

THE GREYSTONE VILLAGE VOICE

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GREYSTONE VILLAGE HOA BOARD

The board has held two meetings since our last newsletter was issued: March 20 and May 15. We also gathered at The Savoy at Greystone Village Shopping Center on April 24, after being invited by the owners and manager of the new restaurant.

On March 20 the Board elected new officers, and the results are listed in the far right column. This newsletter includes a message from our newly elected president.

Lakes and Grounds updated the board on progress at Winchester Lake: tree removal is complete.

Community Watch informed us that extra community watch signs are available if any neighborhood needs one.

The Recreation Committee announced that Becca Sherman was hired as pool manager. A swim team coach was also hired and swim meets were scheduled. See the web site calendar for details.

Members from the City joined us at the May 15 meeting to report their progress on the plans for the Greystone dam. The dam will be raised 1.5 feet to prevent damage from major storms. They plan to remove the top six inches of soil and grass, add the additional 1.5 feet, then return the original soil and grass to the top. The bridge will be replaced, and they showed the board a photograph of a similar bridge installed in another state. The dam will be extended slightly to prevent

flooding in low areas, and they informed us that the growth just west of the spillway must be cut back to allow free flow of water from the dam's main valve and outlet. These plans are still in the works and more information will be provided when it is available. It's likely that the work will be done in 2009.

Dan Saylor gave each of the board members a copy of "Robert's Rules of Order," a document describing how to conduct productive, efficient board meetings and clear group discussions using Parliamentary Procedures.

The Recreation Committee reported that the Greystone pool passed inspection on May 13. We thank Bill Cook and the lifeguards for preparing the pool for inspection. The committee also reported that membership is higher than it was last year and thank Chris Quinn for her work marketing and selling memberships.

The Signs Committee updated the board on planting perennials at neighborhood signs. After discussion, the board voted on funding for immediate spring planting.

The Board's next meeting is scheduled for July 17, 7pm, at Coldwell Banker Advantage. See the web site for any updates on the location and calendar (www.greystonevillage.org).

- Dan Saylor
President
- Joe McVerry
Vice President
- Nancy Peplin
Secretary
- Randy Courtney
Treasurer
- Paul Woolverton
- Bill Cook
- Barbara Dechter
- Helen Jones
- Tess King
- Al Lyter
- Chris Quinn
- Harold Ramsey
- Julie Tomlinson
- Mark Whitney

A MESSAGE FROM OUR NEW PRESIDENT

The Greystone Board elected Dan Saylor as its President at the March 20 meeting. After serving as Vice President and contributing significantly to the group and its meeting process, Dan was the obvious and logical choice. The former President, Joe McVerry, now serves as Vice President, still contributing his knowledge and experience to our HOA Board.

It is with great pleasure that I am able to write to you as the newest President of our association. At our March 20 meeting, the Board couldn't persuade Joe McVerry to continue as President for another term, so he and I basically swapped positions. We will still rely on Joe for his experience and direction as we face the many matters that are important to us, and we will all continue to focus on the community and the quality of our environment. There is a lot to be done in Greystone, and the Board members will work together to do all that we can.

But we need your help. The issues that concern you — the homeowners — are important to the Board, and we need to be aware of them. Our web site shows the schedule of Board meetings, and we want you to get involved. Please come to our meetings and join our discussions. The meeting schedule is on our web site at www.greystonevillage.org/BOD.asp.

You have entrusted the Board to take care of our community, however the committees need more participation for better insight and direction. For instance, Nancy Peplin, Al Lyter, and I comprise the Architectural Committee. One, two, or three more homeowners would help us be more effective. We need "fresh eyes," if you will. The Lakes and Grounds Committee has an enormous job of maintaining our three lakes and widespread greenery, and they can always use additional input.

If you look over the Board of Director membership list on our web page, under each name is a list of the committees that each member serves on and at the bottom of the page is a list of the committees and their members. You'll see that most committees members are Board members. However, committee participation is the responsibility of everyone in our community; not just the Board.

