



Common Knowledge

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Letter from the President

After several fruitless conversations with our city council members about the deplorable condition of Benbow Road (The Strongsville Baja) I was pleasantly surprised when re-surfacing began in the first week of October. The Road is now complete including lane lines, and I must say, a first rate job. The last I had heard Benbow was scheduled to be re-done in the fall of 2010.

I am also happy to report for the first time in my tenure, every house in Chandler Commons is now landscaped. The saying is "better late than never". The newly landscaped yards look very promising!

Our pool was once again vandalized this year, not once but twice. There was a trend to do this at multiple locations in Strongsville. Some kids with too much time on their hands throw every piece of furniture we own in the pool. Dan Hoag had to circle a posse twice to get the pool back up and running in less than 24 hours. It's a shame, but some kids have no respect for

either their neighbors, other's property, their parents or themselves. I must advise everyone that ANYONE caught vandalizing Chandler Commons' property will be arrested and charged. The board voted some years ago for full prosecution regardless of whether or not the perpetrators lived in Chandler Commons. I strongly suggest this bit of warning is expressed out loud at the dinner table. I am not suggesting they live in our development, but the last thing we want to do is arrest a neighbor's child.

The Clam Bake was a very nice success again this year, thanks to all involved. Also, check inside Common Knowledge to schedule Santa Claus visits this year. I hear he is going to be making the rounds.

Be well my friends.

Paul Maskow
President

2009 Clambake

The fourth annual Clambake held on September 26th was another huge success, and was well attended again this year. All who came had a great time socializing, meeting new people and feasting on the clams, chicken and delicious dishes contributed by their neighbors.

All of the social events carried out over the past four years have been a great time for all who attended. We would like to once again thank all of the volunteers and committee members who have helped organize and carry out these events over the past four years.

Several key members of the Social Committee will be stepping down at the end of 2009, and it is essential to the ongoing viability of the Social Committee for some new residents to step forward and join the committee. If several individuals are willing to do this, the committee will be able to continue providing similar events. If not, the Social Committee may not be able to continue onward. Please see the request on page 2 for new Social Committee members and new Welcoming Committee members.

Final Thoughts from the Outgoing President

In the six years I served on the Chandler Commons Board, I hope I was able to help solve a few problems, oversee a few projects and ease some tensions in the day-to-day life of our Association. I met a large number of friendly folks who enjoyed our social gatherings and helped make working in the neighborhood so easy. I believe we have a lot of talent and intelligence in this development, and hope you will continue to share and support each other with it.

Thanks to the other fellows on the board who worked with me. Each in turn handled his duties in a thorough and professional manner. Bob Brink and I started on the same day, and we are going out together too. Bob's tireless efforts on the Social Committee, the Welcoming Committee, the Common Knowledge issues, The Volunteer Committee, the Sign Postings and the various scheduling of events was well done and truly appreciated. Dan Hoag has been running the pool operations since (I think) Reagan was President. Dan has done an excellent job. Thanks Dan. Jason and Greg have both worked hard for all of us in the

Association, and will continue to do so (with Dan) as your ongoing board member veterans. Thanks guys.

Thanks to my wife Nancy who co-chaired the Social Committee with Bob Brink (and his wife Debbie) during my terms, and another thank you to all those volunteers who helped us pull the events off. Nancy was integral in creating and executing all of the gatherings at the pavilion every few months. Surrounding yourself with talents like these makes the job of staying out of their way the best thing I could do.

Finally, thanks to all of you who were so kind, helpful and understanding--from a guy who was just another resident getting a lot of on-the-job training. Good neighbors always make for good friends.

Be well my friends. See you around the neighborhood.

Paul Maskow

Committee Openings

Chandler Commons socialites behold: As much fun as the events of this year have been, we are looking to expand on that next year. The "Wine and Cheese Party", the "Beer and Brats Cookout" and the "Annual Clambake" were all huge successes. We got together with so many of our residents and enjoyed each other's company for a wonderful afternoon or evening.

Now, as we look ahead to 2010, an opportunity for a few more Social Committee members has opened up. We are looking for people who like to be part of a team and who like to pitch in to

make a fun time for others. On a great team like the Social Committee, everyone has a part to play, but no one individual has too much to do. If you want to join our team, please contact Tom Durbin (572-0371) or Jason Hughes (668-4211).

The Welcoming Committee also has a couple of openings. To have the pleasure of welcoming our new residents with a package of helpful information regarding our development and community please give us a call. Bob Brink (846-9488) or Tom Durbin (572-0371).

Please see the safety tips on the next page forwarded from the
Strongsville Police Department



SAFETY TIPS FROM YOUR POLICE DEPARTMENT

The Strongsville Police Department has several important reminders to help you keep your vehicles and property safe from criminal activity.

1. Lock your cars

The #1 method of entry in theft from auto cases is through an unlocked car door.

2. Remove your valuables from inside your vehicle

Don't leave purses, laptops, gps units, wallets, etc. in sight. Take them inside or store them in the trunk

3. Turn on outside lights to illuminate your driveway/property

Lights, including motion sensitive lights, are an excellent deterrent to criminal activity.

4. Report any unusual and/or suspicious activity

Many apprehensions start with a call from a resident reporting suspicious activity. You know what goes on in your community better than anyone else. Who belongs? What's not right? Should they be there? Call the police department @ 238-7373 or 911 in an emergency to report such incidents and we will respond and check them out. Also, work with your neighbors. Ask someone you trust to keep an eye on your house when you are away for a period of time. Notify us when you are going away for awhile and we can check on your home during normal patrol.

5. Monitor your garage space

Items left visible or near the opening of an unattended garage are easy targets. Put bicycles on a rack or at the back of the garage. Don't leave cases of beer lying out. Close your garage door when you are not out front.

6. Stay informed

Use today's media options as a way to stay informed. Follow the crime section in your local paper. Read your neighborhood/association newsletters. Check our website at STRONGSVILLE.ORG for information updates, tips and zone officer contact information. Each zone of the city has an officer assigned to that area on a regular basis for all three shifts. Should a special need arise, please contact one of these officers for guidance. An anonymous tip line is also available.

You can reach your zone officers at 440-580-3230

Days: Ptl. Victor Sereda, ext. 7112

Afternoons: Ptl. Shamus Kelley, ext. 7176

Nights: Jacob Knipp, ext. 7179

Santa Claus is Coming to Town

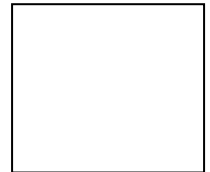


**Santa will be visiting Chandler Commons on
Monday 12/14/09**

Call 572-1231 to Schedule a visit.

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