

Cherry Blossom Chatter Spring 2012



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President's Pen

Residents,

I am so happy that winter is over. I love spring and summer in Cherry Blossom, especially seeing all the green grass and flowers, but most of all the people!

I am thankful to live in such a wonderful neighborhood. I realized this first hand last year when I was diagnosed with breast cancer in August and immediately underwent surgery and started chemotherapy. I was blessed to have an amazing support system of friends, many of whom were Cherry Blossom residents including some I barely knew.

I want to thank everyone for your kindness, generosity and support including the many dinners, babysitting and transporting of my kids, cards, texts, visits, and phone calls. I cannot begin to tell you how much it meant to me and my family.

I want to let you all know that I am proud to be the president of the HOA and I'm here to serve you.

Alycia Ford, HOA President

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Deeds Den

Section 20—Owner's duty to maintain property: Each owner is responsible for maintaining his or her lot and ensuring it has a neat and attractive appearance. This means keeping the grass properly mowed, removing weeds and trash. If an owner fails to maintain their lot, the Developer, or its assignee, may take any action deemed appropriate to make the lot neat

and attractive. The owner shall, upon demand, reimburse the Developer for any expenses incurred.



This includes occupied homes. All yards need to be maintained. Failure to do so may result in fines and could include a lien being placed on the homeowner.

Are you Herbie Aware?



The city of Georgetown collects garbage in Cherry Blossom every Wednesday. Herbie trash containers

should be placed next to the curb by 7:00am on Wednesday. Please note, they cannot be placed out earlier than 6:00pm on Tuesday and MUST be removed from the street prior to 10:00pm on Wednesday.

Neighborhood Watch

My husband, Ron and I relocated to Georgetown from Burke, VA last summer after 27 years of service with the US Federal Government—he with the US Dept of Transportation and I with the CIS. Our daughter, Cassandra, and her husband live in Virginia with their 3 children,; and our son, Kyle, Pastor of Bluegrass Baptist Church here in Georgetown, and his family, live in Canewood Subdivision.

I volunteered to be the Neighborhood Watch rep to become involved in Cherry Blossom, a community we have watched for the past 4-5 years, as we searched for a place to call “home.” We were impressed with the camaraderie of the CB residents and the reputation it has within Georgetown.

As we gear up for the summer season, just wanted to share the following helpful hints on how to protect your home and your family better:

THIRTEEN THINGS YOUR BURGLAR WON'T TELL YOU:

1. Of course I look familiar. I was here just last week cleaning your carpets, painting your shutters, or delivering your new refrigerator. 2. Hey, thanks for letting me use the bathroom when I was working in your yard last week. While I was in there, I unlatched the back window to make my return a little easier.. 3. Love those flowers. That tells me you have taste...and taste means there are nice things inside. Those yard toys your kids

leave out always make me wonder what type of gaming system they have. 4. Yes, I really do look for newspapers piled up on the driveway—and I might leave a pizza flyer in your front door to see how long it takes you to remove it. 5. If it snows while you're out of town, get a



*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.*

neighbor to create car and foot tracks to and from the house. Virgin drifts in the driveway are a dead giveaway. 6. If decorative glass is part of your front entrance, don't let your alarm company install the control pad where I can see if it's set. That makes it too easy. 7. A good security company will place alarms at the window over the sink, as well as, the windows on the second

floor, which often access the master bedroom—and your jewelry. It's not a bad idea to put motion detectors up there too. 8. It's raining, you're fumbling with your umbrella, and you forget to lock your door—understandable. But, understand this: I don't take a day off because of bad weather. 9. I always knock first. If you answer, I'll ask for directions somewhere or offer to clean your gutters. (Don't take me up on it.) 10. Do you really think I

won't look in your sock drawer? I always check dresser drawers, the bedside table, and the medicine cabinet. 11. Here's a helpful hint: I almost never go into kids' rooms. 12. You're right: I won't have enough time to break into that safe where you keep your valuables. But, if it's not bolted down, I'll take it with me. 13. A loud TV or radio can be a better deterrent than the best alarm system. If you're reluctant to leave your TV on while you're out of town, you can buy a \$35 device that works on a timer that simulates the flickering glow of a real television. (Find it at <http://www.faketv.com>)

Tip of the Season: For those who do not have an alarm system (and even for those who do), a good way to deter a burglar breaking into your home is to set off your car alarm. You should keep your key fob on the nightstand or an easy place to access. The commotion will likely cause anyone to run away and will certainly draw the attention of your neighbors!!!!



