Cherry Blossom Chatter FALL– WINTER 2014



Mark Your Calendars Now Annual HOA Meeting Cherry Blossom Clubhouse at 6:30 p.m. March 10, 2015

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President's Pen

Welcome, New Neighbors!

It seems an appropriate thing to say since we have had such an influx of new residents since our last Newsletter. It seems as if Cherry Blossom Village is "blooming!" Most notable among the new residents are the homes cropping up on Sunningdale, Clubhouse and Kingston Drives. We welcome each one and hope you will find your new neighborhood a most pleasant experience. If you have not been officially welcomed, please contact me personally (pat.fannin@att.net). We have visited some of your homes a couple of times, but could not find anyone home. We have a Welcome Packet put together by one of our Street Reps, Cindi Moeller, which we would like to deliver to you.

The HOA Board has worked on several improvements this past year: stopping the distribution of a newspaper flyer that was being swept down the storm drains; approval to hire an attorney to help resolve unpaid annual dues and other issues; cars blocking street access and impeding traffic flow; yards that needed special attention; gravel at the end of Kingston Drive, upgrading the Christmas decorations and enhancing the Christmas lighting at the main entrance and a host of other items. And major kudos go to the Turners, Jans, Mounces, and other families for their efforts to clean up the ponds at the 9th and 12th holes, on their own initiative. Thank you to all who participated!

Some issues surfaced this past year which will be addressed at the Annual Meeting on March 10, 2015. One is the numerous solicitors who visit our neighborhood seeking donations. Our Deed of Restrictions does not address this issue. How this should be handled –a sign posted that says, "No Solicitation"?

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The Legacy Trail in Georgetown!! The Dream will Soon Become a Reality

I don't know if anyone saw the article in a July issue of the Georgetown News-Graphic, but a local group headed by Christie Robinson (our Cherry Blossom neighbor) is trying to get the Legacy Trail extended from the Kentucky Horse Park to Georgetown and beyond. They raised the money and completed a feasibility study earlier this spring and now they need to do the engineering design for it.



The City of Georgetown has committed \$25,000 to this effort, and the Scott County Fiscal Court recently approved another \$25,000. This will allow the project to go forward. Generally a local community needs to raise about 20-25% of the total funds needed to build something like the Legacy Trail with the remainder being contributed by the state and federal governments from budgeted transportation programs.

I know several of our neighbors who would like to ride bicycles more, but want somewhere to ride their bikes other than on high-speed roads. The Legacy Trail extension would bring such a facility to Georgetown and provide an alternative connection between Georgetown and Lexington.

In the interest of full disclosure, I use the Legacy Trail to commute by bicycle to work several times a week, year round. I am also starting to get involved with the group pushing to get this done. So I would like to have this for personal reasons, but I also think this would be a great addition for Scott County. I counted the other people using the Legacy Trail as I rode along it last July, and on each of the four trips I made along its length I counted at least 25 people using it. I see young families, runners, skaters, bicyclists, walkers, people with dogs, older adults, all making use of it, so I'm not alone in making use of the trail.

Funding this major project is so important, and a continuation of grant applications will be submitted in order to continue construction. So, please encourage your friends, members of the City Council, and members of the Fiscal Court to continue to support this as a healthy addition to our community. To donate to Trail Fund, designate your donation for "Scott County" in the special instructions box.<u>https://BGCFDonate.kimbia.com/trailfund</u>. If you want to help, get involved or find out more, please go to the Facebook Page: "GEORGETOWN SCOTT COUNTY LEGACY TRAIL EXTENSION".

Thanks,

Steve Roggenkamp (Cherry Blossom Neighbor)

STAY SAFE - NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH TIPS

- Keep garage doors closed when you are busy in your house or elsewhere in the yard.
- If possible, park all cars in the garage at night. If this is not possible, at least make sure the car is locked and all valuables have been removed, INCLUDING THE GARAGE DOOR OPENER!!
- When neighbors are away on vacation or at work, help make their homes look lived-in by keeping newspapers out of driveways and mail out of the mailbox. Even better, stop your mail and newspaper delivery while away.
- Keep shrubs trimmed below window level, ladders put inside and no valuables left in the yard.
- Windows should be closed and locked when away.

