

# CUMBERLAND HILL INFORMER



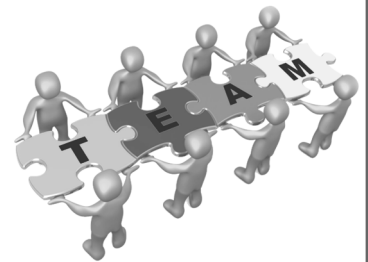
Fall 2021



## CHNA Looking For A Few Good Volunteers!

The Cumberland Hill Neighborhood Association is looking for volunteers for our board! Over the last several years the makeup of our board has changed very little and we are seeking new folks who would like to take part and volunteer as a board member. Our board consists of President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, and Social Director. Many of our officers have served on the board for years. I first started as your president in 2000 and served until 2005; then again serving from 2014 until the present. Your vice president, Scott Wilson, has served as president and vice president over the same time periods. Jackie Lemieux has been our secretary for the last four years. Kathy Stichnot has served as Treasurer for many years, Sheila Sonka and Mimi Duncan have done a great job on our “welcoming committee”, and I think Steve Honican has served in one capacity or another since the 1990s.

**As we see new young families moving into our community**, we see the potential for new blood, new ideas and new board members. I have enjoyed my tenure as your president since first taking office in 2000, and I think I think I can say the same for the rest of the board members as well. We have made many improvements to the neighborhood thanks to the City Matching Grant that we have been lucky enough to secure several times over the years. These improvements include brick columns at the Saron Drive entrance to Cumberland Hill; new street signs in the neighborhood, new lighting at the front entrance, and so many other projects. Your board also protected the integrity of the neighborhood, as we won a suit in Circuit Court after a resident at the time constructed a huge garage, otherwise known as the “big red barn,” in violation of our deed restrictions, in 2015. The resident was ultimately ordered by the court to remove the structure by the court.



Over the years, we started Breakfast with Santa, the neighborhood Fourth of July Parade, wine tastings, Easter egg hunts, socials, etc., and those activities help neighbors get to know one another better. We continue to sponsor our CHNA Christmas Decorating Contest with great prizes as well as the annual Cumberland Hill picnic, where we elect our board members for the next year. Some of these events have fallen by the wayside for one reason or another, **but new people and fresh ideas can help bring those and more back to life again.**

We recently had our annual picnic and elections at the clubhouse (after an absence last year due to Covid), albeit a very small turnout most likely due again to the pandemic. Everyone again volunteered to serve on the board and I can't thank them enough for doing so.

We will be having our annual meeting in January, and the board would love to welcome new faces who would like to step up and be a part of the Cumberland Hill board.

As has been our motto for years, “Cumberland Hill is a Great Place to Live”; and, as I stated at the beginning of this article, **WE ARE LOOKING FOR A FEW GOOD VOLUNTEERS!** I hope you will consider serving on our board.

Thanks,  
Mike Sweeney, President  
CHNA

## Neighborhood Notes

### Break-ins and Car Thefts

Like any neighborhood, we get reports of thefts from cars and trucks, and once in a while the vehicle itself is stolen. While this happens in good neighborhoods all over the country, not just Cumberland Hill, it doesn't make the issue any less worrisome. In almost every one of these cases, the vehicle was unlocked.

Please make sure you lock your vehicles, and never keep anything of value in them if they are kept outside. Thieves break windows, because they see a wallet, laptop or some other item of value in the car.

Park your car in the garage if at all possible. If you have a security alarm, make sure to use it.

Another tip to consider: Car thieves typically like dark areas, so if you can leave your porch or garage lights on

overnight, it will give them less dark spaces in which to operate. It's a small price to pay for extra security.

If you ever see any suspicious vehicles or people in our neighborhood, please try to get a license plate number, get a good description of the car or the person(s), and call the police!

### Blocked Sidewalks

Over the years we receive complaints about cars, campers, golf carts, etc. blocking our sidewalks. Please be cognizant of this, as we have several walkers in the neighborhood, including parents with strollers and young children. When they have to step off the sidewalk and into the street to avoid a blocked path, it can pose a hazard to our walkers. Help keep Cumberland Hill a safe place to walk.

## Barking Dogs And Their Deposits

We are still receiving the occasional complaint of barking dogs in our neighborhood, and we ask that you be cognizant of your dogs "singing" and bring them in when you hear them barking. If your neighbor brings this to your attention, please be courteous and respectful of their wishes. There is nothing worse than a pooch that continues to bark, be it day or night. If it continues to be a problem for you, we refer to Fayette County Animal Control who handle these complaints.

Also, make sure you always pick up after your dogs when walking them. Our dogs cannot do it themselves, and there is nothing worse than having to avoid piles of poop as you are walking through our neighborhood or trying to mow the lawn. This simple courtesy is a part of being a good neighbor.



## Street Sign Posts

Cumberland Hill maintains our own street signs in our community and as a reminder, we ask that you please do not tape for affix any signs to our sign posts. Using duct tape will pull the paint completely off of the post, and while we maintain them by painting them every 3 or 4 years, the paint cannot stand up to a "duct taped" poster.

Thank you for your cooperation!

## Clubhouse Rentals



The Clubhouse has become a popular venue for parties, meetings and events. Fully furnished and nicely decorated, it provides a full kitchen and bar area, a huge HD TV, fast WiFi internet, plenty of tables and chairs, and spacious rooms to accommodate 70+ people. It's a great space for showers, rehearsal dinners, or just getting bunch of people together to watch a game. Charter and pool members enjoy reduced rental rates.

