

The Town Crier

Colonial Square Homes

June 2026

Board Members	Office Staff
Leslie LaMarche – President	Crystal - On-site Manager
Debra Capps – 1 st Vice President	Brenda – Assistant On-site Mgr.
Kathy Pestock – 2 nd Vice President	Cliff - Maint. Superintendent
Judy Allister – Treasurer	Wayne – Lead Maint. Tech.
Clyde Whitney – Secretary	Jerry – Maint. Tech
	Kevin – Maint. Tech.
	Ray -- Groundskeeper

Colonial Square Office: 816-452-6664

Maintenance Emergency: 913-894-3549

KC Police non-emergency # 816-234-5111

**Parking Patrol for big rigs parked on Parvin please call:
816-234-5111**

Please call 911 if you see or hear any suspicious activity.

Office News

**The Neighborhood Watch meeting for June 9, 2026 will be in
the room above the office at 7:00 PM**

Water bills for May 2026 total \$ 30,325.74

Extermination Schedule for 2026	
June 9, 2026	2230-2274
July 14, 2026	2276-2310
August 11, 2026	2310-2350
September 8, 2026	2352-2376 & 2076-2084
October 13, 2026	1850-1890
November 10, 2026	1892-1932
December 8, 2026	No Exterminations
January 12, 2027	1934-1976

SPECIAL DATES FOR 2026

June 11, 2026 Annual Board of Directors Meeting at 7 PM

THE OFFICE WILL BE CLOSED ON THE FOLLOWING HOLIDAYS

Juneteenth	June 19, 2026
Independence Day	July 3, 2026
Labor Day	September 7, 2026
Thanksgiving	November 26 & 27, 2026
Christmas Day	Dec. 24, 2026 close at noon & Dec. 25, 2026

Annual Meeting:

The board voted to open voting for the annual meeting on the first day of June and to keep it open through 5 PM the day of the annual meeting.

Resumes will be due on May 15 to be published in the newsletter and for members' names to appear on the ballot. If May 15 falls on Saturday or Sunday, the deadline will move to Monday.

Nominations from the floor and write ins on the ballot will not be allowed.

Colonial Square Homes, Inc.
May 14, 2026
Board Meeting

NEWSLETTER MINUTES

Board members present: Leslie LaMarche, president; Debra Capps, first vice president; and Judy Allister, treasurer

Board members absent: Kathy Pestock, second vice president; and Clyde Whitney, secretary

Staff present: Brenda McElhaney, assistant site manager, and Cliff Abel, maintenance superintendent

Also attending: Mike Lauer, regional manager with Tailor Made Property Services

The board convened at 5:30 p.m.

Open Session

All present observed a moment of silence and Leslie called the meeting to order at 7 p.m.

Nimo Abdinour and Angelica Escobar signed in.

Office report

Brenda reviewed the office activity for April.

There were nine statements of charges due, 12 statements of credit and six defaults.

There was one preliminary move-out.

House and Grounds

Brenda reported that there were 33 violations. Twenty-one violations have been corrected and 12 work orders have been opened.

Maintenance update

Cliff reported that there were 126 work orders completed and 24 not yet done in April.

Two rehabs are almost completed; 10 are in various stages of completion.

A tree in back of 2192 is scheduled to be removed.

Asphalt and concrete work has been contracted.

Board business

The contract for perimeter lighting has been signed with Evergy.

Member comments

Leslie opened the floor to member comments.

Open ends

The open session ended at 7:25p.m. The meeting was adjourned at 7:40 p.m.

ATTENTION MEMBERS:

The Annual Board of Directors Meeting will be held on June 11, 2026 at 7 PM.

Policy and Procedures for Candidates Running for the Board of Directors

1. Members running for the Board of Directors who wish to have their resume in the Town Crier must file it with the on-site manager by May 15, 2026. Resumes must be camera ready (printed or typed on white paper).

2. Candidates may campaign in any manner they choose, i.e., door to door, fliers, etc.

3. Campaigning is not allowed in the clubroom building the evening of the Annual Meeting. All candidates will be allowed to address the membership during the Annual Meeting prior to the election.

