



Common Knowledge

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From the President

I'd like to thank those of you who attended our annual meeting on Feb 18. Mayor Tom Perciak and our Councilman Matt Schonhut were both on hand to discuss the goings on in our city and to answer questions from our residents. Sgt. Lee Colegrove from the Strongsville Police Department was also present to discuss neighborhood security, implementing a block watch, and offering a free home security analysis to residents.

Please consider attending future meetings and becoming more involved in the neighborhood. With our community leaders taking the time to attend our meeting, it would be nice for more of the membership to be present to see what they have to offer and at the very least get up to speed on what's happening in our city.

5th Annual Community Garage Sale

Helen Wilhelm will again be coordinating a neighborhood-wide garage sale. This will take place from Thursday, May 16 through Saturday,

You will want to hang onto this newsletter, as it includes important dates for this summer including pool tag pickups, swim team meets, and social committee functions. We also discuss the possibility of a dues increase and welcome your feedback on this and any other issues.

Remember to also visit our website, www.chandlercommons.com for past newsletters, additional updates, contact info, and more. Any questions or concerns can also be sent to board members through the website, or you can always reach me by phone at (440)668-4211.

Jason Hughes, President

May 18, from 9AM to 3PM each day. The cost is \$10 per home and includes advertising, signs, balloons, and maps. Anyone interested in participating should call Helen at (440) 382-0216.

Reserving the Pavilion / Baseball / Soccer Fields

Homeowners in good standing may reserve the pavilion, baseball, or soccer fields by calling John Sullivan at (440) 846-0108. The pavilion is available from May through October, from 9AM to 10PM. The lights automatically turn off at 10PM.

Rental requires a \$50 deposit check that will be returned as long as the pavilion is cleaned up and returned to the state you found it in. This includes taking all trash home (as we do not have trash pickup service at the pavilion), sweeping the floor, removing any tape or staples, and cleaning the fireplace and grills out if you use them (by the

following morning). If the pavilion is left a mess, we will cash your deposit check.

Deposit checks should be made payable to Chandler Commons Property Owners Association and dropped off at 14294 Crown Point Parkway. Please do not put checks in the mailbox. Checks should be turned in at least 30 days prior to your event. If a check is not received, your date could be made available to other interested residents.

Potential Dues Increase

At the Annual Meeting we discussed plans for the future, including possible expansion/addition to the pool building, to allow for larger, more adequate bathrooms, a separate pump and chemical room, a vending area, and a common room. In order to accomplish this, we are considering an increase in dues.

The 2012 Association dues of \$325.00 have been at the same rate since 2006. We have not had an increase in 7 years. At our present rate of income vs. expenses, we are earning about \$3,000 per year. At a projected cost of \$150,000 for the pool building addition (while maintaining a \$50,000

surplus in the bank), it will take us 36 years to save enough money for this project. By raising dues by \$25.00 per household, and reducing spending on discretionary items, the time period can be reduced to 5-7 years.

We would like to hear from you regarding this project. Do you think a dues increase is warranted to improve the amenities in our neighborhood, or should we be satisfied with the status quo and budget to break even annually? We have set up a special e-mail account for you to share your opinion with the board members. Please e-mail your thoughts to poolbuilding@chandlercommons.com.

Chandler Commons Tidal Waves Swim Team

The Chandler Commons Swim Team had a great time last year! Thanks to great coaches,

outstanding parent volunteers, and kids who love to swim everyone had a great time. Even though the warm days of summer are still a way off, it's never too early to start thinking about the 2013 season.

The **Tidal Waves** meets will be:

Tuesday June 11 @ Huntington Park,
 Thursday June 13 – Home vs. Westwood Farms,
 Tuesday June 18 @ Ledgepark,
 Thursday June 20 – Home vs. Rec Center,
 Tuesday June 25 @ High Point,
 Thursday June 27 @ Waterford Crossing,
 Tuesday July 2 @ Co-Moor,
 Tuesday July 9 – Home vs. Deerfield Lake,
 Thursday July 11 – Home vs. Bent Tree/Spyglass,
 Saturday July 20 – Champs at the Rec Center 8:30 AM,
 Saturday July 20 – Swim Team Award Picnic and End of Year Party at Chandler Commons Pavilion

We're always looking for more swimmers to join the Tidal Waves!

It's a fun way to meet new friends, exercise, cool off, and improve your swimming skills. Any child (18 or under as of June 1, 2013) that can swim the length of the pool un-aided and is a resident of Chandler Commons or The Trails are automatically eligible to join swim team. Grandchildren, nieces/nephews, cousins, neighbors, or friends may also be eligible to swim with the Tidal Waves (please contact us if you have eligibility questions).

Other Important Information/dates

- Practice will start June 6th and will be held M-F at 9AM –11AM. Swimmers are grouped by age and practice for each group will last one (1) hour.

