

**Cherry Hills Subdivision  
Property Owners Association, Inc.  
Quarterly Newsletter  
October 2011**

Visit our website in between newsletters for updated or historical information: [www.cherryhillsspringfield.com](http://www.cherryhillsspringfield.com)

Our mailing address is:

PO Box 10522, Springfield, MO 65808

**2011 Board of Directors**

**President**

Brad Perryman  
5150 E. Cherry Hills Blvd.  
865-8496  
[Bradp5221@yahoo.com](mailto:Bradp5221@yahoo.com)

**Treasurer**

Cristy Meadows  
5167 Hackberry  
831-7398  
[cristy.meadows@yahoo.com](mailto:cristy.meadows@yahoo.com)

**Secretary**

Paula Green  
5043 E. Cherry Hills Blvd.  
873-9604  
[pgreen@eehjfirm.com](mailto:pgreen@eehjfirm.com)

**Non-board member:**

**Assistant treasurer**

Patti Stoner  
379 S. River Birch Dr.  
631-3070 cell  
[pstoner@whitlockco.com](mailto:pstoner@whitlockco.com)

**QUARTERLY MEMBERSHIP MEETING IS:**

**Tuesday  
October 11, 2011  
7:00 pm**

**Hickory Hills School Library**

**UPCOMING MEETING ISSUES ON 10/11/2011:**

**Special Assessment for Basin Repairs**

The special assessment of \$50 for repairs to the water retention basins was tabled at the 5/16/11 meeting (see recap later in this newsletter). We have only one bid for \$8,000 for the needed repairs to the retention basins. This will do #2 (main entrance), #3 (Luella) and #4 (Hackberry)'s repairs recommended by Greene County. Please see the website for a map of the basins we referred to. The absentee votes on 5/16/11 were tallied and will be counted in the final vote at our 10/11 meeting. The members present at the May 16<sup>th</sup> meeting did not vote and can vote at the October meeting. We need to finalize the vote at this next meeting. If you wish to attend and change your absentee vote from May, you will be allowed. Please attend if you have NOT previously sent us your vote.

**Fall Family Block Party:**

Saturday  
October 15  
4:00 pm

Contact Janel Nibert to RSVP  
[crjdnib@sbcglobal.net](mailto:crjdnib@sbcglobal.net)

**Membership Meeting Recap – 5/16/11**

50 properties of 163 have not paid their 2011 dues. 4 properties are delinquent for 2010 and prior. Treasurer's report posted to website.

The following 4 items passed and are now effective:

#2-Bylaws amendment to allow for electronic notice of meetings

#4-Ozark Mountain Sanitation overwhelming accepted for another 2-year contract

#5-Bylaws amendment regarding procedure for Vote by Proxy

#6-Bylaws amendment clarified requirements for a voting quorum. *Heavy discussion due to only one (1) voting member present plus proxy would be sufficient, but was amendment passed. Discussion recommended we, as property owners, take a serious interest in the association by attending these meetings due to the importance of discussions before the vote. Voting by proxy can be voting blind on an issue where additional important information is added at the meetings. The members present requested that the board always take every effort to provide as much information as possible when presenting an issue for vote by proxy.*

#1 – Special assessment was tabled until the board received specific bids for the repairs. Brad Perryman reported that he and Harold Raines met with Greene County's Mr. Williams regarding our basins. He said we were in compliance currently but suggested two major items that would need attention soon to avoid further adverse problems. These related to basin #2 at the main entrance to the subdivision and basin #4 at the entrance on Luella. Brad has attempted to get contractors out here to give quotes but no one has shown up. Mr. Williams gave him a few names to try.

#3 – Weed control issue was tabled. Good discussion from members present. Benny Coble stated that killing the weeds kills the root system which helps with erosion of our soil in these basins. It would be costly to seed with grass seed effectively to avoid the erosion and get rid of the weeds. Also, Brad said the county would prefer we not spray chemicals in the basins or on the sides (could do it on the tops only). They are trying to keep our ground water sources clear of any chemicals. It was suggested by Janice Murrell (by letter) that we have someone from Missouri Conservation to come out and make recommendations for some native plantings to help with erosion. Brad stated the county suggested someone with MO Dept of Natural Resources who also teaches conservation at MSU. We could possibly get free trees planted by students in the fall, if we contact them now.

