

Cherry Hills Subdivision
Property Owners Association, Inc.
Quarterly Newsletter
January 2012

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WE NEED YOUR EMAIL ADDRESS!



We currently only have 96 of 163 email addresses for you. If you want more current updates of happenings in your neighbor, PLEASE email us! You also save the association LOTS in postage for dues reminders and newsletters! We are happy to add emails for both spouses, too!

**QUARTERLY MEMBERSHIP
UPCOMING MEETING:**

Tuesday
January 10, 2012
7:00 pm
Hickory Hills School Library



Best Holiday Wishes

We hope everyone enjoyed wonderful holidays with friends and family. The neighborhood looked quite festive!

Upcoming Meeting Agenda - 1/10/2012:

-Acknowledge out-going board members:

Terms expiring January 2012:
Brad Perryman 5150 CHB
Paula Green 5054 CHB

-Nomination of board members for two-year terms.
Current size of the board is three.

Nominations received to date:
Patti Stoner (379 RB)
Cristy Meadows (5167 HB)

Cristy is eligible for re-appointment since she was filling in Cory Nibert's (452 ML) remaining 6 months of his 2-year term.

-Presentation of 2012 proposed budget.
-Approve minutes from October 2011 meeting.
-Approve treasurer's report.

2011 Special Assessment Dues Reminder

The approved \$50 special assessment is due. We have 79 properties remaining unpaid as of 1/3/2012. If you haven't paid yours yet, please mail your payment **ASAP** to our PO Box 10522, Spfd, MO 65808.

2011 Dues Reminder

We still have 2 of 163 properties regular dues unpaid for 2011. Liens have been filed 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. As of 1/3/2012, 123 properties remain unpaid for 2012 dues.

"OLD" NEWS:



RECAP of Membership Meeting – October, 11, 2011

New Treasurer Introduced

Cory Nibert resigned in July. Cristy Meadows was appointed by the remaining board members to replace Cory as treasurer.

Treasurer's Report

Cristy Meadows presented the 10/11/11 financial statements. We have \$4,257.34 in the bank, this includes \$270 of special assessment dues paid in advance to date. We have collected \$2,801.44 in excess of expenses paid. This excess is due to the hot, dry summer and lowered the need for as many mowing at \$400 each. This treasurer's report can be found on the website. Her report was approved as presented.

Special Assessment of \$50 Passed

Motion for special assessment was brought back from the table and discussed. Brad Perryman shared the information from the only contractor (Troy McShane) who would call him back, meet with him and finally bid it. It is \$8,400 total. This includes:

- \$6,300 to haul dirt in to repair areas of erosion, cost of seeding, pipe repairs on pond #2 where the pipe is separated and add 15' extension from the pipe in the Luella pond out into the spillway to NOT erode the north wall of the pond.

- \$1500 for landscaping net to be placed on seeded areas to help grass start.

- \$600 (\$100 per pond) for balloon tubes to build wire net to help filter those pipes and keep them from clogging with debris. Will have to do that last step every 7-10 years to clear the pipes clear of debris.

After much discussion, there was a "call for the question" and the vote was affirmative (including the previous absentee votes). Special assessment dues of \$50 are now due and payable. We will try to avoid extra postage by mailing on the property owners who do not have an email address on file with us. The work on these ponds cannot begin until we collect the money from the property owners, so these costs will likely be incurred in 2012.

NEW BUSINESS

Neighborhood Watch Committee

Brad discussed the need to follow through with the neighborhood watch committee creation, based on the recent rash of criminal incidents in our neighborhood. We try to share this information by email to all property owners to help everyone be alert and safe

VANDALISM

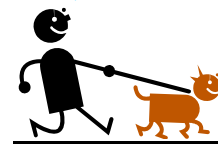


Property owners are concerned about the recurring incidents of vandalism to the signs in the neighborhood, such as the "no trespassing" signs at the water retention ponds. Pictures were circulated of damage to these signs. Please report anyone seen tampering with these signs to the sheriff's department and a board member.

Nice Neighbors

Those who "treated" the Halloween brigade of "trickers" in their wonderful, fun costumes! Although I'm sure not all our population of kids in our neighborhood is really this high☺! We must be very popular with the surrounding area kids!

Those with pets that remember to "scoop the poop" if they are walking their dogs in the neighborhood.



Not So Nice Neighbors

Those who *forget* to "scoop the poop" as they walk their dogs! This is required in the covenants.

Safety Tip



Submitted by Megan Lozano (5174 CP)

Put your car keys beside your bed at night. If you hear a noise outside your home or someone trying to get in your house, just press the panic button for your car. The alarm will be set off, and the horn will continue to sound until either you turn it off or the car battery dies.

This tip came from a neighborhood watch coordinator. Next time you come home for the night and you start to put your keys away, think of this: It's a security alarm system that you probably already have and requires no installation. Test it. It will go off from most everywhere inside your house and will keep honking until your battery runs down or until you reset it with the button on the key fob chain. It works if you park in your driveway or garage.

If your car alarm goes off when someone is trying to break into your house, odds are the burglar/rapist won't stick around. After a few seconds, all the neighbors will be looking out their windows to see who is out there and sure enough the criminal won't want that. And remember to carry your keys while walking to your car in a parking lot. The alarm can work the same way there. This is something that should really be shared with everyone. Maybe it could save a life or a sexual abuse crime.

Thanks, Megan!



Fall Family Block Party

A Family Block Party was held on October 15th.

Many thanks to Janel Nibert (452 ML) and her committee: Carrie Nichols (5246 HB), April Gebken (317 ML) and Malayna Whitehead (292 ST). These great volunteers are helping creating a lifetime of wonderful childhood memories for our neighborhood

children! How  is THAT?

Wonderful job! I'm sure the hayride was a big hit!



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.

"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.

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.

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.

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 cafeteria area (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.

Volunteering



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. Do planting flowers or shrubs interest you? Want to organize competitions for “prettiest yard of the month” or “best dressed holiday house”? Do planning fun activities like the 4th of July celebration or the Fall Family Party appeal to you? Let us know! We would LOVE to hear from you!

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