4. The on-site staff shall not prepare or copy campaign literature for candidates.

5. Resumes must be received by May 15, 2026 in order for the candidate's name to appear on the ballot.

6. All who vote at the annual meeting whether in person, by proxy, or by absentee ballot are eligible for the door prize drawing.

Debra K. Capps

2030 N.E. Parvin Road

Cooperative experience

___Appointed to Colonial Square board of directors in 2007:
elected to the board in 2008 through 2023.

___Currently serving as 1st Vice President;
previously served as board secretary and treasurer

___Continuing to serve on the Activities Committee to plan
annual picnic, Easter egg hunt and other family-oriented events

Qualifications

___ Nineteen years of continuous service on Colonial Square board of directors;
member of the cooperative since 2006

Family

___Three grown children with one granddaughter and 3 grandsons

Work history

2006 - 2017: Reimbursement specialist, North Kansas City Hospital Home
Health

2003 - 2006: Billing specialist, Surgical Associates of Southwest Florida

1997 - 2002: Office Manager/Biller, Independent Medical Services in North
Kansas City

1991 - 1997: Lead Collector/Customer Service, Shawnee Mission Orthopedics

1979 - 1991: Collection Manager, Hospital Hill Health Services in Kansas City,
MO

Education

Successfully completed courses at Midwest Association of Housing
Cooperatives conferences and at Kansas City area property management
training sessions

Graduate of St. Pius X High School

I want to serve on the board because:

For nineteen years I have worked with the other board members to support our
affordable housing mission at all levels. One of our major accomplishments is
to upgrade the property for safety, comfort and appearance through
renovations to individual units and common areas.

My goal is to improve the quality of life for all who call Colonial Square home.

Clyde Whitney

2026 NE Parvin Rd

Cooperative Experience:

-- Appointed to Board of Directors 2003 elected numerous times and did have a leave of absents, where I left the board for a short time

-- Currently serving as the Secretary, but have served other positions also

Qualifications:

-- Over 17 years of Service to The Colonial Square Board of Directors and been living here since 2000

Family:

-- 4 grown children & 10 grandchildren

Work History

-- 2014 - Present : Ford Motor Company

-- 2006 - 2013 ; Liberty Hospital

-- 1998 - 2006 : Kirby Company

Education:

-- I have successfully completed numerous courses at the Midwest Association of Housing Cooperatives courses at the conferences. Also have completed local classes that have been held here.

-- 1980 Graduate of Manhattan High School

-- I want to keep on serving & working with the Board to keep our homes affordable for ALL of US young & old. I have worked to dress up our appearance inside an out. To make our neighborhood the Best in the Northland. With Everyone's Help We Can Keep Our Homes & Neighborhood as the one That Everyone Will Look Up To!

Amy Ingala

Board Member Resume

Cooperative experience: I am a 15-year resident of Colonial Square, and I engage in neighborhood activities.

Qualifications: Professionally, I have over 20 years of customer service experience across diverse industries, along with extensive committee involvement in roles such as group secretary, group representative, and event planner. These experiences have strengthened my organizational, communication, and critical thinking skills. My educational background, combined with my professional experience, has equipped me with a thoughtful, meticulous approach to decision-making.

Family: I have a large extended family who primarily live in the Kansas City Metropolitan area. I am the oldest of six. I have nine nieces and thirteen nephews. I live with my Toy Poodle, Lorali.

Work History:

Paychex Payroll Specialist, Johnson County Special Services driver and dispatcher, Millard Refrigerated Services shipping and receiving. Since 2014 I have worked at NKC Health Hospital as a Nursing Unit Secretary. I support patients, visitors, and healthcare teams in a demanding environment.

Education: I hold a Bachelor of Science in Biology from the University of St. Mary in Leavenworth, Kansas.

