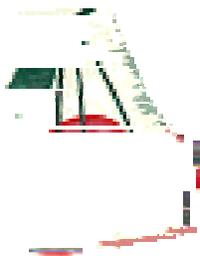


# The Cherry Lake Connection



United we Stand

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## A Message from the President

Dear Neighbors:

As mentioned in our last newsletter "Lighting" is something we should all be aware of, especially now that Fall and Winter are upon us. Since we do not have street lamps it is imperative that we all take the initiative and keep our Yard Lights serviced and working. It has been suggested that we consider getting Street Lamps for our neighborhood. Neither the City of Indianapolis or Warren Township provides this type of lighting. We are researching this, and this is what we know so far, it would cost an estimated \$145.00 per lamp, per year. A community of this size would need at least 30 lights, x \$145.00 = \$4,350.00 per year. An minimum increase of \$15.00 per homeowner a year. So the best solution at this time is to keep those Yard Lights working and ON.

I'm sure you are probably tired of hearing us discuss the Homeowners Association dues, however, I would like you to consider the following:

Homeowners dues are generally payable at the 1st of every new year. This year notices will go out in January and will be due by March 15, 2002. Our dues are considerably lower than most associations in this area. Cumberland Lakes (at Cumberland Road and 30<sup>th</sup> Street) for example have association dues of \$40.00 a month. When an association budget is put together every year, it is based on the fact that the association will receive dues from every homeowner at the 1st of every new year. When this does not happen, the association can have problems paying it's bills. Projects might have to be put off such as Entryway maintenance and snow plowing delayed. By delaying payment to our vendors, we take the chance of having our "good" vendors thinking twice about doing work for our association the next time. They may also raise their rates to our association in the future. By not paying their invoice when due, it is like borrowing "their" money for a month or two. Next time they will want more money because they know that we will be late and they will want interest on "their" money.

More and more, mortgage companies, banks and potential homeowners are looking at community association's financials before they make their decisions to back loans, finance homes and buy homes. They are trying to protect their investment. When they look at receivables (outstanding dues) of a community association and they find that they are high, most likely they will not finance a loan or the potential homeowners will back away from the community because they feel that dues will have to go up to cover the residents that don't pay, or there will be special assessments in the future of the community. Banks and mortgage companies count on the fact the property values should always go up.

Homeowners Association Dues are the life's blood of a Homeowners Association. Please remember the next time you are late with your payment or don't make a payment...the whole community feels it.

Have a Happy and Safe Holiday Season  
Skip Donnell, President

**Special points of interest:**

HOA Meeting December 11, 2001  
7:00 p.m. 3350 Carly Lane

# Congratulations

The winners of the Halloween Decorating Contest were:



First Place

3326 Carly Lane—The Tussinger's



Second Place

11304 Carly Way—The Berumen's



Third Place

3128 Cherry Lake Road—The Edens'

Honorable Mention

11411 Carly Way—The Mitchell's

3225 Cherry Lake Road—The Yarbrough's



The Tussinger Wall of Horror



Sharon & her Mad Scientist



The Tussinger Wolf Man

Judging this year was provided by the Warren Township Fire Department

The Fire Department has also agreed to judge our Christmas Decorating Contest. Judging will be done the week of December 19, 2001. Good Luck to all.



## Community Concerns



### Snow Plowing

We have contracted with a service this year that will push our snow at 2 inches this year. It is cheaper to push at 2" than at 4" as done in the past.

With this mind, it is important that when 2" or more inches are forecasted that you park in your driveway, to facilitate the snow plows.

It was suggested that many of you may not know that Cherry Lake is not on any of the predetermined snow routes for the City of Indianapolis. Since we are not that is the number one reason this HOA collects an annual fee from each homeowner. The following is an excerpt from the City of Indianapolis Snow Policy. You can read this policy on line at this web address; <http://www.ci.indianapolis.in.us/dpw/snow/policy.htm>.

#### **City of Indianapolis Snow Policy**

*The City has over 375 predetermined snow routes. The routes are assigned by priority. The level of storm dictates the frequency that the routes are plowed and treated. In the most severe storms, some of the lower priority routes may receive less attention until the weather eases up.*

*Primary Snow Routes: It is the City's intention to do everything possible to insure that a system of top priority routes (primary snow routes) remains open and passable at all times. These routes are considered priority because they provide a vital link for our police, fire, and emergency rescue teams.*

*Secondary Snow Routes: Secondary routes are those streets considered major thoroughfares but not necessarily primary snow routes. These streets are given attention once the primary snow routes have been assigned.*

*Residential Streets: The City has 150 residential snow zones. In times of heavy or severe conditions, the City of Indianapolis does have a plan to clear residential streets as time and resources allow.*

During the 9 years that I have lived in Cherry Lake I have only seen 1 city snow plow go through this neighborhood. We can call the Mayor's Action Line and request plowing, but we would be at the bottom of the priority list. Think about it.

