

## *From the President's Corner*



The newsletter has taken a bit of a “winter holiday”. The new year is a good time to get back in gear! As well, this is a good time of the year for taking care of tree problems, planting shrubs, and it’s not too early to start planning cool weather plantings in the community garden.

Lionel Carney and Johnny Battle, brick masons, have begun working on much needed repairs to our streets, parking places, and steps. We are so pleased to have found such skilled masons. Please stop and say hello if you see them working.

Since most steps need to be pressure washed before repair, we will wait until after the last freeze to begin that work. Also, the brick patching often means that bricks must be cut with an electric saw. As you know, the only source we have for electrical access is through the good will of you homeowners. Please be understanding if you find that Mr. Carney has plugged into one of your outdoor outlets to run his saw – it should be brief.

Thank you for all you do as part of our Whitehall community.

*Sincerely,*

*Toni Cambier*

### **Time To Plant Cool Weather Vegetables**

Due to our unseasonably warm winter temperatures, the master gardeners in the area says that now is the time to go ahead and plant our cool weather vegetables: lettuce, spinach, cabbage, onions, peas, etc.!

If you are interested in a plot in the garden for the new year, please contact Karen Kistler at: [k2design54@gmail.com](mailto:k2design54@gmail.com) for cost and plot assignment.

### **Community Garden/Garden Club Winter Social** **February 12th at 3:00 PM**

Please join us for a Winter Social in the HOA Community Room across from the pool. We welcome all Whitehall residents for Hot Chocolate and cookies. Just bring your self and a neighbor for fun and dreams of spring gardening. We would love to see some new faces. If you are reluctant that gardening isn't your thing, come for the Hot Chocolate, treats and to meet more of your neighbors.



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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.**

***Getting Ready for Pool Weather and Pool Maintenance***

This is the time of the year when the Board looks to prepare the pool for its spring inspection prior to opening. Two main issues are up for consideration. The first is the periodic maintenance of the pool surface, which involves draining the pool, preparing the surface, and repainting. There are two options: expensive and more expensive! The other consideration is whether or not we should shift from a chlorine-based system for purification to a salt-based system that is becoming more prevalent. Decisions should be made at the next Board meeting on February 20th.



**WHITEHALL HOMES**

**Available**

1809 Sentinel Dr. \$224,900  
5730 Sentinel Dr. \$178,900  
5827 Sentinel Dr. \$158,400  
5938 Sentinel Dr. \$137,000  
5943 Sentinel Dr. \$114,000

**Under Contract**

5826 Sentinel Dr.  
5832 Sentinel Dr.



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**Termite Follow Up**

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.

**WH President Cambier Speaks to NC Legislators**

On Monday Jan. 23, the State Legislature had invited HOA members to present information and opinions about the ongoing problem of home foreclosures. Toni Cambier, President of our Whitehall HOA Board, presented the facts about our budget constraints and obligations and what happens when a homeowner can no longer follow through on dues commitments.

***Whitehall Community Bulletin Board and Reminder***

**Cat Sitter:** Need a cat sitter during your vacation or out of town business trip? 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.

**Dog Business:** It is reassuring as we see our neighbors walking their furry friends and carrying those thoughtful plastic bags to keep our neighborhood clean and pleasant. Even if your dog goes into the natural or wooded areas of WH, please do remember to pick up after them as other community members and our maintenance and landscapers are in these areas. Oh yes, don't forget that the City of Raleigh requires all dogs and cats to be on a leash if they are out of the house!