

# THE GREYSTONE VILLAGE VOICE

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## GREYSTONE VILLAGE HOA BOARD

The Greystone HOA Board has had one meeting since our last newsletter was issued: July 17. The Board's next meetings are scheduled for September 18 and November 20 at 7pm in the offices of Coldwell Banker Advantage. See the HOA web site for directions to the meetings, and any changes to their location and dates ([www.greystonevillage.org/BOD.asp](http://www.greystonevillage.org/BOD.asp)).

Several guests were present at the July 17 meeting to garner Greystone HOA board support for the proposed Whole Foods Market in North Raleigh. They included representatives from Regency Centers and Whole Foods Market. After the meeting, board members discussed the development and voted 10-1 in favor of it through email, with two conditions: that only Whole Foods Market signs the lease, and that the stormwater does not run into Greystone's waterways. Both conditions were met by August 6. For details, see the article below about Whole Foods.

Joe McVerry announced that the Greystone Village spot vacated by Dollar General will be leased by the city for a community center. More information will be provided about this center in coming newsletters.

The board discussed and decided against a homeowners' suggestion that a buy/sell/swap feature be added to the Greystone web site. The time, legal issues, and expense involved exceed the value, when sites like Craig's List are available for free ([www.craigslis.org](http://www.craigslis.org)).

The board reviewed these items on the five-year lakes and grounds plan:

- 2008 (some have been completed): Remove specified trees from Winchester dam, remove the muskrat from Winchester Lake and repair damage it made to the dam, repair the gazebo, dredge Winchester Lake, repair and stain Baker's Lake dock, and spray the Hydrilla in Baker's Lake.
- 2009: Dredge Greystone Lake in conjunction with the work being done on the dam by the city.
- 2010: Dredge Baker's Lake.
- 2011: Install benches for lake walkways; repair/replace bridges, repair lake access walkways.
- 2012: TBD.

A five-year rotational plan for cleaning and maintenance of Greystone's 19 neighborhood signs was voted on and approved. Each year, four or five signs will be repaired and their landscaping developed. This year those signs will include Carriage Bluffs, Stone Quarter, The Springs, Wedges I, & Wedges II.

Community Watch reported vandalism at Vestavia Woods and the tennis courts. All homeowners are asked to please keep an eye out for vandalism in Greystone Village.

- **Dan Saylor**  
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- **Mark Whitney**

## WHOLE FOODS MARKET OF NORTH RALEIGH

Several guests joined the Greystone HOA board at their meeting on July 17 to discuss building a Whole Foods Market in North Raleigh. They included three speakers: Chris Widmayer, Vice President of Regency Centers, Paul Munana, Senior Manager of Investments for Regency Centers, and George Jones, the Manager of Whole Foods at Ridgeway Shopping Center on Wade Avenue.

Mr. Widmayer described the planned development, which is at the NE corner of Six Forks Rd and Colonnade Center Dr, at the light just south of the intersection of Six Forks and Strickland. Regency plans to build a 40,000 sq ft Whole Foods Market; for comparison, the Whole Foods on Wade Ave is 28,000 sq ft. According to their plans, Whole Foods will occupy the north side of the lot, with a 17,000 sq ft commercial building on the SW corner of the lot. Trees will border the lot on all sides, and will be particularly deep on the Six Forks side. The main access is from Colonnade Dr, and the property will also be accessed from Six Forks and Strickland roads. The drawings shown at the meeting were impressive, and Regency's experience is evident in their development of Cameron Village and Sutton Square, which they also own. The timeframe of their plan is to break ground in summer of 2009 and to complete the project in summer of 2010.

Mr. Munana described the traffic studies that have been per-

formed. With improvements they will make, their studies show no problems in the area. Mr. Jones, the Manager of the Whole Foods Market on Wade Ave, also noted that they have performed market research and feel this location will benefit the community.

