

January—March 2012



## A CALL FOR ACTION!

We all have seen the CWE main entrance to the right where Georgia DOT cut down our Leyland Cypress trees. The reason the trees were cut is because they had grown so big, that they were growing into the power lines. The utility providers were unable to safely park their trucks on the state's right of way when the power, phone, and cable lines needed work. In addition, there is a contagious tree disease that spreads readily that affects only Leyland Cypress trees. This is what killed several of the trees in the large grouping that was cut down on the other side of the entrance. While it may have taken a few years for them to all die, the trees were doomed.

This has left our entrance in need of additional landscaping that is currently not within our lean HOA budget. As a result, HOA funds (dues) cannot be used to replace the trees. Therefore we are asking that each family:

- 1) Donate funds to help replace the trees in the front entrance and,
- 2) Give a few hours of your time on the next Work Day to help plant new shrubs

We hope that every family, HOA member or not, would donate a minimum of \$25. This should provide enough funds to remove the current stumps and plant small to medium shrubs. Beautifying this area will benefit us all.

Your donations can be sent to our management company CMA at the following address:

Kevin Fredrico  
CMA  
1465 Northside Drive, Suite 128  
Atlanta, GA 30318

Please make your check payable to Cherokee Woods East HOA (please note "Tree Replacement" in the memo section). All funds will need to be submitted by the **end of February** in order for us to have ample time to plant the replacement shrubs in the spring. Once sufficient funds are collected, a Work Day will be determined and placed on the entrance boards.

All donors will be recognized in the next Chatter- don't miss being on the list!



## A NOTE FROM SCOTT

### **CWE HOA Annual Meeting**

The 2012 Cherokee Woods East Homeowners Association annual membership meeting will be held Sunday, January 29, at 7:30 pm at the clubhouse. The meeting is open to all active class A and B members in good standing. Basically, this means people who paid their \$500 or \$600 dues last year and have no outstanding debt to the HOA. If you are not sure of your membership status you can contact a member of the board of directors for clarification. We are listed on the CWE web site at: <http://www.cherokeewoodseast.com/contact.htm>.

The primary purpose of the annual meeting is to approve this year's budget and set membership dues. The board is proposing that dues remain at \$500 for class A members and \$600 for class B members.

As with last year, dues will be due on March 1, and for those making installment payments, they will be due on March 1, April 1 and May 1, the grace period is 20 days. This will ensure that all payments are in before the pool opens and new rec area ID tags are given out. CMA, our property management firm, will be sending bills out shortly after the budget is approved.

### **Pool and Clubhouse Rentals**

The pool and clubhouse may now be rented only by members of the HOA. This is a change in policy based on input from the membership. Contact Todd Going at 770-696-4901 for rates and availability information.

Thanks for your attention. We look forward to seeing you at the annual membership meeting!

Scott Keller, President - CWE HOA

## YOUR DOLLARS AT WORK

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The Home Owners Association Budget operated within budget by putting off the needed resurfacing of tennis courts 3&4. The budget has been strained over the last couple of years due to long overdue work, including a badly needed new heating and air system and gutters for the clubhouse. Replacing the pool fencing was mainly offset by eliminating the expense of lifeguards at

the pool. Electrical issues with the lighting in the Recreation Area, timers for the tennis court lights, issues with the electrical systems in the pool pump house, and making the lights in the pool area accessible for members and their guests have been done.

## CWE GARDEN CLUB NEIGHBORHOOD BEAUTIFICATION AWARD

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The CWE Garden Club presented the First Quarterly Most Beautiful Yard Award to the Hinds Family at 2398 Dakota Trail. Please drive by and see their award and lovely yard.

Mrs. Terry Hinds provided helpful tips during the September Garden Club Meeting where she discussed her garden rituals that help to make her yard lovely.



## A PERENNIAL PRESENTATION

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Georgia Master Gardner, Faye Sisson provided a Perennial Presentation to the CWE Garden Club discussing various plants, flower and shrubs for CWE yards that have both shade and sun.

The CWE Garden Club has taken a break for the winter. Please join us when we resume our monthly meetings in time for spring. Details of the next meeting will be posted at the CWE entrance. All neighbors, HOA members or not, are invited to come and be members. Membership is only \$10 per year.

