

Newswire

News of Interest to Woodmere-Trentwood Residents

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W-T

Woodmere-Trentwood
is a caring, safe and
vital residential
community of quality
homes with pleasing
yards in a wooded
setting, amidst rich
cultural and
recreational
opportunities, located
within the greater
Carolina Trace
community.

By the time you receive this publication, I hope Spring has arrived to stay and not just continued with teasing visits. I love living in Trace all the time, but the beauty and promise of Spring make it even more special. Of course, with Spring, comes our annual clean-up for the common areas on Saturday, April 12th. Also, remember there is a brush pick up scheduled April 24th to help you with your yard clean-up. Then we are off to the races on Saturday, May 3rd, with our annual Kentucky Derby party which kicks off the official opening of the pool.

Living in Woodmere-Trentwood has become even more meaningful to me as I have the privilege of serving as President of our POA, and with that has come the honor of working with the other board members. Please take the time to read their reports. You will find we have initiated several actions to beautify our neighborhood and make it a safer place to live.

In addition to taking care of the usual business this winter, the board also formulated and approved some long-range goals to guide our actions in caring for our POA. You will find a copy of these enclosed, as well as on our W-T website. Please take time to read them. You will

President's Message

by Kay Heflin

note, we tried to develop a plan, especially in regard to our property, that will help us be proactive in maintenance and repairs, and thereby hopefully preserve our assets over an extended period of time. Many thanks to Scott Erickson who suggested this and facilitated our meetings.

We owe Scott another thank you for serving as our assistant treasurer.

Later this Spring you will receive a packet for our Disaster Preparedness Plan. This is based on information provided by CERT (Community Emergency Response Team). Your packet will provide information about what you need to do should a widespread emergency arise and you will be asked to let us know what special needs you might have, so we will be better prepared to assist you. Many thanks to our board for developing the content of this packet.

I speak for all the board members when I say we want you to contact us with questions or concerns. We work for all of you, caring not only for our properties, but also our greatest assets - our residents. Together, we will continue to make Woodmere-Trentwood one of the most sought after POAs in Carolina Trace.

Upcoming Events

APRIL

12th and 14th
Spring Clean-Up

MAY

3rd
Kentucky Derby
Pool Party

MAY

4th
W-T Pool
Opening

JUNE

21st
Pool Party

*Enjoy
Summer!*

Treasurer's Report

by Marilon Winther

As in years past, in the first few months of each new year the treasurer is busy tracking assessment payments from property owners. This year has been no different, as Scott Erickson has taken on this responsibility as Assistant Treasurer for the POA. On the 1st of March, the due date of 2014 assessments, we have payments from 90% of property owners. Scott continues to work with the remaining owners so that we can attain 100%.

As you may remember, our

Since the last newsletter, 46 letters have been sent out to owners of unoccupied lots requesting that they get rid of dead trees and fallen limbs in compliance with our R&Rs and to help with the Carolina Trace Association's Firewise Project that brings back money to the POA. Several owners have completed this work and several more are in the process. I have had many calls inquiring what needed to be done so I am expecting a good result from these letters.

Letters will be going out soon to owners of improved properties that need some work done on their



mailboxes, lawns, and houses to get them looking clean with a pleasing appearance, for both the current owners and perspective owners.

Basically, our R&Rs ask that "homeowners maintain their property to high standards of appearance ... free of tall grass, undergrowth, trash, etc.", do take a moment to read the Section 8, Subsection H, of our R&Rs.

dues are the POA's only consistent source of income and are used to pay our Carolina Trace Association fees, maintain the common areas in Woodmere-Trentwood, maintain the pool, party area and tennis courts, and repair any current road issues. Your dues also contribute to our Road Reserve Fund. This fund will be especially important in the future when roads in our POA need to be resurfaced. The fund is established and grows annually from a percentage of your dues. At the end of 2013, the first year of the fund after completion of all road repairs and resurfacing, it held \$38,500. We budget to add approximately \$25,000 each year.

Architectural

by Gary Peterson

We have also approved construction of a new house along Creek #12. There is also another

deck enclosure in the works.

As noted before, it is the home owners responsibility to read the R&Rs, which are on the W-T web site, so you understand what is required to add a room, a garage, a deck enclosure or most other construction outside the house. Most of these projects can be approved in short order when the required information is supplied. If you have any questions, I can be reached at 919-499-0228 or at 729pete@gmail.com.

