

From the President's Corner



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What a roller coaster of a summer we have had! Either too hot and dry, or too hot and wet. I was walking the property today with the landscape manager, checking on weeds, bushes, and trees; and it seems everything has grown a foot this week. We forget that pruning during the summer just encourages everything to grow.

I want to remind everyone that our Annual Meeting is coming up on Sept. 21 at 7:00 pm. It is being held on a Tuesday evening this year because we were unable to reserve our usual meeting room on Monday

The October HOA Board Meeting is held on the third Monday of each month. Reminder signs are posted each month at each Whitehall Meeting Room across from the entrance. The HOA Regular Board

night. To accommodate everyone, we meet over at St. Raphael's school building, across the street on Falls of Neuse. If you park in the lot facing the street, you will find the right entrance in the middle of the building. Look for signs.

You will receive a notice in the mail, as well as a proxy you can sign and turn in for election of new Board members if you are unable to attend. It is a great time to meet other residents, receive the financial report on the 2009-2010 year, and vote on the new budget. It's important for all to understand where our money is going!

We want to encourage all eligible residents to give serious consideration to serving on the Board. According to our by-laws, we can work with up to nine members on the Board. For a number of years there have only been seven Board members. All homeowners are eligible, but more and more of our homeowners are living outside of Whitehall, renting

their units. They, of course, are usually not able to come to monthly meetings. Unfortunately, renters are not eligible to serve, so our pool is shrinking! If you care about your neighbors and your surroundings, can make it to monthly meetings and lend your opinions and expertise, you can definitely be an asset. Give it serious thought, and contact Renee at York Properties if you are interested.

Toni Cambier
President

35th Anniversary

2011 will mark the 35th anniversary of our Whitehall Community.

Consideration is being given to special activities that could be done throughout the year. Let us know your thoughts.

Anyone interested in serving on a planning committee may contact a

MMMM GOOD!

It was great to see so many of our residents come out to our end of summer Hot Dog Roast on Saturday evening, August 28th!

We had quite a nice variety of covered dishes as everyone pitched in to be sure there was plenty of terrific food to go along with some wonderful fellowship. We all met some new friends and had a chance to catch up with other long time neighbors and friends as well!

A very special thanks to our very own Cindy and Ron Weisenfeld for treating us all by hosting the Hot Dog Roast.

THANK YOU Ron & Cindy

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Pool Lighting Update

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Despite our best efforts to restore all existing lighting, the inspector has ruled that we just do not have sufficient lighting (as measured in candle-power) to use the pool after dark. There are still areas of the pool deck in the shadow. For the month of September, we have instructed the security system to lock the gate at sunset each day. You can check this daily time in the N & O or online.

Pool Keys and Cell Phones

Another interesting fact has come to light related to pool

keys. Keep them away from your cell phone! Two residents have had to replace their keys, and the common factor seems to be that they usually kept the key in their pool bag alongside the cell phone.

Whitehall Tree Info

We love our trees, and hate them at the same time! Too much shade when we are trying to grow grass, but the shade provides welcome relief from the hot summer sun. What are Whitehall policies toward trees?

Here are some clarifications:

1) The HOA is responsible for taking out dead trees and any tree that might be threatening common property, 2) Any tree that is threatening the foundation of a house can be removed at the owner's expense, but only after permission has been obtained from the Board, 3) If you are concerned about a tree, notify Renee or a Board member. We will have our tree expert assess the tree and make a recommendation. Along with that, it is important to remember that the HOA is responsible for all wood exteriors and roofs, but not for the foundations of your units.

WH HOA

Board of Directors

Current officers

President: Toni Cambier

VP: Glenn Abbey

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Optional Landscaping Signs and Guest Parking

Landscaping Signs

Small signs will be available shortly to notify landscaping crews that you prefer to do the gardening around your home. They are 8" X 8" signs that sit on metal legs, similar to the security signs you have seen. They will be available to purchase at York Properties for a nominal sum, and you are welcome to put one at

your front entrance and another at the rear if you wish. We'll keep you posted.

Guest Spaces

Along with repainting the parking numbers, we have decided to put similar signs at all guest parking places, as they are always difficult to find if you are a guest and not familiar with the area.

Newsletter Ideas or Suggestions for Improvement?

If you have any ideas for inclusion in a future edition of Whitehall News, please feel free to contact Tom Williams at 919-815-6658 or email him at twilliams@edalliances.com Thank you for your feedback!

Garden Club News

Although the August heat has kept us from tackling outdoor projects, the garden club has been busy planning the community garden. You may have noticed the raised planters in the tennis court area. The club has postponed installing the planters until a final design for the garden is agreed upon. Our community is fortunate to have as a resi-

dent, Lynn Sullivan, who works as a project leader for the city of Raleigh Parks and Recreation Department. Lynn has informed us that matching city funds are available (up to \$5,000 per year) to help build the garden. At the September annual HOA meeting the garden club will be prepared to talk about this in more detail

and welcomes feedback from residents.

5th Monday Meetings

To be more inclusive, the GC has decided to try to use the 5th of each month as the meeting date. **Time will remain at 6:30 pm.** The next meeting is **October 5th** and once again will be poolside or in the Meeting Room. Please feel free to attend!

Whitehall Water Hydrants for use in Common Areas

It has been reported that some residents are making personal use of the water source available in each cluster. We need to remind everyone of City regulations about watering, as well as Whitehall policy.

Using your own water source, you may use a hose-end sprinkler around your residence following this schedule:

Odd numbered residences: T-Th-Sat from 6:00 am – 10:00 am and 6:00 pm - 10:00 pm.

Even numbered residences: W-F-Sun from 6:00 am – 10:00 am and 6:00 pm – 10:00 pm

No watering on Mondays. Using a hand-held hose, you may water at any time.

Whitehall water hydrants in each common area can be tapped to water the plants in the common area. Not the plants around your residence; and definitely not to wash your vehicles!

City penalties: 1st violation = a written warning
2nd violation = a \$50 civil penalty
3rd violation = a \$200.00 fine
4th violation = loss of your water service

Your dues pay the water bills, and when the bills are unusual for a hydrant, we must investigate to see how the water has been used. Please be circumspect!

Whitehall Signs

You have probably missed seeing several of the Whitehall signs that grace our area. Several years ago they were all replaced, but the maker failed to seal the trim properly, water entered, and the wood has rotted.

We discovered it was difficult to find woodworkers to do the job! But after due diligence, several were located, bids were procured, and the order has been placed. Two signs will be replaced and one can be repaired. Hopefully, the signs will be up and in place by October.