

# 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

*There is a crime wave in our community. After living on Circle Ginny for more than 20 years there has never been a break-in. Since the first of the year there have been 2 break-ins on our street. This is alarming and the numbers of home break-ins in the area are increasing. The lack of economic growth and lack of jobs have people desperate but that is no excuse to break the law, but it does tell us that we need to address the crime wave on several levels: law enforcement, prevention, more jobs and citizens working together. I believe we have excellent law enforcement in our community; however, domestic abuse and crime against property go up sharply during hard times. The point is, we all have to pitch in to assist our law enforcement. We need to mark all items and record serial numbers. A photograph is important for insurance claims and to prove ownership. Keep an eye on your neighbor's property and record the license plate number of suspicious vehicles. Brenda Williams*

## 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 it's okay to notify 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 in and around your home. Trash pickup is Tuesday morning so place your trash receptacles at the curb Monday night. Trash cans **should not** be kept in the front of your home. 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.

## NOTICE TO ALL RESIDENTS

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 2012 and any arrears, please do so immediately. Thank you.

### 2012 Things to Do List

- Replace/Repair entrance light post.
- Repair lamp post lamps.
- Community Enhancements, purchase mulch
- Tree trimming.

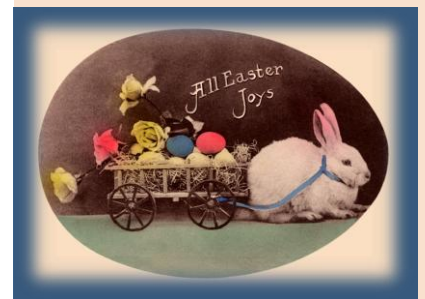
*"And Spring arose on the  
garden fair,*

*Like the Spirit of Love felt  
everywhere;*

*And each flower and  
herb on Earth's dark*

*breast*

*Rose from the dreams of  
its wintry rest."*



**Happy Easter!**

## Do you have Curb Appeal?



Whether you want to refresh your home's curb appeal to sell it or you just want to make it the marvel of your block, the first impression is usually the only one you get. Don't wait to improve your home's visual appeal and beauty just for the benefit of future occupants. With just a few quick fixes and cosmetic changes, you can easily make the outside of your home more attractive and inviting, even if you won't be sticking a "For Sale" sign in the yard.

Before you start, walk across the street and take a good look at your home and yard. What are your first impressions? Most people would probably agree that there's always at least a little room for improvement.

To enhance your home's outdoor impression, you basically need to do **four** things

### **Clean, Paint, Prune and Repair.**

Often, clogged gutters are the cause of dirt and stains on siding. Leaves, mud, twigs and trash causes dirty water to overflow and stain the siding. For water to flow through your gutters freely, you need to remove the debris that has collected inside. Handheld blowers or wet/dry vacuums are effective tools for removing debris, particularly on dry days when leaves are loose and light. Blow out as much loose debris as possible and collect it in yard refuse bags.

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### **Paint Refresh - Exterior**

A fresh coat of paint can liven up the look of your home. When painting aluminum or vinyl siding, use an exterior latex primer and paint. If you will be painting masonry, such as brick, concrete or stucco, prime with a latex masonry and concrete primer/sealer and paint.

Flat and satin sheens are good for exterior siding because they have little reflection. Semi-gloss and gloss sheens are typically used for shutters and trim. Vinyl or aluminum siding that is slightly dented or worn looks best when repainted with a flat sheen because it camouflages imperfections more; a satin finish is a better choice when the siding is in good condition. In addition, semi-gloss finishes are tough, easier to clean and resistant to mildew and chalking.

### **Prune - Maintain Landscaping**

Your plants, shrubs and flowerbeds also need regular trimming, weeding, raking and mulching to keep them looking neat and well-groomed. And that goes for your lawn, too. Make sure you keep it freshly mowed and edged against sidewalks and walkways (and don't forget to pluck any weeds growing in sidewalk cracks or between bricks). This tender loving care will make your yard look well-tended and manicured, and your greenery will reward you by growing healthy and strong.

If your grass looks unhealthy, bring it back to its full, green lushness by fertilizing, and if necessary, reseeding any thin or dead patches. When adding fertilizer, carefully read product instructions before applying and follow them closely.

If reseeding, use a hand rake to loosen and turn over the soil in bad patches. This allows the soil to receive more oxygen and water.

### Repair - Fix Driveway Cracks

Is your driveway fading, or cracking and crumbling? Patching cracks in both asphalt and concrete driveways will prevent water seepage and further cracking. You don't need to call in a professional. You can find everything you need at your local home improvement store. Whether your driveway is concrete or asphalt before you patch always wash it with a pressure washer and then let it dry.

### Think you have Curb Appeal?

Would you like to receive the Traveling Scarecrow award? For the past four 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 coveted Traveling Scarecrow award to be placed in your yard.

The scarecrow is our way of saying we've noticed the hard work 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.



## Just for Laughs



*Three older ladies were discussing the trials of getting older. One said, "Sometimes I catch myself with a jar of mayonnaise in my hand in front of the refrigerator and can't remember whether I need to put it away or start making a sandwich."*

*The second lady chimed in, "Yes, sometimes I find myself on the landing of the stairs and can't remember whether I was on my way up or on my way down."*

*The third one responded, "Well, I'm sure glad I don't have that problem, knock on wood." She raps her knuckles on the table, then she, says, "That must be the door, I'll get it."*

### Decadent Chocolate-Peanut Butter Cheesecake

#### Ingredients

18 chocolate graham cracker squares,  
finely crushed (1-1/2 cups)  
1/2 cup butter, melted  
2 tablespoons sugar  
2 8 ounce package cream cheese,  
softened  
1 cup creamy peanut butter

1/4 cup sugar  
3 eggs  
1 1/2  
2 cups semisweet chocolate pieces  
2 tablespoons milk  
1/2 teaspoon vanilla  
Peanuts (optional)

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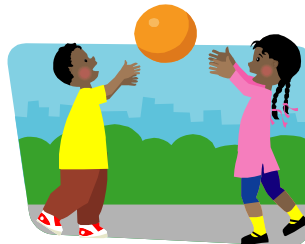
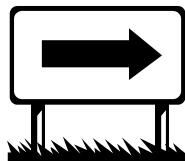
### Directions

1. Preheat oven to 300 degrees F. Combine crackers, melted butter, and 2 tablespoons sugar. Press into bottom and 1 inch up sides of a 9-inch springform pan; set aside. In bowl beat 1 package cream cheese with electric mixer until smooth. Beat in peanut butter and 1/4 cup sugar until combined. Fold in 1 lightly beaten egg; set aside.

2. In saucepan stir chocolate over low heat until melted and smooth. Remove from heat. Cube remaining cream cheese; add to chocolate. Stir to combine. Stir in milk and vanilla until smooth. Fold in 2 lightly beaten eggs. Spread half the chocolate mixture into pan. Carefully spread all the peanut butter mixture over layer. Evenly spread remaining chocolate mixture.

3. Bake 45 minutes or until top is set when lightly shaken. Outer 2 inches of the top will be slightly puffed and dry-looking; center will look darker and wet. Cool in pan on rack 15 minutes. Use a small sharp knife to loosen crust from sides; cool completely on rack. Cover; chill 4 hours. Let stand at room temperature 15 minutes before serving. Sprinkle with peanuts. Makes 16 servings.

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



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A Nice and Safe Place  
to Live**

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