

CIRCLE GINNY HOMEOWNER'S ASSOCIATION

Established 1978

MISSION STATEMENT:

The primary purpose of the Circle Ginny Homeowner's Association is to protect and preserve the value of the privately and commonly used property.



From the President:



"While still in lazy sleeping the apple buds are bound; but tulip tips are peeping from out the garden ground." Author unknown

A knock at the door could be a neighbor needing to borrow something, a child selling cookies, a solicitor or community organization. Unfortunately, it could also be a **BURGLAR** checking to see if anyone is home, or worse a **ROBBER**. Recently, I attended a neighborhood watch meeting and listened to many of our nearby neighbors (none from Circle Ginny) tell of their horrific stories of recent home burglaries. I was amazed of the number of burglaries and home invasions in our area. In recent communications, I have emphasized the importance of home safety unaware there was so much crime around us (silly me). Because we are a close-knit mature community with a Neighborhood Watch within our own community, the local police department would like for us to be good neighbors and report any suspicious activity not only on our street but also throughout the Mayfield area. **Brenda Williams**



It's Lawn Mowing time again!

I believe a leaf of grass is no less than the journeywork of the stars. - Walt Whitman

2010 CGHOA "To Do List"

- ☐ Street resurfacing
- ☐ Repair/Replace entrance/exit light posts TBD



KEEP OUR NEIGHBORHOOD SAFE

We encourage all residents to be alert concerning "normal neighborhood activity". Reporting suspicious activity in our neighborhood is a good way to keep Circle Ginny a safe place to live. Calling 911 is always appropriate in an emergency but its okay to call your block captain if you see something doesn't look quite right.

- **East Captain:** Cindy Downey (1929)
- **West Captain:** Brenda Williams (1905)

PLEASE KEEP OUR COMMUNITY CLEAN

Do not throw trash in the streets. Pick up trash on and around your home. Trash pick up is Tuesday morning so place your trash receptacles at the curb Monday night. Because cats and raccoons tend to get into trash, make sure lids are placed securely on trashcans and bags are tied tightly. Abandoned cars are not to be left on the street and are subject to be towed. Please observe the 2-car limit on the street and do not block driveways of others enabling to exit.

DUES REMINDER \$\$

Delinquent dues letters went out to all homeowners who have not paid their annual assessments. All past dues will incur late fees of 6%. If you have not paid your dues for 2010 and any arrears, please do so immediately. Thank you.

Mary Beth Ferree



PLEASE observe the **ONE-WAY**, **SPEED LIMIT**, and **CHILDREN PLAYING** signs at all times.

NOTICE TO ALL RESIDENTS

The area in the open field located on the west side of Circle Ginny is private property and is not for dumping and disposal of trash and debris. It has been brought to our attention that someone is dumping tires in this field. If not removed immediately, the City of Middletown will issue a citation which includes fines to the homeowner or resident whose property is the nearest.

Do you have Curb Appeal?



Excellent Curb Appeal can be accomplished by the careful application of a number of methods of installation of exterior architectural details, re-painting, and attention to the landscaping choices for maximum impact and minimal maintenance. Several television programs (such as Curb Appeal: The Block, Design to Sell, The House Doctor, and Flip This House) have been created to explore ways for homeowners and building contractors to increase the Curb Appeal of their properties for a more profitable and quick sale.

According to the 2009 "Cost vs. Value Report" from Remodeling magazine, a trade publication, the projects offering the greatest return on investment involved what could be called "curbscaping" -- new siding, a deck and new windows. On a national basis, the payback for siding and decks was greater than that for remodeling a kitchen, and the payoff for replacing windows was just a few percentage points behind.

A study conducted by the National Arborist Association concluded that landscape features account for 20% of the total property value. Money magazine conducted research on the return on investment (ROI) of home improvements. The ROI of a kitchen is 75-125%, the bathroom is 20-120%, the pool is 20-50% and the landscape is 100-200%. The ROI for landscaping is huge, suggesting that you may potentially double your investment.



Would you like to receive the Traveling Scarecrow award? For the past three years, the Circle Ginny Homeowner's Association has taken a close look at the homes in our community to determine which home has the "Best" curb appeal. If your home is selected, then you will receive the Traveling Scarecrow award to be placed in your yard. The Scarecrow is our way of saying we've noticed the hardwork you've put into the beautiful curb appeal created to beautify our community. It gives the resident a sense of accomplishment and pride. Show us your yard beautification this year for your chance to be selected for the home beautification award. Winners announced in October newsletter.



Let's go **GREEN** in our community and recycle. The City of Middletown is proud to offer Rumpke's Waste and Recycling Container Service. Participation in this program is completely voluntary. Reuse a grocery bag, lunch bag, or freezer bag to keep one less thing out of the landfills. You can call 513.425.7870 or stop by the Citizens Service Center in the lobby of the City Building for your free containers. When everyone helps, the community stays beautiful and *green* is more than just a campaign.



SAVE THE DATE: Earth Day, April 20, 8 AM to 1 PM, Miami Park, off McKinley Street.



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You will need:

- One full can 12 oz. of regular pop (any kind -no diet soda)
- One full can 12 oz. of beer (no light beer)
- ½ cup dishwashing soap (do not use anti-bacterial soap)
- ½ cup of ammonia
- ½ cup of mouthwash (any brand)

Directions:

Pour into 10-gallon hose-end sprayer (other sizes will work too). Spray on after mowing just enough to wet the grass. Apply every three weeks. Best when applied early morning or late evenings.