

Castlewood Property Owners Association

Newsletter

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The Lake

There are swans in our lake! While life-like in appearance, they are plastic replicas of mute swans. They were purchased by the CPOA to curb the amount of geese which have been living on the lake. Not only are the geese messy, their feces can carry the E. Coli bacteria. The idea is when geese fly over looking for a place to rest and eat; they will see the swans in the lake and continue on to find somewhere more friendly for them. Swans are very aggressive in protecting any lake they live on. So far, the swans are doing their job and no new geese have been seen around the lake.

Mailboxes

The last of the mailboxes have been installed! We are very happy with the results. Thank you again for all your patience from our Phase II homeowners. Take time to walk or drive through the streets and admire the new look. Thank you to all our homeowners who have taken the time to express their thoughts on how great the mailboxes look, we appreciate your feedback. Our installer, John, from US Post also expressed his gratitude for all the kind words, encouragement, and bottles of cold water our homeowners passed along to him and his crew. That's one of the reasons this is such a great community to live in!!

We did have some homeowners who asked for a breakdown of how the mailboxes were paid for out of assessments. In previous years the assessment has been approximately \$186, which means the additional assessment was approximately \$114 per year for 2 years which is \$228 per homeowner. The actual cost including installation was approximately \$425 per homeowner. Capital savings was used for the balance. We are anticipating the 2013 assessment to return to under \$200 again.

Garbage Cans

Once again, the Town of Dyer has an ordinance prohibiting homeowner garbage cans to be left in the front of homes. Please keep your cans in the appropriate location. Also, our trash collection drivers have asked us to let homeowners know we need to keep our cans away from our newly installed mailboxes. Put your cans on the opposite side of your driveway or far enough away from your mailbox so the lift arm can safely pick up the can. If you are unsure if your mailbox is too close, stop & ask your trash collector.

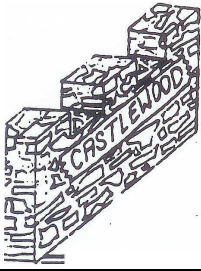
Hospitality Lights

Please be reminded all hospitality lights must be functioning to go on at dusk and off at dawn.

King's Court

We've been informed King's Court will not be repaved this year by the Town of Dyer because the work needed is too extensive to be included in the budget. Please keep pressure on the Town to get this street repaved! Individuals who request the work can have just as much, if not more, impact on the Town to accomplish this goal as requests from the CPOA Board.