I want to serve as a board member because welcoming diverse perspectives on the board is essential to making informed, balanced decisions that benefit all residents. A fresh perspective prevents blind spots and improves accountability. Maintaining affordability, property value, and overall quality of life in Colonial Square is important to me. I support a cooperative culture where concerns are managed fairly and consistently. I have a strong appreciation and a deep commitment to our neighborhoods' continued success.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS ELECTION

Colonial Square Homes Cooperative

Name

Nimo Abdinour — # 2192

Cooperative Experience

While I do not hold prior cooperative board experience, I bring nearly 13 years as a proud resident of Colonial Square Homes. I have more recently started attending community meetings and it has inspired me to get more involved. Furthermore, having raised my four children here, I have a firsthand understanding of the needs, challenges and aspirations of our neighbors.

Qualifications

- Close to two decades of community service, including 11 years of active nonprofit involvement
- Currently a volunteer administrator and program facilitator at the community center on Antioch Road
- Strong communication skills with a proven ability to bridge gaps and foster connection
- Currently pursuing a Bachelor of Science in Clinical Psychology
- Aspiring School Psychologist with a desire to serve the North Kansas City School District

Family

I am the mother of four beautiful children, ages 5 through 13. We moved into Colonial Square Homes when my eldest was just four months old so this neighborhood has been the backdrop of every milestone our family has shared. Now that my youngest is in kindergarten, I feel the time is right to give back to the community that has given so much to us.

Work History

- **Home Healthcare Aide (Part-Time) — 3 yrs**
- **Volunteer Administrator & Program Facilitator — Community Center, Antioch Rd**
- **Stay-at-Home Parent & Community Volunteer — 11+ years**
- **Community Service Work 4+ yrs — Toronto, Canada (prior to residency in KC)**

Education

Bachelor of Science in Clinical Psychology (In Progress) — Adult Learner

"I want to serve on the board of directors because..."

I am a resourceful person who has always found purpose in making herself useful to those around her and what better place to do that than the place I have called home for 13 years? I want to use my passion for people and my strength in communication to bridge gaps, strengthen bonds and help our cooperative thrive as a true community. Colonial Square has been home to my family through many chapters of our lives and I believe every resident deserves a board that is genuinely invested in the place they live. I am ready to be that voice.

Angelica Escobar

Cooperative Experience

Resident/member of Colonial Square Townhomes for 6+ years with strong familiarity with cooperative values such as communication, accountability, and community involvement, along with a demonstrated commitment to supporting residents and improving the community through experience in nonprofit work and public service roles serving diverse populations.

Qualifications

Bilingual in Spanish and English with strong communication and customer service skills, adaptable and effective in team environments, and experienced in education, nonprofit organizations, customer service, and administrative support, with additional training in de-escalation techniques for managing challenging situations professionally and calmly.

Family

I was born and raised in Kansas City, and my family has deep roots in the community. Growing up, I spent much of my childhood enjoying places and traditions that make Kansas City special, including visits to the Kansas City Zoo & Aquarium, the Nelson-Atkins Museum of Art, and the former Bannister Mall. I also have fond memories of attending community trick-or-treat events in the Historic Northeast neighborhood and spending summers fishing with my parents and siblings at Lake of the Ozarks and Longview Lake. Today, my wonderful husband and I are raising our six children here in Kansas City and continuing many of those same traditions with them. Kansas City has always been home to me, and I believe it is the perfect place to raise a family because of its strong sense of community, culture, and opportunity. I hope to encourage my children to stay involved in the community and grow into positive, contributing members of society.

Work History

- Substitute Teacher (current), Member of a Local Nonprofit Organization, Paralegal (1 year), Customer Service Representative for Mid-Continent Public Library, Shoe Trend KC, Future Foam, and King's Moving and Storage.

Education

- Associate of Arts Degree, currently pursuing a Bachelor's Degree in Elementary Education, and holding a Missouri Substitute Teaching Certificate

Why I Want to Serve on the Board of Directors

I want to serve on the Board of Directors because Kansas City has always been my home, and I care deeply about the people and community I've grown up with and continue to raise my family in today. As a lifelong resident with strong family roots in the area, I've experienced the traditions, neighborhoods, and values that make this community special. My background in education, nonprofit work, customer service, and public service has strengthened my communication, leadership, and problem-solving skills, and I want to use those strengths to support residents, encourage connection, and help ensure our community remains a safe, positive, and welcoming place for everyone.

