



Common Knowledge

info@chandlercommons.com

Vol XXXIV Issue 2

the Official Newsletter of the Chandler Commons Property Owners Association

May 2014

From the President

Included in this newsletter you will find this year's pool information, including pool tag pickup dates, swim team info and swim team meet dates.

We also have information on important community events such as Chandler Commons' participation in the American Cancer Society's Relay for Life, and our neighborhood garage sale, both coming up in the next few weeks.

We would like to thank those residents that were in attendance for our annual meeting on February 17. We had a good turnout, and attendance seems to be increasing in recent years. Mayor Tom Perciak and Ward 2 Councilman Matt Schonhut were once again both kind enough to attend and bring us up to

date on activity and issues within our city and to field any questions and concerns from our residents. If you haven't attended in the past, we ask you to please consider coming to one in the future to get up to speed on what's happening in our community.

Past newsletters, board member contact info, pool info, and other announcements can be found on our website, www.chandlercommons.com. Homeowners with questions or concerns can contact individual board members through the website, or as always you can contact me by phone at (440)668-4211.

Jason Hughes, President

Home Exterior Maintenance

With summer right around the corner, we would like to give a few reminders regarding upkeep of home exteriors. Homes and yards 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.

The stacking of trash, lumber, building supplies and firewood is not permitted in front of homes or in driveways. These items must be kept either behind the home or in the garage, out of view. This is an ongoing issue with a few individuals. If you have to wonder if this pertains to you, the answer is probably yes.

Homeowners are responsible for trimming tree branches that hang over the city sidewalks and impede the safe passage of pedestrians, joggers, and those riding bicycles. Also regarding sidewalks, homeowners are 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.

As always, we would like to mention the two never ending issues that are the easiest to resolve. Every home is to have a working lamp post. This is a city ordinance. More often than not the only issue is a burnt out light bulb. Please take the two seconds it takes to replace your bulb if it's out.

Finally, of course, we have dog poop. If you have a dog, and you are walking said dog, CLEAN UP after your dog. Common ground areas are also not an acceptable dumping ground. You would think this is about as basic as it gets with regards to common courtesy, but for some reason it has to constantly be repeated.

6th Annual Community Garage Sale

The annual neighborhood garage sale is scheduled to take place from **Thursday, May 15 through Saturday, May 18**, from 9:00 AM to 3:00 PM each day. Helen Wilhelm will once again be coordinating

this event. Participation cost is \$10, which includes advertising, signs, balloons, and maps. Anyone that is interested in participating should call Helen at (440) 382-0216.

Reserving the Pavilion and 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.

Pavilion 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 there is no dumpster or 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. If the pavilion is not cleaned by the following morning, your deposit check will be cashed.

New this year will be a printable Pavilion Rules form on our website that states you understand these rules and will abide by them.

Deposit checks are to 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.

Vandalism

Another issue that we have been made aware of recently is acts of vandalism to some resident's mailboxes and property. We advise all residents to be aware of the activity in our neighborhood and to please contact the Strongsville Police Department with any suspicious activity.

The Police will be more than happy to investigate and to place special attention on an area where suspicious activities are reported. But they can't respond unless they know about it.

Unfortunately these acts are sometimes being perpetrated by residents of Chandler Commons. Just a reminder, any individuals found to be involved in any vandalism toward Chandler Commons' property will be prosecuted, no matter if they are "our own" residents or not.

We also suggest that all residents make sure their lamppost and any exterior lights are in working order. As recommended by the Police, a well-lit neighborhood is a much safer neighborhood.

Common Grounds

A reminder that our common ground areas are NOT to be used for the dumping of yard waste. This is something we see occurring much more in the spring months. This includes any of our wooded areas and retention basins.

We also ask that residents to please make us aware of any known dumping. We cannot enforce it unless we know about it. Any known violators will be charged for the removal and cleanup of any affected areas.

2014 Pool Season

After the winter that seemed like it would never end, spring is here and that means another happy pool season. This year, we will be opening Memorial Day weekend; weather permitting.

As you are probably well aware, all of the pool furniture has been replaced and upgraded but we still have old chairs and lounge chairs that you can purchase for a very affordable price. Please contact me if you are interested.

On to my least favorite subject, pool tags. Pool tag pickup always starts the weekend of Mother's Day, at the pool building. Pick up dates are Saturday, May 10 from 1-3pm, Wednesday, May 14 from 6-8pm, Saturday, May 17 & Sunday May 18 from 1-3pm and finally Wednesday, May 21 from 6-8pm. 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 your new pool tags. 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 for pick up. Please remember there will be a \$10.00 late fee for this service.

Finally, pool tags are for **CHANDLER COMMONS RESIDENTS ONLY!** If you have family or friends staying with you over the summer months, you may purchase a season pass for \$20.00. Guests are charged \$2.00 per visit.

