

GREYSTONE VILLAGE VOICE

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GREYSTONE VILLAGE HOA BOARD

There has been one meeting of the Greystone Village Homeowners Association Board since our last newsletter. That meeting took place on Thursday, November 19, 2009.

There were several homeowners (guests) who attended the Board meeting, in order to express various concerns that they had about our community. One of the most urgent was for everyone to be aware of recent home invasions in our area.

The Greystone Village web site gives the following advice. "For you and your family's safety leave lights on in your home, let your neighbors know when you won't be at home, stop newspaper and mail delivery when you travel and call 911 whenever you see suspicious people and activities in and around your neighborhood."

It was reported that the pool was recently drained and the deep end painted. In addition, repairs and power washing have been completed at the tennis courts.

A motion was passed to hire Guins Excavating to dredge Baker's Lake in late December/January and also to do some necessary grading at Winchester Lake.

Gordon Archambault was elected to join the Board of Directors.

In early 2010 bids will be discussed for landscaping and maintenance around the neighborhood signs.

The new Greystone Recreation Center opened on December 8, 2009, and programs will begin in January, 2010. The Citizens Area Liaison hopes to work with the Parks Dept. to use the new center for meetings. (See also on Page 2.)

The Greystone Village Board of Directors meets every two months, on the third Thursday of the month at Coldwell Banker Advantage, 6008 Creedmoor Road. Homeowners are welcome to attend. The Board's next meeting will be January 21, 2010, at 7 pm. For details and directions see www.greystonevillage.org/BOD.asp.

PLEASE NOTE: 2010 ANNUAL MEETING will be held on Thursday, February 18, 2010 at 7 pm in the new Greystone Recreation Center. (See Page 2.)

- Dan Saylor
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- Karen Copeland
- Barbara Dechter
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- Al Lyter
- Chris Quinn
- Harold Ramsey
- Mark Whitney
- Paul Woolverton

TENNIS NEWS



Tennis is a **year-round** activity now at Greystone! If you're interested in lessons for yourself or your child, please email pro Chris Smith at greystonetennis@gmail.com, and Chris or event coordinator Diana Kennedy will answer any questions you may have. There are clinics available for all levels and also private, semi-private and group lessons. Come join the fun, improve your game and get some great exercise too.

Schedules for the 2010 Spring session will be posted soon. We have had the back two courts leveled and re-surfaced, which will hopefully solve the problem of the puddles and sitting water on those courts. Please let us know if there are any other issues at the courts that you would like us to address.

See you on the courts in 2010!

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WILKERSON NATURE PRESERVE PARK PLANNED FOR NORTH RALEIGH

In February of 2006, the City of Raleigh received an amazing gift of 157 acres of land along Falls Lake from Dr. Annie Louise Wilkerson. An extraordinary person, she not only delivered over 8000 babies during her career, when most people called her "Dr. Annie", but she had a love of the environment and a generous spirit toward the community. Dr. Annie passed away on September 15, 2005 at the age of 91. It was through her will that she deeded a Nature Preserve north of Raven Ridge Road to the City of Raleigh Parks and Recreation Department.

She carefully specified how the land and trees should be preserved, so that the land would remain, as much as possible, in its natural state. Only certain shelters and educational buildings will be built, and roads and pedestrian trails will be kept to a minimum.

Planning the park was a complex process, involving several City departments and research groups, as specified by the Wilkerson family. The plan presented to the City Council in March, 2009 was approved and the contract for creating the park was awarded to CLH Design, PA of Cary. Construction is scheduled to take place from Summer 2010 to Summer 2011.

GREYSTONE RECREATION CENTER IS NOW OPEN IN OUR COMMUNITY

Raleigh Parks and Recreation Department opened the new Greystone Recreation Center in Greystone Village on December 8, 2009. The hours of operation are:

9:00am – 7:00pm Monday – Friday

9:00am – 3:00pm on Saturday; Sunday – Closed

The center offers a number of amenities, including an indoor playground, dance studio, flexible meeting and classroom space, and a rock climbing wall. It is also available for after-hour rentals.