Colonial Square Homes, Inc. Vacation Notice

If you are planning to be gone for a few days and would like the maintenance staff to check on your unit, please complete this form and turn it in to the office.

Name: _____

Address: _____

Time frame of vacation: Leaving _____

Returning _____

Emergency Contact: Name: _____

Phone: _____

Number you can be reached at (if applicable): _____

Your cell phone number (if applicable): _____

Will you have someone checking on the unit while you are gone? If so, please provide the following:

Name: _____

Phone #: _____



Combustibles: Gasoline/Kerosene/Fireworks/Fire Pits/Chimineas

1. No gasoline or gasoline engines of any kind are allowed inside units. Absolutely no kerosene heaters or wood stoves allowed.
2. Combustible liquids or devices are not to be kept inside units. They must be stored outside in a secure container with a lid. Household cleaners must be stored away from any ignition source.
3. Only U.L.-approved electric heaters with a safety shut-off will be allowed as an added heating method.
4. Fireworks, illegal by Kansas City ordinance and Colonial Square policy, are absolutely prohibited on Colonial Square property.
5. Members must observe the following sections from Kansas City code, Section 26-307.1.

“It shall be unlawful for any person, firm, corporation, partnership, association, organization or governmental agency, properly regulated by the City, to burn or cause to be burned any bonfire, nor shall any such person or entity dispose of rubbish by open burning, or cause, allow or permit open burning of rubbish.

“(c) Fires used for recreational purposes, or fires used for the noncommercial preparation of food such as barbecuing shall be in accordance with section 26-307.

“A. Sec. 26-307.5. Freestanding cooking device. It shall be unlawful to use, store or maintain a freestanding cooking device on the balcony, deck or patio of a multifamily dwelling containing more than four units unless: (1) such device uses only natural gas supplied by a fixed pipe; or, (2) such device is at a distance that is not less than ten (10) feet from the structure of the multifamily dwelling and uses only natural gas, charcoal, wood or liquid propane.

“B. Sec. 26-307.5.1. Recreational fire device. It shall be unlawful to use, store or maintain a recreational fire device, such as a chiminea, patio fireplace, patio heater or similar device, on the balcony, deck or patio of a multifamily dwelling containing more than four units unless: (1) such device uses only natural gas supplied by a fixed pipe; or (2) such device is at a distance that is not less than ten (10) feet from the structure of the multifamily dwelling and uses only natural gas, charcoal, wood or liquid propane.”

Old-Fashioned Strawberry-Rhubarb Crisp

Ingredients

Filling

- 5 cups rhubarb, sliced 1/2-inch thick
- 1 1/4 cups sugar, divided
- 3 1/2 cups strawberries, hulled and quartered
- 3 tablespoons cornstarch
- 2 teaspoons fresh lemon juice
- 1 teaspoon pure vanilla extract