• Solicitors continue to be in our neighborhood. Be aware of unusual questions or actions and report them immediately.

• Report street lights that are out to our HOA President, Pat Fannin. She will report them to KU.

• Remember to immediately report suspicious activity, thefts or vandalism to the Georgetown Police Department (502-863-7820) and to your Neighborhood Watch Captains in that order.

If you are witnessing a crime, just call 911!!

Remember, if you see something, say something!

Lou & Vicki Rose, Neighborhood Watch Captains 618-219-6766 or 618-604-2399

Cherry Blossom Homeowner's Association 3rd Annual New Year's Eve Party



Everyone is Invited!! Music & Dancing to Tim Goins, DJ —Superior Sound and Lighting HEAVY APPETIZER BUFFET CHAMPAGNE TOAST AT MIDNIGHT \$40 PER PERSON Cash Bar 7:30 p.m.—1:00 a.m. on December 31, 2014 Cherry Blossom Clubhouse—Georgetown Reservations Necessary—Limited Seating— Sold Out Last Year Mail your checks made out to "Dave Brown" and drop off or mail to the Cherry Blossom Clubhouse, 150 Clubhouse Drive. Questions? Email: BarbaraCombs@Roadrunner.com FIRM DEADLINE, 3:00 P.M. DECEMBER 20!!

A GREAT BIG THANKS TO ALL OF OUR GOOD NEIGHBORS!!

You may have noticed that the ponds on Hole #9 and more recently Hole #12 now both have working fountains and clear, clean water free of algae, weeds, and litter. For the care and upkeep of the pond on #9, we can all thank Mark Turner who, personally, over the years, has headed up the upkeep of this pond, both physically and financially. Many of his neighbors who overlook the pond, have also financially contributed to maintain the beauty. We thank all of them belatedly for their contributions.

Recently Ricky Mounce moved in the neighborhood, and is overlooking the pond on #12, along Clubhouse Drive. He purchased, and then replaced the motor needed to run the fountain last summer. The fountain on #12 has now enhanced the view for everyone — visitors, golfers and neighbors!! Thanks also to a lot of our neighbors who live around the #12 pond who also contributed financially to purchase chemicals needed to control the algae over the years.

You may have noticed that the pump house between Holes #11 and 12, got a much-needed fresh coat of paint. We can thank Craig and Sandy

Jans and Ricky and Patty Mounce, who purchased the paint and gave this building a new coat during the heat of the summer.

The unselfish dedication shown by these folks to enhance the beauty of our neighborhood is much appreciated by everyone. If you know any of these folks or meet them for the first time, please express your appreciation for their efforts to keep our neighborhood beautiful.

If you know of someone who has gone above and beyond like Mark Turner, Craig and Sandy Jans and Ricky and Patty Mounce, please let us know at

<u>cbvhoa@cherryblossomhoa.org</u> We would like to acknowledge everyone who works toward a better community.





Craig and Sandy Jans

Mark Turner



Ricky and Patty Mounce



Painting the Pump house—Summer 2014



WHEN TO CALL THE GEORGETOWN POLICE

SPEEDING VEHICLES



Many folks are seriously concerned about the increasing number of vehicles speeding through our neighborhood. The speeders are primarily on Blossom Park Drive, Clubhouse Drive, and Sunningdale.

If you live on these streets, you are probably worried about kids, dogs, pedestrians or bicyclists being hit by a person (who probably doesn't live in our neighborhood). If you, too, are concerned, please call the Georgetown Police Department Non-Emergency at 502-863-7820 and ask them to please come to Cherry Blossom and set up some patrols on these streets.

According to Officer Natalie Payne, an email recently went out to Georgetown Police Department regarding traffic complaints - as call volume allows, units should be monitoring that area. So please do call Police Dispatch 502-863-7820 to report speeders.

SUSPICIOUS PEOPLE ADVISORY

Regarding suspicious people/activity in the area residents need to call 502-863-7820 and report this. The officer will need a good description of the individual and if they are in a vehicle or on foot. If there is a vehicle involved, we need a description and tag number. If you see it, report it!



