CUMBERLAND HILL INFORMER



Fall 2022



CHNA Says "Thank You" and "Welcome" to Board Members Old and New

The Cumberland Hill Neighborhood Association is saying a big "Thank you" to a number of board members who are happily passing the torch to a new group ready to take on the various officer roles of CHNA's board. Over the last several years, the makeup of our board had changed very little, so we are very excited to see new folks taking part and volunteering as board members.

From Mike Sweeney (now Past President):

"After a total of 13 years (2000-05 and 2014-22), I am stepping down as the president of CHNA. It has been a privilege and honor to take charge of the neighborhood, but it is time for new blood to take over. Also stepping down from the board after too many years to count are Scott Wilson (VP), who has been with me almost since the beginning and served several years as your president. Jackie Lemieux will be stepping down as Secretary and Steve Honican will be stepping down as Membership Chair, a position he has also held for more years that I can remember and was on the board when I started in 2000. Kathy Stichnot, your treasurer for the last 8 years, will be staying on as Treasurer and Matt Hogg will be staying on as the VP of Social Activities. I also want to thank Shelia Sonka and Mimi Duncan for all of their hard work on the welcoming committee! It has been a great run and I hope that our board has served you well!"

Please welcome your new CHNA board. Congratulations and thanks to all of you!



Thanks again to all of you for your support and for allowing me the honor of being your president! And always remember: "Cumberland Hill IS A Great Place To Live!" — Mike Sweeney

From Matt Amick (new President of CHNA):

Hi everyone! My name is Matt Amick and I am honored to serve as the next CHNA President. I have called Lexington my home since I was five years old, and have been living in Cumberland Hill, and have been a member of CHNA, since 2017. I am the Service Manager at Fayette Heating & Air, am married to Lisa Amick who is a professor at UK, and have two amazing kids, Bennett (6) and Maverick (4). I believe that one of the reasons Cumberland Hill is a such a great place to live is the strong neighborhood association. I am excited to continue the great work of the previous board to keep our neighborhood a wonderful place to live. I look forward to this opportunity, to commit to maintain CHNA traditions while incorporating new ideas, all with the focus of protecting and maintaining the integrity of the homes in Cumberland Hill.

(A note from your humble editor: As this will be my last newsletter, I am so grateful to this community and its amazing people. I'm happy to have served and achieved so much over the years. Please give this new board all the support you can. It's what makes the whole enterprise thrive. Thank you all! — Scott Wilson)

Neighborhood Notes

Veterans Park Tree Project (by Linda Klink)

As the growing season ends, the drought persists, so we are still watering the trees until it rains. Nevertheless, the trees have doubled in size so things are going pretty well. The Grant ends on November 30th, and the project signs are on order.

We had our first Tree Week event on October 14th with 31 neighbors, park friends, and UK students in attendance. Russ Turpin of the EcoGro came to talk about the trees and wild flower planting, and we celebrated their first birthday with a brownie cake. Kathy Plomin, our council member and major supporter, came and took pictures. It was a perfect day.

Lastly, Trout Unlimited and the Hickman Creek Conservancy had their grant approved to do E. Coli testing in our creek. This will happen in the Spring, and the project may involve students from Veterans Park Elementary School as citizen scientists.

The "Dirty Dog 4-mile Trail Run" through Veterans Park is <u>Saturday</u>, <u>November 12th</u> to benefit the Hickman Creek Conservancy.

They are looking for 6 to 8 volunteers and many participants. For more information and to sign up, please visit their website: http://www.hickmancreek.org

Voting on November 8th

The Kentucky House and Senate Districs maps have been updated. Our neighborhood has been split up for voting. For example, the Senate Districts of 22 and 34 are split down both Saron Dr. and Rockbridge Rd.

To make sure you have the latest information and can check your voting registration, this website is an excellent portal for all things concerning elections:

http://GoVoteKY.com

CHSPA Wraps Up Another Sold-Out Season

The Cumberland Hill Swimming Pool Association is the group that handles all things related to our Pool & Clubhouse. 2022 saw another sold out pool season full of great events. The 4th of July party was one of the biggest ever, and the swim-in movie night was a packed house. The board was also able to accomplish a number of improvements to the facilities, including: new black steel fencing around the perimeter of the pool deck to replace the chain link; over 40 new chaise lounge chairs; a new sound system for the pool deck; and new concrete/ sidewalk work. Along with the improvements came a slew of expenses as well, including new A/C units and unexpected repairs. The board would like to thank the Kennedy family for providing the Snack Bar, as well as all pool members and clubhouse renters for their support. With your support, more improvements and plans are in the works for this upcoming year.

A new website is on the way, and they will be announcing plans for 2023 Pool Season sign-ups in the near future, so make sure you are on their email list: Go to **cumberlandhillpool.com** to sign up and follow their Facebook page: **facebook.com/CumberlandHillPool**

Cumberland Hill Catfish Are Champs Again!

The Catfish Swim Team is part of the Man O' War Swim Conference, and once again all of their hard work, practice, and dedication made them repeat Champions in July. This is their 3rd championship in the past 4 years. Congrats to Coach Ben Allen and all of the Catfish who make this one of the most successful organizations around.

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

CHNA Updates By-Laws

When the Cumberland Hill Neighborhood Association was created in 1989, it had to file Articles of Incorporation along with a set of by-laws (aka an operating agreement) to lay out its purpose and objectives. Since that time, many things have changed, most significantly the need to monitor urban growth and zoning in the area. Once upon a time, Saron Dr. didn't connect to either Man O' War or Tates Creek Rd. There was a real need to make sure that planning around us didn't negatively impact the neighborhood. Many of those real concerns are now a part of history, and things have settled in to where we don't need such officers as "VP of Planning & Zoning". To better lay out what CHNA does now and will do going forward, a small group forged together a new set of by-laws that reshapes its operating practices and even added appropriate officers to the board. For example, VP of Planning & Zoning is gone, and VP of Technology & Communications is created. Thank you to Scott Wilson, Kathy & Dan Stichnot, Marian Guinn, and Matt Amick for their work in updating CHNA's by-laws for the 21st century.

Upcoming Events In Cumberland Hill

Breakfast with Santa Saturday, December 10th, 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 18th 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:

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 25th to qualify, so send in your payment today!

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2022-2023 CHNA Board of Directors

President: Mike Amick **Vice President:** Matt Zadrozny Secretary: **Rachel Raynes** Kathy Stichnot Treasurer: **VP Neighborhood Events:** Matt Hogg **VP Membership:** Adam Bohland **VP Comm./Technology: Paul Oliva Welcome Committee:** Sheila Sonka Mimi Duncan

♦ David Gelbart - 4729 Ironbridge Dr.

moved into Cumberland Hill this past year....

- ♦ Kevin Lanwehr 1020 Turnbridge Rd.
- ♦ Clark & Esther Longhofer 1028 Turnbridge Rd

Thank you to our sponsor......

Your 2022-2023 CHNA Budget

Linda Klink

Landscape/Maintenance \$9,000
Utilities \$1,900
Insurance \$1,000
Operating Expenses \$200

(PO Box, State Filing Fees, Bank Charges)

Capital Improvements \$6,000
Legal Expenses \$1000
Neighborhood Activities \$1,800
Website & Email system \$900
Newsletters / Postage \$2,000
Welcoming Committee \$400

Total \$24,200

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