



Common Knowledge

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President's Corner

We have been creating a few more issues of the Common Knowledge than in years past in order to stay in closer touch with our Association members. In addition to the Common Knowledge, you can find several core pieces of information at our web site www.chandlercommons.com. It is a nice site to visit, and save in your favorites for fingertip information. We will continue to expand the website as we get better at adding information. Our current webmaster is also our Treasurer, Greg McDonald. You may send Greg, or any board member suggestions or questions via email available on our website.

We have had a few major expenses incurred at the pool this year, with the replacement of some water lines, pumps, motors and the like. We had kept a number of these items from the original pool, and used them until they needed replacing. We will also take a hard look at the pool heater (assuming it makes it through the season) and look into those needs during the off season. We try to keep maintenance without interruption of service, but some times a pool shut down is unavoidable, and is in the best interests of good health practices. We are grateful for your understanding in these matters.

I have received a number of bids to demolish and re-construct a new pavilion. It is our intent to keep the original footprint and cement work, and enhance the area with a newly built pavilion. We are aiming for better construction and design, along with some

drainage and cosmetic upgrades. It was the opinion of your Board that we NOT begin any construction until all costs are covered with money in hand from annual dues. I do not believe we will be able to begin the demolition until after next summer's bookings of the pavilion. We will have more information for you at our annual meeting at City Council Chambers this winter.

Quite a few of our Association members have trees in the tree lawn that need a little trimming. This is something we ask you to maintain out of courtesy to all your neighbors who walk, jog, ride bikes or scooters and the like on our sidewalks. The trees have branches that are so low they impede people's travel about the Commons. These branches can scratch faces and eyes with sudden breezes. We are asking you to trim any branch over the sidewalk to a MINIMUM height of between 6 and 7 feet over the sidewalk. If you can reach over your head and touch it, please trim it. Finally, some of these trees are a variety of apple, fruit or crab apple variety. In the fall, these trees will shed the fruit all over the sidewalk which can make for a slippery mess. Please take a minute or two with a snow shovel or scoop and just clear the apples off the walk. It makes for a much safer and more pleasant neighborhood. Thank you so much for your cooperation on behalf of all Chandler Commons members.

Board Member Biography: Bob Brink

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Married to wife Deborah, with four children, Katie (15) at Strongsville High School, Eric (10), Jeffrey (10) and Laura (7) all at Chapman Elementary School. Bob is a Systems Analyst for BWX Technologies, a subsidiary of McDermott, Inc., a leading worldwide energy services company. Bob is our Secretary. He is responsible for publication of the newsletters, overseeing the Volunteer

Committee, the Welcoming Committee and the Social Committee.

Before moving to Chandler Commons, Bob lived in Parma, Cleveland Heights and Cincinnati. He met Debbie at a bible study at St. Rocco's parish. Bob has a Bachelor of Science degree in Mathematics from John Carroll University (1981).

Chandler Commons Swim Team

If you have children between the ages of 5 and 18 who like to swim and are not yet familiar with the Chandler Commons Swim Team (CCST), we encourage you to find out more information about the team. Watch for the edition of Common Knowledge that will come out in Spring of 2007. There will be an announcement of the date and time of the annual swim team kickoff party. This is where you can sign up to join the team. It is a great experience for the kids and a lot of fun.

The swim team season runs from the beginning of June through the middle of July. Practices are in the morning before the pool opens and there are 8 meets throughout the season ending with the championship meet in mid-July. Children need to be able to swim the length of the pool and know basic swimming skills. Parents MUST be able to work at the meets. The swim team is run solely on volunteers so every family is required to help with food, drinks and work at several of the meets.

If you have questions about the swim team, please feel free to call Kathy Matuszewski at 572-3927. She would be glad to answer any additional questions you may have.

Two new members on this year's swim team were Gabi DeFelice (age 9) and Drew Unseth (age 11). They both really enjoyed being on the team. They said they made a lot of new friends and had a great experience. Gabi said she was excited to wake up early every morning to practice, and the coaches gave her a lot of help. She learned to do backstroke and breast stroke much better, and improved all her times. She had fun making new friends and playing between all the races, and really liked the award ribbons and year-end trophy.

Gabi's parents, Ross and Bonnie DeFelice, also felt the swim team was a great experience because, after a long school year, what could be better for your children than to go swimming every day? They learn to improve their strokes, do flip turns and dive off the blocks. They will be exercising daily while becoming better swimmers because the primary focus is their individual improvement. It is also a great opportunity for parents to meet others in the neighborhood.

Several CCST members started when they were very young, and are now very accomplished high school swimmers. In 2006, Shannon Cogan and Patrick Csongei who both swim for Strongsville High School advanced to the OHSAA district level. Luke Giberson, who swims for St. Ignatius High School and is one of the CCST coaches, also advanced to the district tournament.