In the two weeks after that meeting, the Greystone HOA board engaged in an email discussion and vote on whether or not to support the project. The board voted 10-1 in favor of it, with two conditions: 1) that only Whole Foods Market signs the lease (no other grocery store), and 2) that the stormwater from that site does not flow into Greystone's waterways.

The board informed Regency Centers of their vote and conditions on July 31. To address those conditions, Regency assigned J.A. Edwards engineering to evaluate the water drainage from that site, and their report shows that the water does not flow toward Greystone Village. On August 6, Regency also informed the board that Whole Foods Market signed the lease for that property.

The Six Forks & Colonnade site is currently zoned office/industrial and will need to be rezoned to retail to move forward with the Whole Foods Market plans. The rezoning of the Six Forks & Colonnade property from office/industrial to retail will be discussed at the City Council Planning Board hearing on October 21st in the City Council Chambers, which Raleigh residents are welcome to attend to express their opinions. People who support building a Whole Foods in North Raleigh can also show their support by signing the petition at <http://www.bringwholefoods.org>.

## NEIGHBORHOOD UPDATES & INFO

### Lawn Waste

In Raleigh, yard waste is picked up on the same day trash and recycling are picked up - for Greystone, that's on Tuesdays. To be collected, yard waste must be put at the curb in clear plastic bags, separated from other types of trash. Lawn waste in opaque bags won't be picked up. For more information, please call Solid Waste Services at 831-6890 or visit [www.raleighnc.gov/solidwaste](http://www.raleighnc.gov/solidwaste).

### NC Voter Registration

Do you need to register to vote? Do you want to help your NC neighbors, friends, and family register to vote? If so, contact Julie Tomlinson at [jjt@nc.rr.com](mailto:jjt@nc.rr.com) or 676-1113. She has the NC registration forms, plus other information you may need.

### Community Center

A Community Center is being planned for the empty space in Greystone Shopping Center, where Dollar General used to be. More on this project in upcoming newsletters!

### Citizen Area Liaison

Would you like to serve as a link between our neighborhood residents and the many resources available to them? Those resources may be organizations, agencies, etc., such as the City of Raleigh, the State of North Carolina, and the federal government.

If you're interested in becoming a Citizen Area Liaison, contact Luis Olivieri-Robert at 831-6124 or [luis.olivieri-robert@ci.raleigh.nc.us](mailto:luis.olivieri-robert@ci.raleigh.nc.us) or Sheila Lynch at 831-6136 or [Sheila.lynch@ci.raleigh.nc.us](mailto:Sheila.lynch@ci.raleigh.nc.us).

### Neighborhood Entrances

You may have noticed that some of our neighborhood entrances lack color this summer. Because of the drought the beds weren't furnished with flowers this year. Some entrances are being re-worked now, and we're planning a great fall/winter show.

Also, some neighborhood signs will be painted soon. Greystone's Landscaping & Sign Committee would like more volunteers. If you're interested, please contact Helen Jones at 270-2453.

### Neighborhood Watch

We are fortunate to have safe neighborhoods. However, please remember, when your cars aren't inside a garage, keep their doors locked and the valuables inside them out of sight.

For extra security, please keep your shrubs trimmed around your home and place a lock on your crawl space door. Some areas are experiencing theft of copper from heating and air units.

### Graffiti

The faster we get graffiti out of the neighborhood, the better. So, if you spot graffiti, call it in at 831-6001 or send an email to: [graffiti@ci.raleigh.nc.us](mailto:graffiti@ci.raleigh.nc.us). The City of Raleigh has personnel who are dedicated to this task.

### Extra, Extra

If you have an idea or suggestion for doing something in or around your neighborhood or within the Greystone neighborhood, please contact the committee members or Matoka at Charleston Management with your suggestion. Their contact information can be found on our web site: [www.greystonevillage.org/BOD.asp](http://www.greystonevillage.org/BOD.asp).

## SAVOY RESTAURANT UPDATE

In our last newsletter we told you about Savoy—the new, outstanding restaurant at Greystone Village shopping center. Only four months after their opening, Savoy is doing extremely well.