- We will have an informational meeting at the Chandler Commons Pavilion on Sunday April 28, 2-4PM
- The registration packet is available online at www.chandlercommons.com.
- Registration is due May 10, 2012. Refer a neighbor and receive a discount!
- Board Members are Mike Skladany, 878-0785, skladanym@wowway.com, Kevin Matelski, 668-1536, tvbk@att.net, John Silvis, 268-0534, john_silvis@att.net, Angie Branigan, 846-0267, thebranigans5@wowway.com

From the Pool Manager

Springtime is here again. In a couple of months the pool will once again be open. Let's hope it is less eventful than last summer.

Last year as per many requests we had the pool ready to be open for the Memorial Day weekend. As luck would have it, it turned out to be a very hot Memorial Day weekend. For those of you who were at the pool it was probably our busiest day of the entire season. This year we will again have the pool ready to be opened on Memorial Day weekend if the weather cooperates.

This year we are trying to eliminate as many of the old white plastic chairs and lounge chairs as possible. We will continue to buy more of the strapped chairs and lounge chairs which we started using last August. Because of the budget we have to live within we may not have all the items replaced until 2014.

As you are all aware, last year's July 4th vandalism of the pool and common area has been repaired and/or cleaned up. As I have mentioned in other newsletters, if we did not have individuals bringing glass into the pool area and throwing it in the trash, we would not have had to drain the pool to clean it up. As a result, we are instituting a new pool rule – anyone bringing glass into the pool area will lose their pool privileges for the season.

On to my least favorite subject, pool tags. Pool tag pickup always starts the weekend of Mother's Day, at

the pool building. Pickup dates will be Saturday, May 11 from 1:00 PM to 3:00 PM, Wednesday, May 15 from 6:00 PM to 8:00 PM, Saturday, May 18 and Sunday, May 19 from 1:00 PM to 3:00 PM and finally Wednesday, May 22 from 6:00 PM to 8:00 PM. Please remember, when picking up your new pool tags you must turn in your tags from last year. A lost tag fee of \$5.00 per tag will be charged. Also your Association dues must be paid in full before we can distribute new tags.

Finally, pool tags are for **CHANDLER COMMONS RESIDENTS ONLY!** If you have family staying with you over the summer months, you may purchase a season pass for \$20.00. Guests are charged \$2.00 per visit. Also if you cannot make one of the dates listed above you are more than welcome to have a neighbor exchange your tags for you. If you have to pick up your pool tags late you will need to call me at my home (572-1231) to make arrangements to pick up your tags at my residence. Please remember there will be a \$10.00 late fee for this service.

This year we will also be posting the pool rules, daily pool calendar, pool tag pick up procedures and late tag pick up procedures and fees on www.chandlercommons.com. Please forward any comments or suggestion regarding the pool to me via the contacts page on the website: senior-vp@chandlercommons.com

Thank you
Dan Hoag, Vice President and Pool Manager

Social Committee Events

On Saturday, March 23, the **Easter Bunny** hopped on over to the Chandler Commons Pavilion with cupcakes, hot chocolate, and yummy Malley's chocolate bunnies. Fun was had by all! We had a great turnout and will hopefully expand on that in the future. If you missed that event, don't worry, we have more!

On Friday, May 24, we will be hosting the **Wine and Cheese Party** at the pavilion for all Chandler adults 21 and over. It's FREE, and lots of fun. Come out and meet your neighbors.

The fun doesn't stop there.... On Saturday, July 27 we have the **Family Fun Day** – another FREE event, this one is fun for the whole family!

Last but not least, on Saturday, September 28 is the **Clambake**. It is not free, but is priced very reasonably.

Come join in the **Fun** and spend some time with the people in our neighborhood.

Chandler Commons Property Owners Association

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Do Not Forward

Regarding Your Home Exteriors

With summer approaching, we have just a few reminders regarding home exteriors. Outside home appearance must be maintained to the standards of our community. This includes maintenance of your lawn, shrubs, and bushes, painting when needed, and having a properly shingled roof and attached gutters. We also do not allow the stacking of trash, lumber, or firewood in front of homes or in driveways (an ongoing issue with a few individuals).

Finally, while you are down there trimming those branches, take a second and check the bulb in your lamppost. This is another ongoing issue in our neighborhood, and the easiest to fix. Please remember

A little further down the driveway, homeowners are responsible for trimming any tree branches that hang over the city sidewalk in your yard. These should be trimmed to at least 7 feet off the sidewalk to allow safe passage for pedestrians, joggers, and those riding bicycles. And speaking of sidewalks, the homeowner is also responsible for the actual sidewalk on their property. Sunken or uneven slabs should be raised, and deteriorated slabs should be replaced or repaired. Any injury or legal action that should occur as a result of sidewalks in disrepair is the responsibility of the homeowner.

that a working lamppost is not just a request, it is a city ordinance. We will be cracking down on homes that are not keeping up with exterior maintenance.

Common Grounds

Our common ground areas are NOT to be used for the dumping of yard waste. This is something we tend to run into in the spring months.

This includes our wooded areas and retention basins. Violators will be expected to pay for removal and cleanup of the affected areas.