Spring Clean-Up

The Spring Clean-up is scheduled for Saturday, April 12th with a rain date of Monday, April 14th,

2014. The pickup will be Thursday, April 24th. As always the more participation we have by residents, the faster we will accomplish our tasks. Please help your neighbors keep our neighborhood aesthetically attractive. More details will be provided in the Spring Clean-up Flyer.

Common Area Work Schedule

Roads and Grounds along with other Board members have created a Long-Range Plan for Woodmere-Trentwood, which will be reviewed annually. As part of this, a schedule of common area clean-ups has been incorporated into the Spring/Fall clean-ups to provide a comprehensive annual clean-up schedule to keep Woodmere-Trentwood attractive. Also being developed are plans for road and drainage ditch maintenance and building maintenance.

I want to thank all residents for their cooperation and patience during both winter storms this year. Staying off the roads allows the plowing to be accomplished sooner. Hopefully there will be no more snow/ice storms the rest of the winter season.

"Continue to watch our Main Entrance transformation!"

Roads & Grounds

by Russ Ciccotti



Recreation Area

by Carole Philbin & Sandy Segalla

- The target date for our pool opening is Kentucky Derby Day, May 3, 2014.
- Kentucky Derby Day is an annual pool party event for Woodmere-Trentwood. (W-T).
- Our aging pool required major surgery in December 2013 due to leaking drains. Hopefully a face lift with a new coat of SAU-SEA paint scheduled for April 2014 will spruce it up. That along with new signage here and there should help it maintain its pleasing appearance.
- Enjoy our pool and please read & follow W-T rules (there are many rules and all of them are posted at the pool and on the website: www.woodmere-trentwood.com).
- Remember THERE IS NO LIFEGUARD ON DUTY.

- Volunteering for the Spring Clean-up?** Please meet at the pool at 8:30 a.m. on Saturday, April 12th. Any and all may volunteer. Bring your buckets, sponges, work gloves, pruning shears, weed whackers, rakes, power washers, leaf blowers, etc. We will clean all the pool furniture and decking and trim adjacent recreation areas and tennis courts. This is a joint project with Roads & Grounds who will direct the work on the entrance and designated cul-de-sacs.
- Many thanks to our W-T residents who have already filled our Summer 2014 schedule for weekly pool clean-up and trash removal.
- To reserve the pool "pavilion" for private functions, please contact Carole Philbin (919-498-6146) or Sandra Segalla (919-498-1868). Advance notice is



needed and your event will be posted on our calendar at the pool bulletin board.

- Please note that Saturday evenings are reserved for W-T family dinners at the pool. Call your friends and neighbors to bring a covered dish to share and something to BBQ. We'll ensure the gas tanks are available for the grills starting in May.
- You will notice a new sign for Tennis Court rules this Spring.
- This is your recreation area for use by residents and accompanied guests, paid for by your POA dues. Please take good care of it. Thank you.



Dinner Hosts

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| <u>January</u> | Hey & Hancock |
| <u>February</u> | Riddle |
| <u>March</u> | Finn & Calhoun |
| <u>April 2</u> | Mathews & Jameson |
| <u>May 7</u> | Thorndike & Grocott |
| <u>June 4</u> | Davis & Peterson |
| <u>July 2</u> | Sohinki |
| <u>August 6</u> | Heflin |
| <u>September 3</u> | Corello & Ciccotti |
| <u>October 1</u> | Brown & Garbe |
| <u>November 5</u> | Remington |
| <u>December 3</u> | Manning & Hoover |

Welcome/Social/

C.A.R.E.
by Jerri Hey

Welcome

It was such a pleasure to greet these new residents.

- *Danny and Jane Wilson
622 Chelsea
- *Vera Almsted and Sharon Waring
612 Cashmere CT
- *William Breunle and Annemieke Oostveen
618 Chelsea

Congratulations to the New Parents!

The following military families have welcomed new additions to their families in recent months.

- Dazelle and Kim Russell -- a son
- Garrett and Lacey Loo -- a daughter
- Daniel and Megan Adams -- a daughter

We extend our heartfelt gratitude, to all the active duty service men and women and their families, for their service and sacrifice. We pray for the safe return of those who are presently deployed.

SOCIAL

After this unusually cold winter, spring and summer

cannot arrive soon enough. The traditional Kentucky Derby pool party will kick off the summer pool season on Saturday, May 3rd. Additional pool parties are held on the 3rd Saturday in June and in September. We have reserved July and August as dates for residents with children and grandchildren. We are still in need of volunteers for June 21st and the Family Fun Days in July 19th and August 16th. Look for Individual flyers that are distributed several weeks prior to each party.

