

From the President's Corner



We have some new faces to welcome here at Whitehall, new owners and new renters. **Plus – Bobby Whitt is back delivering mail! Hurrah!** Be sure and give him a big hug when you see him. As everyone is out and about this time of year, be sure to say hello to new faces and introduce yourself if you have a chance. Between the call of the pool and the need to walk the dog, you should meet everyone before the summer is over.

We also have some friends who are battling illness or recovering from surgery. The secret of Whitehall is that we are a “small town”, and we want to extend a helping hand where possible. Remember a card or covered dish is always appreciated.

Since we are in the midst of yearly termite inspections, this is a good time to renew our “termite education” drive. Please take time to read the recap of the presentation at our annual meeting a year ago. Over and above these annual inspections, we all need to be aware of the need for homeowner preventative measures and whole-house treatment programs.

Sincerely,

Toni Cambier

Happy Birthday USA!



Vacationing and Need A Great Cat Sitter?

Don't forget to call **Carolyn Andrews** to feed and water your cats while you are on your summer vacation. Carolyn will take good care of them!

Cell # 919-3490-2263

Blues and Barbeque!

Whitehall neighbors, friends, & families: be sure and reserve **Saturday, July 21st** for the Blues and Barbecue Party! We will gather from 5 – 9 pm behind the pool and in the garden to enjoy barbecued chicken and pork from RED, HOT, and BLUE! Side dishes and desserts will be provided by garden members and volunteers. Bring your drink and a chair or blanket, and be prepared to enjoy the music of jazz guitarist, Johnny Battle. Who knew that our brick masons were professional musicians! Tickets are \$12 in advance or \$15 at the gate. Children under 8 eat free. If no one knocks at your door with tickets, contact Karen at 919-876-2033.

Proceeds from this fundraiser will be used by the Garden Committee here in Whitehall. **Please note that the Rain Date is September 8th.**

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Rules & Regulations Update

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HOA Board Meetings are held at 6:30 PM on the 3rd Monday every month in the Community Meeting Room. Residents are encouraged to attend.

Many thanks to all homeowners who have attended open meetings to assist with the task of updating our Rules & Regulations. Board members Glenn Abbey, Marya Metivier, Rick Rowell, and Truman Newberry have worked hard to clarify conditions that have changed in Whitehall since 2005, when this was last done. When finished reviewing the document, the committee will present their suggestions to the entire Board. It is the task of the Board to simplify if possible, to definitely clarify, and vote on accepting new language. At that point copies of the approved document will be sent to all homeowners. According to our covenants, this document does not require a 2/3 vote of the residents.

Reminder: Signs in Mail Kiosks

Residents are asked to NOT post any personal signs or advertisements in the mail kiosks. Any signs posted should be approved as a message from the Board or one of its committees. Please contact a member of the Board with any inquires. Thank you!



Interested in Playing Bridge?

Any ladies interested in playing bridge (FOR FUN) once or twice a month in the evening please contact

Margie Alderson at:

919-876-8851 or-

marjorie.alderson1@gmail.com

Please leave your name and contact #.

Hope to hear from you soon and we can meet at my house to firm up details.

WHITEHALL HOMES

Available	Price	Bedrooms
5943 Sentinel	\$100,000	2
5804 Sentinel	\$134,900	2
5911 Sentinel	\$159,900	3
1707 Falls Church	\$170,900	3
5730 Sentinel	\$179,000	3
1809 Falls Church	\$224,900	4



Weekly WH Social Gatherings

When our Garden survey came back to us, there were several requests that we set up our Community Garden to include a “park area” where everyone would be welcome to sit and enjoy the greenery and visit with friends. Thanks to the generosity of many Whitehall residents, we now have a picnic table, a table and umbrella, and a variety of benches and chairs. The flowerbeds are beginning to add color, and at 5:30 pm on Friday afternoons, there is welcome shade and a pleasant breeze. Come join us with your favorite drink in hand! We welcome hors d’oeuvres, but certainly not required.

Painting Doors Information

At its May meeting, the Whitehall Board voted to save much confusion and adhere to the regulations that say that doors that open outward (shed and crawl space doors) are the responsibility of the HOA, and doors that open inward, as well as added storm doors, are the responsibility of the homeowner. This also pertains to painting.

Homeowners may hire our painters to paint their doors, or may do it themselves if desired. The doors must be primed before painting with an acrylic based paint. The approved colors can be found on the whitehallcommunity.com web site.

If purchasing a new door, be sure to check with the architectural review committee as to styles appropriate to our architecture.



Termite Protection

As you know, we had an excellent presentation from Dr. Mike Waldvogel, NC State, at the annual meeting in the fall. For those of you who were unable to attend the meeting, please watch for a separate bulletin summing up the information we need to protect our homes from termite damage.

