



**Cole-Turkey Acres Membership Association, Inc.
TURKEY TALK October-November-December 2021**

The Board of Directors for CTA meet on the second Saturday of the month, at 9:00 a.m. in the CTA office near the firehouse. Residents of CTA are welcome to attend Board meetings. Participation is an important way to learn more about Association activities, and to offer your concerns and ideas. The address for correspondence with CTA and the membership due drop off is 26200 Escapade Lane. Call a Board member or leave a message on the CTA phone line (660-438-4610) if you would like to meet at the CTA office to discuss any issue or are planning to build in the neighborhood.

CTA By-Laws are available at the CTA website, www.coleturkeyacres.net. Click on "MORE" button at the top and to find the bylaws (and a crossword puzzle, which changes daily). If you have recently arrived to CTA, please provide Rhonda Lucy at rlucycta@gmail.com with your email and phone number so you can be reached in the event of an emergency or a water shutoff, etc. If you receive Turkey Talk by mail but have an email address, please send a note to Debbie to save on print/postage costs.

The Board posts minutes of monthly meetings on the CTA website with a link at the bottom of the NEWS page. Minutes are approved at the following monthly meeting and are posted shortly after.

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DUES STATEMENTS

Annual dues invoices will be mailed by March 1, 2022. Full payment is due by April 5th, 2022. Each invoice will have its own unique tracking number. When making payment, include the stub from the bottom of the separate letter that was enclosed with your invoice. Direct any questions by leaving a message on the CTA info line (660-438-4610). If you do not receive the statement by March 10th, email Rhonda at rlucycta@gmail.com. Update your contact information to include phone numbers and email address. This information is critical in the event of an emergency on your property if you are away, such as a water leak or storm damage.

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ANNUAL MEETING NOTICE

The Annual Meeting will be at 10 AM the second Saturday in May 2022 at the Park. Everyone is invited. A potluck meal will be held at the conclusion. The association will provide meat and table service. Bring a dish to share, along with your own beverage. This is a great way to meet new neighbors and visit with old friends!

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ROADS TO GET NEW SPEED BUMPS & POTHOLES FILLED

The Board decided it was time and took further measures to slow down the traffic, so speed bumps have been added in two locations. More speed bumps will be installed in the spring of 2022.



A special thanks to Bill Tracy, Troy Burge, Bill Welch and Rusty Rhoads for their help filling potholes. Without volunteers it would be nearly impossible to maintain our community's roads.



Troy Burge and Bill Welch search for a lost water valve. Please don't cut off the stand pipes that are installed to protect the valves. If they get cover with dirt and grass we have a hard time locating them.

If you see a pothole that needs attention or you would like to volunteer, contact Harold Dunn at 660-951-4231 or leave a message on the CTA info line 660-438-4610. Plans for road improvements in 2022 will be announced at the annual meeting in May, so if you have a suggestion for a road project, contact Harold to discuss it.

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FROM CTA PRESIDENT SAM LIPARI

Soon leaves will be falling. Remember if you rake leaves into the ditch be sure to burn them ASAP. If you leave them they will clog the culverts and cause water to run over the roads on rainy days.

Now is the time to start thinking about winterizing your homes. Make sure gaps and cracks in your foundations and any exposed water lines are protected from cold weather.

Thanks to Matt Brawdy, new Parks Director. We have been getting a lot of compliments about how the park looks and how clean bathrooms are. Special thanks to “3 Amigos” Bill Tracy, Steve Brooks and Craig Grimes for helping Matt.

Have a great Fall!

WATCH FOR RED FLAG AND CAUTION WHEN BURNING

The Red Flag Warnings posted when entering CTA mean DON'T BURN. The flag can be easily seen when winds are too high or the brush and grass are too dry. Look for it flying on the small Osage Valley Fire Department sign right as you enter into the community. If you are wondering whether it's too windy to burn call Fire Chief Ron Taddiken at 660-438-7277 or his cell at 660-723-5874.

Red Flag Warnings also are mentioned on the news shows of the Springfield TV stations and on Weather.com for Warsaw forecasts. Always have a garden hose nearby when burning because winds can increase or shift directions unexpectedly. Ron reminds everyone: “If your fire gets out of control and you burn the neighbor's house, you are liable. Make sure any fire is really out.” **IF YOU HAVE AN EMERGENCY, DIAL 911, NOT THE FIRE HOUSE. No one is there full time to answer the phone. A call there is a waste of precious time to get a crew to your fire and may result in more damage.**

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FIRE CHIEF RON SAYS:

We have an LZ23 medical helicopter landing zone at Dalton Field that is located across from Shady J's convenient store. OVFPD is tasked with providing traffic control in the event a helicopter needs to land. The goal is to have a safe work zone for medical personnel, ambulance and OVFPD personnel. Remember that a response could be for yourself or someone you love.

There is indeed more traffic than just CTA members. Take the time to let others know that when a traffic control site is set up to give the courtesy of slowing down. There will be traffic guides to remind you to slow down. Traffic will come to a complete stop when an ambulance or an air medical team arrives or leaves. The OVFPD conducts regular training to support this critical effort.

Distracted driving almost always causes issues when we are trying to evacuate someone from this landing zone. Typically there we also have at least one or more drivers who fail to slow down. On May 22nd we had a total of 4 helicopters with 3 ambulances on the ground at the same time. When you combine that along with equipment and other law enforcement personnel it is critical for our safety that everyone slows their vehicles down.

We're getting closer to the time of year where everyone will be cleaning up their yards. Everyone needs to be careful. Just a reminder that vinyl siding will start to melt at 165 degrees F. Please do not leave a fire unattended no matter what the size. Always allow for breezes blowing into the direction of any structure. For

those who might be burning for the first time this fall, the wind can easily change directions with little or no time to react.