### January Garden Tips:

#### FIRST WEEK:

- Prepare beds for bare-root roses that will soon arrive in nurseries. Dig an area four feet wide and twelve inches deep for each plant, adding plenty of soil conditioner to the soil. It is easy to see the limb structure of trees now. Tie ribbon around the ones you think should be removed then step back for another look before cutting them off.
- If the ground is dry, till the soil in your vegetable garden. You'll eliminate lots of insects, weeds and nematodes.

#### SECOND WEEK:

- Small, leafless shrubs and trees can be transplanted easily now. Wait for a warm day when the ground is not frozen. Chop unwanted kudzu, English ivy and bamboo to the ground. Follow with weedkiller on the leaves in April.

#### THIRD WEEK:

- Check indoor plants for insects like spider mites, scale, and mealybugs. Remember to spray insecticidal soap or indoor houseplant insecticide on the *undersides* of leaves to get good pest control. If temperatures drop below 20 degrees after a week-long warm spell, cover gardenias and camellias nightly with black plastic anchored to the ground on all sides.

#### FOURTH WEEK:

- Plant pansies and English daisies in a sunny bed when the weather is mild. Use plants in three inch or larger pots to make an immediate impact in your landscape.
- Look out for poison ivy when working outdoors. Even the leafless vine and branches can cause a powerful skin reaction if touched.
- Check on the tender bulbs (canna, caladium, dahlia) you stored indoors for the winter. If they are beginning to shrink, mist each one with warm water

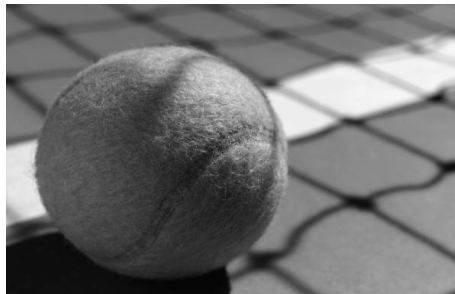
## CWE TENNIS NEWS

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We have added a new team member for our ladies Alta team in the spring. We welcome Devida Long! She and her husband moved into Cherokee Woods last October.

We are gearing up for the spring tennis season, so please come join us if you are interested in playing ALTA. We have a mid B level women's team, Adult Mixed Doubles, Men's and Women's and Senior Mixed teams and a mid B level men's team. If interested call Sallie Smith, 770-498-9260.

Our adult mixed Alta B team had a successful summer season. We won our division and made it to the second round of playoffs. Our senior ladies team came in second place in their division. During the fall season our ladies fall team had a great season. While we did not win the



division we were a close second behind the first place team during regular season! Winter senior mixed and regular mixed are underway. We also have some members playing T2 tennis and other flex leagues. This summer Sonny Sprayberry won city for T2 singles. Flex leagues are a great way to play tennis at any level. They have singles, doubles for both men and women, and mixed doubles.

The senior men had a great time playing summer tennis, however they are looking for additional senior men. If interested call Rob Kraus 770-469-1012. You have to be 45 or older to play.

If playing tennis is not your passion, come support our teams. Senior mixed plays Saturday mornings and regular mixed plays Sunday afternoon.

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### CWE BOARD MEETINGS

The Cherokee Woods East Homeowners Association is led by a Board of Directors and many committee chairpersons who assist with handling daily activities in CWE to help make CWE a well maintained community. Board meetings are generally held on the first Sunday of the month in the clubhouse. Members are always welcomed and encouraged to attend.

### CWE BOARD MEMBERS

Scott Keller - President - 770-985-4232  
 Rhonda Miller - Secretary - 770-985-6098  
 Michael Etter - Treasurer - 770-972-6787  
 Larry Carter - Director of Pool Operation - 770-498-8751  
 Tom Black - Director of Maintenance - 770-498-1548  
 Jeanne Kraus - Co-Director of Tennis - 770-498-9260  
 Sallie Smith - Co-Director of Tennis - 770-469-1012  
 Todd Going - Clubhouse Rentals - 770-696-4901  
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 Kelli Worrill - Co-Director of Membership - 770-465-3001  
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Do you have an announcement or wish to advertise in the Chatter? Please email Kelli Worrill at [dkellib@hotmail.com](mailto:dkellib@hotmail.com) to submit your announcement. The Chatter is published quarterly.

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