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## THE GREYSTONE VILLAGE HOA BOARD MEETINGS

Normally, the Greystone HOA Board meets the 3rd Thursday every other month, but recent events required us to meet monthly. Summaries of those meetings are shown here. Quorum attendance was met at every meeting.

Thursday, May 18 the contract of our landscaper, M&M, was approved for another year. The bridges of Greystone Lake were also discussed and it was decided that the Lakes and Grounds Committee would gather additional information for the next meeting.

The Board expressed special thanks to Jeff Smith and his wife for the excellent work on their landscaping of the Greystone pool area.

An emergency meeting was held Monday, June 26 to decide the course of action in repairing

damage caused by the seven inches of rain that flooded us on June 14.

Before the rains, Al Lyter had met with engineers to discuss our lakes and dams, and opened the meeting with their report. They confirmed that the integrity of our system is very good. A proposal for full engineering assess all of our lake systems was discussed.

Damage caused by the heavy rains dominated the emergency meeting. The most damage occurred to the spillway of Winchester Lake and the Board voted unanimously to repair it. The need for a long term solution was discussed and the board agreed to obtain a second bid for engineering assessment.

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## LAKES & GROUNDS COMMITTEE

The Lakes & Grounds Committee is an advisory committee to the Greystone Board for issues related to the care and maintenance of our community's common areas.

You may have noticed some of the fruits of our labors in the refurbishing of the sign at the Greystone Shopping Center. We have also arranged, through Charleston Management, the bid process for a landscaping contract, which was just recently executed. We review constantly the condition of the common areas and make recommendations to the Board regarding repair or maintenance on fixed assets, such as the signs, or arrange for the repair of landscaping items, such as grass cutting or tree pruning.

All of our meetings are open to the homeowners of Greystone. These

meetings are held the first Wednesday of each month at 7:30pm at the Starbucks coffee shop in the Stonehenge shopping center. Please join us with any comments or concerns you may have.

The committee is presently engaged in the evaluation of our flood control system, which includes our three lakes and their associated dams and connecting streams. We were hit pretty hard by the remnants of tropical storm Alberto, which dropped more than seven inches of rain in very few hours. Many of our streams were flooded and the dam at Winchester Lake has undergone some severe damage to its spillway. The board called a special meeting in June to deal with these problems. At that meeting, we appropriated funds to fix the spillway, which, if left in its present condition, could lead to dam failure.

These repairs will be undertaken by the end of July and are the first phase in our evaluation of the system and its long-term health.

We hope the members of Greystone will not hesitate to bring any concerns to the attention of the Lakes & Grounds Committee.



Flooding at Greystone Lake, June 2006.

## THE GREYSTONE SWIM & RACQUET CLUB

Greystone Swim & Racquet Club experienced another summer full of fun. Members enjoy daily visits with friends and neighbors, relaxing dips in the cool water, plenty of exercise, sunshine, and social events for all ages. Children and adults around the club have become great swimmers and tennis players.

Three levels of youth tennis teams compete with other North Raleigh clubs, through the Raleigh Junior Tennis League, improving their skills and enjoying a life long sport. In addition, the Ladies Teams have taken off, competing in the USTA Raleigh League year round. Clinics have continued throughout the summer for youth and adults. What a racquet!

The Greystone Gators Swim Team promotes healthy exercise, friendships

and good sportsmanship. Winning #1 at the TSA Junior Championship Meet and 4th place at the TSA Greater Raleigh Championship Meet were high points in our swim season. Many thanks are extended to all of our swimmers, coaches and parent volunteers. The main event of the swim season remains the Greystone Swim Team Family Fun Night. The theme "Pirates, Pirates, everywhere" set the stage at the pool. Swimmers and coaches played pirates, reveled in pirate games, and viewed a pirate show that may give Johnny Depp ideas for his next Hollywood role. The true Pirate Treasure may be the life-long friendships formed at Greystone Club. "Once a Gator, Always a Gator!"

We invite all Greystone Homeowners to the next Club event. Come cele-

brate Labor Day with your neighbors at the pool. Just bring your own meat to grill. Tossed salad and baked potatoes will be provided @ 5:30 pm on Monday, September 4<sup>th</sup>.

For more information, call the Club at 848-8554.

### COMMUNICATIONS COMMITTEE

The Communications Committee welcomes ideas about and contributions for the Greystone HOA web site ([www.greystonevillage.org](http://www.greystonevillage.org)) and newsletter.

All suggestions will be considered by the Greystone HOA Board. Please send them to: [jtomlinson@nc.rr.com](mailto:jtomlinson@nc.rr.com).

