

THE CAMBRIDGE CONNECTION

Homeowners Association Newsletter – May 2006

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CHA 1st Annual Easter Egg Hunt was held on March 18th. Pictured above are the egg-finders. Easter Baskets for each age group were won as well as plenty of candy. *A special thanks to the Grooms, the Marshalls, the Rowsers, the Lightners, the Hopkins, the Tuckers and the Gaddists for donating to this Event. We hope to see you EGG FINDERS next year.*

Monthly CHA Meetings

Requested by the residents, CHA will be meeting EVERY month to discuss issues, concerns, problem solving, organizing events and crime prevention training. Please try to join us as often as possible. Check the website to see the current topic being discussed.

When: last Thursday of every month (except Thanksgiving)

Where: Gracewood Community center

Time: 6:30 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.

IN THE WORKS

- ladies night out
- recipe exchange club
- summer parade

If you would like to help coordinate any of these events please contact Michelle 790-6026.

Check out the website for more details.

CRIME REPORT

April 9 th - DRIVE BY SHOOTING	Thames Place
May 14 th - BREAK-IN	Essex Place
May 15 th - BREAK-IN	Thames Place
May 15 th - ATTEMPTED BREAK-IN	Thames Place
May 18 th - BREAK-IN	Thames Place
May 19 th - BREAK-IN	Thames Place
May 27 th - BREAK-IN	Thames Place
June 1 ST - Attempted Break-in (4 in custody)	Essex Place

Do we have a problem? Most of us would agree so. The next question is “what as a community can we do?” First, we need to be more aware of what is going on in the neighborhood. Turn on your flood lights at night; step outside during the day to see if anyone is hanging out in the streets, finally the most important thing is to let your BLOCK CAPTAIN know of **ANY** incidents that arise. Here is a three step process to ensure appropriate action is taken on **ALL** incidents

1. CALL the Sheriff **706-821-1080**
 - a. report break-ins
 - b. vandalism
 - c. groups of young adults in the street
 - d. suspicious activities
2. Ask for a **CASE NUMBER**
 - a. ensures that the sheriff will respond
 - b. allows the Neighborhood watch to track crime
 - c. provides proof that Cambridge needs extra patrolling
3. Give **CASE NUMBER** to Block Captain
 - a. resident may opt to stay anonymous
 - b. phone Block Captain or
 - c. download Crime Report off the website and mail to your Block Captain

TRASH SERVICE

Monday	REGULAR TRASH
Wednesday	BULK TRASH (cardboard boxes, mattress, bikes, etc)
Thursday	REGULAR TRASH, YARD WASTE & RECYCLE

Per CHA Covenants containers/items **CAN NOT** be placed out any earlier than 7 p.m. evening before & must be removed from street curb no later than 7 p.m. that day. Inland Services will only pick-up cardboard boxes if broken down either on Wed. or Thurs.

DOGGIE DO'S AND DONT'S

You don't want your community to go to the dogs...do you? Please pet owners, be a good neighbor and clean up after your pets. Also, please remember that all dogs must be kept on a leash by a person who is capable of controlling the dog.



DAMAGED MAILBOX

Nordahl is not liable for the damages to homeowner's mailboxes in the Neighborhood. If you are a victim of vandalism you must take the appropriate actions 1- call the sheriff and obtain a case number 2- contact your homeowner's insurance company to report a claim 3 – fill out crime report and return to your block-captain. **Actions by the citizens are needed to put a stop to this type of behavior.**

Justin Smithson @ 339-5615 will replace & install the mailbox adhere to the Cambridge Covenants for \$155.00.

