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GREYSTONE VILLAGE HOA BOARD

Since our last newsletter, the Greystone Village HOA Board has met three times: two standard board meetings on Jan 15 and Mar 19, plus our annual board meeting on Feb 19.

At the January meeting, space for a gazebo at Winchester Lake was discussed and beaver and muskrat eradication were covered as a follow-up to our Nov meeting. Management agreed to contact the dredging contractor about the issues.

The Signs Committee announced that the new Crescent State Bank offered to replace and relocate the Greystone sign at Creedmoor & Sawmill. Ammons offered to provide stone for the sign and work with Crescent and the HOA to build it. A motion was made and the board voted to relocate the sign to an area just east of the Good Shepherd Church. The new sign must have the same amenities as the current one.

Communications said that the Greystone Web site has a new host, Network Solutions, at an excellent price. Its transition to the new host went smoothly in early January.

A summary of the Greystone Annual Meeting is given below. After the annual meeting, the board met and elected its 2009 officers, including Dan Saylor as President, Joe McVerry as Vice President, Nancy Peplin as Secretary, and a new board member, Travis Kraszeski, as Treasurer. The board then voted to addle the goose eggs around the Greystone Village lakes.

The Recreation Committee announced that the pool will open May 15 at 4pm and close on Sept 13. The dates for swim

meets and team trials were also given, and they are shown on the Web site and on Page 5 of this newsletter.

Recreation also informed the board that the members think very highly of the tennis teaching and coaching of Chris Smith, who directs the program.

Lakes and Grounds announced that they have sent bid requests to landscaping companies and will keep us informed. The board plans to set all contracts to run on the annual year. The committee also said that a contract has been signed with the USDA for goose egg addling.

Planning and Zoning said that the Colonnade area has been re-zoned. This is the area where Whole Foods has leased. Construction should start next year and finish in 18 months.

Signs said that there has been no update on the new Greystone sign by Crescent State Bank. Also, the Carriage Bluffs sign will be re-built because it cannot be repaired.

Citizens Area said that a community handbook should be ready in May and the City and the police are creating ID badges for those working with the program. This week the City signed a lease for the old Dollar General space in the Greystone Village Shopping Center. It is expected to open in Sept. or Oct. It also may be used as a police substation.

Our next meeting is scheduled for May 21 at 7pm. See www.greystonevillage.org for directions to the meetings and any changes to the meeting location or dates.

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

GREYSTONE HOMEOWNERS' ANNUAL MEETING

The HOA President, Dan Saylor, started the Feb 19 annual meeting by introducing the Board members in attendance and thanking them for their time on the board. A special thanks went to Helen Jones who stepped down from the board after many years of service.

Chris Quinn of the Recreation Committee reported that there were 375 pool memberships sold during the 2008 season. There is also a new tennis instructor, Chris Smith, whose background and contact information is on the Web site and provided in the newsletters.

Chris reminded everyone that the pool will open in May (May 15, 4pm). Greystone homeowners will receive a discount for pool membership and three free passes. She also noted that the swim team finished third in their division last year. The calendar of this year's events is on the Web site.

Dan Saylor mentioned that the Colonnade Whole Foods project would be discussed at the March 3rd City Council meeting (see inside for the results of the Council vote).

The Sign Committee said that the Greystone sign on Creedmoor Rd. will be replaced and relocated to Sawmill Rd; the Board will approve its location and design. Barbara Dechter reported that the City has altered the Community Watch program and is working to get the HOAs involved with one another.

Al Lyter represented the Lakes & Grounds Committee, which advises the Board of items related to the common areas. The committee meets once a month and members are needed. See the Web site for contact information.

In 2008 an engineering study was performed on the three lakes in conjunction with the City's report on Greystone Lake. Overall, the dams are in good condition; however the Baker's and Winchester lake dams do not comply

with current state requirements. The date to bring them current has not been set by the state yet. The areas of concern are the 1000-year storm and height requirements. The City plans to widen and raise the Greystone dam for us, and while this work is being done and the lake is lowered, the HOA plans to dredge Greystone Lake. Exactly when this will be done is contingent on the 2009 City budget and Council approval.

Baker's Lake will be treated for Hydrilla this spring and more carp will be added to eat the plant. Winchester Lake was dredged in 2008, the stream feeding Winchester was modified, and the storm drain on the single family homes side was repaired. The spillway was reshaped and its rocks relocated to increase efficiency. The gazebo was removed and the area used for sediment; once the sediment cures, the gazebo issue will be revisited by the board. The muskrat holes on Winchester Dam were repaired: the muskrats were removed, the holes filled in, and burrows repaired with the dredging. No leaks at the dam have occurred since then.

