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Contact the Chesterfield Board of Directors at board@chesterfieldhomeowners.com

Upcoming Chesterfield Homeowner Meeting

April 7, 2011 7:45 PM

Board meetings are held at Valley Community Bank, 75 S. Randall Rd., North Aurora

Don't have access to a computer? Need a paper copy of a document or form mentioned in the newsletter? Call our management company to receive a paper copy in the mail.

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Annual Meeting

The annual meeting of the Chesterfield Homeowners Association was held on December 20, 2010. The Chesterfield Board would like to thank all the residents who were brave enough to venture out during the snowstorm to attend the meeting.

Unfortunately, not enough residents attended to have a quorum, the minimum number of voting members that must be in attendance for the meeting to be official.

As stated in the Chesterfield by-laws: *"The presences at the meeting of members entitled to cast, and/or of proxies entitled to cast, ten percent (10%) of the total votes of each class of membership shall constitute a quorum for any action, except as otherwise provided by law, in the Articles of Incorporation, the Declaration or these By-Laws."*

Since ten percent of the homeowners did not attend the meeting or submit a proxy, another homeowners meeting has been scheduled for **April 7th** at 7:45 pm. The meeting will be held in the basement of Valley Community Bank. Homeowners will be receiving a meeting notice and proxy in the mail. If you are not able to attend, please sign the proxy and fax or mail it to Kelly Henry at Baum Property Services (see contact information on back page). Proxies can also be given to a board member.

Watch Your Speed!

Please be aware of your speed as you travel through our subdivision. Of particular concern are cars speeding down Pine Creek and Stewart Avenue to get to Mitchell Road. The speed limit is 25 mph. Please slow down and drive slowly through our community.

HAVE YOU HEARD FROM YOUR FINANCIAL ADVISOR? LET ME RETURN YOUR CALL.

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MAKING SENSE OF INVESTING

Wildlife in my own backyard

Denise Vancil

Although you won't see much activity in your backyard during the winter months, sometimes you'll get a nice surprise.

The backyard was a perfect blanket of snow, cold and sunny. Looking out the patio door at precisely the right moment, what did I see? Not one but two pairs of cardinals. The linden tree was bare, so the four birds stood out. There were two red males and two brown females with their bright red beaks looking my way. It was as if they were two couples, close friends, traveling somewhere for the winter.

Cardinals are some of our many faithful birds that stay through the winter season. They forage on seeds from dried up wildflowers. You can attract them to your backyard with a feeder of sunflower seeds. They're not perching birds but ground or pan feeders, so your feeder needs to have a platform or be in the form of a hanging plate. Watch out though. Such feeders are easy pickings for clever, climbing, jumping chipmunks and squirrels. What falls to the ground feeds the mice. Hence, I've forsaken the joy of feeding the cardinals and other wintering birds because I don't want to feed the mice who then make tunnels in the lawn. You find a mess in the spring. You can't be selective in what wildlife you feed. Birds do come even without a feeder.

I can't prove the wonderful scene of those pairs of cardinals in my tree with a photo, but I think you can picture it.

Cardinals can be comical too. I was once fooled by the "Who's at the door? Look, no one" game. There was this incessant tapping at the front door. Wondering who was there, I answered to find no one.



After three times of this "guess who" game, I went out the back door and came around the front to take the visitor by surprise. The visitor was a male cardinal tapping at his reflection in the brass kickboard on my front door. The joke was on me; game over.

So the next time you hear tapping at the door, it just might be Mr. Cardinal admiring his reflection.

Hope some cardinals visit our backyards soon.

Wetlands

V3, our wetlands maintenance company will be at our next homeowner meeting on April 7 to talk about the management of our wetlands.

All residents are urged to attend.

Fence Amendment

Do you have a fence? Does it look *exactly* like the fence that runs along Butterfield Road? Is it painted the same color? If not, your fence is in violation of Chesterfield's original by-laws as written by the developer, Centex.

The board knows that there are many fences in Chesterfield that do not meet the fencing requirements in the by-laws. In the 10+ years since Chesterfield was developed, new types of fence materials have become available, and many residents have requested that these materials be allowed. The board, the regulations committee and the association's attorney have developed new fence requirements to include these new types of materials.

Please visit the Chesterfield Homeowner Association website to read the fencing document. In order for this amendment to pass, we need at least 75% of the residents to sign and return the fence amendment form. Signed fencing forms can be given to one of the board member, mailed, faxed to Baum Property Services (see contact information on back page) or bring it to one of the homeowner meetings.

If you have any questions about the fence amendment you can send email to: board@chesterfieldhomeowners.com. Emails sent to this address will go to all board members.

