



# The Cherry Lake Connection

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## A Message from the President

Submitted by Skip Donnell



Ah yes – Summer is nearly over and school has started. To start this letter off I would like to take a moment to apologize to those of you who were offended by my last letter. I did receive numerous calls and e-mails about its content. Ironically, the split was about 50/50 between those who agreed with what I had to say and those that were offended. In the future I will attempt to keep my “personal opinions” out of this letter.

Now, on to bigger and better things.....

First off – our new sign at the front of the neighborhood. After a lot of checking, we have finally come up with a “cost effective” design for the new sign. Fortunately, it appears that the money we have saved from not having to plow snow for the past two years will cover the expense of the sign completely. To help save money we will be doing the work ourselves. I have contacted a local vendor to make the sign for us. His portion will be strictly the sign. I will fabricate the wooden frame and post for the sign. After this is completed, the Board (and

any residents who want to help) will take care of the erecting of the sign and the landscaping. The sign will have a marbled green background with “Cherry Lake – Welcome” in gold lettering. Around the base of the sign we will be building an elevated flower bed (probably 3-4 levels of landscape blocks high). We will then plant seasonal flowers and bushes in this area.

As we are all aware the entrance to the neighborhood has looked very bad for several months now. Finally, the company has come back and leveled and seeded the entranceway. It has been sparse this season with the hot weather we have had, but the grass should be visible next year, maybe even this fall. One problem that was not fully resolved was the drainage issues because of the blocked culvert beneath the entrance. The east end of the culvert is still about 50% blocked with dirt. We will have to talk to the city to get this address (unless somebody here has a backhoe we can use to restore the drainage to the ditch – LOL).

We now have a common “threat” to our neighborhood that we all need to work to stop. Just west of our neighborhood at 30<sup>th</sup> and German Church there is a small “Executive” golf course – Grassy Creek. Unknown to us – this property is for sale! It has just come to my attention that there is a developer that is attempting to purchase this land and have it rezoned for residential use. Their goal is to build small houses on the property – valued at approximately \$80,000 each. We must work together to block this from happening. The first “open” forum meeting was held on July 9<sup>th</sup>! Ironically (or unfortunately), the developer failed to publicly notify us of this meeting. State law requires that rezoning like this have a series of “open forum” meetings in which all people living in the affected area can come and voice an opinion. The date of the next meeting is not yet published but please bear in mind YOUR HELP IS

## Cherry Lake's “Lake”

Submitted by Nina Donnell

I'm sure you saw this article in the last newsletter, but it seems worth repeating as we are continuing to receive calls regarding the Lake.

**The LAKE is private property.** Those homeowners that live around the **LAKE** are considered its owners. Those homeowners are re-

sponsible for its upkeep and maintenance.

To **FISH, SWIM** or **BOAT** on the **LAKE** is illegal, it is also considered **TRESPASSING** if you do such activities without permission from the homeowners you can be **ARRESTED.**

So, please respect the property rights of these homeowners and do not **TRESPASS.**

If you have any questions regarding the **LAKE**, direct your inquiries to the President of the **LAKE ASSOCIATION**, Neil Hunt at 891.8843.

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## Message from the President continued

NEEDED. When the next meeting is approaching I will attempt to notify you as early as possible. Please, try to attend this meeting and voice your opposition to this project. By allowing lower value homes to be built in our area we will be severely jeopardizing the values of our own homes. Watch for a sign at the entrance to the neighborhood for more details.

We are still attempting to get the Neighborhood Crime Watch off the ground. So far we have not had a great response from people wanting to be Block Captains. Being a Block Captain will not take much of your time. The largest outlay of time will be involved when you first accept responsibility. You will have to go door to door and ask the people assigned to you if they would like to participate. Our goal is to limit any Block Captain to no more than 10 homes (that means that our neighborhood will need about 23 volunteers). At the door to door you will provide each resident that chooses to participate with a "kit". After that you simply sit back and wait. If somebody has an incident (break in, theft, vandalism, etc), they will call you and report it after they call the police. You would in turn call me (the Neighborhood Coordinator) and then call the other 9 homes you are responsible for. One important thing to remember is that the Crime Watch is not just about burglary, it is about protecting our children and our property. Cracking down on speeders is just as important as watching out for thieves.

We will be having another neighborhood Garage Sale on Saturday, September 14, 2002, from 8:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

On September 28, 2002, we will once again have a Neighborhood Clean Up Day. A dumpster will be at the entrance of the community again and we encourage everyone to take advantage of it. Remember, no chemicals or paints, no air con-

ditions—or any type of appliance with freon, no building materials. Shrubs, dead trees, leaves, etc. are acceptable

Our annual Homeowners meeting will be November 13, 2002, at the Warren Central Library from 7:00 p.m. to 8:30 p.m., it is important that you try to attend, as we will be discussing changes to our Covenants and Restrictions, plus our annual Election of Board Members.

