



IT'S SPRING! LET'S GET AT IT!

We have established our goals for 2011 and will strive to achieve success in each case but cannot always guarantee results when third parties are involved. Here are the goals:

- 🌱 Resolve contract issues with the Country Club. Done once but they are changing their position.
- 🌱 Have Morrissey sign the 5th Amendment relating to Lot 101. Has agreed once but no action.
- 🌱 Meet our financial goals as spelled out in the 2011 budget.
- 🌱 A Satisfactory, no Comment audit from our outside CPA firm.
- 🌱 Reduce speeding on our streets utilizing the new speed control system.
- 🌱 Reassess location and size of traffic signs.
- 🌱 Pursue outside grants as a non-profit organization.
- 🌱 Continue maintenance projects on the sidewalks (45% completed) and sewers.
- 🌱 Revise and update By-Laws.
- 🌱 Continue to expand website usage by owners.
- 🌱 Improve landscaping on Morningside walking path.
- 🌱 Continue improvements at Lake Ridge Park.

We are always open to feedback and suggestions.
Have a great Spring and Summer!

Mark Burns
President, CTHOA



Crystal Tree Website We are growing an informed community!

Word about our website is spreading, and I am pleased to report that we had a record-breaking number of 415 "unique" visitors to our website in the month of March! This continues to be very encouraging. Our neighbors are finding the information and news available to them online a convenient way to stay current with what's happening within our community, and so much more. With the arrival of spring, and outdoor projects being planned, our website is an indispensable resource for the proper procedures and the forms necessary to begin the Architectural Review Process.

We continue to encourage our neighbors to go to our website to sign up for email updates and alerts, so that no one is left out when important announcements are made, or new community projects are taking place. Those that were registered were among the first to be informed when our community was recently invited to the Crystal Tree Golf & Country Club to attend a special presentation by the Developers of Lot 101 (the old clubhouse location). This presentation allowed us to preview the development they are planning within our community, known as Olde Clubhouse Row. It was an interesting and informative presentation with a good community turnout, and also a chance to ask questions of the Developers and their Architect. The Crystal Tree Website is our best tool to get the word out in an efficient and immediate manner, and by registering for email alerts and updates you will assure that you are included.

So don't be left out...if you're not registered, we encourage you to please take a moment to do so. If you're already registered and know the convenience and benefits of registration, please help us to continue to spread the word throughout Crystal Tree. We appreciate all your efforts to help us grow an informed community!

Dan O'Gorman
Treasurer, CTHOA

NEW SINGLE FAMILY MAILBOXES ARE AVAILABLE!!!

Our preliminary spring inspection of the single family homes noted that many of the mail boxes are in poor condition. Some have broken doors, missing addresses and many are leaning. The mail boxes, when in good condition, add to "curb appeal." When in bad condition, they detract from "curb appeal."

Single Family mailboxes are available at a discounted price of \$363.47. This is a competitive price based on our ability to volume purchase. Should you wish to purchase a new one, you can contact Schrank & Associates, Inc. at 708-349-3133 to arrange for the purchase. Once you have paid for your box, Schrank & Associates, Inc. will order your address plate from the manufacturer. *Another benefit in buying your mailbox through the CTHOA is that the Association will pay for the removal of your old box and installation of the new unit.*

Should you not wish to order a new mailbox at this time, please repair, straighten and/or paint your existing unit.



SPRING — THE SEASON OF RENEWAL

First of all, thanks to all in our community who continually strive to keep up our exemplary appearance. The Landscape Committee toured our community to note areas of success and areas that could use improvement.

Throughout our community, the Landscape Committee has made significant landscape improvements that will mature over this coming summer. Have you noticed the wonderful park area on Lake Ridge Road? The committee is also in the process of restoring the landscape along the jogging path with the planting of trees and perennials. When mature, the beauty of these areas will be visible. The Board of Directors invites the residents to utilize these areas for their enjoyment, leisurely walks and jogging.

As with the common areas, some of the plant material has outlived its life expectancy. You should survey your property after May 15th to determine if you have dead trees or bushes. It is at this time that the deciduous plant material will be budding. If you note a bush or tree on your property that is dead or dying, please remove it. If it is economically feasible, please replace it for the overall beautification of Crystal Tree.



Dr. Carole Hillman
Chairman, Landscape Committee

The Townhome Painting For 2011 Will Soon Be Here

The 2011 Townhome Painting Season is right around the corner. Superior Painting has done a great job in the past, and will again be pre-inspecting the units and then be sending out letters of suggested repairs, that if the homeowner decides, can be done before the actual painting commencing.

As we stated in our previous newsletter, we have a nice Painting Program in place.

1. A letter of notification that your unit will be painted is sent out from Rosemary Schrank's office.
2. Pre-painting inspections of the units by Superior Painting.
3. A suggested repair letter is sent to each homeowner from Superior. Please keep in mind that the suggested repairs are just that, and it is up to each homeowner to decide if the work needs to be done, as well as each homeowner is responsible for who they choose to do these repairs and all associated costs.
4. The units will be painted.
5. A letter for signature will be presented from Superior, stating that the unit has been painted.
6. A post unit inspection will be done by an independent contractor, with any abnormal findings being reported to the individual homeowner in a timely fashion.



Dan Ventura
Chairman, Painting Committee