I look forward to working with all the street representatives, and everyone else in

Cherry /Blossom, to ensure we have a safe and happy neighborhood. Please contact me if you have any unusual activity to report, or you have questions. As they say in New York—if you SEE something, SAY something!

Patricia Fannin (502-570-0780 (Home); 703-909-6777(Cell): patfannin@att.net

Real Estate Outlook

As you drive through the neighborhood it is impossible not to notice all the new construction taking place. Cherry Blossom real estate is very active



with three homes currently pending, six homes selling January 1st, and 36 homes currently for sale or proposes as new construction. Homes in Cherry Blossom have sold in 2012 for prices ranging from \$196,250 to \$391,000. The average list to sell price is 94%

in Central Kentucky, but Cherry Blossom is currently much higher with an average of 97.94%. Although Cherry Blossom is not immune from the short sales, and foreclosures, the housing market in Cherry Blossom is strong.

Financial Committee Update

Cherry Blossom Residents,

It is an honor for me to be elected to serve as Treasurer for our homeowners association. I am proud to be not just an HOA Board member, but a resident and neighbor volunteering time and skill hoping to protect our investments in both our neighborhood and homes.

If you missed the annual meeting on March 5th, a quick summary of our financial position is a positive one. We exceeded our budgeted net income by \$4k. Utilities were under budget and we had an allowance for unpaid dues that we did not use. Cherry Blossom HOA will continue

all collection efforts to keep a positive cash flow and keep our money working for our neighborhood. Unfortunately, at the end of 2011, twenty-one (21) residents were delinquent with their annual dues. Including late fees, this amounts to a total of \$8,700 in uncollected dues. Since the close of 2011, only four (4) residents have paid their outstanding dues and late fees. As of March 31, seventeen residents carry a balance and remain past due for a total of \$7,400.

You should have received your 2012 dues invoice. These were mailed in late March with a due date of May 1. If you did not receive your invoice, please let us know and

we will make sure one is mailed promptly. Annual dues for 2012 remain the same at \$250.

If you would like to view the 2012 budget, you may visit the website at www.cherryblossomhoa.org and click on the Budget tab.

I would like to encourage all residents to get involved with the HOA. You don't have to serve on the board. There are many committees that need volunteers for the better of our community.

Sincerely,

Danielle Steinberg, Treasurer

Landscaping Tips & Ideas

Welcome Spring! Even though we didn't have too rough a winter, spring is always welcome. With the warmer weather so early this year, many people started their spring planting, mulching, trimming and cleaning a little early. The neighborhood looks nice. Our grasses experienced a little 'freeze and fry' this year with the extreme cold and hot, so we don't expect them to look as nice as they did last year...but, spring is still welcome.

It was brought to the attention of the Landscape Committee that many residents are concerned about the lights on the bridge.

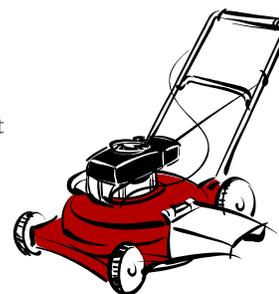
This section of our neighborhood actually belongs to the Golf Course and not the HOA. However, the Landscape Committee has agreed to take over the maintenance of the lights (only) on the bridge so that when they burn out, they will be replaced right away. If you notice a light out, it shouldn't be long before it is replaced.

Please keep a watchful eye out—we have some concerns with the irrigation systems located in various spots throughout the neighborhood.

These are for the flowerbeds in the common areas and not part of the golf course. CBHOA uses 4 Seasons for the service and up-keep with

these systems, so if you notice anyone other than 4 Seasons around these areas, please contact the HOA or the police. If you get a license plate number, that can help.

As always, when warmer weather comes, we need to keep an eye open for children (and maybe some adults) playing in the street. Many residents have complained about people driving too fast, so please try to SLOW DOWN.



Attention All Parents

Spring is here and summer is fast approaching, which means the kids are out and playing hard. We've already had several injuries and hope to prevent more by asking parents to help their children remember to wear their helmets when riding bikes or scooters.

Social Committee Update

Last year's Annual Gathering was a huge success! However, the July heat was the only concern. Therefore, we're changing this year's event to September 22. Complete details will be included in the next edition of our newsletter.