This is my way of saying that this community belongs to all of us. We all have a vested interest in its success and well-being. Please come to a board meeting, volunteer for a committee, and get involved. We need your help.

THE LAKES AND GROUNDS COMMITTEE

Since the last newsletter we have been blessed with frequent rain and plenty of sun. As a result, Winchester Lake has already been refilled after its repairs and grasses around all lakes are growing like mad. We have negotiated a new landscaping contract and expect the byways and walkways to remain mowed and cut for the use of all residents.

If you aren't aware of the beautiful lakes that are a part of our wonderful community, please ask a neighbor or email a board member. Our lakes are open to all residents and provide a place for a relaxing walk, with dog or without, fishing on Winchester or Greystone lake (not yet on Baker, which is still being treated for Hydrilla), or to view the many different

forms of wildlife. So try to get out this spring and take advantage of what our community has to offer.

With the repairs on Winchester Lake complete, we are turning our sights to more routine upkeep on the lakes in coming months. An update on plans for the Greystone lake dam was presented to the board in May, and the city is making progress in bringing the dam up to code. The timeline calls for construction in 2009, and the plans include raising the height of the dam 1.5 feet and adjustments to the surrounding ingress and egress to minimize flooding. The city will also replace the existing bridge with one that does not sit on the dam, but spans the spillway. The bridge shown to us will be much stronger and more at-

tractive than the existing one, and will require far less maintenance.

In our last newsletter, we asked for your help with the geese. We had a successful addling program, but this year missed a number of nests on Greystone Lake, made clear by the number of goslings we see today. If you do walk the lakes, beware of their droppings and be sure your dogs chase the geese! Fun for the dogs and may persuade some of the geese to decide this neighborhood is inhospitable.

As always, your input to our committee is welcome. We meet at Starbucks in Stonehenge on the first Wednesday of each month at 7:30pm. Just look for the group of people with grass stains on their shoes.

NEW AT GREYSTONE SHOPPING CENTER!

SAVOY RESTAURANT

Greystone has friendly new neighbors that we encourage you to visit: Savoy Restaurant in the Greystone Shopping Center. Its owners are chef brothers, Peter Gibson and Marshall Smith, and they're helped by their manager, Garland Swann, who will be happy to help you with questions and reservations. Their mother, Jo Smith (the "Momager") is often at Savoy to greet and talk with their many friends and neighbors.

In April, Jo invited the Greystone Board members to Savoy for a tour and hors 'd'ourves, and we had a wonderful time. The restaurant is beautiful, everyone there is very friendly, and the food and drinks are outstanding. They'd like to meet all of the people of Greystone, so be sure to make plans to stop in, say hello, and enjoy delicious meals. You'll want to come back.

In addition to a warm, comfortable dining room, they have a private dining room for groups and an outdoor dining area to enjoy on a warm evening. They are open for lunch Monday through Friday and dinner Monday through Saturday. For more information about Savoy, visit their web site at www.restaurantsavoy.com or call 848-3535.

GREYSTONE COMMUNITY WATCH SIGNS AVAILABLE

Greystone has extra Community Watch signs available for posting. Those are the little blue and white spyglass signs you see at the entrance to our neighborhoods

If your neighborhood needs one, you can contact Helen Jones at helenj@coldwellbanker.com or 847-2108.

GREYSTONE TENNIS



Tennis clinics and teams are available to keep our kids active and healthy during the summer months—just sign up at the Club. The tennis courts are available to all Greystone Homeowners and Club members. You'll need a key to enter and exit the courts, and you can request them from Tennis Coordinator Ann Brooks by calling 870-7445 (a \$20 deposit is required). More information and activities are posted at the courts.

(Note: Greystone is still accepting donations to help offset out new tennis court resurfacing costs. Just mail your donations to PO Box 98014, Raleigh, NC 27624. Thank you!)

RALEIGH WATER RESTRICTIONS

After a couple of months of very welcome rain, we all need to remember that Raleigh is still enforcing mandatory Stage 1 restrictions. The City recognizes that our water problems are here to stay, no matter what we hear pouring on our roofs for hours on end. In fact, the entire country—the entire planet—is suffering from fresh water supply problems like we've never seen before, and those problems are not likely to go away.