All other Saturday evenings, neighbors are invited to meet at the pool at 5:30 for a casual & spontaneous social time. Bring your own food and drinks as well as a dish to share and enjoy a relaxing evening with many neighbors during the warm summer days.

All Woodmere-Trentwood residents are invited to attend our monthly adult dinner and 9-Hole golf outing held on the first Wednesday with golf starting mid-day and cocktails at 5:30 pm, and dinner served at 6:30 pm at the Carolina Trace Country

Club. Birthday and anniversaries, golf winners, 50/50 drawing winners are announced. Reservations are required.

Hosting a dinner or a pool party is a great way to get to know neighbors you have not had a opportunity to meet. The rewards are many and the fun is endless. We never turn away volunteers. Contact Ann Hancock @ 919-895-0890 or ann@itoph.com or Jerri Hey @ 919-498-2086 or jihey@windstream.net to volunteer.

Pool Party Hosts

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| <u>May 3</u> | Noel, Remington,
Clinger, Drew,
& Matarese |
| <u>June 21</u> | ??? |
| <u>July 19 & August 16</u> | Family Pool Party
??? |
| <u>September 20</u> | Heflin & Hancock |

Come out and meet your neighbors!

C.A.R.E. (Committee to Assist Resident Emergencies)

Woodmere-Trentwood is one of a few POA's to have a C.A.R.E. program in place for our residents. C.A.R.E. is designed for short-term assistance to families who are experiencing a crisis, illness or loss. Volunteer coordinators organize people within their C.A.R.E. group to provide meals for the family, limited transportation and help with errands if needed. **This program is not designed to be long-term or a burden on the volunteers.** Our hope is that we don't need it, but when we do, the coordinators are there to organize volunteers to assist those in need until further arrangements can be

made by the family.

A special thank you to our past and current C.A.R.E. coordinators who have volunteered their time and resources to make this program such a success. Each family is assigned to one of ten C.A.R.E. groups listed. You can find your C.A.R.E Coordinator, by locating your Lot number, on the W-T Website @www.woodmere-trentwood.com.

In Memoriam

Our condolences to the families of Jack Miller, George Peloquin, Chuck Calhoun and Janet Lewis. Each contributed so much to our community by their presence and volunteer efforts.

C.A.R.E. Coordinators

JoAnn Brennan
Marian Calhoun
Lorraine Ciccotti
Cass Clinger
Jean Finn
Barbara Jameson
Jane Miller
Gladys Noel
Carol Rotter
Diane Thorndike

CTA

by Dave Hancock

The Carolina Trace Association (CTA) is the governing body for Carolina Trace. It represents all POAs within Carolina Trace. It also maintains the Carolina Trace common areas including Traceway and the four emergency exits. Lake Trace is owned by the Carolina Trace Country Club (CTCC). CTA works jointly with CTCC to ensure the lake is properly maintained for everyone's benefit.

CTA is also responsible for our security under contract with the Southern Protection Agency (SPA).

During adverse weather conditions please call the CTA Hotline at 919-499-2722 to determine Traceway road conditions.

As of this writing, CTA reported the the following actions and activities of concern to all residents:

*Lake Trace began the annual lowering on January 6 for purposes of dam inspection and lakebed maintenance. Due to unusually heavy winter precipitation the lake level did not decrease adequately to accomplish either goal.

*The Joint Lake Committee, chaired by Lee Amcher, has produced the Lake Trace Fishing and Boating Information and Guidelines document. The wording is currently awaiting final approval by CTCC. Also Mr. Amcher reported that fishing has never been better.

*Utilities chairman Vince Roy reported on some of the provisions of HR710 and how it favors private water utility companies by subjecting us to more frequent rate increases.

Vince is meeting with Rep. Mike Stone and NC Senator Ron Rabin to recommend some changes in HR710. It was noted by both Vince and CTCC president Dan Stanley that the utility companies have lots of leverage and that their customers have minimal influence on the rates.

*New security gates have recently been installed

*A new CTCC marketing video is available on the CTCC facebook page which is accessible on the Club's website at <http://www.carolinatracecountryclub.com>.

Please visit the CTA website at www.ctaincnc.com to access the CTA reports and monthly meeting minutes.

Be Alert in your Neighborhood and report any suspicious activity!

Don't forget to update telephone numbers & e-mail addresses with the POA Secretary.

Of special note:

All pet owners should be aware that our R&Rs (Section 8, Subsection M) state "... All pets must remain in the confines of the owner's property or on a leash when off the owner's property. Pet owners will ensure the pick-up and removal of pet waste." Your help in this matter is welcomed.

