



Common Knowledge

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The Official Newsletter of the Chandler Commons Property Owners Association

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From the President

I hope this newsletter finds you all well. A new school year is now in full swing and another summer is in the books. And what a summer it was. As many of you know, we had a fairly serious incident of vandalism in our Rec Area on the night of July 3. Damage was done to our pavilion, playground, pool building, and the pool itself, resulting in the pool being shut down on a very hot 4th of July weekend. I would like to personally thank the many residents that assisted us that day in our cleanup efforts. It was wonderful to see the number of people on hand to do whatever they could to help, especially on a holiday.

I am happy to report that the Strongsville Police Department worked quickly and efficiently to arrest those involved, and they have since been prosecuted and convicted.

I would also like to thank the Strongsville Fire Department for refilling our pool on short notice after hearing about our situation, as well as the neighboring communities of High Point and Bent Tree, who offered to accommodate our residents while our amenities were out of commission. With the support of all the above, it reaffirms that we are lucky to live in a great community.

Although those responsible for this were not Chandler Commons residents, I would again like to remind you, as we have in the past, that anyone involved in the damaging of any Chandler Commons property will be prosecuted, regardless of whether they are Chandler Commons residents or not. There are no exceptions to this policy.

Jason Hughes

Board of Trustees Positions

There are openings on the Board of Trustees. The positions of Jerry Mikolajczyk (Secretary), Dan Hoag (Vice President/Pool Manager) and John Sullivan (Vice President/Common Grounds Manager) expire at the end of this year. These gentlemen are willing to continue serving on the board in these roles but the positions are up for election.

For any volunteers that are interested in replacing current members, the terms are for a period of three years, from 2013 - 2015. Also please note that this election is for a position on the board and not a specific role. If new members were to be elected, the new board would then re-elect the specific positions on the board.

Any interested parties must forward a letter of intent; along with the qualifications that you think would make you an asset to the Association. These letters should be forwarded to:

Chandler Commons Board of Trustees
P.O. Box 360218
Strongsville, OH 44136

Potential nominees must be in good standing with the Association. Letters of intent must be received by Saturday, November 3, 2012. You will receive a confirmation of receipt by Monday, November 5. If an election is required, it will be held on November 17, 2012. Additional information will be provided at that time.

Babysitters and Yard Work Helpers

In our last issue we asked any neighborhood babysitters that were interested in getting their names out there to forward their information to us for publication. Below is a list of the names gathered thus far:

Laura Brink, 440-846-9488

Brittany Marvin, 440-572-3834

Olivia Matuch, 440-238-9955

Katie Trimper, 440-452-7747

Zoe Legato, 440-268-9118

Jacqui Vocaire, 440-878-1817

Joey Vocaire, 440-878-1817

And for yard work,

Ryan Ward, 440-572-8767

This information is also posted on our website, www.chandlercommons.com, under the "Community" tab. If anyone is interested in adding to this list, or in adding other services such as snow shoveling, etc., please forward your information to us via the contact page at our website. Please note, we will only be posting from Chandler Commons residents and contact info for minors will only be posted with parental approval.

Social Committee

Thank you to all of the residents that come out to make our social events a success year after year. We have our wine & cheese event in early June, our family cookout day in July, and we just had another great clambake at the end of September. We have had a great turnout at these events and they provide a great way for the neighborhood to come together.

Thanks also to the Social Committee who volunteer their time to put on these events. We wouldn't have them without their efforts.

And To Our Dog Owners...

As always a few words to the dog owners, particularly with regards to the Common Grounds and Recreation Area. As is the case with walking your dog in the neighborhood, you must clean up after your dogs in the common grounds as well.

Please use a bag and bring the bag home for disposal. We have trash receptacles at the pavilion and playground that are routinely filled with bags of waste. As you can imagine, this

The Social Committee is looking for new members. If anyone is interested in joining, or in just helping out with an event to see if it is something you'd like to be part of, please let us know. We have a wonderful core group, but we do need new members and new ideas to help keep this going and to help it evolve. If anyone is interested, please call 440-668-4211.

makes for an unpleasant scene for the residents using our amenities and for the volunteers that empty these trash cans. We ask that all dog owners do their part to keep these areas clean. We have spacious, open areas that are ideal for walking a dog. We don't want to get to the point where we are banning dogs from these areas.

Also please remember that per city ordinance, dogs must be leashed at all times.

From the Pool Manager

I would like to tell you all that we had a smooth and uneventful pool season. But I cannot. As our President Jason Hughes spoke of, the vandalism which occurred the night of July 3rd was the worst we have ever experienced.

In the twelve years that I have managed the pool, we have been vandalized on five occasions always around the 4th of July. Most of you may not know this because we never made a big deal out of it. They would usually throw the tables, chairs and umbrellas into the pool and leave it at that. We would spend about a half hour cleaning up. This year these individuals had to spend at least an hour or more spray painting the entire pavilion ceiling, grills, entrance driveway, playground equipment, pool building, pool signs, spot lights, and doors. Then they got up on the roof and broke the stereo antenna and cap for the pool heater vent. Everything they could find was thrown into the water including the chairs, tables, umbrella bases, umbrellas, trash cans, the swim team's lane line reel and 12 bags of trash from behind the pool building. After contacting the police and making out the reports on July 4th, your board members attempted to do the cleanup. It soon became apparent that this was not going to be a one or two hour job. It ended up taking July and a good part of August to properly rectify these issues.

Besides your board members attempting to do the cleanup work, I would like to send out a BIG thank you to all the Chandler Commons residents that lent a hand the morning of July 4th. Unfortunately as we were attempting to do the cleanup it was discovered that a large amount of glass that was in the trash bags was broken and also thrown into the pool.

Because of this occurrence we had no choice except to shut down the pool for July 4th, 5th and 6th. We had to drain the entire pool, then cleaned and refilled 160,000 gallons of water. Normally it would take 5 to 7 days to refill the pool but thanks to the Strongsville Fire Department we were able to get the pool refilled by July 6th and reopened on July 7th.

Despite the amount of damage that was done, the pool was shut down only because of the broken glass. If our residents had not brought glass containers into the pool area to end up in the pool trash, we would only be talking about the spray painting right now. We would not have had the inconvenience of being without a pool on a holiday weekend and would not have had to incur the cost of draining and refilling the pool.

So now we have added another new rule. Not only is there a large new sign at the entrance reminding you of the "No Glass" policy, you will also lose your pool privileges for the season if you do bring any glass in. Glass at the pool is a no win situation for all.

Now I am running a little long in this article so I am not going to go through all the individual improvements we made to the pool and common area this year. But the one very important improvement has been the installation of security cameras at the pool and pavilion to protect our investments. This will hopefully deter many of the problems we have experienced and also make it easier to catch those involved.

Dan Hoag

Common Grounds

This season we have had quite a few dead trees that have had to be removed from some of the common areas, due to their proximity to neighboring homes. Unfortunately this could be a continuing problem with the spread of the ash borer. As a reminder, we will remove any common area trees that are dead or dying and are causing an obvious threat to neighboring

homes or property. We will not, however, use our resources to clear dead trees from wooded areas that do not pose any such threat. If there are any trees that you have a question about, please call John Sullivan, our common grounds manager, at 440-846-0108 and we can take a look at it.

Dumping

One final reminder that the common areas, including the surrounding woods and the retention basins, are NOT for dumping yard waste and grass clippings. This practice has been observed firsthand on more than one

occasion in the past few weeks. We ask that you please bag any yard waste and leave it out for trash pickup, or feel free to dump it on your own property. But not in the Common Areas.

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