

GREYSTONE VILLAGE VOICE

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GREYSTONE VILLAGE HOA BOARD

Since our last newsletter, the Greystone Village Homeowners Association Board has met once, on Tuesday, May 21, at 7pm.

At that meeting the Sign Committee presented the design of the new Greystone Village sign to be built on the south side of Sawmill Road, just east of Creedmoor Road. Crescent Bank, the new bank at the intersection of Creedmoor and Sawmill roads, offered to replace and relocate the sign at that intersection. After discussion, the design was approved with the request that it have no electrical service and that its landscaping service continue.

The Lakes and Grounds Committee recommended that the contract with M&M Landscaping be renewed. A motion for renewal was made and passed.

The Communications Committee said that the board member who edits the Greystone newsletter and maintains the Web site will be moving soon. The board is seeking volunteers to take on one or both of these tasks. Interested homeowners should contact a board member or call Matoka Snuggs at Charleston Management. Their telephone numbers and e-mail addresses can be found on the Web site, www.greystonevillage.org/BOD.asp.

The Recreation Committee announced that the pool opened on schedule. The dates for swim meets and team trials were given in the March newsletter and are posted on the Web site. Plans have also been made for the Memorial Day, Independence Day, and Labor Day barbecues at the pool. All Greystone homeowners can attend, and you can find more information about them in this newsletter. Homeowners are also reminded that every Greystone homeowner is entitled to three free passes to the Greystone Swim Club each summer, in addition to the three holiday celebrations. To obtain your free passes, go to the pool and ask for the manager or assistant manager; they can supply you with your free passes. For more information, go to the Greystone web site at www.greystonevillage.org.

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 is scheduled for July 16 at 7pm. See www.greystonevillage.org/BOD.asp for directions to the meetings, the meeting calendar, and any changes to the meeting location, time, or date.

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GREYSTONE GATORS' WEB SITE

The Greystone Swim and Racquet Club now has its own Web site, and it includes all of the latest on the Greystone Gators! It can be reached via its Web address, www.gogreystonegators.com, and it can also be reached by clicking a link on the Swim Team page of the Greystone Village Web site. It's a beautiful site, so be sure to go have a look.

Not only will you find race results for the awesome Greystone Gators Swim Team, but you'll also find a page dedicated to Gator Gossip, and everything you want to know about the Greystone Tennis program.

The development and maintenance of gogreystonegators.com is overseen by Bob and Kirin Wylie. And because it is a work in progress, you are more than welcome to share your constructive suggestions with them. If you have suggestions or if there is information that you would like to see posted to the site, please e-mail Bob at bob@gogreystonegators.com.

GO GATORS!

PET PROBLEMS (the laws are for everyone)

There are people who walk their dogs around our lakes who apparently don't know that Raleigh has leash laws, or don't understand or don't care that the laws apply to them. This usually doesn't cause problems, but it can. Dogs can cause problems. That is why the city has laws.

Recently, a couple walking their dog on Greystone Lake said that they had two bad incidents. In the first, their leashed dog was jumped on and bitten by a dog that was off its leash. In the second, a dog off its leash ran up to their dog, and when they told its owner that keeping dogs on a leash was the law, they said that the owner threatened them with a fight. That sort of behavior is out of line and can mar the community for everyone.

To read the Raleigh leash law, go to www.raleighnc.gov, then search on "leash law." That will take you to the page that clearly states that all animals must be restrained and are not permitted to run at large.

Raleigh's pet "pooper scooper" laws are on the same Web page, so take a moment to read those, too. It states that you must always pick up your pet's feces and dispose of it properly.

NEIGHBORHOOD UPDATES & INFO

Greystone Board Member

The HOA board has an open seat. If you'd like to get to know some great neighbors while helping the community, and learning about the environment, the local government, and may other important topics, please contact a board member or our property manager. Their names, phone numbers, and e-mail addresses are on the Board of Directors page of our Web site.

