

Cherry Blossom Chatter Spring 2011



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President's Pen

Residents,

It was great to see everyone come out in such large numbers to the annual meeting! Not only was it nice to see all the familiar faces, but it was a wonderful opportunity to get to meet many of our new residents. I enjoy this meeting every year for this very reason!

While I'm sure that raising the annual dues had a huge part in the large turnout, it was nice to see more neighbors interested in their neighborhood. The votes

were counted and the budget approved. The annual assessments are now \$250.00. I can assure you that this annual assessment is fair for our neighborhood. In fact, Cherry Blossom relies solely on these funds to maintain our property values, to make any necessary improvements while trying to meet the ever-changing needs of our community. Both maintenance and improvements are only made possible by these funds.

I also want to remind you that it

takes "neighbors to be a neighborhood". One person, one HOA Board, one street can't do it. We need every one involved. I have been amazed at the response we've had by residents this year that are willing to help. It started with one man who stood up in the annual meeting and volunteered to be a Board Member, thank you Michael Hernandez. Are you willing to be a part of a neighborhood?

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Communication Update

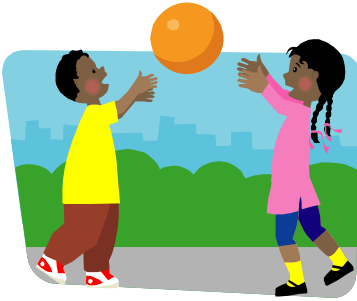
In this day and age of electronic communication and social media, most everyone seems to realize how important it is to keep in touch with family, friends, and neighbors. This strengthens our ability to feel safe and secure while enjoying the benefits of connecting with our neighbors. This, in turn, provides the catalyst for developing a stronger sense of community that is desired by everyone. On March 23, six HOA Board members met to discuss improved communications in Cherry Blossom Village. All agreed that there is a need to improve and update the website

as well as publishing a neighborhood newsletter that would be available in print and online. In addition, we are looking for "two-way communication", which is, after all, the best kind! So, if you have a suggestion for the website, or if there's something you'd like to see in the "Cherry Blossom Chatter," please let us know! We also need volunteers to keep us informed about things happening on their street, or with any special interest group you may be involved with. We would like to share this information with the community. Plus, we'd also like your thoughts on issues affect-

ing you. This could include such topics as safety, golfers, neighbors, children, pets, traffic, etc. It's really easy to contact us. Simply send an e-mail to: cbvhoa@cherryblossomhoa.org. We want to hear what you like and want in the months and years ahead so that we can work together to make this neighborhood even greater than it already is!



Saving the Island Tree(s)



*It's that time of year again!
As the weather warms and the days
get longer you'll see children
out playing.
Please be mindful when driving
throughout
Cherry Blossom as we want a safe
environment for all children.*

As many are aware, one of the tall evergreen trees lining Clubhouse Drive became infected with bag worms in 2010. An early assessment indicated the tree would need to be replaced. However, Alycia Ford, HOA President, and Corky Withrow, owner of Four Seasons Landscaping, met with several horticulturalist to determine the best course of action. They were advised to scratch a limb from the tree to determine whether it was green or brown inside. If green, the tree should come back, if brown, the tree would not.

Corky tested the tree and found green throughout! Also, if you

look closely, you can see new growth at the top.

In addition, we have been advised to spray all evergreens located in the islands to prevent future damage. It is also important to note that this tree may not make a full recovery this year, but with proper care, it will eventually.

Corky Withrow, also reported that while he is focusing on the infected tree, he is also in the process of gathering quotes to submit to the HOA for spraying all evergreens. This needs to occur ASAP to prevent any other trees from becoming in-

fected.

Scimitor will also be sprayed to take care of the bag worms & insects at the start of 2011. Hollytone, an acid based fertilizer, is one of the best products in the market for evergreens. As part of a continued effort to keep our trees healthy, all evergreens and shrubs will be treated with this product.

Corky has included Woodace fertilization as his tree and shrub fertilizer for the HOA. And, Corky states that he promises that if the tree can be saved, he will do it!

Project Update

If you've driven through the Blossom Park entrance of late, you've probably noticed the completion of the entrance renovation. This was the major project for 2010. This project involved landscaping, irrigation and column improvements. Its completion really highlights the neighborhood in a positive way and provides an entrance we can all be proud of.

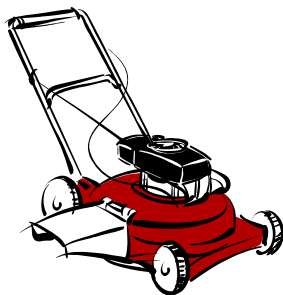


In 2011, weather permitting, work will begin on renovating the Cherry Hill entrance as well as updating the main entrance to Cherry Blossom.

