

# NEWSLETTER

## *Dumpster Day is May 30th 8am to Noon!!* SPRING CLEANING AT IT'S BEST

Twice a year Coleman Highlands sponsors the collection of yard debris and solid waste, and every time we do this, volunteers see many re-usable items needlessly making the trip to the landfill. This year an idea has emerged to simplify the life of residents and add a new dimension to Dumpster Day.

Enrique Murgia and Sons have agreed to provide a truck for re-usable household items and clothing in plastic trash bags along with working monitors, computers and printers. They will deliver all donations to the Salvation Army drop-off center. We will also encourage residents to look through donated items at collection sites and re-use them right in the neighborhood, thus saving us the effort to haul them to the drop-off center.

As before, dumpsters can not accept tires, household hazardous waste like paint, oil, chemicals and pesticides, or water heaters, fluorescent tube lights, refrigerators. E-waste such as, non-working monitors, computers, and household electronic items with internal components like mercury and other heavy metals, are also not accepted.

Tires can be taken to Costco for disposal for a \$2 charge per tire. You can call the city for pickup of bulky items, including water heaters, old air conditioners, microwave ovens, and other household

appliances. For household hazardous waste disposal, the city also has a drop-off site where these wastes can be handled safely. Dial 311 and ask for details of city services.

As we learn more, the hope is to expand the October Dumpster Day to provide more environmentally responsible options for the neighborhood. Please help us make dumpster day safe and useful.

### **Dumpsters:**

Yard debris (limbs, leaves, grass clippings)

- 3110 Karnes, 3400 Karnes

Solid Waste (Non-hazardous trash)

- 3400 Karnes, 3237 W. Coleman, 968 W. 32nd St.

### **Salvation Army items to be collected:**

*(New this year!)*

- Re-usable household items
- Clothing placed in plastic bags
- Working computer monitors, computers & printers

Please call **Jimmy Holmes @ (816) 812 -7024** if you are available to volunteer. Also, if you are not physically able to move your items to the dumpster, please contact Jimmy and he will arrange for a volunteer to assist you. - G. Baggett & J. Holmes

### ***New Coleman Highlands Directory to be printed soon!***

If you know your information is incorrect, please contact George Baggett @ (816) 931-9578 or [georgebaggett@gmail.com](mailto:georgebaggett@gmail.com) to have it updated. If you would prefer **NOT** be included in the directory please email George ASAP. Thank you!

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## UPDATE ON DEAN’S DEVELOPMENT PLANS

Bill Allen and Ryan Long of the Coleman Highlands Board met recently with Lester Dean, president of Dean Realty, and Dave Melzer, Dean Realty Project Manager, to deliver the results of the recent neighborhood survey. They also discussed what will happen next regarding Dean Realty's intention to develop land it owns along the northwest edge of Coleman Highlands with new homes.

According to Lester, Dean Realty will commission an architect to study the land and provide drawings and renderings of several conceptual alternatives. These drawings will show how traffic enters, exits and circulates through the site, how the site might be subdivided into individual lots, and how new homes might sit on those lots. Dean Realty intends to make these conceptual drawings available to our neighborhood for review and comment within the next four to six months. Dean Realty will then choose one solution to be further developed by the architect, and the neighborhood will continue to have opportunities for input at various times along the way.

The final drawings will become the basis for re-platting the land into individual lots and will define standards for what new homes are expected to look like. A request to re-plat land first goes to the City Plan Commission. If the Plan Commission approves the request, it then goes to the City Council, where it is assigned to the Planning & Zoning Committee. The Plan Commission and Planning & Zoning Committee hearings are open to the public and ample opportunity is available for citizens to voice their concerns. The Planning and Zoning Committee votes on the re-platting and advances it to the City Council for the final vote. After the land is re-platted, Dean Realty will offer the individual lots for sale. Once enough lots are "pre-sold," Dean Realty will build the streets and utility infrastructure to serve the new homes. Individual land

owners will each be required to select a home builder pre-approved by Dean Realty to build his or her own home. Ultimately, the timeframe for the sale of lots and any new construction will depend on the housing market.

The home Dean Realty owns at 3122 Coleman Road was also discussed. Lester and Dave say they have been encouraged recently with some serious offers. According to Dave, they are prepared to move forward with a buyer that shares their vision to appropriately restore the home, and has the passion and the ability to carry out the work, whether self-performed or contracted. Dean Realty intends to include an obligation on the part of the buyer to perform the work within twelve months of the sale. Dave went on to say they are "very close with such a party and are making serious progress to that end."

The Coleman Highlands Board has formed a committee to stay on top of any developments concerning Dean Realty and its property in the neighborhood and will continue to pursue and defend what is in the best interests of the neighborhood. The Board will respond to input gained from the recent neighborhood survey, and Coleman Highlands residents are encouraged to contact a board member with any additional comments or concerns they may have.

