



# Castlewood Property Owners Association

## Newsletter

March, 2014

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### Christmas Decorations

A reminder that all Christmas decorations are to be taken down from all homes by April 1, 2014. We appreciate everyone's cooperation in honoring this request. We extended the date due to the weather.

### Hospitality Lights

Please be reminded all hospitality lights must be functioning to go on at dusk and off at dawn. We are aware some lights need to be replaced. The original fixture is no longer available, so the ARC committee is working on getting approved replacements which do not require removing the entire head to change light bulbs. Any replacement fixture will require an ARC request and approval. Consistency has been important in our community and will continue to be so.

### Electrician

We have electricians' names for you to call if you need assistance with your post lights.

### Garage Sale

The annual Garage sale will be held on Wednesday, June 4th and Thursday, June 5th in keeping with the odd years weekend/even years weekday decision voted on in 2009. Thank you to Tom Gadus for running the event in 2013 and agreeing to run it again for this year. He can be reached at [gadus@sbcglobal.net](mailto:gadus@sbcglobal.net).

### Pavilion

The new pavilion has been chosen and we are now working with companies to get bids for the structure. We anticipate a spring/early summer installation. It will be rectangular and feature a concrete pad to accommodate the picnic table at the park.

### Bench/Sign

As many of you have noticed, our sign at the park was damaged in one of the many winter storms. We have chosen a new sign which will include a bench. It will be based on the style of the bench on the second floor of Menards. We have appointments made for landscape companies to give us bids to install the bench/sign. We anticipate a summer installation.

### Neighborhood Watch

Due to the diligence of a neighbor, robbers were caught in a Dyer community leaving the scene recently. We are looking for block captains to work with Dave Nolen, who is working with the Dyer Police Department, to keep our community safe. A simple text alert will be sent to the captain, who will then contact his/her area with information regarding potential threats. If you are interested, please contact Dave Nolen at 440-263-5100 with your information.

Vanessa Nolen- President 440-7068 • Bryan Textor - Vice President 227-8010 •  
Christine McCulloch - Treasurer 864-9132 • Pat Ballweg - Secretary 865-1888 •  
Pam Kelly - ARC Chairperson 865-6962

## ASSESSMENT NOTIFICATION

March 20, 2014

Dear Castlewood Property Owner,

At the annual meeting of the Castlewood Property Owners' Association (CPOA) held on March 1st, 2014 the proposed budget was discussed and approved in the amount of \$36,330.00 by a vote of homeowners. Castlewood has 173 lots subject to assessment. By dividing we arrived at the 2014 per lot assessment of \$ 210.00. The final budget is enclosed.

### **The assessment is due April 15, 2014**

The 2014 CPOA Board of Directors are President - Vanessa Nolen (440-7068), Vice-President - Bryan Textor (227-8010), Treasurer - Christine McCulloch (864-9132), Secretary - Pat Ballweg (865-1888), and ARC Chairperson - Pam Kelly (865-6962),. We can also be reached via e-mail at castlewoodboard@aol.com.

We urge all Association Members to pay the 2014 Assessment by the April 15, 2014 deadline. Shown below is the schedule of late fees imposed for all late payments:

**A late fee of \$25.00 will be assessed against those members who fail to pay their assessment on or before April 15, 2014. A second late fee of \$25.00 will be assessed for failure to pay on or before the May 15, and a third late fee of \$25.00 will be assessed for failure to pay by on or before June 15. No more than \$75.00 will be assessed for any member in a single year. The late fee assessments will be in addition to any interest accruing on the unpaid assessments. Any interest to accrue on unpaid assessments shall also accrue on the late fees.**

You should also be aware that all Dyer mail goes to Gary to be postmarked and prepared for delivery. We use the postmark to determine on-time assessment payments. If you wait until the last minute to mail your assessment, a postmark of April 16<sup>th</sup> or later could result.

We look forward to your support this year and pledge our best efforts in your behalf.

CASTLEWOOD PROPERTY OWNERS ASSOCIATION  
BOARD OF DIRECTORS

*Christine McCulloch*

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Christine McCulloch, Treasurer



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### Contact Information

On your assessment sheet, you will see a place for contact information. This information is used only by the board for emergencies and business purposes, including important information regarding our community and newsletter information. Please complete the section with your preferred contact information so you can be made aware. We prefer to email information to save on printing costs, so please make sure we have a valid email address. We do not provide this information to anyone else – only the board has access to this information.

### Median Lights

We are aware that the lights on the median on Castlewood Drive are out. An electrician has determined the problem and ordered the parts to fix it.

### First Responder's Picnic

Every year, the board finds a way to make the Dyer First Responders aware of our appreciation of them. This year we have voted to have an appreciation picnic for them and their families at our park and along our lake. We are working with the Assistant Chief of Police to determine the best time to have this picnic. When the date is determined, you will be made aware. We are asking our residents to come out on that day to express your appreciation to these men and women who protect and serve us daily. If you would like to help in any way, or have suggestions regarding this, please contact Vanessa Nolen 219-440-7068.

### INDOT work

INDOT will be working on Route 30 this summer to restore the concrete pavement. There will be night time lane closures ONLY from 7pm to 6am from the Illinois border to Indianapolis Boulevard. We realize this will affect the front and back entrances to Castlewood during the evening/night. Please use extreme caution entering and leaving Castlewood during this time.

### Spring Clean Up

The Town of Dyer will be picking up leaves and branches during the week of April 21<sup>st</sup>. Please do not place anything in the street, as this causes a hazard. Place anything you would like picked up by the town along the tree lawn/curb. Thank you.

### Contact 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](mailto:CastlewoodBoard@aol.com) or contact a board member listed on the first page.