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Congratulations to our own Wakefield Tsunami Swim Team!! They were the Division Champions again! Thanks to our coaches Katie, Andy, Kendall and Lauren who turned our swimmers into champions. (Photo credit - Thanks Lia Watson!)



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- *Look for our next issue in December...*



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A newsletter for the residents of Wakefield Plantation



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York Security Now Patrolling Wakefield

In light of recent security issues, our very efficient Wakefield HOA Board of Directors has hired York Security to begin patrolling the community on a daily/nightly basis. York Security started patrolling on August 15.

They have a 24-hour dispatch line readily available for any immediate security concerns you may have at 863-8090. They also have a website available for review at www.yorksecurity.com. If you see anything suspicious in our community, or need assistance, call York at 863-8090.



“But please remember to always call 911 first for life-threatening situations and THEN call us second,” said York Security Director Ben Allen. “We will respond quickly in either case, but it just helps to have emergency personnel already enroute.”

York Security will be switching up their routes and giving additional patrol time to any area in our community that may be

experiencing security issues. “If you see any suspicious activity or have had someone break into your car or garage, please call us as well as the police and let us know,” Allen said. “The more we know, the better we can do to protect this neighborhood.”

This extra security in addition to a Community Watch and our regular Raleigh Police patrol officer will definitely help to curb any criminal activity or vandalism in our area.

To join the neighborhood watch, please go on the website and click on **IMPORTANT NOTICES** on the left-hand column.

Then select the Neighborhood Watch Application link to download an application. OR, please email the Community Watch board liaison Chip Finley at: cfinley@NorthStateBank.com and let him know you are interested in participating. It is a not very time-consuming but very important volunteer job in our community. Thanks to those residents who have already signed on!

Keep your eyes peeled and thank you for your assistance in keeping Wakefield Plantation a safe place to live!



Above: some of our Wakefield Tsunami swim team participants at their away swim meet against Hawthorne. (Wakefield Won!)



Women's Club Fall Fashion Show! Below: Debra Morgan with coordinator Fabiola Mcguire.



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Community News

Falls of Neuse Road Changes

A new traffic light was installed on Falls of Neuse after years of complaints from those pulling out onto Dunn Road. While the residents of Bedford are thrilled, it has added to the length of the commute of our Wakefield residents. According to a recent newspaper article, the city is working to adjust the timing on the lights to minimize the delay but obviously the fix to the delays isn't a fix to the signal. It's more lanes. About 25,000 vehicles drive on Falls of Neuse every day!

The city of Raleigh has plans to widen and realign Falls of Neuse, but that project won't be complete until 2013, a couple of years after the city completes construction of its new Falls of Neuse Road bridge. The state also has plans to replace the existing Falls of Neuse bridge over the Neuse River. Construction likely would start after the city's bridge is complete.

This new bridge and road closing is coming up around 2009-2011. The Board is working on a resolution to get to the city and state about scheduling closures. Stay tuned for more updates.

New Landscaping Contract

The Board put up the landscaping contract for bids and Wakefield Nursery provided the best selection of pricing and service. Keeping our neighborhood's landscape in beautiful shape is a priority for most homeowners.

Better Water Pressure

The city's new water line coming along Falls of Neuse will increase our water pressure. The water line is to go under the Neuse River at the end of New Falls of Neuse.

Holiday Luminaries

We are looking at bringing back the bags with candles we put out several years ago around the holidays. We have someone stepping up to do that this year. Look for more information coming soon in a flyer or mailing from PPM.

Moms of Wakefield

MOW- a new board and season of fun is currently being planned. If you want to find out more... email: momsofwakefield@yahoo.com

Maintain your Mailboxes



Please maintain your mailboxes. Our management company was driving through the community on a few occasions and noticed that a lot of residents are not maintaining their mailboxes. They are getting rusted and some no longer have doors or flags. Please paint your mailboxes if they look bad or consider replacing them altogether, especially if they are missing a piece. This is not a business recommendation, but the

original installers of the mailboxes are Carolina Mailboxes at 877-845-0850.

NEW - Wakefield HOA web mailing list

A new menu link has been set up on our community website: www.wakefieldhoa.com so residents can sign up to be on the official web mailing list for our HOA. Log on and look for the list on the left side of the home page. Click on "Join Mailing List" and enter your name and email address and you'll be added!

Please take a moment and sign up for this important resident feature. All email addresses will remain confidential and messages will be sent as needed for child alerts and crime reports, or for official Wakefield HOA business such as reminders about annual home owner meetings, etc.

