

CUMBERLAND HILL INFORMER



Spring 2020



About Neighborhood Dues...

CHNA is dedicated to maintaining and improving our property values. To do that, we need everyone to pitch in and pay their dues to cover the maintenance and general upkeep around our neighborhood.

Throughout the years, even as the cost of services and utilities has continued to rise, CHNA has kept our annual dues at **\$50**. This rate has not been raised in 20 years, and we are starting to find ourselves running a deficit. Now, if we could get support from all 548 residents, this would not be an issue. However, with some households not contributing, we cannot sustain this budget level for very long.

At first, we were planning to increase our dues this year, but that changed. As we continue to deal with these unprecedented times with the COVID-19 outbreak, CHNA has decided not to raise dues this year.

It would be a slap in the face, when so many of us are already dealing with other issues.

We understand that in the grand scheme of things, paying neighborhood dues is the last thing on everybody's mind.

That being said, CHNA still has to pay the bills for the neighborhood services. While we continue to identify areas where we can cut costs, we may have to forgo some expenses and activities that we have had in the past. This will depend largely on your support.

Here are a few of the things that your dues pay for in Cumberland Hill:

- ◇ Electricity to keep the lights on in the front of the neighborhood
- ◇ Tree maintenance including removals and replacements
- ◇ Landscaping, mulching and sprinkler system for front entrance
- ◇ Front entrance holiday lights display
- ◇ Maintenance of street signs
- ◇ Neighborhood website, email system, and newsletters (like this one!)
- ◇ Legal fees for issues that impact the neighborhood
- ◇ Fourth of July parade
- ◇ Annual CHNA Picnic



In the past, we have heard some people say that they don't attend the social activities, or that they don't have kids, or that their kids are grown, so they don't take part in those activities. PLEASE understand that the social activities represent a very small fraction (~5%) of our total budget. We feel strongly that whether or not you personally take part in these events, they are VERY important to maintaining an active and engaged community environment, which does benefit everyone living here. Your dues mostly help to keep Cumberland Hill a beautiful neighborhood.

Getting an early start:

On the other side of this page (Page 2) you will find the dues form that we normally send out in June.

We have 3 different ways for you to pay your dues for the 2020-2021 fiscal year: Mail, dropbox, and online. See the next page for more details.

Let's continue to make Cumberland Hill a great place to live and call home!

Dues Form for 2020-2021

Your dues payment covers our fiscal year from July 1st through June 30th each year. Normally we send a dues letter in June to start the collection process. This year we'd like to start a little earlier.

We have 3 ways for you to pay:

- Send this form with your check (*payable to CHNA*) to: CHNA, PO Box 24985, Lexington KY 40524
- Drop off this form (or anything with your information) and your check at our **new drop-box** up at the Clubhouse. It's located on the front porch, mounted on the wall next to the main door.
- Pay online at our website: www.cumberlandhill.net Click on "Pay Dues" at the top of the page.

ANNUAL DUES: \$50.00 / year

Landscape fund: I would like to add a donation to the landscape fund! I have included an additional payment of \$ _____, which I understand will be designated solely for the landscaping needs of Cumberland Hill.

Adult(s) Name(s): _____

Children: _____

Address: _____ Telephone: _____

E-mail: _____

Please let us know if you have an interest in becoming active with CHNA:

Landscaping ___ Website or Newsletter ___ Directory ___ Social activities ___ Welcoming Committee ___



Your Dues At Work

Our front entrance has undergone significant changes over the past few years. Under the direction of CHNA President Mike Sweeney, we have seen the removals and additions of various trees, shrubs, plants, lights and rocks. This past year, Mike was able to obtain grant-match funding from the city to help us defray the costs of one of the bigger projects: The removal of the old dying trees in the islands, and the planting of new black gum trees. The total cost of that project was \$7,600, and the city provided half of the funding. Upcoming projects include some shrubs in the island as well as adding decorative gravel near the opening.

Your dues are vital to making these improvements happen each year, and we thank you for your support!

Facebook and Nextdoor

If you are on Facebook, but aren't getting our notifications, make sure you "Like" the Cumberland Hill Neighborhood Association page. The direct address is: **facebook.com/cumberlandhill**
In addition to our email list, it is a great way for us to get timely information out to everyone.

