just one reason to serve as a volunteer for the Association. You can derive a great sense of satisfaction in volunteering and helping correct problems that affect property values. To get involved, email countrywood.president@gmail.com and express your area of interest.

Note from the Treasurer (Fred Leith) – The Countrywood Neighborhood Association (CNA) budget for 2022 was based on a goal of 350 dues-paying residents. Unfortunately, only 307 residents submitted dues for the year, which was 87% of the goal. In order to cover fixed expenses for the year, the Board voted to increase dues to \$60 with a goal of 320 residents submitting dues. If you have been a member in past years, please consider renewing your membership. For new residents, we encourage you to consider supporting your neighborhood association. Our 2023 budget is \$19,200; and, as in the past several years, fixed costs account for 90% of that amount and is divided into four areas: MLGW utilities (15%), landscape maintenance of entrances and debris removal as needed (35%), herbicide treatment for entrances and medians (15%), and semi-annual printing and mailing of newsletters (25%). Additional expenses last year were irrigation system and entrance sign repairs. This year we have to completely rework entrance signs and possibly a new roof for the entrance building. With continued support from residents, we hope to maintain all areas as we have for many years!

LEAVE SOONER, DRIVE SLOWER, LIVE LONGER! – Speeding is a frequent topic among residents in our community. Sometimes it seems that drivers on Germantown Parkway think “State Route 177” is a speed limit sign! Speed trailers have been requested for Rockcreek Pkwy. and Chimneyrock Blvd. to make drivers aware of the 35 and 30 mph speed limits respectively. These trailers are not operational right now per the Traffic Division. MPD and the Shelby County Sheriff’s Office have increased their presence within Countrywood with radar detectors. None of the seven speed hump applications have been approved yet by the Memphis Fire Department. It is unlikely any will be approved because of frequent emergency vehicle usage.

“Crime prevention is everybody’s business”-Henry Hall – “Connect Memphis” is a new public safety program. Residents can register their security cameras, and MPD will contact them if it needs assistance solving a crime near their property. Another option is to integrate the security camera(s) and give MPD direct access to the camera feed in case of a nearby emergency with a small CORE device that plugs into the camera system. For more information, visit the website, www.connect2memphis.org.

Cordova Partnership Joint Agency (PJA) – This group meets on the second Monday of each month at the MPD Appling Farms Station, 6850 Appling Farms Parkway, from 3 p.m. to 4 p.m. This is an opportunity for Cordova residents and business owners/operators to have direct access to the MPD and over 10 Core Government Agencies and tackle large and small neighborhood problems. Countrywood has been represented at every meeting since its June 2022 inception. Outcomes have been very beneficial to Greater Countrywood and Cordova. Email questions to Dana Wiley, Chairwoman, at danawileycordovapia@gmail.com. Upcoming meetings are posted on Countrywood’s website at www.countrywood.org.