The committee is also managing wildlife damage due to lodges. To help protect from deforestation, flooding, deterioration of private property, and usability of the common areas, the committee sought the advice of the USDA which will provide assistance with the rodent and goose problems.

There was a comment about addling eggs. In the past the work was done by volunteers. This year the Board plans to use USDA services. The USDA representative present at the meeting noted that addling eggs is a very efficient way of keeping the goose population in check.

More information about topics discussed are available in the meeting minutes which can be viewed on the Web site: go to www.greystonevillage.org and click "HOA Documents" on the left panel of the page.

NEIGHBORHOOD UPDATES & INFO

Greystone Board Member?

The HOA board has an open seat. If you'd like to get to know some great neighbors while helping the community, learning about the environment, the local government, and may other important topics, please contact a board member or our property manager. Their names, phone numbers, and e-mail addresses are on the Board of Directors page of our Web site.

HOA Meeting Minutes

One of our homeowners asked the Communications Committee to make the Greystone Board's meeting minutes available on the Web site. To see them, go to the "HOA Documents" of the Web site.

The History of Greystone Village

Julian Baker, of the Baker family that owned a considerable portion of the land that is now Greystone Village, provided Baker's Landing HOA with a history of the Greystone area. You can read it here: www.greystonevillage.org/BakersLanding.htm. If you have history to add, please contact Communications at jjt@nc.rr.com.

Watch for Wildlife

Please keep your eye out for beaver dams and goose nests. If you see new dams and nests on Greystone property or your own, please let the Lakes & Grounds Committee know and they'll let the USDA know while they work on safely controlling the wildlife.

The 2009 Swim Club Calendar

Greystone's 2009 Swim Club Calendar is on page 5 of this newsletter and on the Web site, under the "Swim Club Calendar" link. New rates and other updates are also given on the Web site.

New Sign at Carriage Bluffs

All of the neighborhood signs in Greystone Village are being repaired and re-vamped on schedule and on budget. But one sign is too damaged to wait. The sign at Carriage Bluffs is so damaged the board approved its replacement.

Restaurant Savoy

Savoy at Greystone Village Shopping Center is now open for Sunday brunch, and it is wonderful! They're also sponsoring great talks at lunchtime on many topics, are planning a great Easter brunch/dinner, and have scheduled a big wine tasting dinner for April 27. With a wine selection like theirs, it is sure to be a treat. To find out more, you can go to their Web site at www.restaurantsavoy.com or call 848-3535.

Watch those Vacant Homes

Across the country there have been problems with vandals breaking into foreclosed homes. In February, \$75,000 in damage was done to a 4,000 sq ft. home in Florida by partying teens and adults (18 to 25). If there are any empty foreclosures in your neighborhood, please help keep an eye on it. If you see any problems, please contact the police.

Rezoning Nearby

A large piece of property adjacent to Greystone is designated to be rezoned Office & Industrial by the Raleigh City Planners. The land is off Old Lead Mine Road beside Lead Mine School, and is owned by Mason Williams. The City meetings concerning this property started in March.

WHOLE FOODS MARKET IS COMING TO NORTH RALEIGH

The re-zoning of the land for Whole Foods Market at the Colonnade has been approved.

On March 11, the Raleigh Planning Commission voted 8-2 in favor of the project. Then, on March 17, the Raleigh City Council voted 7-1 to approve the rezoning request for the North Raleigh retail development that has Whole Foods Market as its anchor store.

The land is at the Colonnade, which is at the corner Six Forks Road and Forum Drive, across the street (to the east) from Six Forks Station.

The Whole Foods Market will be 40,000-square-feet in size, which is nearly 50% larger than their store on Wade Avenue. The shopping center will have an additional 17,000 square feet of space for other stores at the site.

The next step is for the developers to submit their construction plans to the City. Once the plans are approved, construction will start and will take about 18 months to complete. If all goes as planned, the store will open in late 2010.

According to the N&O, the single dissenting Council vote was Councilman Thomas Crowder of District D in southwest Raleigh.

WATCH OUT FOR PFISHING CAR FLIERS

Computer hackers are using windshield fliers to con people into visiting infected websites where they easily install malicious software on their computers.

This is how it works: Hackers print up fake "Parking Violation" fliers and put them in the windshields of cars parked on the street and in parking lots. The fake ticket tells the car's owner to go to a particular Web site that looks like it's for collecting fines from people who parked illegally, but it's a hack site that tries to install viruses, worms, or other malicious scripts on your PC.

