

**Cherry Hills Subdivision
Property Owners Association, Inc.
Quarterly Newsletter -April 2013**

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**QUARTERLY MEMBERSHIP
UPCOMING MEETING:**

Tuesday, April 9, 2013

7:00

**Hickory Hills School
Commons Area**

4650 E. State Highway YY (Division Street)

Upcoming Meeting Agenda:

1. Presentation by James River Basin Ptrshp
2. Approve minutes from January 8th meeting
3. Approve treasurer's report
4. Report on board activities since the last meeting
 - Report on officer changes in March
 - New board & ACC central email contacts
 - Update actions on serious covenant violators
5. Report on ACC activities since the last meeting
 - Resignation of Asa Ferguson from ACC committee
6. Accept nominations for 2-year open board position
 - April Gebken (317 ML)
7. Accept nominations for Cristy Meadows unfinished board position (for remainder of 2013)
8. Board's request for late fees on late dues payments
9. Treasurer position coming open this summer.



2013 Regular Dues PAST DUE!!

Dues were due and payable as of January 1, 2013 for **\$66**. Make your checks payable to:

CHERRY HILLS PROPERTY OWNERS ASSOC.
PO Box 10522
Springfield, MO 65809

Late fees will be assessed if not received by April 10th.

Please note ***NO INVOICES WILL BE SENT - This newsletter serves as your official notice!***



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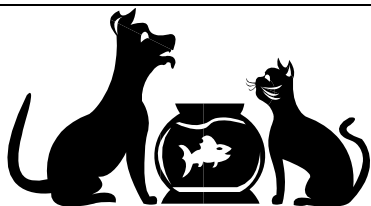
Annual April Neighborhood Garage Sale

On the last Friday and Saturday of April each year, we advertise a neighborhood garage sale. This year it falls on ***April 26th and April 27th***. Clean out your closets and garages! Prepare to ***SELL, SELL, And SELL!***

We will try to schedule Victory Mission to come through after the sale is over and collect any "leftovers" that you want to donate. Thanks in advance to those who kindly donate!



If you are a "green" neighbor, you will want to hear Melissa Bettes from the James River Basin Partnership. She will present a few cost share programs such as: Rain gardens, rain barrels, stream bank restoration, septic pump out program and soil testing just to name a few. If you are curious about doing anything something like this, her information will be helpful. The cost shares can be as high as 80/20. As an example: if they would like a rain barrel that cost \$200, the JRBP grant will pay \$160 and the homeowner will only have to pay \$40. Please attend to hear her presentation.



Pet Peeves

As the weather gets warmer everyone is enjoying the outdoors and working in their yards. Though most people love cats and dogs, they are sometimes really annoying for your neighbors! Dogs barking every time you go in your backyard can make your own quiet oasis a really stressful place to be. And cleaning up after wandering cats have decided they like your yard to “visit” can be very frustrating. The ACC gets these complaints periodically.

If YOU have a pet *be very mindful of your neighbors* when you let them outside. Don’t leave your dogs unattended for long periods of time, if you know they are “barkers”. Most people don’t complain about occasionally barking, it is the constant barking that drives them to complain. Keep tabs on your tabby, too and everyone will appreciate YOU as a nice neighbor!

“Welcome to the Neighborhood” Committee

There are many new property owners moving into our neighborhood (*see article*), so the Board would like to see a welcoming committee formed. It might be nice for a cross-section of current residents to serve on this committee. Maybe some retirees and some younger residents with small children, etc. will be interested in serving. It would be nice to greet new homeowners with a smile, some cookies and copy of the most recent newsletter. We would hope to obtain their contact information for our files as well. We would like their phone numbers and email addresses (which would *never* be published in the newsletter). Who would like to volunteer? Please come to the April meeting if you are interested. *If you are unable to attend, contact Terry Michael.*



Building Projects

This is VERY IMPORTANT – PLEASE contact a board member if you are considering any remodeling or additions to your home, including any patio or deck constructions. This is a REQUIREMENT of the covenants and could be very costly to property owners who fail to get their plans approved beforehand.

Please read the covenants posted on our website – Article VIII – Architectural Control for details



YOUR SUBDIVISION NEEDS YOU!

We will have one more vacancy to fill Cristy Meadows unfinished term for 2013 on the board of directors. **PLEASE** volunteer your time to bring a voice to our association that others want to hear.

If you are interested, please email one of the current board members. The position would be elected at our next meeting. We need YOU to help sustain a quality community in our beautiful East Springfield subdivision. Many thanks to Terry Michael (2013) and Emily Givens (2013-2014) who have volunteered to serve on our board at the January meeting!

