

THE GREYSTONE VILLAGE VOICE

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GREYSTONE VILLAGE HOA BOARD

The board has held four meetings since our last newsletter was issued: November 15, December 13, January 17, and the annual meeting on February 21. Our next meeting will be held on March 20.

We thank Helen Jones and Coldwell Banker Advantage for the on-going use of their meeting room. See the Greystone Village web site for the exact meeting location and calendar (www.greystonevillage.org).

The work to clear debris from the Winchester spillway was completed in late autumn and trees below the dam were marked for removal as needed.

The board approved the City's Plan A for the Greystone dam, then approved to defer to the City to decide what is best for our lakes and areas downstream. Matoka Snuggs and Joe McVerry sent a letter to the City of Raleigh indicating our decisions.

The board considered reducing the number of board members, but keeping it within the numbers defined by our own rules. The intent was to make it easier to have a quorum attendance. The board decided this was unnecessary due to attrition in 2007.

The board defeated by 100% a motion to assess the entire Greystone Community to repair the Baker's Lake and Winchester Lake spillways.

The Lakes & Grounds committee received bids to repair an area at Winchester dam. See the Lakes & Grounds report for details of the repairs, such as tree removal and animal damage.

The Committee also received two bids to remove several trees at the Winchester dam. Tree removal by Longhorn Tree Service was approved pending verification that chips will be placed on the path.

It was decided that the dock at Bakers Lake is to be stained and sealed, and it was announced that the signs of Bakers Landing and The Pointe were replaced and flowers were planted at various entrance signs.

It was confirmed that the Declaration of Covenants automatically renews at the end of the first thirty (30) year period.

Our annual meeting was held on Feb 21. Two members were elected to the board: Randy Courtney and Mark Whitney. Other directors with terms ending this year were voted to stay in their board seats. See the column to the right of this article for a complete list of homeowners who sit on our board of directors.

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

THE LAKES AND GROUNDS COMMITTEE

Even though the drought and cold weather haven't been conducive to planting, landscaping, and growth, Lakes & Grounds committee has been hard at work taking care of business. Those of you who live in The Pointe or Baker's Landing, or who travel Sawmill Road may have noticed the abundance of light coming from these signs. This is just another step in the plan to refurbish all of the community signs in Greystone. There are still several signs to go, so if your community sign is in need of repair, please be patient - we haven't forgotten you.

Recently we continued our program to bring the dams and spillways up to date. There were a number of trees on the face of the dam at Winchester Lake that have been removed and there is some damage due to animal activity that is scheduled to be repaired in the near future. The City of

Raleigh has also suggested some repairs to Greystone Lake dam. These are repairs that will be controlled, supervised and even paid for by the City. Of course, there will be some lag time before this work is done.

It is coming to the time of year when you may notice that our resident flock of Canada Geese is pairing up. In late March or early April the geese will nest and lay 1 to 4 eggs per couple. As any of you who have walked around Greystone Lake or on the dam at Baker's Lake know, the number of geese is directly related to the amount of debris left by the geese, so we do try to control their population growth. "Addling" is the board's method of choice for population control, and it involves identifying the nesting locations and coating the eggs with oil before they becoming viable. We would really like help from the communities in

this process, and over the next four to six weeks, we would appreciate help identifying nest locations from community members: when you see what appears to be a nest, please email our management agent at

Matoka@charlestonmanagement.com,

and relay its location. Addling requires a permit, so an experienced member of the committee will handle the addling of the eggs. Those with experience, please continue; we truly appreciate your efforts.

The committee is always open to your suggestions or concerns and we would welcome your attendance at our meetings. We plan to meeting on the first Wednesday of each odd-numbered month at 7:30pm in the Starbuck's at Stonehenge Plaza.

GREYSTONE SWIM & RACQUET CLUB



Yes, We Have Pool Water!

Kudos to the entire Recreation Committee for having the forethought to complete pool repairs and painting last fall! The pool water has been maintained and chemically balanced throughout the off-season. This was a fairly low-cost decision and was offset by the draining and cleaning expenses that we normally incur each spring.

Again, many thanks to all committee members for embracing the needs of Wake County along with the needs of Greystone Club.

Our pool's opening date is May 17th. If you are not already a Club member, please download an application form at www.greystonevillage.org or call 848-8554.

Relax, enjoy the sunshine, and cool off in the pool water this summer with your neighbors.

WHAT A RACQUET!!!

The tennis courts at the Swim & Racquet Club are available to all Greystone Homeowners and Club members. However, you need a key to enter and exit the courts.

You can request a key from Tennis Coordinator Ann Brooks by calling her at 870-7445.