There are many classes for Adults and Seniors, including SCRAPBOOKING; YOGA; ZUMBA AEROBICS; SELF-ESTEEM; CREATIVE WRITING; BEGINNER CAROLINA SHAG; CREATIVE DANCE MOVEMENT; INTRO TO LATIN DANCE, I & II; INTRO TO SOCIAL DANCE, I & II; INTRO TO TANGO; WEDDING DANCE; CARDIO FUNK/DANCERCISE; STEP AEROBICS; KOREAN FOR BEGINNERS; SENIORCISE; BINGO; & **MURDER MYSTERY PARTY: Fri., Jan. 29, 6:30-10:00pm**
Drop by GRC for complete schedules of Adult/Senior activities.

PRESCHOOL OPPORTUNITIES

In each of the subjects listed, a new 4-week session begins at the first of the month, January through April. Given below are the days of the week and the times that the classes are held.

- **Leap into Learning:** A perfect stepping stone from being at home to going off to a full day of school. Children learn basic skills including numbers, letters, colors, shapes, music, art and other fundamentals necessary to succeed in kindergarten.

MWF 9:15am -12:15 pm OR

T,TH 9:15am -12:15pm

- **Fairytale Land:** Get ready to jump into Fairytale Land for 60 minutes of adventure. Participants of Fairytale Land create a craft project and/or food project that reflect the moral in the story.

M 2:00pm - 3:00pm

- **Science Exploration:** Participants explore the wonderful world of science by learning about the topic being studied that session and do a project or experiment to reflect the topic of the class.

T 2:00pm - 3:00pm

- **Learn Spanish with Dora:** This program is designed to introduce basic Spanish and/or basic English to participants. Using Dora and Diego, participants will learn craft projects, adventures, songs, food projects and hygiene.

W 2:00pm - 3:00pm

- **Math Madness:** Use your imagination and creativity while learning all about numbers, shapes, colors, matching, counting and more!

TH 2:00pm - 3:00pm

- **Let's Get Loud:** Children will learn the names and proper way to use most instruments. They will play games, sing songs, march in parades, dress up and dance.

F 2:00pm - 3:00pm

YOUTH AND TEEN OPPORTUNITIES

The Youth and Teen programs will begin in February, so there is still time to sign up for one or more of the courses listed.

- **American Red Cross Babysitting Certification:** Ages 11-15. Participants will learn skills to care for infants through school-aged children. Safety issues, injury and illness prevention, basic child care, first aid, decision-making skills, and age-appropriate behavior are discussed.

February 15 M 10:30am - 4:30pm

- **Nature Games:** Ages 6-12. Participants will play a variety of exciting and interactive games that will help them learn more about nature. Please pre-register four days prior to program.

February 20 S 11:00am - 12:00pm

- **Project Wild:** Ages 8-10. This program is full of hands-on activities to explore wild animals, their natural environment and how we as humans interact with them.

February 11 TH 5:30pm - 7:00pm

March 15 M 5:30pm - 7:00pm

April 15 TH 5:30pm - 7:00pm

- **Bouldering Clinic:** Ages 8-12. Bouldering is a form of rock climbing that takes place only a few feet off the ground and does not require ropes, harnesses or other climbing equipment. This beginner class focuses on fun while teaching climbing and spotting techniques. Great after school activity!

February 24 W 5:30pm - 7:00pm

March 17 W 5:30pm - 7:00pm

April 7 W 5:30pm - 7:00pm

- **Bouldering Clinic (2 hour early release):** Ages 8-10. Same as above except for dates. Sessions will be held on February 3, March 10, and April 21; Wednesdays, 3:00pm-5:00pm.

- **TEENS MURDER MYSTERY PARTY!!** Ages 14-18
Have a fun evening with your friends, in Vegas! You will help solve the Murder in Sin City, while enjoying pizza and snacks. Pre-registration is required and characters will be assigned. Costumes are encouraged and prizes will be awarded.
Date: February 13, 2010 Time: 6:00pm - 9:30pm

FOR MORE INFORMATION ON GREYSTONE RECREATION CENTER . . .

Please contact Kelly Ybarra, Director of GRC

Center's direct line: 919-996-4848.

Kelly's email: kelly.ybarra@ci.raleigh.nc.us

She welcomes suggestions for new classes and activities.

Updates on class descriptions, fees, and schedules can be found at www.parks.raleighnc.gov.