## HONEST, THIS BIG! by Jay Shapiro

If you've memorized the last Greystone Village Voice issue's GV Factoids sidebar, you may have noticed a weight gain in the May issue's "Largest fish ever caught in Greystone Lake" item. You might have even noticed the addition of a record fish for Winchester Lake.

Yes, both numbers are true, as verified by someone other than the catcher. Here's how I learned about them...

I was walking my dogs around Greystone Lake one day, wondering if there were any notably large fish still in the lake. And then I met young Randal Burt.

Randy is one of those exceptionally smart kids who can tell you the Latin names of a surprising number of living flora and fauna, is incessantly curious and energetic, and wears a constant grin. Life, to Randy, is fun

and full of surprising things yet to be explored. I suspect that Merle Marxen at that age was exactly like Randy is now. (But, I digress.)

We got to talking about the fish in Greystone Lake. Randy mentioned that he'd caught a big one. Really big.

"How big?" I asked.

"Eleven pounds," he grinned back. "Wanna see a picture?"

I said I definitely wanted to see a picture. But before seeing the photo, I spoke to his mom. She confirmed the size of the catch, and also said that Randy was so proud of that fish that they had a life-size replica made and mounted by a taxidermist. It hangs over the mantle.

Oh, yeah—the fish in the picture? Dinner. Beer battered and fried to perfection. And a month later he caught the nine-pounder at Winchester Lake.



Randal Burt and the big catch.

## HOUSEHOLD HURRICANE PREP

From June to November, every type of media we see and hear gives us a list of necessities to stock in case of a hurricane. Still, very few people actually go out and buy them. Some of those people just don't realize how bad a hurricane can get here, but anyone who was in the Triangle area in September 1996, knows just how truly devastating one can be here (to learn about Fran, see [http://www.ibiblio.org/uncpress/hurricanes/nc\\_fran.html](http://www.ibiblio.org/uncpress/hurricanes/nc_fran.html)).

If you haven't prepared yet, you ought to consider doing so. August and September are the peak season.

- A seven-day supply (minimum) of canned and packaged goods and a manual can opener, plus fruits and vegetables and other foods that don't require refrigeration.
- A seven-day supply (minimum) of water, at least one gallon daily per person. You can also fill bathtubs and seal the drains with caulk or some other material.
- A seven-day supply (minimum) of pet food and pet supplies.
- Battery-operated flashlights, batteries and candles for light. Buy big decorative candles that burn for days.
- Battery-operated radio and extra batteries.
- Important documents such as deeds, titles, stock certificates, wills, birth certificates, military and adoption records, credit card and bank account numbers, insurance policies and anything else that would be difficult

to replace. Store them in a large, waterproof envelope, ready to place in a sealed plastic boxes and bags, even if you are riding out the storm.

- Cell phones and extra charged batteries.
- Pre-moistened towelettes for cleaning.
- Battery-powered fans will be very appreciated if the power is out.
- Lots of batteries of all sizes – you can always use later what is not used during the storm. Consider buying a car battery to power battery-operated devices in the home.
- At least one month's additional supply of all prescription drugs.
- A first-aid kit.
- Plenty of large plastic garbage bags to dispose of human waste and other garbage.
- Optional, but helpful, are one or more battery-operated fans and a pair of wading pants for each family member.
- Consider solar powered garden lights. You can charge them up in the sun by day and use them indoors for lighting at night.

For additional information, see <http://www.fema.gov/areyouready/hurricanes.shtm>.

During a hurricane, listen to local television or radio for detailed emergency information.

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Thursday, July 13 was a regular meeting held a week early to assure quorum attendance. The Lakes Committee asked about the protocol of reporting on committee meetings attended by residents who are not members of the committee. It was decided that the structure would be the same, and would include opinions of all attendees.

Replenishment of our reserve funds was discussed, and various options are being researched by the Board. Repairs, primarily due to flooding, have depleted the reserves.

Also discussed were issues regarding the repair of bridges on Greystone Lake. The bridge over the spillway is being attended to now and the other bridges will be repaired when needed.

A bench will be erected in memory of Merle Marxen. Its loca-

tion will be given in the next Greystone Village newsletter.

Greystone Village homeowners are permitted to attend these meetings. They are held at the Ammons-Pittman offices off of Lead Mine Road at 7pm on the third Thursday of every other month. The next planned meeting will be on Thursday, September 21 at 7pm, but contact one of the board members to verify the date and time before you go because it can change. Their e-mail addresses and telephone numbers can be found on [www.GreystoneVillage.org](http://www.GreystoneVillage.org).

### LOCK YOUR CAR DOORS!

Greystone Village and neighboring areas have had a rash of attempted car break-ins this summer.

Please be sure to lock every door of every car you keep outside, every night.