Finally, new street lights are going up at 170 Clubhouse Drive and beyond.



Landscaping Tips & Ideas



It's that time of year when you should consider consulting with an expert on your lawn! Consider fertilizing and crabgrass control in the month of April along with plant bed pre-emergent and tree and shrub fertilization.

All of these contribute to a healthy lawn and landscape dur-

ing the summer months. If there is considerable dormant crabgrass in your lawn, have an application of post-emergent applied in early summer. This will allow for a fall consideration of power seeding for best results. Power seeding can be done in the spring just remember to allow 4—6 weeks for

seed germination and maturity before applying a crabgrass preventer. These pre-emergents will kill the seeds. Therefore, if you're planning on seeding this spring, get er done!!! If you have any questions, call 502-542-1381. I will be glad to assist or maintain your lawn for you.

Social Committee Update

It's so exciting to see all the volunteers who've already agreed to serve on the Social Committee. My thanks go out to each of you. But, if you haven't done so and would like to join us, there's always room. Feel free to email or call me at your earliest convenience.

The Social Committee's primary functions will involve welcoming any and all new neighbors, as well as, organizing an annual social event.

We are fortunate to live in a community that not only values the diverse interests of its residents, but is always looking for ways to connect with others. Therefore, whether your interests include sports, lifestyles, children, (or not), pets, crafting, the arts, social, etc., please contact me so that this information can be included in a welcome packet for our new neighbors as well as with current residents to insure everyone knows what groups

or organizations are available for them to participate in and to improve the overall connectivity of our residents.

I can be reached by email at dducker@bellsouth.net or by telephone at 863-7910.



Look for upcoming information regarding the Annual Gathering!

Financial Committee Update

With the new financial committee in place, there are new goals for next year. We, of course, want to continue the success and standards established from the previous committees. Moving forward, we would like the HOA to understand that our goal in 2011 will be to increase communications as well as transparency. What this will look like is a least a year-to-date update within the new and improved newsletters. The newsletter will also provide a great medium to answer any questions the HOA may

have. Here's to a great year, and we look forward to the input from the HOA.

Paving Blossom Park

Unfortunately, while we've all admired the newly renovated Blossom Park entrance, our vehicles have been forced to endure the deplorable road conditions brought on by the harsh winter. To that end, Eric Larson, Georgetown's City Engineer, was contacted regarding the paving of Blossom Park.

Since the Icon Property is in foreclosure, the city kept the

bond money and is currently accepting bids to pave Blossom Park. The potholes were filled in, on or around March 17. Once the bidding process is complete and a vendor is chosen, the road will be paved!



*Mark your calendars!
Annual Garage Sale
June 4th.*

Volunteers Needed!

*Contact Alycia Ford at
alyciaford71@yahoo.com to sign up.*

Deeds & Restrictions

The Weather's great and spring has finally arrived! That means it's that time of year to start getting those home improvement projects off the ground. But, before you begin, please make sure you don't forget to review

the deed restrictions, which are available online at cherryblossomhoa.org

You can then submit your plans using the convenient online form. This simple step will help prevent costly mistakes that might keep

you from enjoying your newly completed project!



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Board of Directors/Officers*

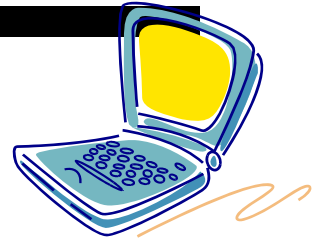
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**Updated Website Coming
Soon!**

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**Cherry Blossom Homeowners Associations
Committees & Chair Persons**

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| Committee Coordinator | Michael Hernandez |
| Nominating Committee | Alycia Ford and Barbara Combs |
| Finance Committee | Alycia Ford, Mike Hernandez & Nick Crist |
| Deed and Restrictions Committee | Alycia Ford and Nick Crist |
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Hats Off To Our Neighbors—

Over the winter, a lot of trash was tossed or blown onto the ICON lot located between the Cherry Blossom Village entrance and Golden Corral. Craig and Sandy Jans, our neighbors on Olympia Way, took it upon themselves to pick up two full bags of trash. They don't want any thanks, but we'll give it to them anyway. Thanks a million!!!

Also, the Jans, along with Phil Wilson, volunteered to paint the pump house located off Clubhouse Drive's bridge. This project was completed on St Patrick's Day.

Top of the morning' to such fine people.

If you'd like to recognize your neighbor, simply submit the information via cbvhoa@cherryblossomhoa.org



Craig and Sandy Jans
Celebrating St. Patrick's Day

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