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The Greystone Village HOA Board Meetings	1	Two board meetings have been held since the August newsletter: a regular bimonthly meeting, held September 21 and a special waterways meeting, held October 23. Summaries of those meetings are given here.	maintenance. The Greystone bridge will be repaired soon. Bad boards will be replaced and the bridge will undergo full repair after the dam work is complete. It is being planned now.
Lakes & Grounds Committee	1	Bimonthly Meeting, 9/21 The September meeting primarily dealt with waterways issues described here	The condition of Baker's Lake is described in an article on Page 2 of this newsletter.
Baker's Lake: The Two-Step Hydrilla Control Program	2	The repair and maintenance of our spillways, dams, and lakes were discussed at length. Repair of the Winchester Lake spillway took place the weekend after the board meeting.	Special Meeting, 10/23 On October 23, a special meeting was held on the Winchester spillway to evaluate and discuss the repair performed on it in September.
Recreation Committee	2	The City is studying Greystone Lake and Dam. The Lakes & Grounds Committee is working with their planning and in the acquisition of information the Greystone board will need for future planning and	A calendar listing all of the board meetings is now given on the "Contact the Board" page of www.greystonevillage.org . Homeowners are always welcome to attend these meetings.
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LAKES & GROUNDS COMMITTEE

Your Lakes and Grounds Committee has spent considerable time diligently reviewing the condition and maintenance requirements of the common areas of Greystone Village. We have considered the condition of some of our older signs and have instituted a procedure for repair and/or replacement of the various neighborhood signs.

As we reported in the last newsletter, the sign at the shopping center was the first of this program, and at least one of the Valley Lakes signs should undergo repair and refurbishing soon. If you observe damage to signs or malfunction of lights on signs please contact Charleston Management and let them know. The telephone numbers and e-mail address are 847-3003 and

matoka@charlestonmanagement.com (these can also be found on the Board of Directors page of our web site, www.greystonevillage.org).

Tropical Storm Alberto that flooded parts of Raleigh on June 14 caused major damage to the Winchester Lake spillway. That damage was repaired recently. We were fortunate to have no more serious storms come through Greystone Village this year.

We are preparing Greystone's lakes for possible future storms. Due to the propensity of our area to undergo large volume rain events during the summer and the rating of our dams by the North Carolina Department of Environmental and Natural Resources, we are pursuing a complete evaluation of both Winchester Lake and Baker's Lakes dams, spill-

ways, and "flood plains."

We have removed Greystone Dam and spillway from consideration because the City of Raleigh is evaluating these structures at this time.

We hope to have a plan for any repair, redesign, or other work that should be done to maximize the efficiency of these important structures in the storm water control system for not only Greystone, but for the entire City of Raleigh.

As always, your comments and questions are welcome either by email or in person at our monthly Lakes & Grounds Committee meeting, the first Wednesday of each month at 7:30pm, at Starbuck's in Stonehenge.

BAKER'S LAKE: THE TWO-STEP HYDRILLA CONTROL PROGRAM

Anyone who has looked closely at Baker's Lake in the last few years has surely noticed that its water is overgrown with submerged vegetation. That plant is Hydrilla, and it's an invasive, destructive weed that steals oxygen from the water, killing the fish and the friendly plants that live in the lake.

Last year, the Lakes & Grounds Committee initiated a two-step program to control the Hydrilla infestation. This program meets the requirements of the state and local environmental agencies and will clean the Hydrilla from Baker's Lake. In doing so, it will also prevent the weed from spreading to Greystone and Winchester lakes, and further on into Raleigh's waterway system.

The first step of the Hydrilla Control Program took place last year when the lake was stocked with 50 fish that eat

the Hydrilla. Those fish, sterile Grass Carp, are each 10 to 12 inches long and "No Fishing" signs were posted around the lake to protect them from being caught. If you see anyone fishing on Baker's Lake, please ask them to fish at Greystone Lake instead. If they caught any fish, please ask them to toss them back in so they can finish their job. Fishing should resume when the problem is under control.

The second step of the Hydrilla Control Program will be the addition of Sonar aquatic herbicide to the lake. Adding herbicides takes knowledge and experience, so Foster's Lake and Pond Management of Garner, experts in pond care, will perform this step for us next year when the timing is right.

Questions? Contact the Lakes & Grounds Committee.

RECREATION COMMITTEE

The Greystone pool closed on Sunday, September 10th, after another great season. We finished with 358 memberships sold, which was higher than last season's membership.

The swim team finished first in the Junior Championship meet and fourth in the Championship meet – way to go Gators!

Our tennis programs continue to grow. We had about 90 kids involved in the summer program along with three ongoing adult clinics and three youth tennis programs. There is currently a children's tennis clinic running through November for beginners.

On behalf of the Recreation Committee, we wish everyone a safe and prosperous fall and winter. We look forward to seeing you in the spring!

HOME ENERGY SAVING TIPS

With winter upon us, many of us need a reminder of the best and easiest ways to conserve energy and lower our household energy costs. Proven energy-saving tips are listed below.

Your Heating System

- Set your thermostat to 68 degrees or lower. If this feels chilly, just put on a sweatshirt or sweater and wear socks.
- Turn the thermostat down when you leave.
- Turn the thermostat down at night when you sleep.
- Install a programmable thermostat that can make your adjustments for you automatically.
- Have your furnace cleaned and checked each year.
- Replace furnace vent air filters once a month.
- Check with your utility company or contrac-

tor to test and repair any leaking ductwork.

- Lower your hot water heater setting to 120 degrees.
- Replace old appliances, water heaters, and furnaces with new Energy Star models.

Your Home

- Check the insulation in your attic, ceiling, walls, and crawl spaces to see that it meets recommended levels for your area. Adding insulation to your attic cuts costs 5-25%.
- Seal all air leaks. This includes gaps around pipes, electrical outlets and switches, and foundation seals.
- Check and repair caulking and weatherstripping around windows and doors.
- Install storm doors.
- Switch to high efficiency windows and doors.
- Open curtains in the morning to let the sun heat the rooms of your home, then

close them at sundown to insulate them.

- Keep traditional fireplaces closed when they're not in use.
- Rearrange furniture so you sit near interior walls, and not by windows and exterior walls.
- Turn off kitchen and bathroom fans when they've done their jobs. They suck out heat.

Other Energy Savers

- Turn off lights in empty rooms.
- Fully load your washing machine each time you use it, and wash with cold water.
- Clean your clothes dryer's lint trap after every load.
- Turn off your computer and monitor when they're not in use.
- Turn off televisions and DVD players when they're not in use.