

SUMMER 2022

Newsletter

Chatham Hills

SUBDIVISION

2022 BOARD MEMBERS

PRESIDENT - David Ryall

VICE PRESIDENT - Chuck Fehl

TREASURER - Danielle Adams

SECRETARY - Jonathan Brown

Deeds & Restrictions - Ronda Harris

Dues & Directory - Curt Martin

Entranceways - Chuck Fehl

Parks & Commons - Jon Carter, Therese Nagi

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HAPPY SUMMER

CHATHAM HILLS!

Hope you're enjoying every moment of the sunny days.

Chatham Hills happenings -

- ◆ The subdivision garage sale was successful with 18 homes participating. Our next upcoming event is the annual picnic planned for September 11.
- ◆ We are sorry to announce that Bob Layne has stepped down from the board. We are grateful for his many years of service in the Parks & Commons committee.
- ◆ It has come to the Board's attention that certain residents are sending their neighbors letters on behalf of the board. The Board is requesting that such unauthorized communication be stopped immediately.
- ◆ Repeated requests by the board to the responsible persons to stop digging in the woodlands were ignored. Fortunately, some residents took the initiative to clear the woodlands of all debris and litter, and level the ground. Thank you to all who have stepped in to restore our woodlands.

Kindness is a gift everyone can afford to give !

IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENTS

Board decides issues on Park Pathway/Bridge project - *Chuck Fehl*

After contemplating several alternatives in this inflationary environment, it was decided at our July Board meeting that Chatham Hills will concentrate on the pathway portion of the project in 2023 and refurbish, rather than replace the six existing footbridges in 2022. After examining the bridges, it was determined that the 25-year-old bridges are fundamentally sound but would benefit from some cosmetic attention. After bidding out bridge replacement costs, it was made clear that we would need to substantially increase the assessment to be able to replace all the bridge lumber and some of its steel undercarriages. One bridge replacement bid was more than the entire path project budget alone! Thanks to Bob Layne for his tireless research on this.

Therefore, starting in late July we will have the bridge decks and railings professionally power washed using biodegradable brighteners. We will replace the small number (< 5%) of soft or curled deck boards with new pressure treated wood planks. We will cap the splintered handrail with a 1x5" Trex type material which is smooth to the touch, for added strength and beauty. Wood staining or sealing will be evaluated after the cleaning process is complete.

This is regarded as a stopgap measure to allow the overall pathway project to proceed within our \$190,000 special assessment budget. The cost of this bridge refurbishment is budgeted at \$12,000.

These bridges will eventually be replaced, as needed, for safety reasons over the next 5 to 10 years - hopefully during a time when related material costs subside. Future updates will be coming.



DRIVE SLOW!!

Let's keep the little kids in our neighborhood safe.

Our Chatham Hills website has changed!

Check out the *website* at:

Chathamhills.online