Renting/Leasing Your Home

Are you renting out your house? Are you aware that there are rules and regulations that must be followed in the "The Chesterfield Homeowners Association, Inc. Declaration of Covenants, Condition and Restrictions?"

Leasing of Dwellings - Any lease or rental agreement concerning an individual Dwelling must be in writing and be subject to the requirements of the Association. No Dwelling may be leased or rented for an initial term of less than six (6) months. A copy of each executed lease or rental agreement shall be supplied to the Board within ten (10) days after the lease is executed and prior to occupancy. The Association is hereby expressly deemed to be a third party beneficiary of any such lease; any violation of the Declaration, By-Laws or rules and regulations shall be deemed a default under such lease entitling the Association to exercise any and all remedies under the lease or available at law or equity, regardless of the Owner's action or inaction in response to such default.

Each home can be rented to only a single family. All renters must follow all by-laws, rules and regulations.

If your home is being rented, you must provide a copy of the lease to the board within 10 day of signing. Not providing a copy of the lease will result in fines.

For more information on renting or leasing your home, visit the Chesterfield Homeowner website "Document" page. The **Association Handbook** contains current rules and regulations that that have been adopted by the Board of Directors.

Keeping our Neighborhood Clean

Dog Owners

When walking your dog, make sure you are picking up after them. The board has received complaints that residents are not cleaning up when walking their dogs. The Village of North Aurora has an ordinance on dog feces.

6.08.090 - Owner's responsibility for removal of excreta

The owner of every animal shall be responsible for the removal and sanitary disposition of excreta deposited by his or her animal anywhere in the village. When accompanying the animal outside his or her property, the owner shall have on his or her person suitable means for the removal of such excreta which will then be placed in a refuse container for sanitary removal.

Chesterfield residents are required by law to pick up any excreta that your dog should make in a parkway, around the lake, on any resident's lawn, in Fox Valley Park District areas, and in Chesterfield common areas and walking paths.

Garbage

When putting your trash out for pickup by Waste Management, please make sure your trash and recycling items are securely placed in bins or cans. Unsecured trash is blowing into neighbors' yards, our park and common areas. If you need a recycle bin or wish to rent a large trash bin, contact Waste Management at 800-796-9696.

Thanks for helping to keep our neighborhood clean!

Chesterfield Board is Taking Bids

Do you own a business or want to refer a business to us? The board is looking for bids on the following:

1. Printing of metal signs to be posted around the lake
2. Replacement of lighting at the front entrance
3. Repairing Chesterfield Association fencing along Butterfield Road
4. Painting Chesterfield Association fencing along Butterfield Road
5. Painting Chesterfield signs at front entrance

In order to submit bids to the board you must be a licensed business and be fully bonded and insured. All bids or questions can be sent to: board@chesterfieldhomeowners.com

Management Company Monthly Inspection

I received a violation notice from Baum! Why did I receive this notice? Did my neighbor turn me in?

Once a month our management agent, Baum Property Services, inspects our entire subdivision looking for violations of our homeowner's association rules and regulations. Some of the things they look for are:

- Trash cans or recycle bins being stored in the front or side of homes
- Lawns that need to be mowed or that have lots of weeds
- Missing siding or damaged wood trim
- Items being stored in front or on the sides of homes
- Fences not being maintained
- Items being used or stored on common areas
- Holiday decorations up past the Village of North Aurora ordinance deadline
- Dumping of lawn clipping, branches, etc on common areas
- and the list goes on.....

These inspections and notices help to keep our neighborhood looking great. Residents who receive a violation notice are given a certain amount of time to correct the violation. If you receive a violation notice, please take care of the violation as soon as possible. Residents who fail to comply can be fined as stated in the Association Handbook that is posted on the Chesterfield web site: www.chesterfieldhomeowners.com/handbook.htm

Common Areas

During a recent inspection walk it was noted that some residents are storing items; have installed playground equipment; have planted trees or shrubs, have dumped lawn clippings, rocks, dirt, and branches in common and wetlands areas.

There is no dumping allowed in any common areas. Homeowners may not store any items on common areas. Please move these items onto your property and remove any debris dumped on common areas. Any items that have not been removed or cleaned up by April 1, 2011 will be removed/cleaned up and the homeowner will be charged for the removal or cleanup.

North Aurora Police Department Tip Line

The North Aurora Police Department tip line is now up and running. If you would like to leave information regarding a past crime or an on-going problem in your neighborhood, please call the tip line at 630-897-8705, then press 3 and leave your message. You can choose to remain anonymous or you can leave your name and phone number so the department can contact you for additional information.