Great Big HOWDY NEW Neighbors

Instead of the listings by street we shared with you each quarter last year, we will try to give you updates on new homeowners moving into Cherry Hills. **Welcome** to our most recent new property owners:

5174 Cherry Place, Anthony Farmer-Jun2012
5059 Hackberry, Todd & Esther Browne-Mar2012
5083 Hackberry, Scott & Cassie Braun-Sept2012
323 River Birch, John & Lynette Brady-Nov2012
322 River Birch, Noah Alldredge-Nov2012
331 River Birch, Richard & Anita Allen-Aug2012
366 River Birch, Mark & Dana Keeling -May2012
403 River Birch, Mr. and/or Ms. Froese- Aug2012
253 Steury, Justin McMahan-Nov2012
261 Steury, Michael & Julia Frizell-Dec2012
293 Steury, James & Trisha Delp-Sept2012
370 Yellowwood, John & Debi Gafner-Oct2012
418 Yellowwood, Mark & Janine Forrester-Jun2012

“OLD”NEWS:



RECAP of Membership Meeting – January 8, 2013

Meeting called to order by board president Cristy Meadows.

- Minutes from 10/9/12 membership meeting were presented and approved as corrected.
- Treasurer’s report of financial statements and dues report as of 12/31/12 were presented and approved
- An updated 2013 budget was presented at the meeting (changed since the newsletter version was sent). Projected expenses of \$12,662 and \$1,000 2013 reserve were approved as presented.

• **“OLD NEWS” – 1/18/13 meeting recap – continued:**

- Board presented motion to remove Gerry Link as director on the board per steps required in bylaws article VI, section E. Cristy read a statement and then Gerry was given ample time to respond uninterrupted. Several members responded on Gerry’s behalf. Vote was 12 to 4 to remove him from the board.
- Gerry was thanked for his service to the association.
- Terry Michael (268 ST) volunteered to serve Gerry’s remaining term through 12/31/13.
- Emily Givens (5131 HB) was nominated to serve a 2-year term on the board (2013-2014).
- Cristy and Patti met with attorney to advise legal action against non-compliant property owners. Steps will be taken to move these issues along.
- Cristy announced she and Jim will be moving in the spring, so another board vacancy will be available.
- Ian Lewis reported the actions taken by the ACC since the last meeting.
- Asa Ferguson (260 ST) volunteered to serve on the ACC committee following the adjournment of the meeting.
- Our next meeting will be held Tuesday, April 9th at 7:00 pm at Hickory Hills School unless otherwise notified.

Scrub-a-Dub Dub



As a property owner in Cherry Hills, we need to remember to keep our properties looking neat and clean. **This spring 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!

2012 Architectural Control Committee

Members: Ian Lewis
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Living in a Covenant-Protected Neighborhood



When you purchased your home you were legally required to sign that you had reviewed the covenants and restrictions of the subdivision. We remind you that your active participation in caring for your home in accordance to these covenants allows us ALL to enjoy a beautiful community to reside in. You are also increasing your home’s market value as well as insuring your neighbor’s home value increasing as well.

Please read our “Covenants Education Corner” for frequent issues to comply with and, as always, read the covenants posted on our website – Article VIII – Architectural Control for details.

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Covenants Education Corner

Our most frequent issues of covenant violations will be noted here as an education for all of the property owners. If something applies to you, please read the official covenants on our website.

Recreational Vehicles (RVs) -

It is the season to see more RVs on the road again. Please remember that parking an RV in our neighborhood (on the street or in your driveway) is against the covenants (Article IX Section 8a). There should be no parking any RVs from midnight to 5 am within the subdivision.

Building a Patio?

You must contact the ACC to get the project approved BEFORE you start ANY construction. See the “BUILDING PROJECTS” box for more details.

Hate to Mow?

Then hire a lawn service because our covenants (Art. IX Sec 10) require that all property owners keep their lawn (front AND back yards), shrubs and plantings maintained neatly and free of any trash, weeds and other unsightly material. Be a good neighbor and keep your valuable property in good shape – it makes everyone look better!

Trash Cans

Remember to put the can up by Wednesday night. All receptacles must not be visible from the street except for trash day. Trash day is Wednesday, so any trash cans remaining VISIBLE from the street on any other day are in violation. Please place them inside your garage or ***behind*** your privacy fence.

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.

2013 Board of Directors **CherryHillsHOA@gmail.com**

President Vacancy as of March 2013

Vice President Emily Givens (2013-2014)
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WE NEED YOUR EMAIL ADDRESS!



We currently only have 107 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. We would appreciate your telephone numbers as well. Contact Patti Stoner pstoner@whitlockco.com

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