

Colonial Acres Neighborhood Association

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Read the crime statistics for Colonial Acres on page 2.

MEETINGS HELD

- The fourth Thursday of every month (except Aug., Nov., Dec.)
- Colonial Baptist Church Fellowship Hall, 1503 Colonial @ Quince
- 7:00 PM

OFFICERS

Wanda Tabor – President
Kelley Stennis – Secretary
David Dwiggins – Treasurer

NEIGHBORHOOD HEADLINES



Web Site Update

Colonial Acres Neighborhood Association's new web address is www.neighborhoodlink.com/memphis/colonialacres. Check out the re-designed Discussion Forums (web log or blog) and be more aware of what's going on in our area...online.

Next Monthly Meeting

The next general meeting of the Colonial Acres Neighborhood Association (CANA) will be at 7 p.m. Thursday, April 24 at Colonial Baptist Church in the Fellowship Hall. We look forward to seeing you there! Come and meet your neighbors!

Environmental Court

A new Environmental Court has been established by Judge Potter and will be held twice a month at the MPD's Ridgeway Station. Read more about the court on page 3.

**CONGRATULATIONS TO THE MEMPHIS TIGERS
ON A GREAT 2008 BASKETBALL SEASON!!!**



CANA MISSION STATEMENT

- To maintain and improve the dignity and integrity of the homes in the Colonial Acres neighborhood
- To preserve the residential quality of the area
- To ensure orderly and compatible land use
- To encourage homeowners living in the area to improve their homes
- To encourage real estate investors with property in the area to improve their holdings
- To work together on problems and issues of common concern

NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH WINDOW DECALS AVAILABLE

Decals like this one are now available from CANA for use by our group. They are approx. 3" x 3" and are static-cling decals. They can be used on your home windows or doors, outside buildings, businesses, etc. You can pick up a sheet of 3 for \$1 at the next CANA meeting Thursday, April 24.

We highly recommend that everyone form a Neighborhood Watch group on their street or with a group of neighbors, just ask how at the next general meeting. Getting to know your neighbors is a key to crime prevention!



CRIME TRACKER REPORT: JAN 08 – MAR 08 FOR THE 381 17 ZIP CODE

Number of Crime Incidents **Most Frequent Streets**

- Theft from Motor Vehicle (73)
 - Shoplifting/Misdemeanor (32)
 - Vandalism/Misdemeanor (21)
 - Burglary/Residential (25)
 - OtherTheft/Non-Specific (16)
- Park Ave (30)
 - Perkins (24)
 - Colonial (19)

Source:
memphiscrimetracker.com
The Commercial Appeal

NEIGHBORHOODS WITHIN COLONIAL ACRES

- **Edgewood Forrest** subdivision encompasses the streets with the Indian names off Park (Minnehaha, Hiawatha, etc.)
- **Mayfair Park** is around Colonial & Parkside / Dee & Colonial
- **Cherry Meadows** is around Cherrydale and Cherry area
- **Kings Grove** encompasses Tall Trees and 2 coves off of it
- **Colonial Village** is near Colonial, Quince, Mt. Moriah & Willow



MULTI-PURPOSE BICYCLING

With the weather improving and the urge to get out and exercise, David Yawn would like to see who might be interested in periodic afternoon and night bicycle rides in groups. Bike rides could serve multiple good purposes: exercise, getting to know new neighbors and also an extra "mobile" form of volunteer neighborhood watch. Contact David Yawn at dyawn@memphisdailynews.com. He will compile a list and share it once he's heard back from all respondents. List your area and desired time of riding. Let's roll!

CANA CRIME WATCH EMAIL LIST

To subscribe to the Colonial Acres area crime watch email service provided by a loyal neighbor, send an email to dyawn@memphisdailynews.com and you'll be added to the email distribution list. When someone sees or learns of a crime in our area, they write David and he forwards the email to everyone on the list. This list now reaches almost 500 concerned area residents. It's a great way to keep up with what's going on around your home or business. We spot crime patterns with this information and use it to prevent them and stay alert.

MEMPHIS POLICE CYBERWATCH EMAIL LIST

Go online to memphispolice.org and click on the CyberWatch link on the menu on the left and fill out the required information. You can receive daily emails from the MPD on crimes within up to a 3 mile range of your house or any address in Memphis. This is another great awareness tool to stay current on what's going on around your area.








NEW ENVIRONMENTAL COURT

A new environmental court is scheduled to open in early April in the Ridgeway Police Precinct. This court will serve not only the neighborhoods of that precinct, but the Mt. Moriah Police Precinct as well.

Judge Larry Potter will preside there twice a month, and the procedural changes he has implemented should make it easier for violators to be prosecuted. In the past, citations for code violations could only be issued by code enforcement officers, but six police officers from the Mt. Moriah Station and police officers from the Ridgeway Station have recently received training in code enforcement. They now have the authority to issue citations for overgrown yards, parking in the grass, loud noise, tractor-trailers parked on residential streets, etc. Some violations that occur only at night and on weekends should be easier to prosecute now.

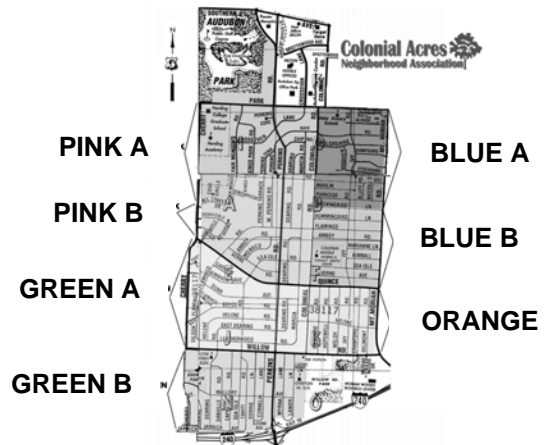
Please continue to report code violations to the Police and Citizens' Alliance (PACA) located in the Mt. Moriah Precinct, 795-3131, or through canacodes@bellsouth.net. The MPD's Ridgeway Station is located at 3840 Ridgeway Road, phone 901-576-4500.

CRIME PREVENTION TIPS

-  Leave car keys by your bed at night. Use the Panic button on the remote control to set off your car alarm in case of emergency.
-  ALWAYS lock your doors when you're outside. Many in our area have been burglarized while outside in their own yards.
-  Install an alarm system.
-  Upgrade your system with a cellular backup so if burglars cut your phone line, the system can still alert the alarm company and police.
-  Use timers on lights and radios when not at home to help deter criminals.
-  Let your neighbors know when you'll be away so they can get your mail, your newspaper, and keep an eye on your house.
-  Keep the police advised of all suspicious activity by calling 545-COPS (545-2677).

WHERE IS COLONIAL ACRES?

The Colonial Acres Neighborhood Association represents residents living within the area bounded by Park Avenue on the north, Cherry Road on the west, Mt Moriah on the east, and I-240 on the south. As indicated in the map at right, CANA has been subdivided into seven colored zones, with the pink and blue zones north of Quince Road and the blue and orange zones east of Colonial Road. Close to 3,800 residents live in this neighborhood area.



HAVE YOU PAID YOUR 2008 DUES? (CALENDAR YEAR JANUARY 2008 – JANUARY 2009)

Our Annual Dues are only \$10 per household – the lowest in Memphis! Please print clearly.

Name _____

Address _____

Telephone (Hm) _____ (Wk) _____

Email Address _____

MAIL DUES TO:

CANA Treasurer
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