Greystone Newsletter Editor

This newsletter needs a new editor. If you're interested, contact a Board member. If you have questions, feel free to contact the current editor at jjt@nc.rr.com. She'll be here until September.

Raleigh Community Center

Renovations have started for the new Raleigh Community Center at Greystone Village Shopping Center. It should be ready in October. For information about what's happening at Raleigh Community Centers, go to www.raleighnc.gov, then search on "community center."

The new center is looking for liaisons. If you'd like more information about helping out, contact our property manager, Matoka Snuggs at matoka@charlestonmanagement.com or 847-3003, or contact Barbara Dechter, a Greystone Board Member and current Liaison.

Support Greystone Shopping Center

For the last year we've made a concerted effort to help businesses at Greystone Village Shopping Center — places like Restaurant Savoy, Dr. Barbara Farmer, and Pope's Cleaners. All of these businesses and the people working in them are highly recommended by our neighbors, so please continue to support them.

SUMMER SAFETY AT THE BEACH

June is a time when many people make vacations trip to the ocean, and June 7 - 13 was "Rip Current Awareness Week." However, rip currents are something we should always stay aware of when visiting the ocean.

Rip currents are powerful currents of water that move away from the shore through channels in the sandbars. The outward flow of water is much too strong to swim against, making them very dangerous for visitors to the beach. Note that they are not to be confused with undertow, which is caused by steep declines in the shoreline.

Rip currents are more likely to occur with onshore winds and high surf conditions, at low tides, and near jetties or piers. They can be identified by churning water moving away from shore, water that is noticeably different in color, and areas that seem to be sustained calm areas in the surf.

It's best to swim where there are lifeguards or warning flags. If you get caught in a rip tide, you are advised to swim diagonally or parallel to the shore until you break out of it. Even wading in shallow water with a rip current can be dangerous.

For more information, photos, and a video, check out these websites: "ripcurrents.noaa.gov" and "www.scienceofthesurf.com."



CELEBRATE THE 4TH OF JULY AT GREYSTONE CLUB!!!

SANDCASTLE BUILDING CONTEST @ 2 PM
PENNY DIVE, SPLASH CONTEST

Dinner is Served
Between 5:30 and 6:30pm
BURGERS, DOGS, BAKED BEANS,
POTATO SALAD, CHIPS & CAKE

Adults: \$5.00
10 & under: \$3.00

POPE'S AT GREYSTONE

One of the finest cleaners in the Raleigh area is right in our backyard: Pope's Cleaners. Larry Pope opened his first store in Greystone Shopping Center 26 years ago, when the shopping center was built, and today he has five stores in the Raleigh area. And now he is in the process of handing the chain of businesses to his son, Brad. No doubt their continued success is due to their quality service.

The regular customers of the Greystone store know that the exceptional service is the product of its manager, Cynthia Thomas. They know her well, and she knows them by name and treats all of them politely and with the utmost southern respect, leaving a fine impression on all.

Originally from South Carolina, Cynthia has lived in Raleigh since 1985, the year her computer techie husband, Bill, was transferred to RTP for work. Until 2003 she was a stay-at-home mom taking care of two kids, Grace and Wes. When they reached high school six years ago, Cynthia found her job at Pope's with its perfect mom hours of 7 to 3, and she's been working there ever since.

With her kids now out of the house, Cynthia has taken on a new kind of parenting - fostering golden retrievers for a local breeder. Right now she's taking care of a pregnant 15-month old retriever named "Peyton," and will tend the girl's needs until it's time to give birth at the breeder's.

If you haven't met Cynthia, make a stop at Pope's. And be sure to come by with your dog, because she always has treats they love.

She's there by 7am on weekdays, and if you drop off your laundry by 9am, you'll get it back by 5pm the same day. Starting in July there will also be a seamstress stationed at the Greystone store for your alterations and repairs. And don't forget to check the Money Mailer for their continuous coupons.

