

Ramsgate

SEPTEMBER '14 NEWS

board at work

- Renovations to the entrance and Brickston Island landscaping have been completed. Still on the list for attention is the Queensbury cul-de-sac.
- The entrance landscape lighting will be upgraded in the coming weeks, by adding more LEDs and redirecting lights to better illuminate the Ramsgate lettering.
- Ponds are also on the list for attention in the coming weeks. The Knightsbridge pond has yet another leak, which will hopefully be an easy fix. The Camdendown pond dredging will begin very soon to remove the 3-4' of leaf build up. The main pond will need dredging near the waterfall. Leaf build up is just below the water's surface,

according to board chairman Jim Chastain, who is the contact for ponds and waterways issues.

- Roseanne Apyan, board president, has assumed responsibility for landscape issues. Please contact her if you see an irrigation problem: 818.468-4702 cell, 842-1447 home, or tntlde@sbcglobal.net.

- We had another successful pool season, with many thanks due to board vice president Chuck Yarbrough. He's established a relationship with the Health Dept inspector, as well as working with our pool maintenance provider, Phil Waites. The off-season agenda includes replacing the pool cover and resurfacing the pool. The board investigated converting to a saltwater system, but learned it is not cost effective, long term. To be most effective, the pool should be built to saltwater specifications as opposed to converting to it.

- Thanks to comments by residents, Chuck is also changing the pool gate lock system. Health Dept and insurance rules dictate that the gate must automatically close and lock when a resident enters. Because one can simply reach through our gate to use the exit handle, exiting has also been by key. Concerned that exiting during an emergency might be hindered, a metal grill panel will soon cover the gate and a key will not be needed to exit.

- Vanderbilt student Andrew Peace once again did the clubhouse and restroom cleaning this summer. He handed the mop off to teen Adam Gray in late August. Both young men live on Bayswater and did an excellent job of keeping the area pleasant for all.



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neighborly news

- Marshall Horton (Stornoway) recently completed a bicycle trip across the northern US with a tour group of 40 riders. He started in Oregon, and 3600+ miles, 50 days, 46 hotel rooms, 13 states, and one flat tire later, he arrived in New Hampshire. Mark that item off the Bucket List!
- Two teens are offering their babysitting services: Jennifer Gray (Bayswater) is 16. Her phone number is 208-3412 and her mother Jean's is 645-8048. Rachael Lane, 15, (Stornoway) is also available. You can reach her at 847-9260. She has completed the Red Cross Babysitting Course.
- Misato (Mimi) Doi (Stornoway) graduated from GPS this year. She was a member of the swim team for seven years and part of the State All American 200 yard Medley Relay Team her senior year. She was also a member of the McCallie/GPS Candle Light Chorus for the past four years. Parents Mickey and Itsuko are obviously proud of her academic and extracurricular activities. She's currently a freshman at UTK.
- Long-time Hixson Pike neighbors, the Hodson family, have their house on the market. The 1384sf home, built in 1952, is on a one-acre lot, next to our clubhouse. It will be listed at \$125,000, but Sharon Hodson will sell to a Ramsgate resident for \$110,000. Her phone is 619-1489. It is zoned residential.
- We extend our condolences to Gail Maynor (Cheswick S) on the death of her mother and housemate, Irene. Irene was a member of Falling Water Cumberland Presbyterian Church and a former BCBS employee. She passed away on July 16th.
- In July, Trinity Pearson (Cheswick S) competed in the 2014 Mrs. United States pageant, wearing the crown of Mrs. Mississippi. She entered as an at-large candidate in which the state does not require residency to participate. Trinity has participated and won past pageants, but it was 15 years and a few pounds ago. Months of training and coaching involved the entire family of husband Eddie, and daughters Brooklynn, 8, and Bentley, 6. Her platform was melanoma, of which she is a six-year survivor. Although Trinity did not win the pageant, she had a wonderful experience in Las Vegas. She is a wedding planner, and she and Eddie volunteer as mentors at Bethel Bible Village.
- What are the odds? Cheswick Rd South is the home of 2014 Mrs. Mississippi Trinity Pearson and 2008 Mrs. Tennessee Cindy Cornette.
- At least one resident was an active participant in Quilt Week. Terri Lane (Stornoway) had a quilt displayed at the TN Aquarium. Terri made the quilt with daughter Rachael's t-shirts from her many years of Aquarium summer camp. Terri and Rachael were pictured in the TFP Sept 11th ChattanoogaNow section.
- Ruchi Shah (Cheswick S) attended the TN Governor's School for Scientific Models and Data Analysis at ETSU this summer. The five-week residential program invited

only 30 students from across the state to attend. Students earned college credit for their participation. Congratulations Ruchi and parents Chetan and Roma; what an accomplishment!