**2011 Dues Reminder – AS OF 10/01/11**

*We still have 2 of 163 properties unpaid for 2011. We will be filing the paperwork for liens on these properties:*

Charles Tagami (\$55)	431 S. Yellowwood
Rebecca Manual (balance \$286)	419 S Yellowwood

**2012 Dues Increase!**

The board voted to increase the 2012 dues by 10% as allowed in the covenants. The 2012 dues will be \$60 and are due and payable 1/1/2012. They become past due 4/1/2012.

**Nice Neighbors**

A smile of thanks to Gerry Link for continuing to provide a bit of floral color to our entrance with the potted purple petunias this past spring as well as the mums this fall.

Those who diligently cleaned up their fireworks trash after the 4<sup>th</sup> of July celebrations.

Those with pets that remember to “scoop the poop” if they are walking their dogs in the neighborhood. This is required in the covenants.

**Not So Nice Neighbors**

A frown for the thoughtless neighbors who continued to shoot fireworks after 10 pm. Try to remember that others may have to get up early for work the next day and these loud blasts should cease by 10 pm.

**“Two Tree” Front Yard Requirement per the Covenants**

A reminder that the covenants require two trees in every front yard in our neighborhood. If you do NOT and have NOT received a waiver from the Architectural Control Committee/Board of Directors, please contact one of the board members in regard to this. The application form for the waiver is available on the website. The board had chosen to table this issue last year, due to the rainy season and economy. We would like to get this project finished and have every property in compliance with the covenants or an approved waiver issued to the property owner.

**Basketball Goals**

A reminder of our policy on these. We encourage physical fitness and well-being for our neighbors but the goals may not be permanently affixed to your property. Temporary goals are allowed but should not be left out indefinitely.

**Trash Service Reminders**

Check the website for specifics about our trash service provider. The rates were approved for \$13.25/month including weekly recycling and grass clippings. Remember to put your trash can and/or recycling bin out after dark on Tuesday evenings for the early Wednesday morning pickup. Remember to put the can up by Wednesday night. All receptacles must not be visible from the street except for trash day. For recyclers, they can NOT accept glass or Styrofoam.

**Building Projects**

Just a reminder, per the covenants, if you are considering any remodeling or additions to your home, including decks, fences, etc. you need to get approval from the Architectural Control Committee/Board of Directors PRIOR to starting your project. Contact a board member for more info if needed.

**Neatness Counts**

As a property owner in Cherry Hills, we need to remember to keep our properties looking neat and clean. This summer is a good time to get that mold washed off the north side of your house. There are services in the yellow pages or just ask who did your neighbor’s house for a good reference! Got a power-washer and willing to help out your neighbor? Let your neighbors or a board member know and let’s all pitch in and help! Lots of hands make light work! Great way to get to know your neighbors, too!

**Future Membership Meetings**

As our website states, our regular membership meetings are always prescheduled for the second Tuesday of the quarter (April, July, October and January) each year at 7:00 pm. These meetings will be held at Hickory Hills School in the library (unless the school is not in session). If school is not in session, an alternate location will be announced. Generally, the July meetings are held at the Springfield Fire Station #12 on Blackman road.

**Board Meetings**

Board meetings are held at the selection of the board members as business of the association may require it. Any issue a property owner would like the board to consider may be done by a phone call or email to any of the current board members. Currently, the board of directors also serve as the Architectural Control Committee.

## **THANK YOU'S FOR THE GREAT INDEPENDENCE DAY CELEBRATION**

Thanks to the hard work of Nikki Rorabaugh (277 Steury) and Janel Nibert (342 Melaleuca), there was a wonderful, colorful band of bikes, trikes, strollers, wagons and even riding lawn mowers “paraded” through our neighborhood on Saturday, July 2<sup>nd</sup>! Music by “LEGACY” on Steury Street along with lots of fun family activities to celebrate Independence Day red, white and blue style! Even the “goodie” kart made an appearance!



*Any property owner may volunteer their time and talents to our association at any time. Let a board member know what your interests are and we would love to see others serve. Does planting flowers or shrubs interest you? Want to organize a “pretty yard of the month” competition? Does planning fun activities like the 4<sup>th</sup> of July celebration or the Fall Family Party appeal to you? Let us know! We would LOVE to hear from you!*

