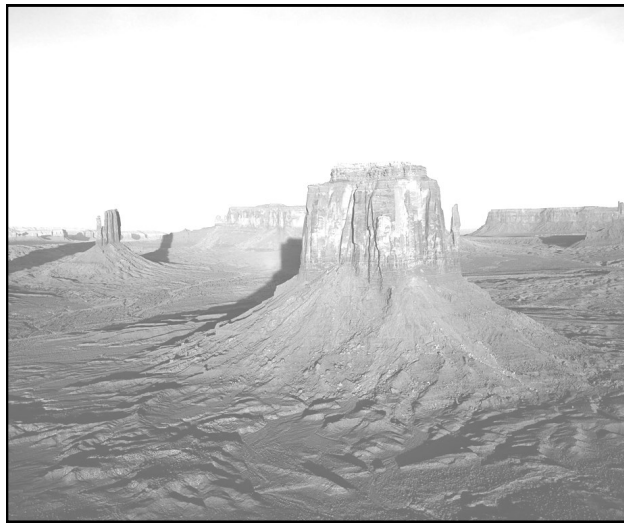


Chatham Court Newsletter

July & August 2013

CHATHAM COURT HAS FULL BOARD!

This has been an exciting month! Gerald Perry has agreed to fill the board position of Member at Large, and Ron Krause has also agreed to serve on the Chatham Court board. Although there is no July meeting, the existing board unanimously voted to approve both appointments. The appointments will be confirmed by member vote during the annual meeting for Chatham Court. The



Desert Beauty Shines in the Heat

annual meeting is scheduled to be held on September 26, 2013, at

6078 Mirkwood Ct.

Thanks to Mr. Perry and to Mr. Krause for stepping up to fill these much-needed positions!

Please remember that dues have gone up to \$60 per month. Invoices sent by our accountant, Barri Sibbald, will reflect the change.

Dues have gone up to cover rising utility costs, and to maintain a reserve fund so homeowners do not have to pay sudden charges when big repairs are needed.

President: Bill Fedorko

Vice-President: Dante Simi

Secretary: Shirley Kohl

Member at Large:

Gerald Perry

Treasurer: Ron Krause

Do you have ideas for newsletter articles?

Call Shirley Kohl at 992-3581, or email kohlshirley@gmail.com to give suggestions or submit an article.

Do you need a copy of the CC&Rs for Chatham Court?

Copies are available electronically. It is a good idea to ask for a copy if you do not already have one.

WATERING SCHEDULE

One of the most important factors in maintaining a green lawn is adequate, consistent watering. Last month's newsletter referred to a watering schedule put out by UC Davis, but some may prefer a simpler approach. In August, lawns will need around **1.75 inches of water a week** to stay green. If

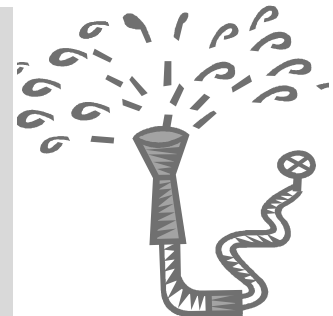
wind blows some of the water away, more will be needed. If water runs off a sloped lawn area, because the ground cannot absorb the water quickly enough on the slope, more will be needed.

Water is expensive—that is true. But if lawn is allowed to

die in these hot months, re-sodding or reseeded will be more expensive than just watering more. Watering once the grass dies merely grows a crop of weeds. Chatham Court must apply fines for lawns that are not kept healthy. Lawn maintenance is required for all homeowners in the CC&Rs.



Next HOA meeting:
August 22,
at 6078 Mirkwood Ct.
Everyone is Welcome!



DETERMINING WATERING TIMES

How can you determine how long to water if you want to deliver 1.75 inches of water to your lawn in one week? Set out ten empty (same size) soup cans on your lawn. Then turn the sprinklers on and let them run for 30 minutes. Collect the cans and pour the water into a single can. When one can gets full, start filling another one. Then measure how high the water gets in each can that you filled.

For example, let's say you set out ten four inch high cans, and poured the water into three cans. Perhaps two were all the way full, and one can had three inches of water in it. $4+4+3=11$ inches of water. Divide the eleven inches by the number of cans—ten—and that gives you your water delivery for thirty minutes: $11/10$ inches per half hour. If you want to know your hourly rate, multiply by two, as thirty minutes doubled is an hour. With

these hypothetical measurements, water delivery would come out to 2.2 inches per hour. Divide 1.75 by 2.2, and multiply by 60 minutes per hour. That is how many minutes you need to water every week to deliver 1.75 inches to your lawn.

If the grass begins to yellow, increase watering. Good luck to everyone this month with your lawns!

Annual Meeting September 26, 2013

Please do not park cars on the street overnight. Guests excepted.

See CC&Rs Article 5.13 & Common Area Rules

You May Be Ticketed!