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GV Factoids

- Size of Greystone Lake: 27 acres
- Length of walking path around Greystone Lake: 1.5 miles
- Total number of homes in Greystone: 834
- Number of bridges: 7
- Largest fish ever caught in Greystone Lake: 11 lb. bass
- Largest fish ever caught in Winchester Lake: 9 lb. bass
- Year when the Rec Center will be paid off: 2008
- Baker's Landing and Baker's Lake are named after the Baker family who still own property in the neighborhood named for them.
- Baker's Lake pre-dates Greystone Village and for decades before GV, was a well-known summer swimming hole for local kids.

The Greystone Village HOA Board, 2006

There was a good turnout at the Greystone Village Homeowners' Association Annual meeting this year. It was held in the Springmoor auditorium on the evening of February 22, 2006, and many topics of interest to all of us were discussed. A few of those topics are covered inside this newsletter, and more will be shared in newsletters you'll receive through the year.

At the Annual meeting, we elected several new members to sit on the board. Then, at the first meeting of the new Board in March, the group appointed their new officers. The final organization of the 2006 Board of Directors is listed at right.

The Board also selected members to sit on the committees that oversee the needs of Greystone Village. Those committees include: Architecture, the Beaver Task Force, Communications, Community Watch, Lakes & Grounds, Planning & Zoning, Recreation, and Signs. Visit our web site, www.GreystoneVillage.org, to see who sits on each committee and to learn what the committees do for all of us.

Greystone homeowners can join our committees, so feel free to contact committee members if you're interested. Their contact information is available on the web site.

- Nancy McFarlane, President
- Joe McVerry, Vice President
- Nancy Peplin, Secretary
- Margo Nolstad, Treasurer
- Woody Burnette
- Bill Cook
- Helen Jones
- Al Lyter
- Chris Quinn
- Harold Ramsey
- Dan Saylor
- Jeff Smith
- Julie Tomlinson
- Iain Walsh
- Paul Woolverton

LAKES & GROUNDS

The Grounds & Lakes Maintenance Committee has a new name: The Lakes & Grounds Maintenance Committee. Because the majority of Greystone's common areas are lakes, dams, bridges and other lake-related amenities, the committee feels that new name more accurately reflects how their time is spent.

LAKES AND GROUNDS MAINTENANCE

In the last six months, this committee has brought the following maintenance topics to the Board of Directors for consideration:

- New depth readings of the three lakes prompted a review of the dredging bid that was obtained in November. Apparently those readings were not based on actual depth measurements and, therefore, may be excessive. New bids are being collected.
- The Winchester Lake gazebo needs maintenance and the Board is currently discussing what

is required.

- Due to repeated damage to the Greystone Lake path by maintenance vehicles that perform tree and debris removal, both the vehicle size limit and path access procedures have changed. Vehicles accessing the Greystone Lake path can be no larger than a two-ton pickup truck. To gain vehicle access to the path, an Access Request form must be completed and a date and time must be scheduled to meet a Charleston Management representative who will unlock the access cable. Keys are no longer loaned out. Also, a statement accepting financial responsibility for damage to the path resulting from your or your worker's vehicle must be signed before access is granted. The Access Request form is available on the Greystone web site and from Charleston Management.

WHEN WE MEET

The Committee meets the first Wednesday of each month at

7:30pm at Starbucks in the Stonehenge shopping center. Any Greystone homeowner is welcome to attend, present concerns and ideas, and participate in discussions.

To join the committee and have a formal vote on the issues they manage, simply attend a meeting. To ensure balance, membership is limited to one representative per Greystone neighborhood.

COMMUNITY WATCH

Community Watch signs are now in place at key points in all of the Greystone neighborhoods. For details on how you can become a part of the Community Watch network, contact Helen Jones. You can find her telephone number and e-mail address on the Greystone Village community web site, www.greystonevillage.org.

THE GREYSTONE SWIM & RACQUET CLUB

The Greystone Village Swim & Racquet Club is a special place for children and neighbors to gather and meet. It helps foster a true sense of family and community for all who visit.

All Greystone Homeowners are entitled to three Free Passes to enjoy the pool in the upcoming summer heat. If you'd like your passes or an application to join Greystone Club call: 848-8554. Information and applications can also be found on our web site.

The Club Pool opens at 4:00 pm on Friday, May 19, 2006. All Greystone homeowners are invited to attend the Memorial Day Celebration on Monday, May 29th, which includes a cookout from 5:00 to 6:00 pm at \$5.00 per plate.

We hope to see you there, and we wish you a happy, safe, enjoyable summer.