Look for upcoming information regarding the Annual Gathering!



Did you know about the

GEORGETOWN-SCOTT COUNTY RECYCLING CENTER?

Not everyone is aware of this local center, but we who live in Cherry Blossom do have a convenient opportunity to recycle many things that we currently toss into our trash bins on Wednesday mornings. (On trash mornings you can observe many overflowing garbage cans, filled with items that can easily be recycled.)

Next time you start tossing things into the garbage, please take a look at the list below and see if you and your family couldn't make this world a greener place.

Cardboard (any kind: cereal boxes, shoe boxes, shipping boxes, etc.)

Any Paper Product (newspapers, magazines, copy paper, phone books)

Aluminum and Steel Cans

Plastics #1 and #2 (pop, juice, water bottles, milk jugs, detergent bottles, juice bottles, butter tubs, and most opaque containers).

Simply toss them into a box, toss the box into the trunk of your car and use the drive-thru drop-off center at 1161 Paris Pike, near the Southern States station, between 8 a.m. and 5 p.m. Tuesdays through Saturdays.

Items that are **not** accepted are

Glass, Styrofoam, plastic containers for vegetables, electronics, paint, furniture, and microwaves.

There is currently a sample test neighborhood in Georgetown that is testing "curbside recycling". However, until the concept is expanded to the rest of the city, including Cherry Blossom, we should do what we can to make it a greener world.

For other information about recycling, please go to **www.freecycle.org**, and **www.Earth911.com**.



Attention All Golfers

Golf season is in full swing with something for everyone. The following leagues are available for your enjoyment. Contact the Pro Shop for times. It is important to sign up as early as possible so that you can make sure you secure a spot in the league you have an interest in.

Monday Men's League

Thursday Women's League

Friday Couples League

Saturday Morning (Men and Women)

Sunday Men's League



Coming Soon

The 2012 Cherry Blossom Homeowner's Directory will be available on the website.

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A special thanks to those neighbors who helped gather the information as well as Christine Barone for creating the spreadsheet needed for the actual website. The volunteers, by street, are as follows:

Cherry Blossom HOA Street Reps			
Birkdale Drive	Vicky Shippy	Olympia Way	Christy Rock
Blossom Park Drive	Barbara Combs	Pine Valley Drive	Kari Dasher
Cherry Hill Drive	Kelly Fulton and	Prestwick Drive	Jennifer Hernandez
Clubhouse Drive	Diane Elliott	Riviera Drive	Stephanie Ratliff
Kingston Drive	Delight Ducker	Spyglass Drive	Jennifer Ratford
Glendale Drive	Tanya Poer	St Ann Court	Vicky Shippy
Loch Lomond Drive	Candy Field	Sunningdale Drive	Tanya Poer
Medina Court	Barbara Combs		

We are very close to having the directory, (password protected), available on the website. If you provided us with your information, you will receive an email that will provide instructions on how to access the directory as well as the password.

If you have questions, want to make a correction, update your information or add your information, please email Barbara Combs at barbaracombs@roadrunner.com or cbvhoa@cherryblossomhoa.org.



Neighborhood Garage Sale

June 2

8:00am - 1:00pm



Although belated, con-
gratulations to Tiffany
Cline for being crowned
Miss Teen USA 2012!



Recycling Day at Toyota

May 12th

8:00am - 2:00pm

Toyota Gate 7 Then follow the signs!

Details available on website.



*Cherry Blossom Homeowners Association
Board of Directors/Officers*

Miriam Amick Sekhon	Developer/Director
Jas Sekhon	Developer/Director
Glenn Hoskins	Developer/Director
Alycia Ford	President
John Richardson	Vice President
Carrie Slone	Secretary
Danielle Steinberg	Treasurer
Barbara Combs	Member at Large
Delight Ducker	Member at Large
Chris Steinberg	Member at Large
Julie McKee	Advisor
Ed Bringardner	Advisor

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

Committee Coordinator	John Richardson
Nominating Committee	Alycia Ford and Barbara Combs
Finance Committee	Alycia Ford & Danielle Steinberg
Deed and Restrictions Committee	Alycia Ford & John Richardson
Landscaping Committee	Chris Steinberg
Communication Committee	
Welcome/Social Committee	Delight Ducker & Barbara Combs
Safety and Security Committee	Pat Fannin



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