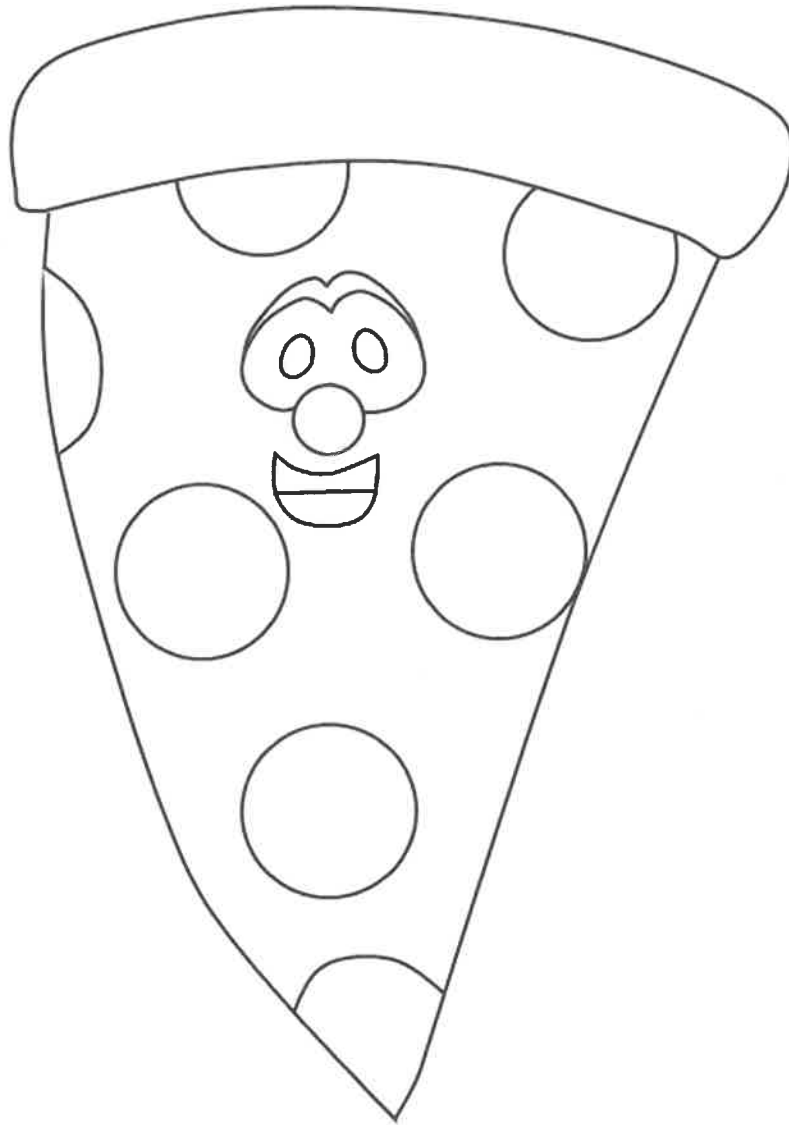
Topping

- 1 stick (4 ounces) unsalted butter, softened
- 1 1/2 cups light brown sugar
- 1 1/2 cups all-purpose flour
- 1 1/4 cups quick-cooking rolled oats
- 3 tablespoons canola oil
- 1 1/2 teaspoons cinnamon
- 3/4 teaspoon kosher salt

Directions

1. Gather the ingredients.
2. Preheat the oven to 375°F. In a bowl, toss the rhubarb with 3/4 cup of the sugar and let stand for 15 minutes, stirring occasionally. In another bowl, toss the strawberries with the remaining 1/2 cup sugar and let stand for 10 minutes, stirring occasionally.
3. Using a slotted spoon, transfer the rhubarb to the strawberries; discard any rhubarb juice. Add the cornstarch, lemon juice, and vanilla to the fruit and stir well.
4. Transfer the mixture to a 9- x 13-inch glass baking dish.
5. For the topping, combine all of the ingredients in a medium bowl. Using a pastry blender or your fingers, mix the ingredients together until large crumbs form.
6. Sprinkle the topping evenly over the filling and bake for 30 minutes. Reduce the oven temperature to 325°F and continue baking for about 30 minutes longer, until the fruit filling is bubbling and the topping is nicely browned.
7. Let the crisp rest for 10 to 20 minutes before serving.

Any way you slice it



You're a GREAT dad!

June 2026



Sunday	Monday 1	Tuesday 2	Wednesday 3	Thursday 4	Friday 5	Saturday 6
7	8	9 Exter- minations 2230-2274 **	10	11 Annual Board Meeting 7 pm Late Fees Applied	12	13
14	15	16	17	18	19 Office & Maint. Closed	20
21 Father's Day Attorney Referrals	22	23	24	25	26	27
28	29	30				Happy Birthday to members born in June

**Neighborhood Watch Meeting 7:00 PM above the office.