A former CCST member, Kerri Clarke, who graduated Magna Cum Laude from Seton Hall University in 2005 and now lives in Hoboken, N.J. accepted both academic and athletic scholarships from Seton Hall. She lettered all 4 years at Seton Hall, lettered all four years in High School and qualified 3 out of her 4 years for the state meet in High School.

Shannon, Luke, Patrick and Kerri are just 4 of many individuals who started at an early age with the CCST and have persevered throughout the years. If you have children who may be interested in joining the team next year, please watch for the kickoff party announcement in the Spring.

Chandler Commons Swim Team Fundraiser

Chandler Commons Swim Team will be sponsoring an apparel fundraiser in time for the holidays. A variety of apparel will be available to EVERYONE in Chandler Commons. CCST hoodies, sweatpants, shorts and pajama pants will be available in time for the holidays.

Chandler Commons will be one of the most fashionable teams in the city. Please support our team!!
Look for more information in the next newsletter.

Social Highlights Summary

We have completed two of the three scheduled social functions this year with a great deal of success. We are thrilled at the turnout at these functions, and look forward to your support at our year ending finale, the Clam Bake. The Clam Bake is scheduled for September 16th, a Saturday evening. We will try to get the details and cost for this event to you as soon as available. We will need a fee per person for this event, as well as RSVP. It will be adults only. Our methods of communication to spread the word have been mail box fliers, signs at every entrance to Chandler Commons, web site postings and eventually, e-mailings to members who submit email addresses. I think you will be pleased at the effort we will put forth for this event.

Our event just past, the Beer and Brat party, was aimed at those folks with children who wanted to have a hot dog and a cold one with their neighbors at the pool. We are pleased that so many of you were able to attend, and enjoyed yourself. I am

personally very grateful to all the work the board members and committee members do to pull these events off. I really need to give a special tip of the hat to Bill Malley, one of the committee members, who has generously DONATED the ice cream socials for our social functions, as well as swim team events. Not only is the ice cream really good, but the donation and the efforts of Bill Malley are extraordinarily kind. Bill is one of the executive officers of Malley Candies. Please thank him when you see him at our events.

Finally, we cannot move on in the social functions without first thanking Mikki and Art Sobczak. Mikki has been spearheading the Welcome Committee for years. We have rolled those functions into the social committee to give her some help in this area. Art was our master chef for all of those yummy steak roasts in years past. Thanks so much to both of you.

Lost and Found

If anyone lost a green folding chair at the swim team awards ceremony, please call Bob Brink at 846-9488.

Chandler Commons Volunteer Committee

This year, the volunteer committee helped spread new mulch at the playground, replace one split rail fence post by the Chandler Green pond, painted the pavilion picnic tables and helped clean up litter and debris in the common areas. I would like to extend a special note of thanks to Patrick Jones, Devin Unseth, Kim Giberson and Annie Maskow for their efforts with the playground mulch this past spring. We spread 68 yards of mulch at the playground in about 4 hours with less than 10 people.

Each spring we make requests in the newsletters and annual meeting for residents to volunteer to help with minor maintenance around the development.

We usually divide it up so that any person who volunteers won't be involved for more than one or two days at the most and for just a few hours a day. If you are willing to help us out with this type of effort, it is not a big commitment. I hope we didn't scare anyone away this year with the playground mulch. It turned out to be a bit more than we anticipated. Usually, the minor maintenance needs we find are less taxing than the mulch was this year. But it was only 4 hours, we all survived, and got some good exercise.

It can be a fun way to work together with people you may be meeting for the first time, or with long time friends. If you are willing to help us out next year, please contact Bob Brink at 846-9488.

Commons Social Committee Chat

The Chandler Commons Social Committee was formed this year with the intention of providing several social gatherings for residents throughout the summer. Our first event was the Wine and Cheese Party for the adult homeowners. This was held on Friday June 2nd and was a nice success. Attended by over 100 people, everyone who came had a great time.

Our second event was the Beer and Brat Family Picnic on Saturday, July 29th. This was also very successful. The picnic was for residents and their families (adults and children). We had a nice range of families represented from around the neighborhood.

The third event will be a clambake in the fall. This event will require a charge per person to help defray the costs involved. Reservations will be required.

The Social Committee members are Debbie Brink, Bob Brink, Gennifer Hoag, Jason Hughes, Bill Malley, Nancy Maskow, Mary Pangrace and Mikki Sobczak. We met for the first time in April of this year and are enjoying a great working relationship. We are always looking for new members. If you are interested in joining the Social Committee, please call Nancy Maskow at 572-8777.

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