

From the President's Corner



WHITEHALL CREPE MYRTLES

First, I want to thank you for your trust and cooperation in accepting my guidance for another year. As I reminisced at the Annual Meeting, I have learned a great deal in the last year about construction, drainage, landscaping, trees, painting, sidewalks, speed bumps, gardens, etc. – enough to qualify for a degree in “Association Board Service”! Hopefully it will assist me in helping the Board to make good decisions in the coming year. The best part of being your president has been the opportunities to meet most residents, and to

enjoy the comfort that we are truly a family.

At the October meeting the Board reviewed two major reports; one by the civil engineer, Greg Tierney, and the other by a Gutter/Drainage company. We will continue to consider how best to address those two areas of need, and how to pay for them.

One immediate decision we made was to email/mail to each homeowner a copy of the drainage analysis for that particular dwelling. The report will include gutters that need to be leveled, replaced, problem downspouts, extensions needed, underground drains that need to be cleaned out, and gutter guards installed. **THIS IS JUST A QUOTE!** It will give each of you an opportunity to see what we would LIKE to do as soon as funding can be budgeted. We will establish priorities based on this report and first go forward with repairs that will stem the worst of the water problems. A few people have commented

that they may just go ahead and contact the business and pay for repairs themselves. Please feel free to take that step if you so choose.

The report from Greg Tierney gives us specs on some particular drainage areas so that we can put them out for bid, and we will proceed with that immediately.

Toni Cambier
President

Whitehall Gardeners

There will be no monthly meeting of the Whitehall Gardeners in December. We will have a **work day on Saturday December 4th** to put up the Christmas decorations.

We will start at the entrance on Spring Forest Road at 9:00AM. Cider and Cookies will be provided. Please contact Karen Kistler at karen.kistler@cort.com to confirm your attendance.

Meeting on Community Garden

There will be a meeting on Monday, November 29th at 6:30 pm at the HOA Community Center to discuss the Community Garden. We will discuss the design plan, procedures and grant monies. Please contact Karen Kistler at karen.kistler@cort.com to confirm your attendance.

Security Systems

At present we have heard from about 35 residents who are interested in knowing more about installing a security system. We have spoken to several salespeople, and are collecting information about rates. At present it seems to be a sellers market, due to the rash of break-ins in the area, but we may be able to get some price breaks for quantity.

The first thing individuals should check is to talk to their insurance agent to ask what kind of a discount is available on your homeowner's premium if a security system is installed. Another discount is available if you belong to AARP. Expect an email notice about a meeting for residents so we can present information and have a question and answer session with several sales personnel.

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White Hall Gardeners Report for Duty

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It was an absolutely beautiful fall Saturday when the White Hall Gardeners tackled the Spring Forest entrance landscaping a few weeks ago. It ended up taking over four hours to transform from summer to fall plantings and now we are watching the pansies bloom. We hope you enjoy them. In service were: Karen Kistler, Carol Durham, Pat Summers, Bev Slagle, and me, the new recruit in the group. A special thanks also to Richard O'Brian who took time from his morning walk to help bag the summer discards. Let me just say, that

being new to the gardening scene, these volunteers were so welcoming that, while it was hard work, it was also very enjoyable. We all had a good laugh digging up the monster-sized ornamental sweet potato crop that grew over the summer. I believe we had some contenders for the NC State Fair!

We certainly hope that many of you, who just like being outdoors, will volunteer with us. You don't need to know anything about gardening, per se, just bring your attitude and sense of humor to the next event. That's why I

wanted to get to know these gardeners. I wanted to learn and they are wonderful about sharing all they know. So, whether you've been working in the yard all your life, or, you think it's something you'd like to do, everyone is welcomed! Hope to see you next time!

We dig gardening!

Deb Stout



Break-In Concerns

By now you will have seen the bulletin about the Whitehall break-in a week ago when a small handgun was stolen. What can we do as residents? Most important, keep your eyes and ears open and call 911 immediately if you see or hear anything suspicious. Board members who are here during the day have been patrolling as often as possible. We are particularly watchful of areas in back of homes that back up to wooded areas. Police feel that teens may be responsible, so keep an eye out for teens that you have not seen before. We have several leads on teens who seem to be "casing the property", and are notifying police about those who are not residents. Feel free to stop people and question them – get a name and address if possible. Carry your cell phone and take a picture. Leave outside lights on all night – but not during the day.

Interested in Being a Part of the Whitehall Community Watch?

In response to the recent burglaries in Whitehall, there will be a meeting in the very near future regarding the startup of our Community Watch program. We'll discuss what a Community Watch is, and, how you can help. Contact has been made with crime prevention officer Keller of the Raleigh Police. We are ready to roll, all we need is you!

Responsibilities of Watch members are quite simple and don't require a lot of time, nor does it require physical ability, only the ability to observe and report. We're not going to assign you with patrol shifts!

Once we have a list of participants, our initial meeting will be scheduled, featuring a presentation by Officer Keller. Since break-ins continue to occur around us, we want to get started immediately. There is no time for waiting. Please call Kris Said today at 790-9302 to find out how you can help increase our security throughout our Whitehall community.

Important Phone Numbers Post on the Refrigerator

Streetlight Outage

1-800-419-6356 (Note ID number on pole)
Also report a light if it goes on and off intermittently

Power Outage

508-5400

Water Leak

846-0609 during business hours
829-1930 after hours or during the weekend

Sewer Backup or Overflow

250-2737 during business hours
829-1930 after hours

Dumping or Littering

1-877-368-4968

Note: At this time, it looks like Whitehall will be exempt from the city ruling against pine mulch.

Email addresses

Please - if there are two or more adults in your household with separate email addresses, we would like to have them all! You can send the additional address and the house number to marya@mmetivier.com.

HOA Board Agenda Posting

Beginning next month, the HOA Board Agenda will be posted on the WH website. Please visit the website to see the agenda details. Special thanks to David Shogren for posting our news items to the WH website for our community!

Fall Plantings Take Off!



In Memory of Leonard Glenn Aaroe

Leonard Glenn Aaroe, 80, died Sunday, Nov 7, 2010 after extended illness. He was born on Dec. 16, 1929 in Cleveland, OH. Leonard is survived by his wife of 54 years, Helen Aaroe; two sons, Randolph Aaroe and Steven Aaroe, both of Raleigh; a daughter, Susan Aaroe Sykes and her husband, EC Sykes; two grandchildren, Matthew and Carolyn and her husband, Thomas Johns; and one great-granddaughter, Sara Grace Johns. He served in the Air Force during the Korean War. He retired from GE in 1989 after a long career. He is the founder of CartridgePro on Atlantic Ave in Raleigh. Memorial service will be held 11:00 a.m. Tuesday, Nov 23, 2010 at Providence Baptist Church. Burial Service at Sandhills State Veterans Cemetery in Spring Lake, NC. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to Providence Baptist Church Music Ministry, 6339 Glenwood Avenue, Raleigh, NC 27612.

**Happy Thanksgiving
and
Travel Safely!**