In the July 11 issue of the News & Observer, restaurant critic Greg Cox published his review of the Savoy and awarded them four stars. In his article, Cox describes the vast experience that Savoy's two brother-owners have as chefs specializing in French cuisine. You can see the article here:

[www.newsobserver.com/442/story/1137974.html](http://www.newsobserver.com/442/story/1137974.html).

And you can see their rating here:

[www.newsobserver.com/442/story/1138001.html](http://www.newsobserver.com/442/story/1138001.html).

Remember that Savoy has a private dining room for groups and an outdoor dining area for drinks and meals on warm evenings.

Savoy is open for lunch Mon-Fr, and dinner Mon-Sat. When eating there on Friday and Saturday nights, be sure to make reservations. They've even started making reservations for the holidays, so do plan ahead!

For more information, visit their web site at [www.restaurantsavoy.com](http://www.restaurantsavoy.com) or call 848-3535.

## LABOR DAY COOKOUT

at Greystone Club

Monday, September 1st



*Junction 999 Band begins at 4pm*

*Dinner is served @ 5:00 - 6:30pm*

*\*\*Bring your own meat to grill\*\**

*Salad, baked potatoes with fix'ns,  
and cake Provided*

*THANKS FOR A GREAT SUMMER!*

## GREYSTONE EQUESTRIAN CAPTURES THE GOLD MEDAL!

Sara Whitney, the daughter of Mark and Beth Whitney of Parliament Point, captured the gold and silver medals for her equestrian performance at the North Carolina Special Olympics Midsummer Tournament Games in July.

Riding Bar Tab, Sara earned a gold medal in English Working Trails and a silver medal in English Equitation.

Sara was among nearly 800 athletes from across the state competing in equestrian, tennis, and bowling events July 18 – 20, 2008, in the Raleigh area. The Equestrian competition was held at the Hunt Horse Complex at the N.C. State Fairgrounds.

Sara trains year-round with the Helping Horse Therapeutic Riding program, a non-profit, volunteer organization dedicated to providing riding instruction to people with disabilities. To find out more about their programs, see their web site at <http://helpinghorse.org>.



### CELL PHONES & REMOTE KEYLESS ENTRY (Things you never knew they'd do)

#### Emergency Number: 112

The worldwide Emergency Number for mobile phones is 112. If you find yourself out of your mobile network area and have an emergency, dial 112. The system will search any existing network to find an emergency number for you. This number - 112 - can be dialed even when the keypad is locked. Try it out.

#### A Phone's Hidden Battery Power: \*3370#

If your cell battery is low, you can activate extra power by pressing \*3370#. Your cell phone will restart using its reserve and show a 50% increase in battery power. The reserve power will be recharged when you recharge your cell phone.

#### Disable a Stolen Mobile Phone: \*#06#

If your phone is stolen, contact your service provider and give them its serial number, and they'll disable your phone. To find out your phone's 15-digit serial number, key in \*#06#

and the number will appear on the screen. The phone will then be useless, even if the thief changes the SIM card.

#### Unlock Your Car without the Keys with a Cell Phone

If you have remote keyless entry and lock your keys in the car or trunk, use your cell phone to call someone at home on their cell phone, then hold your phone about a foot from your car door. Have the person at home hold the spare remote entry close to the phone on their end and press the "unlock" button. Distance is no object; you can be hundreds of miles away, and unlock the doors (or trunk).

#### Free Directory Service: 800-free411

Cell phone companies charge us for 411 information, but we can get it for free. Simply dial 800-FREE411 (800-373-3411) and you'll get information without incurring any charge at all.

#### Keep Your Car Remote By Your Bed

Keep your car keys with its alarm beside your bed at night. If you hear a noise outside or someone tries to get in your house, press the panic button for your car. This sets off the alarm, which will scare away the intruder and won't stop until you turn it off or the car battery dies.

