

# 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:



It seems nowadays everywhere, in all most every place, people are conceding to concessions, cutbacks, and pay cuts. I can hear myself in a few years telling my granddaughter how things used to be in "my time". Remembering when postage stamps were 5cents, penny candy, the first McDonald's restaurant, fuel cost was 75 cents a gallon, \$3,000 paid for a four-year degree and having a degree meant earning more money. When there were mailboxes on the corner of your street and you could mail a birthday card today and the recipient would receive it in no less than 1-3 days. It used to be exciting to wait for the mailman to deliver mail such as paychecks, government payments, birthday greetings, a love letter, or just well wishes from far, far away. After 26 years, I can no longer determine when my mail will be delivered, or if I will receive my mail or someone else's. I used to be very familiar with my mailman even to the point where I bought him a Christmas present every year. He knew when I was on vacation and held my mail until I returned. He was never afraid of my dog and even returned her to the backyard if she managed to get out of the fence. I recall recently seeing the mail handler delivering mail after 5PM on a Saturday. When I asked why the mail was being delivered so late, she responded, "this is an overtime shift, if not for being a single parent and needing to buy Christmas for my kids I would not have done it." My heart went out for her but at the same time I wondered, "What's happening to our mail service?" Well, after the first of the year the government has decided to eliminate a lot of service to our mail delivery. That means, possibly no Saturday delivery at all, and if you are waiting on something to be delivered ASAP, it may have to be delivered by FEDEX, UPS, DHL or FAX. More businesses are using internet and fax as a way of mail delivery. I guess the only thing that gets last priority are IOU's (bills), the unwanted kind, as most people pay their regular bills such as mortgages, water, electric, phones, cable, even insurance online through their bank. Remember, Tuesday is always junk mail day. You know the unwarranted junk mail coupons that you immediately throw in the trash. I remember the motto: No rain, no snow, no sleet, no hail...nothing will stop the US mail, perhaps the lack of money might.

Brenda T. Williams

### 2010 CGHOA "To Do List"

- ☐ 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 observe the ONE-WAY, SPEED LIMIT, and CHILDREN PLAYING signs

### DUES REMINDER \$\$

CGHOA assessments are due January 1, 2011 and are considered past due if not received by February 15, 2012.



During a snowstorm, **DO NOT** park on the street so the snowplow can do a good job and not damage the sidewalk and curbs. The Association pays for snow removal this is not a service provided by the City of Middletown.

Coming Soon...  
2011 Financial  
Statements



## NEIGHBORHOOD LINK

You Community Connection – [www.neighborhoodlink.com/Circle\\_Ginny](http://www.neighborhoodlink.com/Circle_Ginny)

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## CodeRED Emergency Notification Service

The City of Middletown has implemented the CodeRED Emergency Notification System - an ultra, high-speed telephone communication service for emergency notifications. This system allows us to telephone all or targeted areas of the City in case of an emergency situation that requires immediate action (such as a boil-water notice, missing child, or evacuation notices). The system is capable of dialing 50,000 phone numbers per hour. It then delivers our recorded message to a live person or an answering machine, making three attempts to connect to any number. 999-911-9999 will appear on your caller ID.

**This system will only be used for emergency purposes.**

Examples of times when the CodeRED system could be utilized: Drinking water contamination, Utility outage, Evacuation notice and route, Missing persons, Fires or Floods, Bomb threat, Hostage situation, Chemical spill or Gas leak, and other emergency incidents where rapid and accurate notification is essential for life safety. To update your information please click [here](#).

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## Snow Emergency

In most areas of the city, to ensure winter traffic ability of streets it usually belongs to the municipality. Circle Ginny is a privately owned street; therefore, the City of Middletown does not maintain our street during snow emergencies. It is up to the Association to provide snow removal during the winter aftermath.

To assure the snow plows do an efficient job to make travel easier and safer. We are advised during a snow emergency not to park cars on the street, instead park in the driveway or garage. To stay in compliance with the Association's by-laws there should be no more than 2 cars per resident.

**PLEASE when snow is expected to exceed 2 inches, remove cars off the street.**

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## Neighborhood Crime



For most people, burglary is distressing. For some, it means the loss of precious possessions or items with sentimental value that can't be replaced. For others, it means the loss that comes from being uninsured or underinsured. Or the inconvenience and time involved with making a claim and waiting while goods are replaced.

But many victims of burglary say that the biggest impact is the sense of violation—of someone invading their personal, private space. It has nothing to do with material or financial loss, and it's not the same thing as feeling insecure or vulnerable.

The overall cost of burglary continues to rise even in places where the number of burglaries is fairly stable. Insurance organizations pay out millions of dollars on burglary claims and this in turn increases in the cost of every home and contents policy.

### Reducing the Risk of a Burglary

1. Lock doors and windows.
2. Light the outside of the house; trim shrubs.
3. Install good dead-bolt locks, window gates and an alarm system.
4. Ask a neighbor to keep an eye on things.
5. Make the house appear occupied. Use timers, and when on vacation, stop deliveries and arrange to have circulars collected, the lawn mowed and garbage put out.
6. Etch identifying numbers on valuables, and move them out of the bedroom, the first place a burglar looks.
7. Never open your door to a stranger; use a peephole, not a door chain.

## BACON-CHEESE PULL APARTS

### Ingredients

- 1 Egg
- 2 Tbsp. milk
- 1 Can (2.2 oz.) precooked bacon, cut into ½ inch pieces
- ¾ cup shredded cheddar cheese
- ¼ cup finely chopped green onions (4 medium)

### Directions

1. Heat oven to 350 degrees F. Spray 11x7- or 12x8-inch (2-quart) glass baking dish with cooking spray. In large bowl, beat egg and milk with wire whisk until smooth.
2. Separate dough into 8 biscuits; cut each into quarters. Gently stir biscuit pieces into egg mixture to coat evenly. Fold in bacon, cheese and onions. Spoon mixture into baking dish; arrange biscuit pieces in single layer.
3. Bake 23 to 28 minutes or until golden brown. Cut into squares.

## Just for Laughs



A mechanic was removing a cylinder head from the motor of a Harley motorcycle when he spotted a well-known heart surgeon in his shop.

The surgeon was there, waiting for the service manager to come and take a look at his bike.

The mechanic shouted across the garage, "Hey, Doc, can I ask you a question?"

The surgeon a bit surprised, walked over to the mechanic working on the motorcycle. The mechanic straightened up, wiped his hands on a rag and asked, "So Doc, look at this engine. I open its heart, take valves out, fix 'em, put 'em back in, and when I finish, it works just like new. So how come I get such a small salary and you get the really big bucks, when you and I are doing basically the same work? "

The surgeon paused, smiled and leaned over, and whispered to the mechanic... "Try doing it with the engine running. "