A \$20 deposit is required. Further information is posted at the courts.

Take advantage of sunny days, socialize, and enjoy some exercise down at the courts!

LOCK YOUR CARS AND DOORS!

There have been several house burglaries and car break-ins in and around Greystone Village this year, so please be careful!

Be sure to close and lock your cars, your garages, and your homes behind you. If you see anything suspicious, please call 911.

If you are interested in serving on the Greystone Community Watch Committee, call Helen Jones at 847-2108, or e-mail her at helenj@nc.rr.com.

GREYSTONE GATORS YARD SALE!!!



Come shop your way through the swamp!

Saturday, April 12th

8:00 a.m. – 1 p.m.

Greystone Club Parking Lot

Interested in cleaning out your closets?

Yard Sale space is available for releasing your treasures and finding new ones. Reserve a parking spot, load up your vehicle, and come on over; \$15.00 per parking space.

Set up time is 7:00 a.m. the day of the sale. Any proceeds will benefit the Greystone Beautification Fund.

Space is limited and you must provide your own tables and chairs.

To participate please send a \$15.00 check payable to Greystone Club by April 4th, along with your name, address, phone number and email address, to: Greystone Club, P.O. Box 98014, Raleigh, NC 27624

All shoppers are welcome!

WAKE WATER SUPPLY

Yes, we all know there's a water problem. A serious one. But still there are enough people out there who don't know the details of what's going on, that it's worth going through it again.

Two weeks ago, the mayors of Raleigh, Garner, Knightdale, Wake Forest, Wendell, and Zebulon sent all of their residents a letter detailing the Stage 2 Water Conservation Ordinance that we're currently in are listed here. For more details, go to www.raleighnc.gov.

- No public watering for irrigation.
- No filling new or wading pools. No filling pools drained for repair. Water can be added to pools to maintain sanitary conditions.
- No car washing, except at approved car washes that recycle their water (45 of them are certified).
- No washing sidewalks, patios, decks, driveways, parking lots, streets, or exterior building surfaces.
- Water service to plumbing or service leaks will be interrupted and restored when repairs are completed.
- Restaurants serve water only on request.
- No non-essential water use for the public or commerce.
- (The remaining items are for businesses or commercial service; go to www.raleighnc.gov to see them.)

The fine for the first violation is \$1000; recurrence of violations may result in interrupted water service.

The city also asks residents to:

- Install low-flow shower heads and faucet restrictors by March 1, 2008. They can save 30% of water used in by showers and faucets.
- If you don't have low-volume toilets, put a volume-reducing insert in the tank (e.g. a brick).
- Use rain barrels for watering shrubs, flowers, or vegetables. Raleigh is offering 60- and 80-gallon barrels for sale at the Solid Waste Services office, 400 W. Peace St., 7am-4pm, Mon-Fri.

And let's all hope for some long tropical storms this summer!

GREYSTONE LANDSCAPING & SIGNS

Due to the drought, landscaping will hold off on planting any new shrubs. They may plant some flowers depending on circumstances.

The neighborhood signs at The Pointe and Baker's Landing are completely rebuilt and brightly lit. Pass by and have a look!

TRASH AND YARD WASTE

City of Raleigh law states that trash and yard waste must not be left at your curb more than 24hr before pickup and containers must not be left out for more than 24 hours after pickup. You are subject to \$50 fine for not following this law. For more information, go to Solid Waste Services at this web site: <http://www.raleighnc.gov/>.

DOWNTOWN EARTH DAY CELEBRATION

The State of North Carolina and Burt's Bees will hold the Planet Earth Celebration on April 19 on Fayetteville Street. The all-day celebration will feature bands, activities, a green bazaar, artists and other Earth-friendly exhibits. The City will have exhibits that focus on water conservation and the City of Raleigh's Solid Waste Services composting, recycling, and mulching initiatives.

Participants have taken a pledge to make the day a zero-waste and zero-carbon footprint event, using only items that can be composted or recycled and leaving no trash behind.

GREYSTONE SWIM & RACQUET CLUB SUMMER 2008!!

Page 4 of this newsletter is the Swim & Racquet Club membership application form for 2008. Please fill it out and mail it to the address indicated. You can also find a copy of it on our Web site at www.greystonevillage.org. Remember that Greystone homeowners do not pay an initiation fee.

Also remember that all Greystone homeowners are eligible to receive three free passes to the pool and are invited to all three holiday parties, even if they don't become a member of the club. Call the pool for information about receiving your free passes at 848-8554.

The three holiday parties are held on Memorial Day, Independence Day, and Labor Day. You'll see more about those parties in the next issue of this newsletter and on the Web site!

