

From the President's Corner



I guess these are truly what are known as the “dog days of summer”. I wonder where that expression came from. For some reason, those words do evoke the heat and humidity that make us want to lie around and perspire and do as little as possible. Send out a big thank-you to the yard crews, the maintenance and paint crews, the garbage pick-up guys, and all others who soldier on in the extreme heat to make Whitehall as beautiful as it is. And extreme gratitude to the HVAC people who answer the call when our AC goes out!

Despite the heat, Cleve is trying to find a window late in each day and on weekends to work on parking lot repainting. Because the cost of cleaning old numbers and letters from the bricks was prohibitive, we decided on an alternative: to paint a brick-colored rectangle over the old markings, and then put the new letters and numbers over that. On asphalt areas, black rectangles will be used. The word “VISITOR” will be substituted for “guest”, as we feel it carries a clearer connotation. In addition, a small sign saying “VISITOR” will be erected at the head of each visitor spot for better visibility.

Most important for all residents: **PARK YOUR VEHICLE BACK THREE FEET FROM THE FRONT OF YOUR REGULAR PARKING SPACE UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE!** This will expose the area of old markings to the workers. This will mean that we all need to take extra precautions about backing up and turning around so as to avoid an accident.

Except for those residents that have been personally contacted, there will be no changes in your parking spots. However, the spot will no longer be labeled with your house number. There will be a letter of the alphabet, denoting your cluster, plus a number between 01 and 10. You will receive notice by mail of those markings. This process will probably take a month to complete, so we beg your cooperation and patience!

Sincerely,

Toni Cambier

Whitehall Homeowner's Picnic

A big Whitehall thank you to all who attended and contributed to our Whitehall Picnic July 16th. We so enjoyed Chef Ron's hotdogs and all the dishes everyone brought. Recipes are being passed around already. It was a super success because all of you participated. We were blessed with bottled water from Pool Professionals, along with many of our contractors in attendance. We look forward to another gathering soon.



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Stayin' Alive

The words of that great disco tune can be aptly applied to our attempts right now to keep all those beautiful green plantings alive. Many thanks to the diligent residents who have been watering flowers, shrubs, and young trees. BUT – please follow the schedule posted by the City of Raleigh. **Even numbered houses** can water (by sprinkler) on **Monday, Wednesday, and Friday**. **Odd numbered houses** on **Tuesday, Thursday, and Saturday**. In addition, follow the schedule of **6:00am to 10:00 am**, and/or **6:00 pm to 10:00 pm**.

It has been reported that some sprinklers are being left on all day or all night, using one of the Whitehall community water faucets. The city monitors these meters, and an extraordinarily high reading could result in a fine on Whitehall as well as the offending resident. Please follow the regulations.

Recycling Corner

The big blue rolling carts are coming any day. We will no longer have to carry bins to the curb! In addition, a display right on top of the cart reminds you what can go into it. Remember, no plastic bags of any kind in these containers. Carts will **only go to the curb every other week**, so we should receive a calendar in the mail showing us our days.

There have already been some inquiries about enlarging the little enclosures that were built years ago for smaller garbage cans. Enlarging them will be the responsibility of each individual homeowner. You will need to contact your own handy man, PMI, or Bobby Whitt if you need to have an enclosure built or enlarged at your residence.

The city will not pick up the old bins. If they are in rough shape, they can be taken to the solid waste station. Or, you may be able to find a use for them around the house!



Whitehall Community Bulletin Board

Services Offered: If you have something to sell, a service to provide to Whitehall residents or are looking to participate in an activity with a neighbor and would like to post it in our newsletter, please submit your 2-4 line ads to whitehallcommunity1@gmail.com by the **25th of each month**. Ads will be run on a first come, first served basis.

Cat Sitter: Need a cat sitter during vacation? Don't forget that our neighbor, Carolyn Andrews, loves cats and would be happy to feed and check on your cat or cats. Reasonable fees! Please contact Carolyn at 919-349-2263..

August HOA Board Meeting Announcement

The next regular meeting is August 15th at 6:30 PM. The agenda will be posted to the WH website as information.



Water and Sewer Lines Important Phone Numbers

All residents receive a water bill. At the top of the letter accompanying your bill is a list of important phone numbers, including those for **sewer backup and water leaks**.

Please cut that out and post it somewhere near your phone. Whitehall's water lines have long outlived their usefulness, and we experience water leaks now almost weekly. If you find a puddle where one should not be, or see water bubbling up out of the ground, **CALL THE CITY!** Please do not call York, as these lines are our personal responsibility.

The city will send someone out promptly who can tell which meter is spinning, identify the homeowner, and notify them. If the leak is between the meter and your residence, it is your responsibility to pay for repairs/or replacement.

Watch Your Step...Sidewalk Improvements

Due to begin on August 25, Precision Sidewalks will again be working in Whitehall to get rid of tripping hazards in our sidewalks.

The area targeted in this year's budget lies on the south side of Falls Church Rd., **covering the 5700's and the 5800's**. All tripping hazards will be ground down.



WH Homes



Inventory is shrinking with only 3 homes on the market at this time. Our area of Raleigh had more showings than any other area.

6029 Sentinel Dr.— \$170,000— 3 Bedroom

5943 Sentinel Dr.— \$136,900— 2 Bedroom

5946 Sentinel Dr.— \$134,900— 2 Bedroom

Contributed by Carolyn Andrews
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Mark The Date Ice Cream Social and Bocce

On **Saturday, September 10th**, we would like to invite you to the Community Garden to participate in an Ice Cream Social. We will have more news in the upcoming newsletter as to time etc.

One new feature to our garden will be demonstrated as we are adding a BOCCE area. Anyone can play, it's fun for those who are athletic and those who are not. Come and check it out.

Bocce is played with eight large balls and one smaller ball (called the pallino). The game can be played with 2, 4, or 8 players. For more information, Google bocce ball rules or go to www.bocce.org for more information.