This year we will also be posting 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 suggestions regarding the pool to me via the contacts page on the website; senior-vp@chandlercommons.com.

Thank you and we look forward to seeing you this summer at Chandler Commons' pool,

Dan Hoag, VP and Pool Manager

2014 Social Committee Events

Turnout was again great for our second Easter Bunny visit at the pavilion. Lots of kids got to see the Bunny and share some tasty treats. Next up on the Social Committee calendar is our "Happy Hour" event – an evening of free wine, beer, and appetizers – on May 23. Later in the summer we have the July Family Fun Day to look forward to, and the season ending Clambake on Sept 27.

If you have not attended some of these events, please give them a try. They are casual, free (except for the reasonably priced clambake), and a great way to spend some time with the neighbors you know and possibly meet some that you don't. For those that do come, try to bring along a friend or neighbor. All residents, new and old are welcome.

Our events are coordinated by the Chandler Commons Social Committee, whose volunteer

efforts make this go. If you would like to get involved, or have ideas for future events, or have suggestions to improve our existing events, please call or send an e-mail to president@chandlercommons.com.

Friday, May 23 – "Happy Hour" – Free Wine, Beer & Appetizers

Saturday, July 26 – Family Fun Day

Saturday, Sept 27 - Clambake

American Cancer Society Relay for Life – May 17 - Please Support Team Chandler Commons

The Relay for Life is the American Cancer Society's largest fundraiser helping to fund cancer research and support services for those fighting cancer and their caregivers. The event is being held at the Strongsville High School Stadium on **May 17, 2014**.

Below you will find a number of ways to help support Team Chandler Commons at this event. If you would like more information please contact Susan Mundy at (440) 878-0041 or Tracy Zawie at zawie@roadrunner.com

1.) Donate Directly to Team Chandler Commons:

Go to www.RelayForLife.org, scroll down the page, and click 'Support Team', type 'Team Chandler Commons' and then click 'Donate' Any amount will make a difference.

2.) Purchase a Luminaire

Purchase a Luminaire to honor someone special who has lost the battle to cancer, is fighting, or has survived. The suggested donation amount is \$10 dollars each. When the sun goes down on May 17th, the Luminaire bags light the track in remembrance of these special people in our lives. Each bag will have the name of the person being remembered. You are welcome to join us for our Luminaire Ceremony which will begin around 9:00 PM on May 17. Contact Susan Mundy for an order form or you can purchase one online at www.relayforlife.org/strongsville

3.) Come to the Relay!

Join us at this free event on May 17th at Strongsville High School Pat Catan stadium. The Relay starts at noon and doesn't end until the next morning. It is open to the public with lots of fun stuff for children. There are many activities planned such as: Chick-Fil-A cow drop (with a chance to win free Chick-Fil-A for one year!), local bands, super hero characters, cartoon character artists, a balloon twist clown, Heartbeat jump rope team, dance teams, a Chinese drum performance, a magician, carnival games and inflatables for kids and more.

Road Repair

The Board of Trustees gets its share of calls regarding the need for road repairs in our neighborhood. Please understand that our roads are maintained by the City of Strongsville, not by our homeowner's association. All requests,

complaints and concerns should be directed to the city and/or your city councilman. We would advise residents to voice their concerns to the city, as road repairs are prioritized by need.

Chandler Commons Tidal Waves Swim Team

There is still some time to register for the TIDAL WAVES Swim Team (**until May 11**). Our team is part of the Strongsville Swim League (SSL). This is a great way for your kids to stay active this summer, meet new friends, and become familiar with competitive and organized swimming. Although the kids are competitive, it's all about having fun with their friends. Registration is open to residents up to 18 years of age.

Go to www.chandlercommons.com for info on registration, rules, and cost. Registrations can also be dropped off at 19541 Castletown Dr. **by May 11th**. Please place in the container on the front porch, not in the mailbox. You can also contact Kevin Matelski at (440) 668-1536/TVBK@ATT.NET or John Silvis at (440) 268-0534.

2014 Tidal Waves Swim Meet Dates:

Tuesday June 10 @ Westwood Farms
Thursday June 12 – Home vs. Huntington Park
Tuesday June 17 @ the Rec Center
Thursday June 19 – Home vs. Waterford Crossing
Tuesday June 24 – Home vs. Meadowood
Thursday June 26 @ Deerfield Lake
Tuesday July 1 – Home vs. High Point
Tuesday July 8 – Home vs. Ledgepark
Thursday July 10 @ Bent Tree/Spyglass
Tuesday July 15 – Rain out date
Thursday July 17 – Rain out date
Saturday July 19 – Champs at the Rec Center – 8:30 AM
Saturday July 19 – Awards Picnic/ End of Year Party at
Chandler Commons Pavilion
(All meets start at 6 PM)