So, no matter what you see pouring outside your windows, be sure to follow the Stage One restriction guidelines, and stay aware of how you use your water.

For continuing information about our restrictions and how to lower your water use, go to www.raleighnc.gov.



The Greystone Pool is now open! You've worked hard all year, now it's time to sit back and relax at Greystone Club. Many new events and activities are available at Greystone, including free Wi-Fi at the Club.

If you're not a Club member, download an application form at www.greystonevillage.org or call 848-8554. Then socialize and cool off in the pool water during the lazy days of summer with your friends & neighbors. With gas prices up, it's less expensive to join Greystone Club for the entire summer than to spend one week at the beach!

The calendar of events for the Club is shown below. You can also find this calendar on www.greystonevillage.org.

Date	Event
June	
June 2-4	9am-noon: Adult Ladies' Tennis Camp with Coach Peek (non-beginners).
Fri, June 6	10pm: First Fridays begin. Pool open until 10pm the First Friday of each month.
Sat, June 7	6-10pm: Mini Lock In - \$7 includes Pizza. Children must be able to swim.
Tues, June 10	Last day of school for Wake County.
June 11- Aug 8	Summer Youth Tennis Program, M, W, TH, F afternoons, sign up with Coach Debbie Peek.
June 12	4pm: Pool Closes at 4pm for Swim Team Time Trials. 6pm: Swim Team Time Trials start. All parents are needed to participate.
June 12-July 22	Regular Swim Team Practices begin (no practice Tues afternoons): Ages 6 & under, 11am & 3:15pm // Ages 7-10, 10am & 4pm // Ages 11+, 9am & 5pm.
Fridays beginning June 13	Float Night at the pool. Floats permitted on Friday evenings only.
Sun, June 15	10-11am: Sunday Morning Poolside Service Sponsored by Good Shepherd Church. All are welcome. Bring a dish to share for brunch @ 9am.
Tues, June 17	Home Swim Meet** : Greystone vs. Prestonwood
Sat, June 21	7:30pm: Adult Social . Music & Dancing begins 7:30pm. Bring an appetizer to share.
Tues, June 24	Away Swim Meet: Greystone vs. Lochmere.
Thurs, June 26	6pm: Swim Team Family Fun Night.
Sat, June 28	6-10pm: Mini Lock In. \$7 includes Pizza. Children must be able to swim.
July	
Tues, July 1	Home Swim Meet** : Greystone vs. Wood Valley.
Fri, July 4	5-6pm: Fourth of July Party and Cookout . 10pm: First Friday. Pool open until 10pm first Friday of every month.
Tues, July 8	Home Swim Meet** : Greystone vs. Seven Oaks.
Sun, July 13	Greater Raleigh Championship Swim Meet at TAC.
Tues, July 15	Away Swim Meet: Greystone vs. Lake Park.
Sun, July 20	JC Invitational Meet at Ravenscroft.
Tues, July 22	Away Swim Meet: Greystone vs. Springdale
Thurs, July 24	7pm: Swim & Tennis Team Year End Celebration
Sat, July 26	6-10pm: Mini Lock In. \$7 includes Pizza. Children must be able to swim.
August	
Fri, Aug 1	10pm: First Friday. Pool open until 10pm the First Friday of each month.
Sat, Aug 9	6-10pm: Mini Lock In. \$7 includes Pizza. Children must be able to swim.
Sat, Aug 16	7:30pm: Adult Social . Music & Dancing begins 7:30pm. Bring an appetizer to share.
Sat, Aug 23	6-10pm: Back-to-school Mini Lock In: \$7 includes Pizza. Children must be able to swim.
Mon, Aug 25	8pm: Wake County back to school - pool closes 8pm school days.
September	
Mon, Sept 1	5-6pm: Labor Day Party . Grill your own meat; side dishes provided.
Fri, Sept 5	10pm: First Friday. Pool Open until 10pm First Friday of each month.
Sun, Sept 7	Pool Closes for the season.