Remember, a reputable company will usually be more than happy to give you a very thorough inspection at no charge if you are possibly a new customer. Many of you subscribe to treatment for ants, crickets, etc. – please realize that they can be annoying but not destructive like the termites!

The HOA works hard to maintain the roof, gutters, and exterior of your home, but only you can protect the unseen interior from termite damage.

North Raleigh CAC Meeting

The next meeting of our North Raleigh CAC (Community Advisory Council) is Thursday, **July 5th at 7:00 PM.** The meeting will be held directly across from Whitehall at the **Millbrook Exchange Park.** A special topic that may be of interest to some is the “Short Range Transit Plan” being presented by Carmalee Scarpitti. The Chair of the North Raleigh CAC is Joe Carey. He can be reached at 919-872-4156 or by email at corey3rd@gmail.com.

For more CAC information see:

<http://www.raleighnc.gov/neighbors/content/CommServices/Articles/CAC/NorthCAC.html>

Political Signs in WH

About a year ago the Legislature passed a law that set out the language requirements for any HOA that wanted to ban political signs from being displayed on personal property. Our present language banning “all signs” does not meet the required language. That means that political signs can be displayed on your property at this time.

At some time in the future, the Board may consider whether or not to put a change in the language to the required 2/3 vote of homeowners. All Board members will be talking to as many residents as possible to ascertain whether there is enough interest one way or another to warrant a vote. Please feel free to email a Board member (see Whitehallcommunity.com), call, or speak to one of the members in person if you have an opinion.



Free Firewood

This weather will certainly help any green wood get ready for this winter! There is still some wood available to residents. It is stacked across from the pool at the corral. It is oak, but needs to “age” as it was not from a dead tree.

Remember— please don’t stack your wood next to your home so as to reduce the risk of creating conditions that termites love!

Recap of Termite Presentation by Dr. Mike Waldvogel, NCSU

Dr. Mike Waldvogel, an NC State Professor, addressed the issue of termites at the Whitehall Annual Homeowner's meeting on September 19, 2011. He reported that odds are sooner or later termites will come to your property. Raleigh is very prone to this because of the trees, moisture and soil. It is up to the homeowners to make logical, sound and economical decisions regarding prevention and treating of the termites.

Termites are everywhere in your yards. They are great to decompose an old stump or unwanted wood, but you don't want them to destroy your home. Their colonies can be anywhere.

Things that create problems are firewood next to your home, stumps under the house in the crawl space, and untreated structures. They eat anything with cellulose, such as timber beams, books, and wall paper. If they encounter non-cellulose materials they will tunnel through or around it.

March and April are the prime time to notice termites as swarms outside. It is nature's way to let us know they are around. If you see wings inside your home (like on your window sills) you know you have a problem. The infestation is really bad if they are swarming inside. Another thing to look for is the tubes they create. Many times they create tubes and stay inside them. They can make tubes that drop from the beams in your crawl space. These tubes can be as large as 10" in diameter. These tubes also can fit in the creases of the foundation.

Exterior inspections can reveal termites on the foundation wall. The professional's job is not a one-way deal. Things to avoid are any plantings next to the foundation like shrubs that will protect and hide tubes on the outer wall. Trim anything that is against the concrete that not only hides the tubes, but allows excess moisture to saturate the foundation. Gutters standing with water especially next to the wood attract termites. Wood porches attached to foundations provide a walkway for termites.

If you have found termites, here are some suggestions. Call 3 - 4 companies to give you an inspection, treatment specifications, cost of treatment and annual contracts. Questions to ask are: where are the termites? and do you see any moisture problems or leaks?

Some things to do to help your cause would be: Dig a trench around foundation, put chemicals in the ground to set up a guard, don't store things in the crawl space that sit directly on the ground. After you have had treatments, don't dig in and around the trench area as you will undo the protection guard. Always use treated lumber. Untreated lumber in direct contact with the soil is a problem and it is wise to replace it with treated lumber or metal.

With all contracts, be sure you read the fine print looking for clauses that spell out if it is retreatment only or also includes repair warranty. Your contract can be voided due to undetected conditions conducive to termites and/or disturbances of treated soil barrier.

How can you tell termites from other flying insects like flying ants? Termites have 4 wings that are all the same size and shape.

Whitehall HOA annual inspection is a 15 minute visual inspection. The HOA receives a report of the findings. If a townhouse has active termites that are spotted, they will be treated. This is just a spot treatment and is paid for by the HOA. Notification will be sent to the homeowners when termites are sighted.

The EPA mandates termite treatment to cover a 5 year span. Termador (product commonly used to treat termites now) usually lasts 7 - 10 years.