



## Hanover News

The month of April is designated as National Child Abuse Prevention month nationwide. In recognition, the Hanover Court Appointed Special Advocate Program (CASA) will be offering a limited number of blue ribbons to the citizens of Hanover County to wear throughout the month of April. By wearing this ribbon for your family, friends, co-workers, and members of your community to see, you help draw attention to the need for abuse and neglect prevention. For more information, call 365-4296. The Hanover Department of Social Services maintains a 24-hour hotline to report child abuse or neglect. If you know of a child effected by abuse or neglect, please report it by calling (800) 552-7096.

Did you know that in Hanover County, the average age of first-time substance use is 13? By ages 15-16, most Hanover youth have tried alcohol and cigarettes. If reading this statement caused you to say: "But that's not MY kid," then you are not alone. Every parent thinks it doesn't happen with their children. Hanover County recently conducted several town hall-style meetings to help inform parents about what's happening in our community and to start a neighborhood dialogue about underage drinking. Parents of teens (and tweens) who were not able to attend are encouraged to contact the I CARE Youth Development Council at 365-4228 or visit their website at:

[www.hanovericare.org](http://www.hanovericare.org)

## Management Memos

In an effort to keep our residents well informed, please review the announcements below. Should you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact the office at 798-6689.

**Powerwash Month:** This year's FREE Powerwash Month has been designated as May. From May 1st through May 31st, the extra water usage fee of \$10 will be waived for residents who powerwash their homes. This will be a wonderful opportunity for residents to clean the ugly green algae that has a tendency to build up on their homes, sheds and decks. Annual powerwashing should be considered a part of your routine home maintenance. It certainly goes a long way to improving the appearance of your property. If you do not have access to a powerwasher, please note that Home Depot rents the equipment. Contact them directly for more details at 550-0482.

**Extermination:** If you have not already done so, please make sure to read the Rodent Prevention letter enclosed with this newsletter. We are asking for everyone's cooperation to help remedy the situation. This will require each resident to do their part. Please inspect your property thoroughly to remove any and all possible sources of food, water or harborage. Do remember to instruct your children to not disturb the bait boxes that will be placed throughout the park in the coming days. Again, you will also need to keep your pets away from these bait boxes.

**Rent Increase:** As the enclosed notice states, the monthly lot rental fee will increase from \$325 to \$350 per month effective July 1st. We find this \$25 increase necessary to cover the cost of improvements to the park as well as the rising water costs. Please note this is the only increase we have had in over two years and the increased rate continues to remain below average in comparison with other lot rents in the area.

**Leash Laws:** We want to emphasize the need, again, for all residents to keep their dogs on a leash. Not only will we have bait boxes in place to address the rodent issue, but we have received complaints regarding people who walk their dogs in the park without a leash. As you may be aware, Hanover County does have a leash law in place. Any dog running off the property of its owner or custodian, not leashed or tethered, will be considered running at large. This law applies year-round to any area in Hanover County that is zoned residential. Violations may result in a written warning, summons or impoundment. Impoundment fees are \$25 for the first offense and \$10 for each subsequent offense within a 12-month calendar year. Furthermore, there are provisions in the Manufactured Home Lot Lease with regard to the responsibilities of pet owners in the park. Failure to abide by these rules and regulations may result in the required removal of the pet from the park. Therefore, your prompt attention to this matter is required.

Thought For The Month: *"No act of kindness, no matter how small is ever wasted."*

*~ Aesop, Greek Fabulist*

## Community Classifieds

**FOR SALE:** BRAND NEW Maynardville 14x56, 2 bedroom, 2 bath. \$45,995. Financing available for qualified buyers. Too many amenities to list. Visit [www.kosmovillage.com/ForSale.htm](http://www.kosmovillage.com/ForSale.htm) or call 798-6689 for details.

**FOR SALE:** 2002 Clayton 32x72 double wide. 3 bedrooms, 2 baths, large den with fireplace. Call Bob Lucas at 798-3206.

**FOR SALE:** 1998 Oakwood mobile home for sale. 3 bedrooms, 1 bath. \$13,500. Call 519-5820 or 262-6079.

**FOR SALE:** Tan floral print sofa. \$25. Brown stripe print chair. \$15. 10463 Comanche Lane. Call Kelly Kohndorfer at 798-2058.

**SERVICES:** Pet grooming services (including brush, wash, dry, anal gland expression, nail clipping/filing, breath freshening, and eye/ear cleaning) available by local park resident. One-on-one training (with dog & owner), doggie daycare and pet sitting services also available. Call Lorin Mayhew at 752-7644.

**SERVICES:** Leaf removal services offered. Please leave message 798-1275.

**SERVICES:** Lawn services provided to mobile home park residents. Call Ron Smith at 402-3562 for more information.

**SERVICES:** Handyman/plumbing services with local neighborhood references available. Free, honest estimates. Call Ken Parady at 798-7223 or 400-3221.

**SERVICES:** Painting services offered. Call Robert Spence at 253-3900 or 798-4046.

**SERVICES:** Notary services by appointment. Call Sonja after 5 PM weekdays and anytime weekends. 798-4046.



*Mary Mary quite contrary,  
How does your garden grow?  
With silver bells and cockle shells  
And pretty maids all in a row.*

We all know that "April showers bring May flowers," and we have certainly had our fair share of rain showers as of late so we anticipate some beautiful blooms! If you would like to see your spring flowers featured in an upcoming newsletter, please forward your pictures to the office or by email at [kosmovillage@comcast.net](mailto:kosmovillage@comcast.net). No camera? Call the office and let us know you'd like your flowers photographed.

## Yard of the Month

Congratulations to this month's Yard of the Month winner for "Most Improved." The winner receives \$30 off their lot rent. Next month's contest will be for "Most Beautiful." Good Luck!



10428 Rosebud Lane

## The Green Movement

Every time you turn on the TV or even the radio, it seems like everyone is talking about "going green" So what is this whole green movement all about anyway?

With over 300 million people in the U.S., the effects of rising gas costs, environmental pollution, and the decline in natural resources, it has become more important than ever for individuals to embrace the fact that protecting our environment is everyone's responsibility. With the hope of setting a worldwide precedence, the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), is urging all U.S. citizens to conserve energy, use water efficiently, make environmentally protective choices, and to reduce, reuse and recycle.

Over the next several newsletters, we will be highlighting some of the measures you can take in your own homes and lives, each day, to do your part to help protect our environment. Most of the steps you can take cost you little to no additional out of pocket expense. It is a matter of changing your perspectives and behaviors to become more environmentally conscious.

Here are some simple things you can begin doing today:

- Have an overabundance of plastic shopping bags? Don't throw them away. Take them with you on your next trip to the store and reuse them to bag your new purchases. Some stores will even give you a discount on your purchases for doing so!
- When mowing your lawn, allow the grass clippings to remain to decompose and return nutrients back to the soil, rather than bagging & disposing of them.
- Call and remove your name from unwanted mailing lists to conserve the trees that are destroyed each year to produce the millions of catalogs that get mailed out and instantly thrown in the trash when received.

**REMINDER:** With the exception of this one, all newsletters are placed in the newspaper boxes beneath your mailbox. Don't forget to check the box each month for yours! It's an excellent way to keep on top of what is going on in your community.