

# Whitehall Community

## NEWS

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Meetings are held on  
the 3<sup>rd</sup> Monday of  
each month at 7:00  
pm. All are  
WELCOME.

Our THANKS ..... to departing Board members Greg Jackson and Kirk Stem for their significant contributions to our community. Along with many other projects, Greg developed and implemented the Whitehall work order tracking system and Kirk pursued many difficult parking issues through to resolution. Thanks again guys, your hard work is appreciated.

And special THANKS to Pam Pearson and Lee Howard for tireless service during the past year as president and secretary. Pam and Lee, we appreciate the time and talent you give to our community.

We are fortunate that D.C. Rouse is continuing as vice president. New Board member orientation for Ron and Marya is underway, including overview of Whitehall contracts, covenants, and bylaws.

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SPRING FOREST ENTRANCE ---- notice the new shrubs and ground cover at our Spring Forest entrance; expertly placed, watered, and tucked in for the winter. Thanks to everyone who donated shrubs.


AND AT THE OTHER END OF SENTINEL--- Rita, Mickey, Tommy and Kay: beautiful job on our bridge. The seasonal greens and lights are a winter welcome. Thanks to all in Whitehall who add to our enjoyment of the season with outside decorations.

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\*\*\*\*\* ALERT \*\*\*\*\*

POSSIBLE RABIES IN OUR AREA --- possible, "but likely" said the officers with animal control that responded to a homeowner call in November about a suspicious raccoon. The animal control officer warned that rabid animals have been found recently in our immediate area. PLEASE, be sure vaccinations are current for your pets and watch for suspicious animals.



  
READY, SET, ACTION: The Board is evaluating goals and priorities for 2007 and expects to set specific objectives in four major target areas. These include: financial planning and management, grounds improvement, rule/regulation enforcement, and community spirit/outreach. Objectives will be finalized in December. Look for details in the next newsletter, and then GET INVOLVED. How?? Call and/or e-mail your ideas, concerns, and encouragement to WOA board members. Volunteer for ad hoc tasks; join a committee (architecture, grounds/landscaping, finance); attend monthly board meetings to better understand the challenges facing Whitehall. Sound familiar? That's

because it's the most effective way for most of us to have meaningful input to Whitehall governance, secure our investment, enhance our community, and enjoy our neighbors.

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#### WOA LONG TERM DEBT: IMPORTANT DECISIONS FOR WHITEHALL OWNERS

As the date for final payment of Whitehall's outstanding bank loan approaches, the Board is identifying options for the management of WOA long term debt. The balloon payment of approximately \$ 120,000 is due August 2007. The Board will share information about the outstanding loan with homeowners in the next newsletter. Debt management options will be provided in the near future, including details about debt retirement.

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NO ASSESSMENT FOR GARAGE OWNERS: ASSESSMENT UPDATE --- since September the Board has listened carefully to issues and concerns raised by Whitehall residents about amending the Whitehall covenants, so that garage owners might be assessed additional monthly payments. The board has given thoughtful consideration to all opinions expressed by homeowners. After reviewing many aspects of the amendment and assessment issues, a unanimous decision was made by the board in November not to amend the Whitehall covenants, and by default not to assess garage owners for additional payments.

ON A LIGHTER NOTE --- the gutter clean-up several weeks ago is not the last. At least one more gutter clean-up is scheduled in January and leaf pick-up will continue until the last one drops. Trees, the source of all those leaves in Whitehall, and always an issue! Chris Lambert of Carolina Outdoors has been selected for tree removal services next year. Carolina Outdoors is licensed and insured.

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AFTER ALL THOSE EXTRA HOLIDAY CALORIES --- Did you know the Millbrook Exchange Park & Community Center offers sport and recreation activities? Check out listings at [www.parks.raleighnc.gov](http://www.parks.raleighnc.gov) or pick up a schedule at the Millbrook Exchange office. Printed information available in the office includes a user-friendly map of Raleigh's extensive Greenway system for biking, walking, and jogging. Find a Whitehall buddy and BURN those seasonal calories.

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HEY, MOVE YOUR CAN --- take trash cans in by day's end every Wednesday, AND do not place them curbside before dusk Tuesday. The 99% of Whitehall neighbors who already comply with this requirement will thank you. And yes, it is noticed, and spoken of, when your trash receptacle sits solo by the road.

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DO YOU HAVE A MAINTENANCE REQUEST? Work order forms may be obtained at the Whitehall website [www.whitehallcommunity.com](http://www.whitehallcommunity.com) or from Renee Shingleton at York Properties. Renee can be reached by email at [reneeshingleton@yorkproperties.com](mailto:reneeshingleton@yorkproperties.com), phone 821.1350, or fax 828.9240.

York Properties will be closed December 22, 25, and 26 (Friday, Monday, Tuesday) and New Year's Day. For emergencies, call: 821.1350.

IT'S A NEW YEAR ----- After a break in December, monthly Board meetings resume January 2007. Meetings are held in the garage space across from the pool on the third Monday of every month at 7:00 pm. Homeowners are invited to bring questions, issues, and concerns to the forum held at the beginning of each meeting.

Would you like to receive the Whitehall newsletter by e-mail? Send an e-mail to Dianne Reinoso ([dreinoso@bellsouth.net](mailto:dreinoso@bellsouth.net)) with your preferred e-address and receive future newsletters electronically.

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