Skip Donnell

### Speed

Although this was mentioned in the last newsletter it is worth mentioning again.

The speed limit is 25 and most of us abide by it. Just because you are in the neighborhood doesn't mean you can't get a speeding ticket. SLOW down, the life of a child may depend on it.

"Live so that your friends  
can defend you, but never  
have to."

*Arnold Glasow*

## Covenants Update

Thank you to all of the homeowners who have submitted plans for requests for mini-barns, enclosed patios, fences, etc. In 2001, we have approved all of the plans submitted. Please continue to submit your plans for structural changes/additions prior to the start of construction to obtain approval.

The board has done several walk-through of the neighborhood this year to make sure all changes are within D-3 zoning and covenants requirements. We began the process of notifying homeowners who are not in compliance with the requirements. Most violations have been properties overgrown with weeds or lawns not mowed, mini-barns and fences not approved, and trash visible on the property. We will continue to walk the neighborhood and notify any homeowners in violation of the covenants.

Please keep in mind that certain structural requirements must be maintained since we are located in a D-3 Zoning Ordinance. **All one story houses must maintain a minimum main floor area of 900 square feet with a one or two-car attached garage and paved drive. All homes with more than one story must have a main floor area of no less than 660 square feet with a one or two-car attached garage and paved drive** (Covenants Item #5--Uses and Size Restrictions). Open porches, patios, garages, and basements shall be excluded in the computation of the main floor area. Any houses that do not maintain these minimum characteristics will be subject to zoning violation fines imposed by the Department of Metropolitan Development (DMD). In addition, the DMD will require you to restore your home/property to these set minimums.

If you are planning to remodel your home, make sure you obtain the appropriate building permits, submit your plans to the board, and maintain the D-3 zoning requirements.

Ann Jacobs, Treasurer

## Fall Reminders

The following are some hints for maintaining your home during the fall season. It is important that during this season you prepare your home for the upcoming winter.

1. Have furnace serviced by a qualified heating contractor
2. Change furnace filter(s)
3. Replace central humidifier pad
4. Close crawl space vents
5. Check fireplace flue for creosote build-up and check damper for proper operation
6. Check roof for damaged, loose or missing shingles. Checking flashing areas at this time is also suggested
7. Clean gutters as needed
8. Install or lower all storm windows
9. Shut off water to outside faucets and disconnect all garden hoses
10. Insulate any plumbing located in garage or other areas subject to freezing
11. Empty or let gasoline tank on your lawnmower run dry before winter storage
12. Take a careful look at the exterior of your house to see that it is properly protected from the elements



## Notes of Interest

- The Cherry Lake Homeowners' Association has an e-mail address; CLHA46235@hotmail.com. You can reach any board member at this address, or you can e-mail individual members at their listed address found in the directory.
- The December Monthly HOA meeting will be December 18, 2001 at 7:00 p.m.—3350 Carly Lane. NOTE—there is no sitter service available and young children are not included.
- The January Monthly HOA meeting will be on January 8, 2001 at 7:00 p.m.—3350 Carly Lane. NOTE—there is no sitter service available and young children are not included.
- The Cherry Lake Homeowners Association Web Site will be up and running in 2002 watch the Newsletter for the web address.

## "Crime watch" Needs You!

We would like to start a Neighborhood Crime watch. All interested should contact Skip Donnell, President.

## Newsletter

Great feedback has been received regarding our Newsletter. Thanks!

Volunteers are needed to help deliver the newsletters. Please contact Nina Donnell at 894.4307 if you have an extra 20 minutes in your day to deliver a few newsletters to your neighbors.

Don't forget we are accepting ads for our Newsletter—up to 75 words per ad at a low cost of \$5.00 per issue.

The deadline for submissions of any kind for the January-March 2002 Newsletter is December 27, 2001. You can e-mail your submissions directly to Nina at nadonnell@home.com

## Neighbor Notes

The leaves are off the trees and we are all busy raking and sprucing up our yards, take the time to bag your leaves. Don't rake or blow them into the street or the sewer grates. Once the rains begin all of the debris from the leaves and then the snow will clog the sewers. The cycle of melting and freezing will create a backwash. In turn, becoming a potential accident for our seniors and children walking along the sidewalks and driveways. Be a good neighbor BAG your leaves.

## Block Party

A special THANK YOU goes out to the Tussinger Family for their generous donation of 12 pumpkins for the kids to decorate and the Block Party.

Thank you to the Warren Township Fire Department for providing their "Survive Alive" House and a volunteer to take all the kids through.

Thank you to the City of Lawrence Fire Department for the loan of their generator.





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## Holiday Decoration Safety Tips

### TREES

Many artificial trees are fire resistant. If you buy one, look for a statement specifying this protection.

A fresh tree will stay green longer and be less of a fire hazard than a dry tree. To check for freshness, remember:

- A fresh tree is green.
- Fresh needles are hard to pull from branches.
- When bent between your fingers, fresh needles do not break.
- The trunk butt of a fresh tree is sticky with resin.
- When the trunk of a tree is bounced on the ground, a shower of falling needles shows that tree is too dry.