So far, it's known that this hacking scheme has happened in California and North Dakota, and it's bound to go further.

This is a phishing attack that gets you via your car instead of your e-mail, and lots of people are being hit. Even if you're too skeptical to get caught by these crooks, their method gives you a good idea of the types of things that are likely to happen in the future. For instance, hackers might scan in real parking tickets and replace the URL that takes you to the police Web site with one that takes you to theirs. Then they'll print the fake tickets and put them in our windshields, making us go to their site and pay the ticket so they can steal our credit cards and install malware.

If you're paying money online or entering any information about yourself, always double-check the Web site you're at. If its address or name doesn't sound right, if any word is misspelled, or if anything looks suspicious at all, call the person or office whose Web address you should be on for verification.

This applies to everything, from paying parking tickets, to shopping, investing, and socializing online. Be careful and maintain healthy skepticism, just in case.

THE RALEIGH COMMUNITY CENTER AT GREYSTONE VILLAGE

The City of Raleigh has leased the vacated Dollar Store space at Greystone Village Shopping Center and will convert it into a Raleigh Community Activity Center. Raleigh's Community Centers have meeting rooms, classrooms, and more that will hold activities for neighbors of all ages.

The goals of Raleigh's Community Centers are to organize and improve our communities to make Raleigh an even better place to live. It includes a Citizen Area Liaison program, which trains neighbors to become Citizen Action Liaisons (CALs). The CALs help plan, maintain, manage, and run the Community Centers, and they organize activities like clean-ups, block parties, neighborhood meetings, leadership training, small neighborhood grants, etc. Neighbors can also apply to other City education and training programs, such as the Neighborhood College and the Citizen Participation Leadership Institute. Every September, neighbors who participate in these programs can attend the City's annual conference, called the Raleigh Neighborhood Exchange. It sounds like a great way to get to know our neighbors and everything that Raleigh has to offer all of us.

Our Center's community handbook should be ready in May and the City and the Raleigh Police are creating ID badges for people working with the program. The Center is expected to open in September

or October, and it may also function as a police substation.

Exactly what the center will be used for is still in planning, but other Community Centers of Raleigh hold a wide variety of classes and activities, depending on what their facilities have to offer. For instance, the Brier Creek Community Center has activities like these: for Preschoolers, they have classes in dance, arts, sciences, and exercise. For Youth, they hold classes in dance and exercise, nature, Wii, martial arts, managing money, and many others. For adults, they have classes in computer Internet and e-mail, aerobics, dance, martial arts, yoga, and more. And for Seniors they hold activities like exercise, field trips, speakers, and social events.

Information about what's happening at other Raleigh Community Centers can be found online. Go to www.raleighnc.gov, click the "Leisure" button in the top right corner, click "Parks and Facilities" in the left panel; then click "Community Centers." The page that opens will show all of Raleigh's current Community Centers, plus brochures of the various classes that many of them hold.

The Citizen Action Liaison from the Greystone Village HOA Board is Barbara Dechter. If you're interested in being a Liaison or if you'd like more information about the Center, contact our property manager, Matoka Snuggs at matoka@charlestonmanagement.com or 847-3003, or contact Barbara Dechter.

YEAR-ROUND TENNIS!

Year-round tennis is now available at Greystone. Mark Trail, our USPTA/USPTR and Tennis Director, has told the board that he is very happy to be the Director of Tennis for our Racquet Club. He says our club has the potential to be a great one that members and residents will be proud of. Although the weather hasn't cooperated for lessons and clinics this spring, he said he's proud of the work of USPTA-certified Head Pro, Chris Smith. The Assistant Pro, Joy Dempsey, will work on cardio tennis with the club this year.

Chris offers private and group lessons, group clinics, team practices and camps for adults and juniors. Before Greystone, Chris was the Head Pro at Hollow Rock Racquet & Swim Club in Durham and the Director of Tennis at the Old North State Club in New London, NC. For more information or to get a copy of the lesson brochure, contact Chris at 740-0802, or greystonetennis@gmail.com.

Chris is booking up fast, so be sure to schedule lessons and clinics soon. As demand increases, Mark plans to hire another certified pro to help with clinics. Anyone wishing lessons with Mark can contact him at www.Bigserv20@aol.com or 252-258-8328.

To obtain a key to the courts for year-round use, contact Ann Brooks at 870-7445. There is a \$20 key deposit and keys are for Greystone club members and homeowners only. Make sure that the gates are locked when you leave the courts and that all trash is put in its proper receptacles. Let's keep Greystone looking great!