For more information, please go to the CHSPA website and click on "Rentals", where you will find information and can download the Clubhouse brochure: [www.cumberlandhillpool.com](http://www.cumberlandhillpool.com)

## Upcoming Events In Cumberland Hill

### Pool Association's Annual Charter Member Meeting

The annual meeting of the Cumberland Hill Swimming Pool Association (CHSPA) will be on **Thursday, October 21<sup>st</sup> at 6:30pm at the Clubhouse**. This meeting is open to all CHSPA Charter Partner Members, and your participation and input is encouraged. A remote Zoom option will be made available.

The 2021 pool season was record-setting for memberships. During this meeting the board will recap this year's successes and challenges, provide a report from the Catfish Swim team, and will discuss improvements, future plans, and the financial report.

Interested in becoming a Charter Partner? Let us know if you have questions!

For information: [chspa@cumberlandhillpool.com](mailto:chspa@cumberlandhillpool.com)

### Breakfast with Santa Saturday, December 11th, 9:00—10:30am

For well over a decade, CHNA has hosted a holiday tradition for all of our members to enjoy: Breakfast with Santa. Forget waiting in line at the shopping mall. Instead, come hang out at the Clubhouse and mingle with your neighbors while the kids wait for a spot on Santa's lap. All CHNA members are welcome, and there will be coffee, juice and donuts to enjoy.

The festivities start at 9:00am, and Santa's sleigh will be arriving shortly thereafter. He will be available to visit with the children and take photos until 10:30am sharp when his sleigh will head back to the North Pole. We will send reminders of the event via Facebook and email. When the time comes, tell the kids to get their lists ready, and enjoy a morning with old St. Nick.



### Christmas Decorating Contest Sunday, December 19th at Dusk

Speaking of CHNA traditions, our annual neighborhood decorating contest will be on Sunday, December 19th.



**Show off your holiday cheer to win great prizes this year!**

The decorations will be evaluated and awards will be given in 5 categories. The judging will commence shortly after dark, so don't forget to turn those lights on! We always bring in impartial judges from outside the neighborhood, so that they don't know the homes or the home-owners.

Prizes will be awarded in the following categories:

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| ◇ Best Overall:  | \$150 gift card to Malone's |
| ◇ 1st Runner-Up: | \$100 gift card to Malone's |
| ◇ 2nd Runner-Up: | \$75 gift card to Malone's  |
| ◇ Most Lights:   | \$50 gift card to Ramsey's  |
| ◇ Best Door:     | \$50 gift card to Ramsey's  |

\* You must be a CHNA member to win one of these five excellent prizes.

Current residents must pay dues by **November 15th** to qualify, so send in your payment today!

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***We're on the web!***

***[www.cumberlandhill.net](http://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.

## 2021-2022 CHNA Board of Directors

<b>President:</b>	<b>Mike Sweeney</b>
<b>Vice President:</b>	<b>Scott Wilson</b>
<b>Secretary:</b>	<b>Jackie Lemieux</b>
<b>Treasurer:</b>	<b>Kathy Stichnot</b>
<b>Social Director:</b>	<b>Matt Hogg</b>
<b>Directory/Membership:</b>	<b>Steve Honican</b>
<b>Welcome Committee:</b>	<b>Sheila Sonka &amp; Mimi Duncan</b>
<b>Member-at-large:</b>	<b>Ray Alexander</b>

## Welcome New Neighbors

We would like to welcome our new neighbors who have moved into Cumberland Hill this past year....

- ◇ June Joseph - 905 Edgewood Ct
- ◇ Steve Jackson - 908 Springwood Ct
- ◇ Justin & Bronwyn Butler - 1082 Rockbridge Rd
- ◇ Matthew & Victoria Defrese - 959 Charwood Dr
- ◇ Nicole Lay - 4572 Longbridge Ln
- ◇ Mary Prouty - 844 Edgewood Dr
- ◇ Jordan & Elle Vogt - 1035 Rockbridge Rd
- ◇ Zackery & Jessica Young - 912 Woodglen Ct
- ◇ Brooks & Carli Ward - 4629 Longbridge Ln
- ◇ Aubrey Watkins - 941 Cherrywood Dr
- ◇ Angela Comley - 988 Rockbridge Rd
- ◇ Amber & Benjamin Cloud - 1076 Stowbridge Ln
- ◇ Brian & Leigh Ann Davis - 1090 Rockbridge Rd
- ◇ Nicholas McKinley - 852 Edgewood Dr.
- ◇ Katelyn & Brandon Fletcher - 1073 Stowbridge Ln
- ◇ Rebecca & Derrick Simmonds - 4624 Longbridge Ln
- ◇ Patricia Murray - 937 Cherrywood Dr
- ◇ Jared & Christopher Bryant - 956 Rockbridge Rd
- ◇ Brandon & Britney Ragland - 1012 Turnberry Ln
- ◇ Evan & Madison Adams - 4509 Meadowbridge Ct

## Your 2021- 22 CHNA Budget

<b>Landscape/Maintenance</b>	<b>\$9,000</b>
<b>Utilities</b>	<b>\$1,900</b>
<b>Insurance</b>	<b>\$715</b>
<b>Operating Expenses</b>	<b>\$135</b>
<i>(PO Box, State Filing Fees, Bank Charges)</i>	
<b>Capital Improvements</b>	<b>\$3,500</b>
<b>Neighborhood Activities</b>	<b>\$1,000</b>
<b>Website &amp; Email system</b>	<b>\$600</b>
<b>Online Directory</b>	<b>\$1,100</b>
<b>Newsletters / Postage</b>	<b>\$1,800</b>
<b>Welcoming Committee</b>	<b>\$300</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$20,050</b>