When you sign up, a confirmation email will be sent to notify you that you are part of the Wakefield web mailing list. All web mailings will be sent from a news@wakefieldhoa.com account. By signing up for our mailing list, you are giving Wakefield HOA permission to send you a copy of our newsletter, information on our products and updates on various programs and camps. If you ever wish to be removed from the mailing list, simply provide us with your email address and choose the option to be removed from the mailing list on the same link.

This is just one more way that Wakefield residents can be a tighter-knit community and offer even better communication than before! Sign up today!

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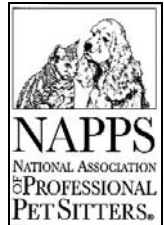
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TPC Wakefield Plantation Summer Highlights

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A Huge Wave of applause for our very own Wakefield Plantation Swim Team the Wakefield Tsunamis - who once again were the Division Champions!! A special thanks to our terrific coaches Lauren, Andy, Kendall and Katie AND a huge thanks to our resident clerks of course: Alice Lynch and Lorri Albrecht! Thanks ladies for keeping our little swimmers lined up to swim!



(Special thanks to Sharon Gerald for team photo)

Congratulations to our other Wakefield winners:

GOLF:

TPC Wakefield Plantation's own Tom Scherrer won The Price Cutter Charity Championship - Nationwide Event in July. Tom had 25 birdies, an eagle, as well as a hole in one in route to a 4-shot victory over Franklin Langham. Tom posted rounds of 66-63-66-67 to finish at 26 under par. Way to go Tom!

Don Lee - Men's Senior Club Champion
Barry Whitaker - Men's Senior Net Club Champion
Faye Perry - Ladies Senior Club Champion
Mary Scott Honbarrier - Ladies Senior Net Club Champion

TENNIS:

USTA SOUTHERN SECTIONAL RESULTS:

Shawn Mercer's 2.5 team, Sectional Runner-up, 4-1 record
Amy Hickey's 2.5 team, 2-2 record
Heather Ransome's 3.0 team, 2-2 record

We are excited to be part of the Wakefield Plantation community. Any questions about Membership opportunities to the TPC Wakefield Plantation, please feel free to contact me at 488-5100 x 104.

Michael Thomas, Director of Sales and Marketing
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- Taylor & Shawn Rause are available for lawn mowing, yard work, pet sitting - call 554-2444
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To list your neighborhood service or any items for sale, email: whistle@nc.rr.com and include your name, number and address. Deadline for listings and ads is **November 10, 2007**. We also have a limited number of display ads.

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Community Watch

We received a vandalism notice from Officer Mosley in late August telling us to be on the look out for an increase in incidents in our immediate community. There were reports of paintballs being shot at houses in Wakefield, eggs being thrown at homes and vehicles as well as spray paintings of entry ways. Since juveniles are usually the ones responsible for these types of incidents, we encourage parents to speak with their children about the importance of respecting each other's properties and the concepts of good character. Vandalism is a crime that not only costs the victims, but also the suspects and potentially the parents if they are minors.

If anyone has knowledge of the identity of persons responsible for this type of damage in our community, please call 911 and report it to the police. Always call to report any suspicious or criminal activity in progress. We also have York Security working for our community now, so also keep them informed so they can better serve us.

Six subjects have been identified thanks for members of our community reporting a magazine sales ploy in the St. James neighborhood. There were several white males claiming to be NCSU students selling magazines in the area and it was a scam.

Please be sure to get good descriptions and call the police at 831-6311 in cases like these. For help in describing a suspect, please refer to the suspect description form on our HOA website like the example below. We would like to thank our District 22 area police contact Officer S.R. Mosley for all her efforts and information.

To sign up for our Community Watch or other neighborhood committees, fill out this form below and send to:

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Volunteer Application

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Meet Chip Finley



Chip Finley and Family

Chip Finley would like to see Wakefield become an even safer place to live. Instead of waiting for this to just happen, he has stepped forward and is taking action. He would love to see a few other Wakefield neighbors do the same thing!

"I did not really step forward, basically everyone else took a step back and I was left in front so I inherited the job," Chip Finley joked. "But seriously, I saw there was a need for this community watch and I have a military background and am very security conscious and it is meaningful for me for people to feel safe in their neighborhood."

Chip joined the Wakefield HOA Board of Directors this past May and has already started to make a difference in the community. "I cannot sit by idly and not do anything when I know I can help make a positive change," he said. "As a board we have already made a positive change in collectively deciding to hire York security to patrol our community."

