

# CHERRY HOME NEWS

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## Clubhouse Update

By David Schmidtke

This spring and summer the clubhouse was painted inside and out. The small storage shed was repaired and painted as well. One of this year's major projects was the acquisition and installation of a HD flat screen TV. Programming is provided by a Direct TV dish. By the time you read this the first TV party will have been held the weekend of the Michigan State vs. Notre Dame football game.



**Acoustics** - Another project was to fix the acoustic problems in the clubhouse. Recognized for years as a problem the board decided to really try to solve the problem. One of our members, Bob Olson, is an architect and he provided some valuable guidance. However,

when we came to investigate the solutions they quickly ran beyond our expectations in terms of cost. As a result, we are trying some Do It Yourself acoustic panels with the first three currently installed. It will take more than these three, but there is some promise, and the cost is well within our expectations.

**Piano** - Hugh Willey has placed one of his pianos in the clubhouse. Hugh has, in the past, played for CHA events and organized concerts open to CHA residents. This is a valuable piano and is not a toy. Experienced pianists are welcome to use the piano and everyone is encouraged to treat Hugh's piano with care and respect. We hope this addition will provide impetus for further social and cultural events.

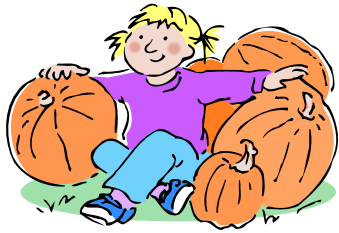
**Scheduling and reserving the Clubhouse** - With the arrival of the TV it became obvious we would have some scheduling problems. The board has devised a Reservation Policy that is shown below along with a revised Clubhouse Use Fee schedule.

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## Social Events

Our next scheduled Social Event will be a Halloween Wine Tasting Party open to all members. It will be held Saturday October 31 and will begin at 6:00 PM in the clubhouse. Whetsel's and Schmidtke's are hosting the event. Please bring a bottle of wine and an appetizer. Halloween costumes are optional. RSVP by phone to the Whetsel's at 386-5503 or email Schmidtke's at [dnport@torchlake.com](mailto:dnport@torchlake.com). Reservations are in hand for several football game TV viewings that will be open to CHA members. We are only limited in our social activities by interest to organize them. Normally the events are run in such a manner that they do not cost the association very much money.



## Phragmites Control

Most of the shoreline residents received communications about the organized effort to rid the shoreline of this invasive vegetative pest. There is a countywide permit for DEQ-approved spraying. The program should have been completed for this year by the time you read this. Most likely there will have to be some repeat next summer to insure more complete kill. CHA gave permission for the spraying of our shoreline at the various parks including all of Central Park's beaches. Approval for private property was left to each resident.

## CHA Board Elections

It is not too early to think about serving on the CHA Board of Directors. Each year in the spring we elect three members to the nine-person board. This year at least two of the three incumbents have indicated they are not going to seek reelection. All that is needed to run is for you to complete and submit a "Candidate Profile",

which is available on our web site (<http://www.cherryhomeshores.com/Home.html>) or from any member of the board. Please do consider being a part of the Board.

## Ideas and Projects for the Future

keep thinking and looking. Someone asked about mooring boats, especially for off shore property owners. Mooring or even having boats on shore stations is a risky business. This season a couple of boats came loose and I think one drifted to the other side of the bay. We are always looking for good solutions, but this one

has eluded us.

## Finances

We are in decent shape. In an attempt to be fiscally more realistic we have begun escrowing money for large, foreseen projects such as roof replacement and tennis court refurbishment. This allows the board to know what real money is available for current activities and improvements such as painting the clubhouse. Financial statements are not published on the web site or the newsletter, but are available in the clubhouse or from a board member.

### Cherry Home Shores Clubhouse Reservations Policy.

The CHA board of directors shall appoint a reservations official for CHA clubhouse functions. This person shall be responsible for taking and making clubhouse reservations for both private parties and CHA events. This person will maintain a calendar of events and pass the calendar to the webmaster for posting on the CHA web site calendar at least monthly. No private party reservation may be booked more than 30 days in advance. Special events such as family gatherings, reunions, wedding related activities, etc. may be reserved farther ahead if requested in writing, including an event description, and approved by the reservations official. Private clubhouse parties will be subject to the CHA use fee policy in place.

Any member of CHA can "sponsor" a CHA clubhouse social event, including a TV event, up to a year in advance, if the event is open to all CHA members. The "sponsor" must schedule this event with the reservation official in writing. The "sponsor" will be responsible for setting up the event, and providing the plans to the reservations official for posting to the calendar. The "sponsor" may pick up a key to the clubhouse no more than 48 hours prior to the event, and must return the key to the reservations official no more than 24 hours after the event. The "sponsor" is responsible to ensure the clubhouse is left in a clean and neat condition.

### Clubhouse Use Fees

- Open to CHA members - no fee - must be left clean.
- Private but hosted by CHA member - \$50 and must be left clean or \$50 clean-up fee applied.
- Private, hosted by non-CHA member - \$100 and must be left clean or \$50 clean-up



### How does autumn color happen?

For years, scientists have worked to understand the changes that happen to trees and shrubs in the autumn. Although we don't know all the details, we do know enough to explain the basics and help you to enjoy more fully Nature's multicolored autumn farewell. Three factors influence autumn leaf color-leaf pigments, length of night, and weather, but not quite in the way we think. The timing of color change and leaf fall are primarily regulated by the calendar, that is, the increasing length of

night. None of the other environmental influences-temperature, rainfall, food supply, and so on-are as unvarying as the steadily increasing length of night during autumn. As days grow shorter, and nights grow longer and cooler, biochemical processes in the leaf begin to paint the landscape with Nature's autumn palette.

### How does weather affect autumn color?

The amount and brilliance of the colors that develop in any particular autumn season are related to weather conditions that occur before and during the time the chlorophyll in the leaves is dwindling. Temperature and moisture are the main influences.

A succession of warm, sunny days and cool, crisp but not freezing nights seems to bring about the most spectacular color displays. During these days, lots of sugars are produced in the leaf but the cool nights and the gradual closing of veins going into the leaf prevent these sugars from moving out. These conditions-lots of sugar and lots of light-spur production of the brilliant anthocyanin pigments, which tint

reds, purples, and crimson. Because carotenoids are always present in leaves, the yellow and gold colors remain fairly constant from year to year. The amount of moisture in the soil also affects autumn colors. Like the weather, soil moisture varies greatly from year to year. The countless combinations of these two highly variable factors assure that no two autumns can be exactly alike.



A late spring, or a severe summer drought, can delay the onset of fall color by a few weeks. A warm period during fall will also lower the intensity of autumn colors. A warm wet spring, favorable summer weather, and warm sunny fall days with cool nights should produce the most brilliant autumn colors.

The Fire Ring on the beach at the clubhouse got some use this summer. It was rather a cold summer, but there were some wonderful days as well.

**Board Members and Volunteers -**

President - David Schmidtke  
Vice President - Bob Vandermark  
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Don Walworth  
Mary Barrett - Kiosk  
Lynn Livingston - Web Site  
Karen Casebeer  
Bob Zwemer  
Trails Coordinator - George Carpenter  
Clubhouse Coordinator - Al Noftz  
Social Chairman - Linda VanEmst

Be sure to check our web site for new, calendars of events and the photo gallery of people and places around Cherry Home Shores. You can also leave a comment or suggestion for the board.



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