In closing I have included an e-mail that I received the other day. Supposedly, this is a "chain mail" e-mail that has been circulating since 9-11. I thought the message that it contained was very touching.

Enjoy.

IF I KNEW  
Unknown author

If I knew it would be the last time  
That I'd see you fall asleep,  
I would tuck you in more tightly  
and pray the Lord, your soul to  
keep.

If I knew it would be the last time  
that I see you walk out the door,  
I would give you a hug and kiss  
and call you back for one more.

If I knew it would be the last time  
I'd hear your voice lifted up in  
praise,  
I would videotape each action  
and word,  
so I could play them back day  
after day.

If I knew it would be the last  
time,  
I could spare an extra minute  
to stop and say, "I love you,"  
instead of assuming you would  
KNOW I do.

If I knew it would be the last time  
I would be there to share your  
day,  
Well I'm sure you'll have so  
many more,  
so I can let just this one slip  
away.

For surely there's always tomorrow  
to make up for an oversight,  
and we always get a second  
chance

to make everything just right.

There will always be another  
day  
to say, "I love you,"  
And certainly there's another  
chance  
to say our "Anything I can do?"

But just in case I might be  
wrong,  
and today is all I get,  
I'd like to say how much I love  
you  
and I hope we never forget.

Tomorrow is not promised to  
anyone,  
young or old alike,  
And today may be the last  
chance  
you get to hold your loved one  
tight.

So if you're waiting for tomorrow,  
why not do it today?

For if tomorrow never comes,  
you'll surely regret the day,  
That you didn't take that extra  
time  
for a smile, a hug, or a kiss  
and you were too busy to grant  
someone,  
what turned out to be their one  
last wish?

So hold your loved ones close  
today,  
and whisper in their ear,  
Tell them how much you love  
them  
and that you'll always hold them  
dear

Take time to say, "I'm sorry,"  
"Please forgive me," "Thank  
you," or "It's okay."

And if tomorrow never comes,  
you'll have no regrets about today.

***Tomorrow is  
not promised to  
anyone,  
young or old  
alike,  
And today may  
be the last  
chance  
you get to hold  
your loved one  
tight.***

# Treasurer's Report

Submitted by Ann Jacobs

Once again we are publishing the list of those homeowners that have paid their annual dues. Thank you for your community support. If this winter is like the winter of 2000 we are going to need it.