His goals on the board are for the community to maintain a high standard of safety and for the neighborhood to also maintain an attractive overall appearance. "I want to protect all of our investments in this neighborhood," Chip said. "I joined the board because I wanted to be involved and wanted to take an active interest in our community."

He attended a National Night Out event in Middleton where the neighbors are working towards an improved community watch program. "In the next couple weeks, I will be walking my area of this community, which includes

Glenstone and Prescott and try to get more residents to discuss neighborhood watch issues and look for additional volunteers," he said. "I would hope that each subdivision can copy this effort. We need someone or a few contacts for each of our neighborhoods to step forward and take a lead."

We have a few volunteers so far for our Community Watch but we need more. Chip has agreed to be a contact for those wanting to become more involved. For more information, please email Chip Finley at: cfinley@NorthStateBank.com.

"The Community Watch program in Wakefield is progressing slowly but we will continue to move this process along and make our community even safer," he added.

Chip and his wife Lisa moved to Wakefield three years ago to be close to Chip's job at a nearby bank. He has since moved to another job a little further away but the family still enjoys the community aspect of the area and the local schools and YMCA being so close. Their two boys Dean, 14, and Ryan 8, also have many interests outside of school. One runs cross-country track and the younger one currently plays football on the Titans.

Chip was born and raised in Virginia and is a self-proclaimed gym rat and an avid runner. He attended the Citadel in South Carolina and currently works as a Director of wealth management /certified financial planner at North State Bank.

Other than making this area a safer place to live, he has other things he would like to help change. "The main two things I wish would change in our area is the traffic flow to and from Raleigh and the landscape of our Wakefield development as you enter from Capital Boulevard," he said. "We don't have any real landscaping of significance there, we are not distinguishing ourselves aesthetically as compared to other neighborhoods."

He mentioned the stone walls throughout the Heritage neighborhood as an example. "That element really sets them apart and we really have nothing like that," he said. "We should be trying to improve this aspect of our community."

There is still a lot to do but with volunteers like Chip Finley, this community will continue to thrive as it grows.

Wakefield Women's Club News

Fabulous Fashion Show!



Debra Morgan from WRAL with our WWC President Rosemary Butterfield-Lea

Lucky Wakefield Women's Club members got a taste of the upcoming Fall fashions at their annual September Fashion Show and luncheon to benefit Interact.

This spectacular event took place September 12 at the TPC and once again the Master of Ceremony was Debra Morgan from WRAL

News. A special "thank you" to Debra for donating her time to such a great cause!

WWC Fashion Show Chair Fabiola McGuire and her committee did an unbelievable job organizing this popular event. The WWC models showed off the best fall fashions from exclusive boutiques at North Hills Mall including: Scout & Molly's, Fantasia and Tyler House.

The raffle to benefit INTERACT was also a huge hit with big prizes from Blue Water Spa, Iatria, 1705PRIME Chophouse & Events, Shonell's, Gianni & Gaitano's, Durant Mirrors & More, DaVinci's and many more area businesses! Thanks for the donations!

Interact is a non-profit organization providing safety, support and awareness to victims and survivors of domestic abuse throughout Wake County.

Also special thanks to Harrington Bank, Carlos and Kathy Oliva, Chris and K-Dee Leith, Dyanne Matzkevich of Pine Forest Memorial Gardens, Lisa Fosbury and Linda Pukanas of ReMax United, Michael and Marguerite Grimm and Rosemary Butterfield-Lea of Beyond Pearls for their generous donations to Interact.

The Wakefield Women's Club is a social club and this year we will be offering lots of new activities for you to participate in and make lasting friendships. For a WWC membership form, log onto Wakefieldwomensclub.com. If you do not have access to a computer, you can call our new membership coordinator Judy Pope at 847-4286.



(above) Well-dressed WWC members Jennifer Polson and Cathy Thompson served as fabulous models for the show! (bottom left) Phoebe Hill looks stunning as always in this gorgeous outfit from Fantasia.



WWC models wait to walk the runway

Upcoming Luncheons

For the **October 10 Luncheon** the speaker will be a female physician, Dr. Lola Olajide, with Rex Hematology Oncology Associates. She is planning to do an overview on Breast Screening & Detection: "What Today's Women Need to Know." She will answer questions at the end of her presentation. She will also make certain the women all receive a few handout materials on screening and early detection and a little something special that ties into breast cancer awareness month! Please join us.

The November 14 Luncheon will feature speaker Veronica Karaman who will discuss "Enjoying the Holidays."

On December 12, WWC members will enjoy a lively presentation from the North Carolina Theatre.