Place tree away from fireplaces, radiators and other heat sources. Heated rooms dry trees out rapidly, creating fire hazards.

Cut off about two inches of the trunk to expose fresh wood for better water absorption. Trim away branches as necessary to set tree trunk in the base of a sturdy, water-holding stand with wide spread feet. Keep the stand filled with water while the tree is indoors.

Place the tree out of the way of traffic and do not block doorways. Use thin guy-wires to secure a large tree to walls or ceiling. These wires are almost invisible.

### "SNOW"

Artificial snow sprays can irritate lungs if inhaled. To avoid injury, read container labels; follow directions carefully.

### LIGHTS

Indoors or outside, use only lights that have been tested for safety. Identify these by the label from an independent testing laboratory.

Check each set of lights, new or old, for broken or cracked sockets, frayed or bare wires, or loose connections. Discard damaged sets or repair them before using.

Fasten outdoor lights securely to trees, house, walls or other firm support to protect from wind damage.

Use no more than three standard-size sets of lights per single extension cord.

Turn off all lights on trees and other decorations when you go to bed or leave the house. Lights could short and start a fire.

Never use electric lights on a metallic tree.

The tree can become charged with electricity from faulty lights, and any person touching a branch could be electrocuted! To avoid this danger, use colored spotlights above or beside a tree, never fastened onto it!

Keep "bubbling" lights away from children. These lights with their bright colors and bubbling movement can tempt curious children to break candle-shaped glass, which can cut, and attempt to drink liquid, which contains a hazardous chemical.



## CANDLES

Never use lighted candles on a tree or near other evergreens.  
 Always use non-flammable holders.  
 Keep candles away from other decorations and wrapping paper.  
 Place candles where they cannot be knocked down or blown over.

## TRIMMINGS

Use only non-combustible or flame-resistant materials.

Wear gloves while decorating with spun glass "angel hair" to avoid irritation to eyes and skin.

Choose tinsel or artificial icicles or plastic or non-leaded metals. Leaded materials are hazardous if ingested by children.

In homes with small children, take special care to:

- *Avoid decorations that are sharp or breakable.*
- *Keep trimmings with small removable parts out of the reach of children. Pieces could be swallowed or inhaled.*
- *Avoid trimmings that resemble candy or food. A child could eat them!*

## FIRES

Before lighting any fire, remove all greens, boughs, papers, and other decorations from fireplace area. Check to see that flue is open.

Keep a screen before the fireplace all the time a fire is burning.

Use care with "fire salts" which produce colored flames when thrown on wood fires. They contain heavy metals which can cause intense gastrointestinal irritation or vomiting if eaten. Keep away from children.

## PAPER

When making paper decorations, look for materials labeled non-combustible or flame-resistant.

Never place trimming near open flames or electrical connections.

Remove all wrapping papers from tree and fireplace areas immediately after presents are opened.

Do not burn papers in the fireplace. A flash fire may result as wrappings ignite suddenly and burn intensely.

## General Rules for Holiday Safety

- Keep matches, lighters, and candles out of the reach of children.
- \* Avoid smoking near flammable decorations.
- \* Make an emergency plan to use if a fire breaks out anywhere in the home. See that each family member knows what to do. **PRACTICE THE PLAN!**
- \* Avoid wearing loose flowing clothes - particularly long, open sleeves - near open flames - such as those of a fireplace, stove, or candlelit table.
- \* Never burn candles near evergreens. Burning evergreens in the fireplace can also be hazardous. When dry, greens burn like tinder. Flames can flare out of control, and send sparks flying into a room, or up the chimney to ignite creosote deposits.

Plan for safety. Remember, there is no substitute for common sense. Look for and eliminate potential danger spots near candles, fireplaces, trees, and/or electrical connections.



## Cherry Lake Directory

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Nina Donnell, Secretary, Communications Chair e.mail nadonnell@home.com		894.4307
Cherry Lake Homeowners Association		<a href="http://www.cherrylake.org">www.cherrylake.org</a>

### City and State Numbers

Abandoned Buildings	327.5866
Abandoned Vehicles	327.4622
Voter's Registration	327.5040
Animal Control:	
Injured/Stray Animals	633.3007
Dead Animal Removal	327.4622
Assessor, Marion County	327.4909
Code Enforcement	
Zoning Matters	327.8700
Fire Code	327.6006
Courts Information	327.4010
Gang Task Force	327.6631
Graffiti	264.7555
Humane Society	872.5650
Property Tax Information	327.4040
Transportation	
Bus Routes & Schedules	635.3344
Carpool Information	327.RIDE
Airport, Indianapolis	487.5063

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532-6800**Stonybrook Middle School \***11300 Stonybrook Dr, 46229  
Jack Washburn, Principal  
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