APPLIANCE RECYCLING

Recycling steel reduces energy consumption by 74%, air pollution by 86%, water use by 40%, and waste from mining by 97%.

Appliances are so hard on the environment, it is against the law in North Carolina to dispose of them in landfills. To compensate, when you buy appliances you pay a surcharge to cover the cost of recycling by landfill owners. But the surcharge doesn't cover pickup. The City picks up appliances, furniture, carpeting, etc. for \$50. To avoid the \$50 fee, you can take appliances in a non-commercial vehicle to the North Wake Sanitary Landfill off Durant Road. (Directions are given in the article about hazardous waste on Page 4 of this newsletter.)

If you decide to have an appliance picked up, payments must be made in advance in person at one of these City Revenue offices:

- Litchford Village Shopping Center, 8320-130 Litchford Road, (713-4200), 8:00 a.m. to 4:45 p.m., Mon.-Fri.
- Avery C. Upchurch Government Complex, Room 118, 222 West Hargett Street (996-3245), 8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., Mon.-Fri.

Or by mail: City of Raleigh Revenue Division; Special Load Pickup; P. O. Box 590; Raleigh, NC 27602. Include the address where the item is to be picked up and a check or money order for \$50 made out to "City of Raleigh."

For more information, call 831-6728 for a recorded message, call Linda Leighton at 831-6890, or go to www.raleighnc.gov.

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Swim & Racquet Club

Are you planning to stay at home more this summer due to the economy? Are your vacation plans on hold? If so, you can invest wisely and have a great summer by joining the Greystone Swim & Racquet Club! It's less expensive than a one-week vacation at the beach, and you'll have a whole summer of fun.

When you spend time at the club, you'll get to know your neighbors better, which can add to more fun during the rest of the year. And if you work from home, we even have free Wi-Fi at the Club, giving you a poolside office!

The Greystone Club is open from May 15th through September 13th. You can find a membership application at www.greystonevillage.org, or call 848-8554.

Enjoy your community, get to know your neighbors and your children's school mates, or just relax by the pool in the beautiful natural setting of Greystone Swim & Racquet Club.

For the club's schedule of events, see Page 5 of this newsletter or the calendar page of the Greystone Web site.



Memorial Day Cookout at GREYSTONE SWIM & RACQUET CLUB

All Greystone homeowners are invited to the Annual Memorial Day cookout at the Swim & Racquet Club, from 5:00 to 6:30pm on Memorial Day.

Bring your family and enjoy a hamburger or hotdog with potato salad, chips, and a drink for \$5.00; children 10 and under are only \$3.00.

We have annual cookouts at the pool on all major summer holidays: Memorial Day, the Fourth of July, and Labor Day. And all Greystone Homeowners are welcome to all of them.

Greystone Village homeowners are entitled to three free pool passes every summer. To get yours, call 848-8554 or stop by the pool.

NORTH WAKE HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE COLLECTION

If you're cleaning out your old cabinets, closets, or garage, you're bound to find old computer equipment or bottles and cans of toxic chemicals that you want to safely dispose of. This includes computer monitors and printers, car batteries, oil, and transmission fluid, paint, pesticides, herbicides, household batteries, cleaners and polishes, and anything else that's hazardous.

Don't toss the computer equipment in the trash; it contains terrible toxins. And don't pour the old paints and cleaners down drains, inside or outside. We don't want those poisons in the land or water supply.

Gather them up and take them to the North Wake Household Hazardous Waste Collection site off Durant Road (see below for directions). Be sure to put the hazardous waste in your car's trunk when you go.

- Days: It's open the 1st Saturday of each month, and closed New Year's Day, Independence Day, Christmas Eve, and Christmas Day.
- Hours: 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. (Arrive early! The line of cars can be long by 10am.)
- Location: 9037 Deponie Drive, off Durant Road, just east of Falls of Neuse.
- Directions: Take Falls of Neuse to Durant Road, turn right. Go to Deponie Drive and turn left (there's a light at this intersection). Then go straight on Deponie Road – past the fence, through the entrance, and into the site. Once you're in, follow the cars.

There are two hazardous waste buildings:

- First building: computer equipment, car batteries, car oil, transmission fluid. At this building you can stop and take the stuff out of the car yourself.
- Second building: paint, pesticides, herbicides, household batteries, household cleaners/polishes, etc. Stay in your car; the people working there will remove it for you. In fact, there are signs everywhere telling you to stay in your car at the second building.

To see the full list of hazardous waste items that they take go to www.raleighnc.gov, click "Resident" (upper left corner), click "Environment," and click "Hazardous Waste." Or call 856-6186.