THE NEW GREYSTONE TENNIS PROGRAM

Summer is here and tennis is picking up. Greystone has many programs available for adults and children alike.

Haven't played in a while? Ever? Beginner's clinics are going strong. You can join them on Thursdays at 6pm or Saturdays at 9:30am to learn the game. They also have a Cardio clinic that will get your heart beating on Thursdays at 7pm. All clinics are \$12 per hour.

Friday evenings they host a Free Doubles social from 7-9pm. Please e-mail Chris at greystonetennis@gmail.com to sign up one week in advance. It will be available for the first 16 people to sign up.

Lots of options are available for Juniors this summer. Greystone will have a Bronze, Silver and Gold team. The Bronze Team will practice on Mondays at 9am and hold matches on Wednesday mornings. Silver will practice Mondays at 10am with matches on Thursday mornings, and Gold will practice at 11am on Monday, with matches on Friday mornings. There's still time to sign up, so please let Chris know.

Tennis camps are almost in full swing, with clinics on Monday, Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday. Camps last one hour each day per group. Class times are below:

- 1pm - Young 'uns
- 2pm - 7-10 Year-olds
- 3pm - 11-14 Year-olds
- 4pm - High School
- Camps are \$36/week or \$9 per day.

A new addition to the Greystone tennis program is the court scheduler. Its purpose is to make court reservations easier, so nobody worries if a court will be available when they want to play.

The court scheduler is located just inside the gate to Courts 1 & 2. These are the rules:

1. People who sign up for a court will take precedence over those who just show up and start playing. If you begin playing on Court One at 9:30am and someone has reserved it for 10am, you may play there for 30 minutes, then you must give up the court at 10am.
2. Courts are signed up in 1.5 hour time blocks. PLEASE DO NOT DOUBLE BOOK. Double-booking is when you sign up for a 1.5 hour block and your hitting partner signs up for another 1.5 hour block immediately before or after yours.
3. Courts may be reserved up to two weeks in advance.
4. Lessons and clinics take precedence over regular hitting.
5. Note when clinics and privates are held. If you would rather not hit next to a lesson, take note of Chris' schedule.
6. A court is considered "Fair Game" if you don't show up within 15 minutes of your scheduled playing time. If you show up at 9:25am for a 9am court reservation, you may lose the court to players who were waiting for it. Be respectful of others' time and please respect this rule.
7. If a group would like to reserve courts for a team match, contact Chris and he will lock down the times.

Please e-mail Chris Smith at greystonetennis@gmail.com if you have questions or comments. He looks forward to seeing you at the courts!

RECYCLE PLASTIC BOTTLES: A NEW LAW

A new state law bans plastic bottles from trash cans, beginning October 1, 2009. The law is meant to encourage people to recycle plastic bottles. Since 1991 it has been illegal to put aluminum cans in the trash.

Currently, the average Raleigh resident recycles 321 pounds each year. The goal of Raleigh's Solid Waste Department is to increase that number to 451 pounds per year by 2012, and the ban on placing plastic bottles in the trash will help.

In addition to plastic bottles, Raleigh's curbside recycling program collects:

- Newspapers and all inserts
- Magazines and catalogs
- White paper, including junk mail
- Corrugated cardboard
- Paperboard, chipboard and paper tubes
- Steel food cans
- Aluminum beverage cans
- Aluminum foil and trays that are free of food debris
- Plastic beverage rings
- Glass food and beverage containers
- Gable top cartons, and
- Aseptic (drink) boxes

These items, plus ink jet and toner cartridges and cell phones without accessories --- can also be taken to any of the City's seven recycling drop-off centers.

LABOR DAY COOKOUT

At Greystone Club

Monday, September 7th



DINNER IS SERVED @ 5:00 - 6:30 PM

**Salad, baked potatoes with fix'ns,
& cake provided**

****Bring your own meat to grill****

— Celebrate the Close of Another Great Summer —