FINANCIAL RECAP

as of April 12, 2006

Beginning Balance	5123.55
Deposits	18,560.96
Expenses	(3,695.68)
Bank Fees	(6.50)
Check Charge	(50.95)
Returned Check	(218.00)
BALANCE	\$19,713.38

Welcome to Cambridge

On Oxford Dr:

Baker's, Guy's, Kent's, Muldrow's, Morris's, Roger's

On Essex Pl:

Sachek's, Petty's, Freeman's

On Thames Pl:

Levoe's, White's, McCray's, Sweat's, Williams's,

HOPE TO SEE YOU AT THE NEXT MEETING. IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO JOIN A COMMITTEE PLEASE CONTACT PRESTON @ 792-0705

Meeting Challenge –Audrey Mitchell

I wish to inform you that you belong to a very special homeowners association because it is so rich in ideas and motivation. As many of you are business people and can attest to this, it is not that hard for most organizations to list and rank issues. The challenge always is adding the magic – transforming the issue from just another dreary problem to a cause that inspires people.

The highly respected CEO of Porsche, Peter Schutz, once brought this point to life with a story. He told it this way: “Three people were at work on a construction site. All were doing the same job, but when each was asked what his job was, the answers varied. Breaking rocks, the first replied. Earning my living, said the second. And the third man proudly exclaimed, helping to build a cathedral! Perhaps some of you are familiar with Studs Terkel and his classical book entitled, Working? In his research, Terkel found that some of the happiest manual laborers were stonemasons. They could look back on what they had built and take pride in it.

Few of us can build cathedrals or work as stonemasons. But to the extent that all of us can visualize the cathedral in our Cambridge community, that is what gives meaning to the endeavors of those who give of their time to run this homeowners association and thereby we deliver high quality services and improvements with your dues and with your input and feedback. We strive to be the best neighborhood in south Augusta; that translates to the safest, the friendliest, and the cleanest and last but not least, the most beautiful neighborhood around. To use a metaphor: your homeowners association does not break rocks. It is building a cathedral.

We have big ideas and dreams that will move our HOA to the next highest level of service and performance in all the categories I described. Wouldn't Cambridge be the safest community in south Augusta if we could afford to hire our private patrol for 7 days a week, 24 hours a day? Wouldn't Cambridge be the friendliest community in south Augusta if every street had a block captain who welcomed newcomers?

Our present membership roster list 200+ homes. The average participation at meetings is 4%. Can you visualize what we could accomplish with 50% or 60% participation? Our hopes and dreams could materialize and the quality of our lives would improve as a result! I invite each of you to help us build our cathedral here in Cambridge. Become a Block Captain, get acquainted with all your neighbors or join a committee.

CRIME PREVENTION

With the release of school quickly approaching and the increase in crime, some concerned citizens wanted to dedicate a column on crime prevention. **Crime prevention** means creating and sustaining neighborhoods and communities where crime cannot flourish. Police can assist but can never do the job alone. **Sharing** is a major element of new crime prevention. Sharing data, concerns, possible solutions, problem solving, combining knowledge and evaluations helps each neighborhood in a community grow even stronger. The most important sharing occurs at the neighborhood level- working toward a **common goal** of resolving the situation.

1. **Know your children's house guest** (and their parents)
2. **Changing personal habits**—always locking doors and windows; locking the car and taking the keys, teaching children basic safety habits—each of these helps reduce immediate crime risk.
3. **Knowing and working with neighbors.** Neighbors who know each other (and have training in Neighborhood Watch-style techniques) know what's normal and what's out of the ordinary. They know what suspicious behavior and situations are and how to report them.
4. **Developing effective neighborhood coalitions**, whether based on or including Neighborhood Watch, puts weight and experience behind the neighborhood's requests for city services and help with local problems.
5. **Neighborhood patrols**—not arresting anyone but keeping an eye out for activities that arouse suspicion or concern—can provide the kind of surveillance that discourages criminals from even trying to practice their trade on the neighborhood's turf. These patrols should work with and get training from the local police or sheriff's department, even though they are not sworn officers of the law.