- The Recreation Committee

RALEIGH WATER RESTRICTIONS

Even with our recent rains, Raleigh still faces severe drought conditions that affect us all and could affect us more than ever in the coming summer months. Accordingly, we all have the responsibility to stay informed of and to abide by our water restrictions.

Current restrictions and penalties are clearly defined by the Raleigh City Council. They are copied here from the city's web site, <http://www.raleighnc.gov>, for your reference. The original web site text was prepared by Jayne Kilpatrick, Director of the Raleigh Public Affairs Department.

SEVERE DROUGHT REQUIRES STRICT ADHERENCE TO WATER CONSERVATION REGS — CITY REMAINS AT STAGE 2 MANDATORY CONSERVATION

The U.S. Drought Monitor now classifies the Triangle as a "severe drought" area due to the rainfall deficit and the very low-stream and river-flow conditions. As of April 23, the National Weather Service's rain gauge station at Raleigh-Durham International Airport reflected a year-to-date rainfall deficit of 5.53 inches.

Add that deficit to the 5.5 inch shortfall the area

experienced in 2005, and we have an 11.03-inch rainfall deficit since Jan. 1, 2005.

According to the National Weather Service Climate Prediction Center, a La Nina condition has developed over the Pacific Ocean and is predicted to result in warm and dry conditions in the southeastern United States.

The National Weather Service's prediction for the coming 60 days is for below normal rainfall and above normal temperatures. The United States Army Corps of Engineers reports that the March stream inflow into Falls Lake - Raleigh's water source - set a record low for this time of year. As a result of the weather forecast and the reduced stream flow, the Corps of Engineers is predicting that the lake level will not reach the normal level of 251.5 feet this spring. As of April 23, Falls Lake stood at 250.5 feet.

These circumstances require the City of Raleigh to remain in mandatory water conservation status. If all of us are to have sufficient water to meet our needs, we all must conserve the water we have. The following are the Stage 2 water conservation regulations.

WATER CONSERVATION REGULATIONS

Watering is allowed only twice weekly; Tuesdays and Saturdays for odd-numbered addresses and on Wednesdays and Sundays for even-numbered addresses.

Watering by automatic spray irrigation systems is allowed only between midnight and 5 a.m. and 10 p.m. and midnight. Watering by hose-end sprinklers and non-automatic spray irrigation devices is allowed between 6 p.m. and midnight and midnight to 6 a.m. Hand-held, hose-end watering devices may be used between 6 p.m. and 6 a.m. seven days per week.

Vehicles may be washed only at professional vehicle washing establishments.

The fine for not complying with the water conservation regulations is \$200 for the first offense, \$1,000 for the second offense and shutting off water service for the third offense. Through April 21, the City had issued 385 citations for violating the water conservation ordinance.

For more information about the water conservation regulations, please call the City of Raleigh Public Utilities Department at 857-4540 or email waterconservation@ci.raleigh.nc.us or visit the City's website at raleigh.nc.gov.

THANKS TO MERLE... by Jay Shapiro

Greystone Village lost a great treasure with the unexpected passing of Merle Marxen the night of September 11, 2005.

Not one to sit idly by and say "someone should do something," Merle became a someone and worked to make needed things get done. He joined the Greystone Association Board of Directors and remained on the Board for nearly a decade as a voice of reason and practicality. With years of experience working with the Army Corps of Engineers, Merle was our resident expert on water flow, storm water, dams and beaver management issues.

After stepping down from the Board three years ago, Merle continued to work on behalf of Greystone by joining the City of Raleigh's Storm Water Commission, pouring over storm water flow and flood maps,

pointing out errors and making suggestions for effective changes in the way the City handles storm water issues. He was Greystone's voice for storm water management. And if Greystone ultimately receives financial assistance from the City for dredging costs, we have Merle Marxen's diplomacy, tenacity and persistence to thank.

Merle's practical solutions to problems were many. Thanks to Merle: the overflow drains on both Baker's and Winchester Lakes are immune to clogging by beaver activity; we have a proven method of protecting trees from beaver damage; walking paths once prone to flooding are now flood-free in major storms; the bridge over the northwest creek leading into Greystone Lake no longer washes out in heavy

rains; that same creek no longer eats great chunks of shore where it enters the lake; the tunnel under Sawmill Road remains passable except in the very worst of storms; and the Greystone Lake dam is forever protected from erosion, weakening and eventual failure.

Merle Marxen was officially retired, but his idea of the word "retired" left those of us far younger than he struggling in wonder to keep up. He could regularly be seen biking or hiking all over Greystone, always looking for things that could be better. When he left us, he was working on plans for the next great dredging project, passing on expertise and ideas to ensure that the job gets done both economically and right.

And thanks to Merle, it will be.