



Cherry Lake Connection

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FROM THE PRESIDENT

Michael Schultheiss

Summer is upon us and the neighborhood children are out of school. Please drive carefully through the neighborhood and remember, the speed limit is 25 miles per hour!

In early June, the street light at the front of the neighborhood was hit and knocked down. We finally got IPL to remove the broken pole and light and replace them. We also plan on installing solar powered spotlights to illuminate our front entrance sign.

The Cherry Lake Board is applying for a grant from Keep Indianapolis Beautiful. We hope to be able to build a small park at the dead end of Cherry Lake Road at the back of the neighborhood.

I hope everyone has a safe and enjoyable summer. As always, feel free to contact me at 1-888-293-2809 or via e-mail at president@cherrylake.org.

SAFETY AND SECURITY PATROL

Our patrols began on June 16. The primary emphasis is to increase our awareness of safety and security issues.

SPEED LIMIT

The speed limit in Cherry Lake is 25 MPH. Please drive safely!

THE LAKE

The lake is private property. If you do not live on the lake, you ***do not*** have access to it! Please respect the rights of the homeowners that live on the lake. Trespassers will be prosecuted to the fullest extent of the law.

UPCOMING EVENTS

NEIGHBORHOOD NIGHT OUT – AUGUST 1

Last year's Neighborhood Night Out was a great success. We will be participating in this year's Neighborhood Night Out as well. Visit www.nno.org/nno/ for more information. We will again meet at Lisa Court at 7:00 pm.

FALL GARAGE SALE – AUGUST 12

We will put the entrance banner up from August 7-12 to announce the sale.

FALL COMMUNITY CLEANUP SATURDAY, AUGUST 19, 1 PM

Last year's Community Clean Ups were very successful events. We filled the entire packer truck at both cleanups. We have scheduled another packer truck for Saturday, August 19.

The truck will arrive at 1 p.m. and move throughout the neighborhood until approximately 5 p.m. They will make at least one pass through the entire neighborhood.

Please prepare in advance so you are ready when the truck gets to your street.

GOOD NEIGHBORS

Joe Hofmeister

What is the purpose of having Covenants and Restrictions? Some people say it is to keep our property values from dropping. I believe that having covenants and restrictions help us to remain "good neighbors."

I think a "good neighbor" keeps their property neatly cared for (lawn cut at 3 inches and weeds at a minimum). Good neighbors try to keep their leaves raked, before they all end up in their neighbor's fence or yard.

Good neighbors teach their children to respect other's property by not cutting across their yards.

All trash should be picked up from the yard and curb. Yard lights should be kept working to provide safety lighting throughout the neighborhood.

Good neighbors with large, powerful music systems keep them turned down, especially after 10 P.M.

Good neighbors keep their portable basketball goals on their property, thus helping keep their children and their friends from playing in the streets.

Good neighbors do not park their vehicles on the street continually and directly across from their neighbor's driveway.

Good neighbors do not speed through the addition. They remember that the speed limit is 25 MPH.

If we were "good neighbors" all of the time, then there would be no need for "Covenants and Restrictions"

Crime Watch Update **Anita Jones, Coordinator**

I am sad to report that we have had a number of vandalisms in our neighborhood; broken car windows, graffiti on a garage door, fences and electrical boxes and attempted break-ins. I feel that it is everybody's duty to get involved to make our neighborhood safe and clean again. Get to know your neighbors or introduce yourself to the newcomers. Be friendly, kind and helpful. If you know the people that live next door to you then you will also know when someone might not belong there. Make sure you have a working yard light; criminals do not like to approach a well lit home.

To most of us living here, owning our home is a major investment. Let's work together to get the home value up in Cherry Lake. Driving up Cherry Lake Road is the first impression a potential buyer gets. Look around you and think if you would want to buy a home here right now! If the answer is no or maybe, then do something about it. Our homes should be worth \$125,000 and up, not \$100,000 and down.

To those who are renting their home, you might not have a large financial interest in the house you live in, but it is still your home and your raise your family here. Don't we all want to live in a nice neighborhood?

Most importantly, we need volunteers for the Crime Watch Block Captains. It does not take a lot of time; ideally we would love to have 1 person assigned for every 10 homes. Crimes need to be reported to the police immediately, after the police report simply inform your block captain who in turn will notify the other neighbors and the coordinator. The coordinator will then inform the other block captains. That way we have a quick chain of information going. You can also report to crimewatch@cherrylake.org – Neighborhoods with an organized crime watch have 50% less crime.

So please, let us work together to make this neighborhood nice and desirable again, like it used to be many years ago!

Basketball Goals

Many of the homes in Cherry Lake have the portable basketball goals, which are great fun and an excellent way to stay in shape, however there are some things to consider. Goals that are in the street are not only a source of danger for those playing but also for passing cars that may be forced to serve quickly around them. Also, the postmaster would like to remind residents that goals that block mail boxes will prevent mail from being delivered. The best and safest move of all is to play basketball in your driveway.

COVENANTS AND RESTRICTIONS

We continue to monitor the neighborhood for violations of the Cherry Lake Covenants and Restrictions. The majority of violation notices come from lawns that are not mowed, front yard lights that don't work, and vehicles that are improperly parked. Please be a good neighbor and help maintain the appearance of our neighborhood.

Fire Safety and a Neighbor in Need

As most of you know by now one of our neighbors has lost their home to a fire. The family is in need of a nearby 3 bedroom 2 bath month to month rental. They have been told it will take about 4 months to rebuild, if you can help please call Judy Egan on her cell phone at 529-6412. Our thoughts go out to this family during such a difficult time.

Also, please remember that smoke detectors save lives, if you need a smoke detector call the fire department at 899-3303 or visit their website at warrentwpfire.com. Remember to check the batteries in your smoke detectors monthly.

Changes in Our Answering Service

The homeowners association board recently made the decision to change our voice mail system. Now, when you call the association at 1-888-293-2809 – you will be prompted to leave a voice mail for us instead of speaking to an operator. We did this for two very important reasons number one being that messages were not be properly sent to us so there were miscommunications, and secondly it will save the board quite a bit of money; approximately \$360 a year which will allow us to make improvements in other ways. As always, please call if you have any questions or concerns. You can also reach the board via our website www.cherrylake.org

IMPORTANT PHONE NUMBERS

The following phone numbers are useful for all neighborhood residents:

- 327-4653 – pot hole repair
- 327-1397 – stray animals
- 221-2143 – health complaints, grass/weeds
- 327-4622 – Mayor's Action Center

VOLUNTEERS ARE NEEDED

The Cherry Lake Homeowners Association is an all-volunteer organization. We need your help for such things as:

- Block Captains
- Special Event Photographer
- Submitting articles of interest for newsletters
- Coordination of garage sales

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