There is no single silver bullet against crime, but there is ammunition that can help every neighborhood and community get the job done.

volunteers needed

We are forming new committees and getting the old committees to expand on projects to create our cathedral.

If you have a particular area you would like to focus your energy on join or start a committee. Some ideas:

book club investment club
walk club bunko
contact Rose 790-1717

CHA 1st Annual Yard Sale

THE EVENT WAS HELD ON APRIL 1ST **\$40.00 WAS DONATED TO THE NATIONAL BREAST CANCER FOUNDATION ON BEHALF OF ALL THE RESIDENTS OF CAMBRIDGE.** THE 13 RESIDENTS WHO PAID THE \$5 FEE AND TURNED IN THEIR APPLICATIONS, HELPED TO MAKE THIS HAPPEN. THE REMAINDER \$25.00 COVERED THE COST OF ADVERTISING IN THE CHRONICLE AND THE SIGNAL. WE ARE IN THE PROCESS OF PLANNING THE FALL YARD SALE. BE CHECKING THE WEBSITE FOR THE APPLICATION AND DATE.

YARD OF THE MONTH

May Winner: 3404 Essex Place

They will receive a **free oil change** from Tire Plus.

It is finally here, the yard of the month. At this time there is no committee for this project or official outline/rules. All residents are encouraged to participate and suggest feedback.

For know this is how it will work.

1. post nominations on the website in the discussion area by the 20th of each month.
2. from the 20th -27th of each month there will be voting on the nominees
3. on the 1st of each month the winner will be announced
4. in December there will be a vote for all monthly winners for the yard of the year.

If you have any ideas or would like to head this committee please contact michelle at 790-6029 or by email at michellemtucker@comcast.net

\$\$REWARD\$\$

for information LEADING TO THE ARREST & CONVICTION

Per Lt. Tony Walden this past month there has been 40 burglaries in the surrounding area. 12 (confirmed) were in Cambridge.

Raymond Morris has begun a REWARD FUND. He is collecting donations from the residents to be awarded to anyone who has information leading to the arrest and conviction of these criminals. The account is in the Home Associations name at Queensborough Bank. If you have any questions or concerns contact Mr. Morris at 231-6813 or raymondwmorris1@aol.com to make a donation.

Collected to date totals \$500.00. The goal is to raise about \$2500.00. Please do what you can to help us reach our goal. It is a small price to pay compare to losing your valuables. ALSO remember this donation is a tax deductible on your Schedule A.

Tips or any information will stay completely anonymous.

HOA COORDINATOR

Carla Padgett-Morris is the official HOA Coordinator for Nordahl. She can be reached at:

706-860-5992

cpadgettmorris@knology.net.

Questions regarding the Association, need copies of the covenants or need to make payment arrangement for your Annual Dues please call or email Carla.

CAMBRIDGE UNITES

The first of many walks to unite the residents of Cambridge will be on Thursday **June 15th**. Walking as a community allows the criminals to know **WE** are **UNITED** and **WATCHING** as well as allows you to get to know your neighbors and of course physical fitness. Bring the kids, the dogs or your bike.

The walks will begin at 7:00 p.m. and end at your own will. This will be a weekly event (every Monday) so participate when you can. **HOWEVER we do ask that everyone try to participate on the JUNE 15th walk for the beginning of a free crime preventor. PLEASE MEET AT THE NORDAHL TRAILER ON THAMES PLACE @ 7:00 P.M.**

The goal of the first walk will try to cover the entire community. This allows everyone to participate and let it be known we are not letting our community get taken over by a bunch of criminals. Afterwards the residents on your street may consider getting together and walking your street.

IF YOU SEE A GROUP OF PEOPLE WALK BY YOUR HOUSE ON THURSDAYS GET OUT AND JOIN THEM.

IMPORTANT CONTACT NUMBERS

LT. Tony Walden twalden@augustageorgia.gov

Out of town home watch

Litter line

Suspicious activities

821-1080

821-1010

821-2555

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