Lastly, we are always needing more volunteers for either fighting fires or dispatchers. If interested please call me at 660-723-5874.

-- Ron Taddiken, OVFPD Fire Chief

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FREE SMOKE ALARMS

The fire department has smoke alarms available for anyone in our fire district. We will install them if needed. They are free through a program of the American Red Cross and have a 10-year battery. To get one, call Chief Ron at 660-438-7277 or cell 660-723-5874.

CTA thanks the OVFPD Board of Directors:

President: Randy Berlekamp – Oak Ridge Estates. Vice-President: Brian Everheart – Cole-Turkey Acres.

Treasurer: Cindy West - Shady Shores. Secretary: Debi Lipari – Cole-Turkey Acres. Pete Hietman - Cole Turkey Acres

The Board meets the second Monday of the month at 6:00 p.m. at the fire station. Public is invited.

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WATCH OUT FOR WATER FOULS

The sometimes severe cold of winter can be a challenge for the water lines and valves around CTA. Please call Jeff Dunn at 816-560-4785 if you see standing or running water in yards or ditches. This will help us locate leaks efficiently. Maintaining the four CTA water wells and supply lines is an ongoing chore that falls to water system director Jeff Dunn and his dedicated team of volunteers, including Pete Heitman, Adam Fox, Richard Shipps, Bill Welch, Rusty Rhoads, Frank Farmer, Troy Burge and others. Disruptions of service are inevitable. Every attempt is made to notify residents if water will be shut off briefly for repair.

That's why it's a good idea to let Rhonda Lucy know your email address and phone number for notifications.

As always, volunteers are needed to help with the many facets of keeping our wells and lines maintained, inspected, and our water safe. A copy of the DNR water quality report (known as the Consumer Confidence Report) is posted on the CTA website, www.coleturkeyacres.net. It also is on the bulletin board next to the front door of the firehouse. Anyone who would like to have a detailed analysis of CTA water should contact Jeff.

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WHAT OTHER EVENTS ARE PLANNED?

If you are planning an event that you would like to promote in the Turkey Talk newsletter and/or the CTA website, **please let us know** by sending the information via email to coleturkeyacres@gmail.com. Or leave a message on the CTA info line 660-438-4610. Travis Neely (newsletter editor neely.travis@gmail.com) and Karl Danielson (webmaster) would like to include your event on the website and in the next Quarterly Turkey Talk. Also, leave an email or voicemail if you'd like to know results of any event. If you have photos for the newsletter or website, please email them or contact us for help transmitting them. Ours is a community packed with great events from Memorial Day weekend through New Year's. There isn't a better place anywhere on the lake for this kind of spirit, sharing, support and fellowship.

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CONTACT THE BOARD ABOUT CONCERNS OR PLANS TO BUILD

Have a question or issue to discuss with the Board? The CTA information line 660-438-4610 is monitored regularly so that if you leave a message at any time with your name and number a member of the Board can promptly return your call. The CTA mailing address remains the same: 26200 Escapade Lane, Warsaw, MO 65355. And the CTA website www.coleturkeyacres.net has phone numbers and emails of board members, along with some neighborhood news updates.

Using these winter months to plan a spring building project or remodel? If you want to build a shed, garage or house, contact a Board member and submit plans to the Board. Cole-Turkey Acres subdivisions have a few restrictions that could result in adjustments to your plan. Among the restrictions are some regarding easements, setbacks from roads and property lines with neighbors, square footage of dwellings, and the sequence and exterior appearance for building a house and a detached garage. The Board can provide you with copies of these documents (which also are on file at the Benton County Courthouse). The Board also can provide advice regarding compliance. Don't rely on what a neighbor or someone outside CTA says. The restrictions are part of what makes Cole-Turkey Acres such an attractive and enjoyable place to live and have fun at the Lake.

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LAUNCH FEE FOR NON-MEMBERS

To help with maintenance costs for the boat launches and parking lots the launch fees for non-members is \$5 daily and \$40 annually. Snagging Season has started, so here's a reminder: CTA residents who plan to be using either parking lot after launching a boat need to snag a CTA membership sticker for the trailer. Otherwise you might find a notice on your windshield that you need to pay. Leave a message on the CTA phone line (660-438-4610) and someone will make arrangements for you to get a sticker. Also, **dropping trailers at CTA launch locations is not allowed**, even for CTA members. Annual permits have been very popular with non-residents who regularly use the launches at the community park or on the channel.

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RAVE SMART 911 NOTIFICATIONS SIGN-UP

CTA members may want to sign up for the RAVE Smart911 system now available. It is part of the Benton County Emergency Alerts system for excessive winds, tornadoes, hazardous conditions, or other major emergencies/warnings. If you provide your phone number, email, address in CTA and other information, you will receive an automatic notification if there is a warning being issued. For more information or to sign up, <https://www.smart911.com/smart911/login.action?logout>. A mobile app also is available.

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UPCOMING EVENTS

- Any time. Donate aluminum cans to benefit the OFVPD at the collection bin behind Sheila's BB Bar.
- Please ONLY aluminum cans. No trash, plastic, or pet food cans.

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REMINDERS

- ATVs are not allowed on CTA roads.
- If your dog is outside it must be within a fence or on a leash. Call the Benton County Sheriff's office if you are being hassled by a loose dog.
- RVs cannot be hooked up to electricity, water and septic systems in CTA. Thank you to those who have complied with these restrictions.
- Help keep our community clean. Please don't litter. If you see trash in ditches or roadway, please pick it up!

Cole-Turkey Acres Leadership

President	Sam Lipari	816-255-6109
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Water Director	Jeff Dunn	816-560-4785
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