2011 Kane County Recycling Events

2011 Dates

February 11 & 12 April 8 & 9
March 11 & 12 May 13 & 14

Hours: 8:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon

Location: Kane County Circuit Clerk, 540 S. Randall Road, St. Charles

Items accepted for recycling:

Computers and Peripherals:

Personal Computers, Monitors, Printers, Scanners, Modems, Tape, Disk, CD Drives, Cables, Keyboards, Mice, Plotters (Limit of 25 pieces on Towers/CPU's and Monitors)

Entertainment Equipment:

Televisions, VCR and DVD Players, Camcorders, Cameras, Stereo Equipment (no speakers), Game Players, Joysticks

Office Equipment:

Telephones, Cell Phones, Pagers, Answering Machines, Typewriters, Calculators, Adding Machines, Fax Machines, Shredders, Copiers, Postage Meters

Other:

Microwave Ovens

Software:

Electronic Media: Floppy Discs, Compact Discs (and cases), Videotapes, Audio Cassettes)
Please remove all paper and recycle it with your mixed paper at home.

Books:

We also accept both hardbound and paperback books.

DO NOT BRING Manuals, Packing Material, Air Conditioners or other appliances, or Household Hazardous Wastes.

For further information contact 630-208-3841 or www.co.kane.il.us/environment/recycle/electronic.htm

Household Hazardous Waste - Drop off at Naperville Fire Station #4 at the corner of Route 59 and Brookdale (1/2 mile south of I-88)

9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. Saturdays and Sundays (except holidays)

Cougar Outing

Come out and meet some neighbors. A family night at the Kane County Cougars is being planned for this summer. Anyone wishing to help with the planning of this outing, or if your family is interested in attending please send us an email at board@chesterfieldhomeowners.com.

Nicor Gas Energy Efficiency Program

Nicor will have rebate programs available through May 2011 or until funding is exhausted, for residential and business owners who install qualifying equipment such as high efficiency water heaters, furnaces, or boilers. For specific information on Nicor's rebate programs, please call 1-877-886-4239 or visit www.nicorgasrebates.com.

Chesterfield Resident Services

Do you offer a service that others members in our community would be interested in? Babysitting, lawn work, house cleaning, handyman service, etc. If you would like us to include your service in our next newsletter, please send email to board@chesterfieldhomeowners.com. Remember you can also post on the Chesterfield Forum.

Chesterfield Forum

You will need to join the Chesterfield Yahoo! group in order to read or post notices. The forum is for residents of the Chesterfield subdivision. You can discuss topics of community interest, post items or services for sale, or look for items or services available. The forum is a moderated web site to prevent inappropriate postings. Visit www.chesterfieldhomeowners.com and click on "Join the Chesterfield Forum on Yahoo", or go directly to <http://groups.yahoo.com/group/chesterfieldhoa/> to join today!!!

Layered Italian Pizza

Ingredients:

- 1 cup sour cream
- 8 oz. cream cheese, softened
- 1 tsp. dried spaghetti sauce or Italian herb seasoning
- 2 oz. pepperoni, chopped
- 1 cup lettuce, chopped
- ½ cup plum tomatoes, chopped
- 2 Tbsp. black olives, sliced
- ¾ cup mozzarella cheese, shredded
- garlic melba toast rounds or crisp breadsticks
- fresh basil, chopped (roll up leaves and slice)

Directions:

In medium bowl stir together sour cream, cream cheese and dried spaghetti sauce. Spread onto a large round serving plate to within 1 inch of edge. Top with pepperoni, lettuce, tomato, olives and mozzarella cheese (in that order). Top with fresh basil. Serve with melba toast or breadsticks.

Have a recipe you want to share??? Send it to:
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www.chesterfieldhomeowners.com

Chesterfield Census Form

Enclosed is the Chesterfield Census Form that all residents need to fill out. Please complete the census form and return it to Kelly Henry at Baum Property Services. You can return the form by mail, fax or email (see contact information in the box to the left).

If you misplace your form, you can download or fill it out on-line.

The form is available on the Chesterfield website:

www.chesterfieldhomeowners.com.

You will find the form under Documents. The requested information will not be shared or used for any purpose other than for Chesterfield Homeowners Association business.

Make this YOUR newsletter!

Chesterfield Neighbors welcomes articles from all Chesterfield homeowners and residents. If you have some interesting information you'd like to share with your neighbors (gardening tips, recipes, local information of general interest), send your submission to communication@chesterfieldhomeowners.com or mail it to our management agent (see box at left) marked "Chesterfield Neighbors newsletter."

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