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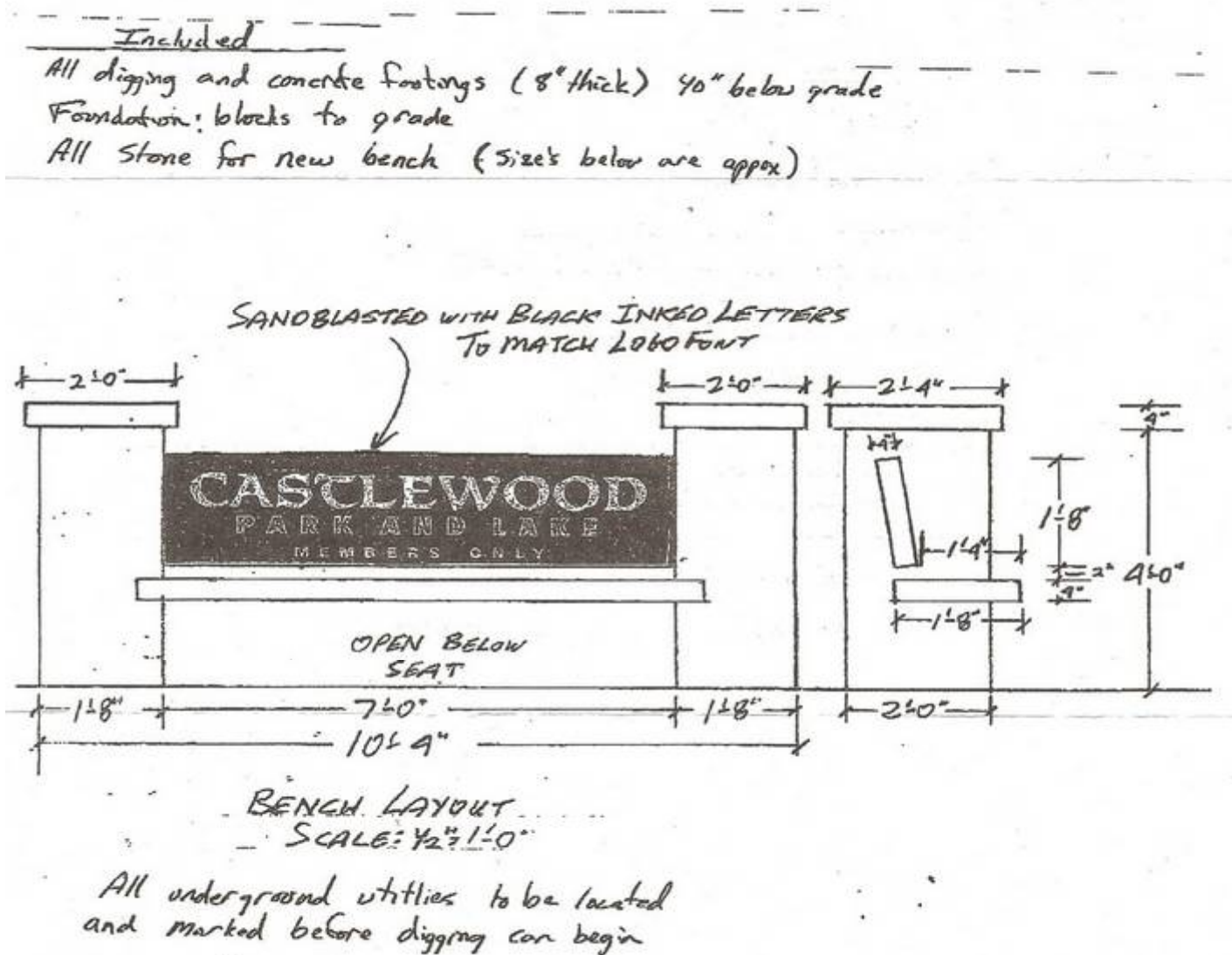
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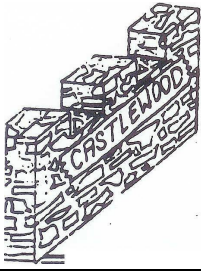
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Future Improvements

We are looking for quotes to replace the sign at the front of the park. Due to normal wear and tear, the sign is falling apart at the base. One concept we are exploring is to make a dual purpose bench sign made of the same limestone as the pillars in the front. An example is below.

If you would like to submit an idea or a bid to complete the work or know someone who might be interested, we would like to have bids and ideas within the next few weeks to study the feasibility of including it in the 2013 budget.





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The other improvement, which was suggested by a homeowner, was a pavilion at the park. Something very simple, a concrete pad with 4 posts and a metal roof. We could put the picnic table in it and that would offer parents and families a comfortable place to sit while they enjoy the park. Once again, if you have ideas or would like to submit a bid, please let us know.

If you are interested in serving on a committee to get bids or collaborate on ideas, we would love any help and input we can get.

We Need Your Help!!

Last week a deer was found dead floating in the lake and it appears someone may have killed it. Hunting with any type of weapon is strictly prohibited in the Town of Dyer. If you see anyone hunting please contact the Dyer police.

Dyer Ditch

For those of you who live along the Dyer ditch or wetlands, the Town has asked us to remind you that it is strictly prohibited to dump any debris or yard waste into either of those areas. The yard waste can now be placed into your regular trash and larger brush can always be placed on your curb to be collected by contacting the Town. Please do your part to keep our neighborhood beautiful.

Also, for those of you along the ditch, you may have noticed the beaver dams have been removed and the busy beavers came back and put them right back! The beaver dams were once again removed and relocated. If you see any beaver activity Lake County is responsible for the ditch and we can assist you in contacting the proper department to have the dams and beavers removed.

Ask the Board

If you have a question which pertains to our Castlewood Community, please send those questions to our e-mail at CastlewoodBoard@aol.com or contact a board member listed on the first page.