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This could mean our own local kids cannot come to our door to ask us to support their team, school or band activity - or a sign that says, "No Literature Distribution"? This would mean political candidates and new businesses would not have an opportunity to inform us about their views and/or services. Second is the issue of the displaying signs on the lots. This is covered in the Deed of Restrictions under Section 21, which states that only For Sale and/or For Rent signs are allowed. This was something that was loosely enforced in the past. We need your participation to address the above issues, so please mark your calendars.

Lastly, as I have been around to meet many of you – some old and some new residents – I hear various "concerns" about what the HOA Board is doing or not doing. We have tried to act on every issue brought to our attention – always for the good of *everyone* in the neighborhood. Remember, we did not write the Deed of Restrictions, but we are bound to enforce it. If you have something that concerns you, please talk *to* us – not *about* us! The Board meetings are held at my home, 103 Birkdale Drive, to prevent paying a fee to use the Clubhouse. The next meeting is scheduled for Monday, December 15, 2014. Please let me know if you would like to attend, so we have enough seating.

I hope all of you had a wonderful, tummy-stuffing Thanksgiving and I wish you a very Merry Christmas!

Patricia Fannin, HOA President (PatFannin@att.net)

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Cherry Blossom Homeowners' Dues Owed

The following is a current HOA report of accumulated HOA dues \$250/year) which were not paid, plus penalties added:

Garrard, Maurice & Janet \$ 2,812.50
Conway, Frank, Jr. 2,187.50
Mucker, Artis & Ravawn 2,065.00
Robinson, William & Sandra 2,020.00
Heineken, Ken and Cathy 1,640.00
Tompkins, William & Dora 1,522.50
First Federal (SRI Realty-K-Hunter) 1,332.00
Zagula, Matthew & Jennifer 1,320.00
Miller, Vanessa & Prewitt, C. 1,080.00
Mullanix, James and Wyndy 1,080.00
Christopher, Wayne 593.35
133 Kingston LLC 534.33
Sudduth, Donald & Shiloh 520.00
Crawshaw, J. J. 430.00
Howard, Jason & Carrie 430.00
Hurt, Tommy & Lisa 430.00
Miller, Steven and Leslie 430.00
Standafer II, Frank LOT 430.00
Smith, Mark & Kylena 380.00
TOTAL \$21,327.18

Payment options are available from Maggard Properties. Call 859-233-7880 and ask for Andy Denton. You may mail your checks to Maggard Properties, 133 Walton Avenue, Lexington, KY 40324.

Questions? Email: Andy@MaggardProperty.com

Cherry Blossom Village Website and Neighborhood Directory UPDATE NEEDED

Our Cherry Blossom website address is: <u>www.CherryBlossomHOA.org.</u> You will find a lot of

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The directory is password protected. The user name is "**cbvhoa**", and the password is "**cbvhoa10**". If you would like to add or change any of your information currently in the directory, please e-mail WWW.CherryblossomHOA.org

On this website you will find:

- •Minutes of HOA Board and Annual Meetings
- Budgets, past and current
- •Newsletters from 2011—2014
- •Deed of Restrictions under Documents/Plats •Committees
- •Links to important contacts in Kentucky
- •Sponsors
- •FAOs

We will use your email address for immediate notification of issues such as break-ins, lost and found pets, and other emergencies, etc. So, please fill in the blanks that remain on your listing, and send this information to <u>cbvdirectory@hotmail.com</u>.



IF THEY POOP, PLEASE SCOOP

If you walk your dog around the neighborhood, you will know that it is their nature to stop and find every previous "deposit" made by other canines on either side of the sidewalk including empty lots.

We have had personal accounts of this kind of mess, in all sections of Cherry Blossom, including Cherry Hill.

It is disappointing that some dog owners are not considerate of other neighbors' yards, including empty fields. Please pick up your dog's feces. Those who do so are getting tired of seeing the results of those who don't.

Please be a good neighbor/pet owner!

Cherry Blossom Homeowners Association Board of Directors/Officers 2013-2014

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Merry Christmas to Everyone



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If you would like to advertise your business to the 325+ homes in the neighborhood, please email your logo to <u>Barbara Combs@Roadrunner.com</u>. This income goes toward paying for the printing of the newsletter. Your logo ad will appear on our website and in every edition of the newsletter. The cost is just \$100 per year.



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