- Congratulations to Doug Martin (Stornoway) on his promotion to chief operating officer of EMJ Corporation, effective by year end. Doug, a 21-year EMJ employee, will be overseeing all five EMJ offices. EMJ is a national, commercial construction company.

wash it, please

RHA has negotiated a great price for pressure washing your sidewalk, curb and driveway. In exchange several residents signing up, Hixson resident Eric Jones will do the job for \$125 -- \$135, depending on the degree of dirt. Those on corner lots will pay a bit more. Eric uses a flat-surface disk cleaner vs a wand. He washes on weekends, starting bright and early. Eric recently cleaned the Ramsgate pool deck and sidewalks and did a great job. Arrange for your cleaning directly through Eric at 313-0278.

For those who have had sidewalks cleaned recently, you know this is a great price. Jim Chastain (Prestwick) did his own cleaning recently, spending 5 hours on the job. He said next time he's using Eric.

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save the date

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can you recommend?

The Talluri family (Chippenham) has great things to say about Michael Helou, owner/operator of Affordable Chattanooga Handyman, 987-6949. He recently repaired their chimney hood. They report that Michael is very professional and competitively priced.

shame on you!

If you're not carrying (and using) a bag for your dog's poop when walking your dog, you should be ashamed of yourself. It's an unwritten contract you accepted when you got the dog. Obviously, you should clean up after your dog from other residents' yards and sidewalk grass, but it also applies to the common areas along Ramsgate Parkway, the ponds and cul-de-sacs. We shouldn't have to tell you this!

aeration time

Now is the time to aerate and overseed your lawn. Aeration allows air, water, fertilizers and grass seed to penetrate the soil and is usually done yearly. For the 2nd year, Chris Hickman will aerate Ramsgate lawns for \$40 per residence (more for those on double lots), using the preferred plug method. Good luck beating that price! He'll also fertilize and overseed for an additional fee. Please contact Chris directly at Chris-man@epbfi.com or 421-6594. He's already started scheduling, so get on his list soon.

While we're on the subject of lawns, please do not blow your grass clippings into the street; blow them back into your lawn. To reduce clippings, mow/bag the exterior of your lawn first, then remove the bag and mow/mulch the rest of your lawn. If you use a lawn service, please ask them not to blow into the street.

welcome

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new directory

With 47 additions and deletions to the last Directory in 2010, it's well past time for a new Directory. You received a personalized listing in your mailbox recently, asking for corrections to your current listing. Please, please, please complete the form and return it to Jane Horton by Sunday, Sept 21st, even if there are no corrections. Updating the Directory is a time-consuming, error-prone project. Your timely cooperation helps the process run much smoother. With your help, we hope to have the new Directory in your email box in October.

3-1-1 curbside confusion

The city offers free, on-call curbside pick up for large items (think refrigerators, furniture), loose brush, and bagged yard trash. The key to quick service is making the correct pickup request. Each type of trash requires a separate pickup request, because a different truck picks up different items and takes them to different places. That means you can't mix bagged and loose stuff in the same pile.

First, either call 3-1-1 or go to Chattanooga.gov and click on the red 3-1-1 symbol at the bottom of the page. Then click on the type of pickup you need. If your items have not been picked up within a week (it's usually within two days), most likely you've made a mistake. Call 3-1-1 or go online for detailed instructions.

move your can

If you live on the curve of a cul-de-sac, please help out our trash collectors by placing your trash can next to your neighbors' cans. If you've ever watched the trash trucks try to maneuver the curve to pick up 3-4 cans, you'll under-



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architectural reviews

The ARC recently approved three home projects:

- New windows at 6408 Knightsbridge (Schimmer)
- A wrought-iron fence at 1691 Chippenham (Molander)
- A satellite dish at 6336 Cheswick S (Shah)

rumor mill

We're still hearing rumors that a developer plans to build apartments on the property between Ramsgate and Middle Valley Road. County Commissioner Marty Haynes and City Councilman Ken Smith report that nothing has been filed or even requested of city/county planners. We all hope it stays that way, including Marty and Ken.

how much do you really know about your outdoor

lighting?