Forty neighborhood surveys were returned. Many good comments, concerns and suggestions were offered; there were too many comments to list every one here, but rest assured the Board will read and consider every comment. The Board did take the opportunity to include questions that were not necessarily specific to the Dean Realty initiative.

- Ryan Long

If you would like a copy of the survey results, please send request to [ryanlong@gmail.com](mailto:ryanlong@gmail.com)

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# Welcome CH puppies!



Howdy! My name is Pistol 'Pete' and I am named after the OSU mascot since my daddy went to school there! I am a Maltese puppy and I love Coleman Highlands because my mom and dad, the Leatherman's, take me on walks so I can play with all the kids in the neighborhood. It is so much fun!



Hi. My name is Annie. I am a new member of the Honan family. I have lots of energy and love going on walks in the 'hood, plus my family is even taking me to school. My teacher says I am the 'best' in class....although I think she tells all the puppies that so we will behave! Oh well, whatever it takes to get a treat!



*Hello, my name is Sylvie! My family is the Steffano's. I am blessed to even be here because my dog mom was actually rescued while stuck in ice from last winter's storm. I love playing with my family and look forward to meeting you soon. My favorite thing to do is chew (on everything)!*



YO, I THINK I MIGHT BE THE COOLEST PUPPY IN CH RIGHT NOW. I AM A LABRADOR RETRIEVER AND MY NAME IS BASIE. I'M ALREADY A PROFESSIONAL BIRD WATCHER, AS YOU CAN SEE IN THE PHOTO. MY DAD, FISKE, IS ALWAYS TAKING ME ON WALKS SO WE CAN SEE THE LATEST BIRDS IN THE 'HOOD. HOPE TO SEE YOU AROUND! KEEP YOUR EYES PEELED.

**As a reminder to all pet owners, please help us keep our neighborhood clean and safe for our families.....be polite and pick up your doggie waste! No one likes to find surprises in their yards!**

If you'd like to tell the neighborhood about your new family members or share other news, please call Kylee Leatherman, (816)756-2632 or email [chris-n-kylee@sbcglobal.net](mailto:chris-n-kylee@sbcglobal.net)

***Coleman Highlands Residents LIVE at Carnegie Hall!***

On a cool evening walking through Coleman Highlands you might be privileged to hear just what it takes to get to Carnegie Hall...a steady effort of practice, practice, practice coming through an open window.

On April 13, 2009, the Lincoln College Preparatory Academy Wind Ensemble made their first-ever appearance at Carnegie Hall. The 49 students traveled 24 hours via bus, but the ride was short compared to the incredible journey it took them to get there.

In order to cover their travel expenses and performance fees, the students had to raise \$80,000. They earned money by performing every opportunity they could, including First Fridays in the Crossroads and private parties all over the metro area.

Coleman Highlands has two bright talents in the Wind Ensemble; Felice Doynov who plays the flute and Rita Lopez who plays the bass clarinet. These young ladies and their peers spent one week in New York City staying at the Grand Hyatt, visiting jazz clubs like Birdland and taking in musicals such as *The Little Mermaid* and *Avenue Q*. Felice Doynov shared how honored she was to play at Carnegie Hall, awed by the history and tradition not to mention the prior presence of Hugh Jackman.

Felice learned it is very hard to raise money, and she credits the dedication of the Band Parents/Booster Club with their leadership and guidance. She described their performance as "their best ever" enhanced by "amazing acoustics" and an experience that "really brought the band together" as they celebrated all they achieved.

They received a standing ovation—and a dream fulfilled. Congratulations Felice and Rita! - Kathleen Baker

# Neighborhood Garage Sale is June 6th!!!

ONE PERSON'S TRASH IS ANOTHER'S TREASURE

The annual Coleman Highlands garage sale is scheduled for Saturday, June 6. Advertised start time will be 8am, but be prepared for those early bird's that may be outside waiting for you to open by 7am.

In today's economy, families are looking for ways to cut back or to spend less on just about everything, so take advantage of the opportunity to make a little extra cash. The CH board will place ads in the

KC Star & [www.craigslist.com](http://www.craigslist.com), as well as signs on Karnes Blvd. If your employer or favorite coffee shop has a posting board, contact Ingrid @ (816) 960-3580 for a flyer.

This year after the garage sale, we will have Big Brothers Big Sisters picking up re-usable items left on stoops or porches. These items will need to be clearly labeled "BB/BS" and taped to bags or items for pick up. - *Ingrid Busch*

## Upcoming CH Events

### May 30, 2009

Dumpster Day - 8am to Noon

### June 6, 2009

Garage Sale - Starts @ 8am

### July 4, 2009

4th of July Parade - Starts @ 10am with Picnic following

### August 29, 2009

Movie in the Park - Dark (approx. 8:30pm)

### CH Play Group

10am - Noon every Monday

Contact Nicki Salido @ (816) 753-5345

### CH Board Meetings

3rd Wednesday each month

For more information, visit the C.H. Web site: [www.colemanhighlands.org](http://www.colemanhighlands.org)



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# Coleman Highlands Resident