3310	Carly Lane	10925	Cherry Lake Place	11348	Cherry Tree Way
3311	Carly Lane	10934	Cherry Lake Place	11349	Cherry Tree Way
3318	Carly Lane	10943	Cherry Lake Place	11372	Cherry Tree Way
3319	Carly Lane	10954	Cherry Lake Place		
3326	Carly Lane	10955	Cherry Lake Place	3061	Eric Circle
3334	Carly Lane	10965	Cherry Lake Place	3104	Eric Circle
3335	Carly Lane	11009	Cherry Lake Place	3115	Eric Circle
3342	Carly Lane	11014	Cherry Lake Place	3124	Eric Circle
3350	Carly Lane	11019	Cherry Lake Place	3125	Eric Circle
		11044	Cherry Lake Place		
		11049	Cherry Lake Place	11412	Kristen Circle
3367	Carly Court				
3368	Carly Court	3010	Cherry Lake Road	3339	Kristen Court
3375	Carly Court	3011	Cherry Lake Road	3340	Kristen Court
3376	Carly Court	3020	Cherry Lake Road	3347	Kristen Court
		3021	Cherry Lake Road	3348	Kristen Court
3431	Carly Circle	3031	Cherry Lake Road	3355	Kristen Court
3432	Carly Circle	3040	Cherry Lake Road	3356	Kristen Court
		3050	Cherry Lake Road		
11304	Carly Way	3112	Cherry Lake Road	11301	Kristen Lane
11328	Carly Way	3118	Cherry Lake Road	11302	Kristen Lane
11350	Carly Way	3127	Cherry Lake Road	11310	Kristen Lane
11351	Carly Way	3155	Cherry Lake Road	11326	Kristen Lane
11358	Carly Way	3168	Cherry Lake Road	11334	Kristen Lane
11375	Carly Way	3181	Cherry Lake Road	11342	Kristen Lane
11401	Carly Way	3188	Cherry Lake Road	11368	Kristen Lane
11402	Carly Way	3191	Cherry Lake Road		
11411	Carly Way	3198	Cherry Lake Road	3012	Kyle Court
		3199	Cherry Lake Road	3022	Kyle Court
11403	Cherry Lake Circle	3201	Cherry Lake Road	3032	Kyle Court
11410	Cherry Lake Circle	3217	Cherry Lake Road		
11418	Cherry Lake Circle	3222	Cherry Lake Road	3315	Lauren Drive
		3233	Cherry Lake Road	3316	Lauren Drive
11112	Cherry Lake Court	3253	Cherry Lake Road	3324	Lauren Drive
11120	Cherry Lake Court	3263	Cherry Lake Road	3331	Lauren Drive
11123	Cherry Lake Court	3305	Cherry Lake Road	3332	Lauren Drive
		3314	Cherry Lake Road	3355	Lauren Drive
3149	Cherry Lake Lane	3315	Cherry Lake Road	3356	Lauren Drive
3165	Cherry Lake Lane	3325	Cherry Lake Road	3362	Lauren Drive
3205	Cherry Lake Lane	3333	Cherry Lake Road	3367	Lauren Drive
3220	Cherry Lake Lane	3342	Cherry Lake Road	3417	Lauren Drive
3221	Cherry Lake Lane	3426	Cherry Lake Road	3425	Lauren Drive
3230	Cherry Lake Lane	3440	Cherry Lake Road	3430	Lauren Drive
3233	Cherry Lake Lane			3452	Lauren Drive
3244	Cherry Lake Lane	11069	Cherry Lake Way	3460	Lauren Drive
3249	Cherry Lake Lane	11072	Cherry Lake Way		
3250	Cherry Lake Lane	11242	Cherry Lake Way	3512	Lisa Circle
3257	Cherry Lake Lane	11249	Cherry Lake Way		
3266	Cherry Lake Lane	11265	Cherry Lake Way	11148	Lisa Court
3273	Cherry Lake Lane	11301	Cherry Lake Way	11158	Lisa Court
3281	Cherry Lake Lane	11309	Cherry Lake Way		
		11317	Cherry Lake Way		
10914	Cherry Lake Place	11318	Cherry Lake Way		
10915	Cherry Lake Place	11334	Cherry Lake Way		
		11342	Cherry Lake Way		
		11301	Cherry Tree Way		
		11302	Cherry Tree Way		
		11309	Cherry Tree Way		
		11325	Cherry Tree Way		

If you have paid your dues and your address is not listed above. Please contact Ann Jacobs at 892.2961.

# Cherry Lake Homeowners Association Financial Condition as of 05/31/02

Submitted by Ann Jacobs, Treasurer

<i>Summary</i>	<b>Budgeted</b>	<b>Actual</b>		<b>Budgeted</b>	<b>Actual</b>
Total Income	\$7,845.00	\$5863.39	Sign Replacement	2,400.00	0
Total Expenses	\$7,845.00	\$1,729.50	Insurance	800.00	0
<b>Income</b>			Block Party	500.00	0
Dues	\$7,680.00	\$5,360.00	Computer Software	0	410.00
Interest Income	115.00	8.39	Donation	0	100.00
Advertising Income	50.00	20.00	Website	0	239.95
Referral Income	0	75.00			
Entrance Settlement	0	400.00	<b>Totals</b>	<b>\$7,845.00</b>	<b>\$1,729.50</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$7,845.00</b>	<b>\$5,863.39</b>			
<b>Expenses</b>			<b>Reserve Funds</b>	<b>Balance</b>	
Snow Removal	\$1,500.00	0	Attorney Fees	\$ 500.00	
Advertising	100.00	56.95	Sign Replacement	600.00	
Newsletter	350.00	453.60	Snow Plowing	2,495.20	
Postage	172.00	102.00			
Attorney Fees	1,000.00	0			
Utilities	\$ 145.00	\$ 144.00			
Lawn care	600.00	175.00			
Plants/Flowers	70.00	0			
P.O. Box	48.00	38.00			
State Secretary Fee	10.00	10.00			
Office Supplies	150.00	170.62			

## Notes of Interest

### NEIGHBORHOOD GARAGE SALE

Saturday, September 14, 2002, is the date set for Fall Garage Sale.

We will be running an ad in the Indianapolis Star to promote this event and a Sign will be placed at the entrance of the community. Everyone is encouraged to participate. There is no COST to you.