You may not realize Outdoor Lighting Perspectives has been maintaining and enhancing Ramsgate HOA's Club House and entrance's outdoor lighting for two years.

Professional outdoor lighting for your home can provide several benefits. It offers curb appeal and enhanced safety for pathways, walkways and steps. Outdoor lighting allows you to extend the enjoyment of your outdoor living spaces long after the sun goes down and adds a layer of security against unwanted visitors. Finally, many realtors believe a well lighted house at night can help add value or attract potential buyers to a home.

When considering outdoor lighting there are several options to choose from. DIY products are available in big box stores and online. Solar lights are everywhere, but don't provide a sufficient amount of light output to light a pathway properly. Line voltage lighting is an option, but a licensed electrician must install it and bulbs tend to burn out quickly. (Not to mention a higher electricity bill.)

The Basics

A legitimate professional outdoor lighting system installation will include:

- A custom design plan
- Quality products (fixtures, transformer, cable, etc.)
- Thorough, meticulous installation



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Outdoor Lighting Design Elements

Less is more with landscape lighting. Over lamping and poor placement of fixtures can wash out landscaping and create unnecessary glare for the homeowner. When working with a professional designer a needs analysis should be developed to determine the goals for the homeowner.

Pathway Lighting

Energy efficient path lights direct light downward to showcase pathways and highlight low flowerbeds. Avoid placing the fixtures in a straight line and be sure to choose quality fixtures that have a large light spread.

Up-Lighting and Grazing

Create that welcome home feeling in the evening hours by evenly up-lighting your home. Be sure to highlight those special architectural details that set your home apart. Extend the look of your home and add a pop of color by highlighting some specimen trees in the front yard.

Lighting for Outdoor Living Spaces

Daylight savings may be around the corner but a well-designed lighting plan will help extend your outdoor living into all four seasons of the year. Don't forget the perimeter trees to create some depth in your backyard. You will most likely find that the evening hours are soon to be your most cherished!

Deck and Step Lighting

There are great options for under mount deck lights that don't show much by day, but certainly give off a great deal of light at night. Rope lighting almost completely disappears by day when installed properly underneath a deck rail. It gives off a soft glow in the evening hours. Step lighting is an ideal way to keep your stairs safe by placing lights in the stairs themselves.

Festive and Holiday Lighting

What a great way to spice up your patio or pergola to create the perfect space to entertain. Your local lighting professionals have just the lighting solutions for you to get the party started whether you are shopping for temporary or permanent lighting solutions.

Efficient LED Options

Concerned about the hassle of replacing light bulbs? While no lighting system is completely maintenance free, premium LED eliminates the need to replace bulbs and is 83% more energy efficient than the typical halogen bulb. Depending on the number of fixtures, most people will spend less than \$10 a month in increased electricity costs. Many experts believe the cost savings of LED pays for itself in as little as 3 to 5 years. The quality of LED varies widely.

While premium LEDs might have more up-front cost, the color and warmth is worth the investment.

Timer Options

Keeping up with a typical analog timer can be a hassle with changing seasons and daylight savings time. Consider Lighting Control Automation (LCA) – Integrate your home's exterior carriage lights on porches and garages, along with the landscape lighting and even a lamp in the living room. The system calibrates daily and has a battery back-up so you never have to lift a finger.

Nighttime Demonstration

It's hard to imagine how your home will look with a daytime conversation. Each home and garden is unique. Be sure to ask your designer for a Nighttime Preview to see how dramatic your home will look before you make any decisions.

WATCH ONLINE "Project Transformation"

See the dramatic effect professionally designed outdoor lighting had on this home in a series of four short videos <http://www.outdoorlights.com/transformation/>.

Now that you know more about the beauty of outdoor lighting, do what Jim Chastain does. Call Joe at Outdoor Lighting Perspectives to discover the nighttime beauty of your home at 423.710.8645 or OutdoorLights.com.

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