For information related to different types of trash and recycling go to www.raleighnc.gov, click "Resident," and click "Garbage, Recycling & Yardwaste." Or call 831-6890.

2009 GREYSTONE VILLAGE SWIM CLUB CALENDAR

April	
Thurs, April 30	Club Membership Fees Due!
May	
Fri, May 15	Pool Opening Day at 4:00pm
Sat, May 16	Summer Pool Hours Begin, 11:00am – 9:00pm School Days (Traditional Calendar): Pool Closes at 8pm
Sun, May 17	2:30pm: Meeting for new swim team families. 3-5pm: Meet the Coaches Ice Cream Party; Swim & Tennis Team Sign-up at the pool.
Mon, May 18	4pm: Ages 7 and Up: First Swim Team after school practice.
Mon, May 25	5-6 pm: Memorial Day Celebration at the Pool. Cookout at the pool.
Tues, May 26	4pm: Ages 6 and Under: First Swim Team after school practice.
Sat, May 30	7:30pm: Adult Social - Music & Dancing. Bring an appetizer to share.
June	
June 1-3	9am-noon: Adult Ladies Tennis Camp with Coach Chris Smith (non-beginners).
Fri, June 5	First Fridays Begin. The pool is open until 10pm the first Friday of each month.
Sat, June 6	6-10pm: Mini Lock In - \$7 includes Pizza,. Children must be able to swim.
Web, June 10	Wake County - Last day of school.
Thurs, June 11	4pm: Pool Closes at 4:00 PM due to Swim Team Time Trials. 6pm: Swim Time Trials begin at 6 PM** All parents are needed to participate.
June 15 – Aug 8	Summer Youth Tennis Program M, W, TH, F afternoons, sign up with Coach Chris Smith
June 11 - July 21	Regular Swim Team Practices begins (no practice Tuesday afternoons) Ages 6 & under: 11am & 3:15pm // Ages 7-10: 10am & 4pm // Ages 11 & up: 9am & 5pm
Fridays, beginning June 12	Every Friday Night is Float Night at the Pool. Floats allowed on Friday evenings only.
Sun., June 14	9am; 10-11am:- Sunday Morning Poolside Service Sponsored by Good Shepherd Church. All are welcome. Bring a dish to share for brunch @ 9am.
Tues., June 16	Home Swim Meet - Greystone vs. Northbrook ***
Sat., June 20	7:30pm: Adult Social - Music & Dancing. Bring an appetizer to share.
Tues, June 23	Away Swim Meet @ Quail Hollow
Sat, June 27	6-10pm: Mini Lock In - \$7 includes Pizza,. Children must be able to swim.
Tues., June 30	Away Swim Meet @ Shepherd's Vineyard
July	
Fri, July 3	First Friday. Pool is open until 10pm the first Friday of each month.
Sat, July 4	5-6pm: Fourth of July Party & Cookout.
Tues, July 7	Away Swim Meet @ Seven Oaks.
Thurs, July 9	6pm: Swim Team Family Fun Night.
Sun, July 12	Greater Raleigh Championship Swim Meet @ Triangle Aquatic Center JC Invitational Meet @ Ravenscroft
Tues, July 14	Home Swim Meet vs. Lake Park**
Tues, July 21	Home Swim Meet vs. Springdale**
Wed, July 22	7pm: Swim & Tennis Team Awards Ceremony.
Sat, July 25	6-10pm: Mini Lock In - \$7 includes Pizza,. Children must be able to swim.
August	
Fri, Aug 7	First Friday. Pool is open until 10pm the first Friday of each month.
Sat, Aug. 8	6-10pm: Mini Lock In - \$7 includes Pizza,. Children must be able to swim.
Sat, Aug. 15	7:30pm: Adult Social - Music & Dancing. Bring an appetizer to share.
Sat, Aug. 22	6-10pm: Back-to-School Mini Lock In - \$7 includes Pizza. Children must be able to swim.
Tues, Aug. 25	Wake County goes back to school. Pool closes at 8pm school days.
September	
Fri, Sept 4	First Friday. Pool is open until 10pm the first Friday of each month.
Mon, Sept. 7	Labor Day Party. Cookout from 5 - 6 PM. Bring your own meat to grill, side dishes provided.
Sun, Sept. 13	Pool closes for the season. Tennis Courts are available year-round.

** The pool closes at 4pm for Greystone Home Swim Meets & Time Trials. In the event of Rain, Swim Meet would be held the following Wednesday evening.