### NEIGHBORHOOD CLEANUP

Saturday, September 28, 2002  
A dumpster available at Entrance. No chemicals or paints, no air conditions—or any type of appliance with freon, no building materials. Shrubs, dead

trees, leaves, etc. are acceptable. Now is the time to get rid of those dead trees and bushes.  
**Halloween Decorating Contest**

Once again we will have a contest for the Home decorated the Best for Halloween. Judging will be done on October 29, 2002.

### Crime Watch Update

In August we have had the following incidents reported:

Break in the area of Carly Way

Fire in a vacant house in the area of Lisa Court

A rock through a window in the area of Cherry Tree Way

Several incidents of groups of children and teens blocking the street and creating a nuisance.

If you are a victim of a crime the very first thing you should do is call 911 and report it. The same stands true for reporting an unusual occurrence always contact the authorities first.

Once this has been done and all is calm, then you should contact your Block Capitan and report it or the Neighborhood Coordinator, Skip Donnell at 894.4307.



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# Board of Directors Responsibilities

Submitted by Nina Donnell, Secretary

Have you ever wondered just exactly what the duties are of the elected Board of Directors for Cherry Lake? With elections only 2 months and a few days away, here is a summary of the duties of each Board Member.

## **President**

Appoint committees as needed and ensure each has a charter, objectives and the resources to meet them. Coordinate people and resources. Encourage the volunteers and monitor their progress toward their objectives. Monitor Association activities and ensure follow-up to completion. Identify problem areas and coordinate resources and processes for solution. Identify ways to improve our condition—to make things better than they were before. Promote the association within the neighborhood. Make residents feel good in being part of and participating in it. Enhance the image of the association outside of the neighborhood—to the city, real estate professionals and others.

## **Vice President**

The Vice President runs meetings in the absence of the President. The Vice President should

be prepared to assume the duties of the President should the President be unable or unavailable. As a Board member, the Vice President should also expect to volunteer for other tasks and projects as they come up. Distributing the load among all Board members and other volunteers helps to keep tasks manageable for everyone.

## **Treasurer—CFO**

Oversees the financial affairs of the Association. Provide financial control by reviewing monthly statements and cash journal for correct allocation to accounts, double billings, and other discrepancies. Provide analysis of trends in expense and reserve accounts activity and keep an eye on budget versus actual. Initiate and ensure completion of annual budgeting process. Review audit report. Provide visibility of our financial affairs through newsletter articles and reports at Board meetings and the Annual Meeting in November.

## **Secretary**

Take notes and produce meeting minutes for meetings. Be responsible for recording and archiving all important associa-

tion documents such as rules, policies, resolutions and ballots. The current activity tracking reports for Resolutions, Policies, Copies of all newsletters. A copy of every Association mailing, including letters, ballots, etc.

As a Board members, the Treasurer and Secretary should also expect to volunteer for other tasks and projects as they come up. Distributing the load among all Board members and other volunteers helps to keep tasks manageable for everyone.

Keep in mind the people who hold these positions are all volunteers, there is **NO** financial compensation. Plus just like you they have full time jobs and family obligations. Yet they are willing to give of themselves to make our neighborhood a good place to live.

Be sure to come out and vote on November 13, 2002.

Any homeowner who is in good standing with the Homeowners Association is eligible to hold office and to vote.

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# Things to Do This Fall

Submitted by Nina Donnell, Secretary

## **Tuttle Orchards**

5717 N. 300 W.  
Greenfield, IN 46140  
317-326-2278

## **U-Pick begins August 31st.**

Please note the change in the u-pick hours. Monday- Saturday, 9:00 AM to 6:00 PM; Closed Sundays.

## **Pumpkin Patch**

begins October 1, 2002

## **Directions - FROM OAK-LANDON/GEIST/LAWRENCE:**

Go east on Pendleton Pike

(SR67) to Oaklandon Road (Watson's is on the corner). Turn south (right) onto Oaklandon Road. The road goes one block south then turns east. Follow the road five miles east to 300 West. Turn south (right) and Tuttle Orchards is on the east (left) side of the road.

## **Festivals & Events in the Area**

Riley Festival - Old October Greenfield  
October 3 thru October 6, 2002

Canal Days & Traders  
Rendezvous - Metamora  
October 4 thru October 6, 2002

Parke County Cover Bridge  
Festival - Rockville  
October 10 thru  
October 19, 2002

## **Halloween**

**Indianapolis Zoo**  
October 25-27, 2002 - 3-6 pm

**Indiana State Fair Grounds**  
October 31, 2002 - For more information contact Amy Luking at (317) 431-7073.

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For those of you who did call regarding ad placement, in the last couple of months, please accept my apology as the information was lost due to a computer virus.

Please call again or email me at [nadonnell@comcast.net](mailto:nadonnell@comcast.net)



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