Another good site to check out is Nextdoor (nextdoor.com). While we don't have any official CHNA page on that site, it is an excellent resource for you to get recommendations and feedback about businesses and services in the area. Many people have saved time and money by drawing on the experiences of their fellow neighbors when needing referrals for certain jobs. Check it out!

Pool Opening — TBA

With the COVID-19 situation, local swimming pools all around the country are in a “wait and see” mode. The Cumberland Hill Swimming Pool Association (CHSPA) utilizes a management company to run the daily operations of our swimming pool each season. As of a couple weeks ago, the company’s owner said that they were still planning for a May 23rd opening of the pools they manage, and they continue to hire guards. He has been in contact with private and city pools throughout the state as well as outside the state, and he said this is how they are planning as well. That, of course, may change, and a delayed start date is something they will have to consider.

Just know that CHSPA is committed to working within recommended guidelines as put forth by the CDC and the pool management company involved. The hope is that once we are able to get past this stay-at-home phase, we will still have plenty of summer season to enjoy the pool.



Another hurdle presented itself last month when a stolen pickup truck went for a swim in the pool. Jessamine County deputies were in a high speed chase with the thief, when he decided to turn into our neighborhood from Tates Creek Rd. He missed the turn, lost control, ran over the fire hydrant, through our shrubs, through the fence and brick, and landed in the pool. The subject was eventually taken away, and the truck was removed from the pool. Pecco Environmental Services then had to come in and spend 2 hours skimming the gas and oil from the water. The repair of the fencing and brickwork will take place over the next 3-4 weeks.

In the meantime, the pool is still taking memberships, and they are going to extend the discounted rate period past the May 1st deadline. For information, please visit the pool’s website: www.cumberlandhillpool.com

General inquiries: chspa@cumberlandhillpool.com

Upcoming Events In Cumberland Hill

Neighborhood Garage Sale: TBA

We were originally going to schedule this year’s spring garage sale for May 9th.

At this point we are clearly in wait-and-see mode. Once we determine an appropriate date, we will get the word out via email and our Facebook page.

Fourth of July Parade: Saturday, July 4th, 11am start from the park

One of our biggest neighborhood events gets bigger every year. We are very hopeful that by the time Independence Day arrives, we can all participate in the annual parade.

As always, we will stage at the park, and the parade route will go up Rockbridge Rd. to the Clubhouse.

A Lexington fire department truck, police horse patrol and police motorcycles will escort our way.

Enjoy treats and refreshments up at the Clubhouse at the end of your parade.



Prizes will be awarded in the following categories:

Girls—6 and under

Girls—7 and older

Boys—6 and under

Boys—7 and over

Best Decorated Golf Cart

Most Patriotic Pup

& Best Overall



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We're on the web!

www.cumberlandhill.net

Join the CHNA Email List! This is the best way for
members to stay tuned to the latest happenings in
and around Cumberland Hill neighborhood.
Your email address will never be shared or sold.
Go to the website and click on the
"Join Our Email List" link.

2019-2020 CHNA Board of Directors

President:	Mike Sweeney
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Member-at-large:	Ray Alexander

Your 2019-20 Budget

Landscape/Maintenance	\$9,000
Utilities	\$1,900
Insurance	\$715
Operating Expenses	\$135
<i>(PO Box, State Filing Fees, Bank Charges)</i>	
Capital Improvements	\$3,500
Neighborhood Activities	\$1,000
Website & Email system	\$350
Online Directory	\$1,100
Newsletters / Postage	\$1,800
Welcoming Committee	\$300
Total	\$19,800

Zoo Walk Winners

Thank you to Marian Guinn for putting together the
"Cumberland Hill Zoo Walk". Many homes in the neigh-
borhood participated, and it was a lot of fun for the kids
to walk around and spot all of the animals on display.

The drawing winners are:

Zoo Walk Stop winner: Jenna Newsome

Zoo Walk Participant winners:

Steve Honican - Cincinnati Zoo Family 4 Pack

Lisa Amick - 4 Passes to The Explorium

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