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Moms of Wakefield members and their children enjoyed a holiday horse-drawn carriage ride at the Children's Christmas Party on December 5.

- Happy New Year!
- Martin Luther King, Jr.'s Birthday is Monday, January 21
- Valentine's Day is Thursday, Feb. 14
- Look for our next issue in March!



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A newsletter for the residents of Wakefield Plantation



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## Every Drop Counts

Next time you go to turn on the water to shower or make a cup of coffee--imagine nothing comes out of the spout. We are not there yet with our serious water shortage but it is not looking very promising that we will get much rain in the next month or so and Falls Lake is at it's lowest point ever.

It is then up to all of us residents and our area businesses to drastically cut back on our water use, even beyond the water restrictions already in place. Forget the lawn and wash only full loads of laundry and dishes. There are many small ways to cut back on water usage and remember, EVERY DROP COUNTS! Read to the end of this article for our water conservation tips:

### **RECENT Area Drought News and Water Restrictions:**

Raleigh Prohibits Lawn Irrigation Effective Oct. 23 and the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration's (NOAA) Forecasts Winter Of Drought

Drained lakes can be further taxed if water conservation is not emphasized. This year's extremely dry weather has led the City to enforce Stage I water restrictions. While customer demand on Raleigh's water supply has slightly lessened, the continued lack of rain has depleted Falls Lake's supply pool storage to less than 46 percent, which would meet customers' current demand to just

the beginning of 2008!

The drought will persist through the winter. That was the forecast issued in late October by the NOAA. According to NOAA, nearly half of the Southeast is in extreme drought and water supplies have reached critical levels in some cities including the Triangle area. On October 23, lawn irrigation was prohibited for Raleigh water customers in a further effort to conserve water.

The Raleigh City Council approved amended Stage I mandatory water conservation restrictions and rules that:

- Prohibit watering by automatic or non-automatic spray irrigation systems;
- Prohibit washing vehicles at home;
- Prohibit watering by hose-end sprinklers and soaker hoses; and,
- Cease the issuance of lawn and landscape irrigation establishment permits.

A first-time citation carries a \$200 penalty. A second offense comes with at \$1,000 penalty. A third citation would result in interruption of the customer's water service. (302 first-time citations have been issued and 11 second-offense citations have been issued since the restrictions were put into place.)

City officials are hoping that prohibiting lawn irrigation will dramatically reduce use. The restrictions apply to all City of Raleigh water customers, including those in nearby towns.

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*Moms of Wakefield Children's Holiday Party included a visit from Santa! (page 3 for more)  
Photo Credit: Thanks, Alice Hansen!*

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# Community News

## Resident Reminders

We have received a few complaints regarding trash on the street and sidewalks in Carrington. Please do not litter on any of our streets or sidewalks. And always pick up after your pet.

There were also reports of speeders in Cedar Grove. The area will be monitored for this type of activity. Speeding along our residential streets is obviously dangerous and against the law. Please talk about this with your teenaged drivers.

It has been on the news, due to the dry weather conditions as well as a shortage of water to put out fires, please skip the luminaries this year. They have been banned in other areas of our state.

## Plans for Commercial site

Our developer reports that there may be a public library, an apartment deal and the beginnings of a medical complex (prelude to the hospital), tentatively planned for the commercial site near the two new elementary schools and the Rex Hospital extension off Capitol and New Falls of the Neuse. More on this in our next issue.

## Join our Neighborhood Alert List

Stay informed on what is going on in the community including any emergency messages or neighborhood alerts. Just log on to [www.wakefieldhoa.com](http://www.wakefieldhoa.com) and click on the "Join Mailing List" button.

## Wakefield HOA Budget Update

We are sending the approved budget and notice of annual dues to the homeowners.

An important item for homeowners to know is that the board went to bid for the landscaping contract. It is a very large contract and we wanted to ensure that our pricing is competitive. It is also an annual contract so for the most part the monthly expense will stay about the same.

## Holiday SAFETY TIPS From York Security:

**Crooks love the holiday as much as everyone else, because it's an opportune time for crime. Here are some tips on how to celebrate safely this holiday season:**

### *If You're Traveling:*

- Get an automatic timer for your home lights.
- Ask a neighbor to watch your home, and park in the driveway from time to time.
- Don't forget to have mail and newspaper delivery stopped. If it piles up, it's a sure sign you're gone.

### *If You're Out for the Evening:*

- Turn on lights and a radio or TV so it looks like someone's home.
- Be extra cautious about locking doors and windows when you leave, even if it's just for a few minutes.
- Don't display gifts where they can be seen from outside.

### *If You're Shopping:*

- Stay alert and be aware of what's going on around you.
- Park in a well-lighted space, and be sure to lock the car, close the windows, and hide shopping bags and gifts in the trunk.
- Avoid carrying large amounts of cash; pay with a check or credit card.
- Don't overburden yourself with packages. Be extra careful with purses and wallets. Carry a purse close to your body, not dangling by the straps. Put a wallet in an inside coat or front pants pocket.
- Shopping with kids? Teach them to go to a store clerk or security officer if you get separated.

## *Take a Holiday Inventory*

The holidays are a good time to update - or create - your home inventory. Take photos or make videos of items, and list descriptions and serial numbers. If your home is burglarized, having a detailed inventory can help identify stolen items and make insurance claims easier to file. Make sure things like TVs, VCRs, stereo equipment, cameras, camcorders, sports equipment, jewelry, silver, computers, home office equipment, and power tools are on the list.

## *A Stranger at the Door*

Criminals sometimes pose as couriers delivering gifts. And it's not uncommon for people to try to take advantage of others generosity during the holidays by going door-to-door for charitable donations when there's no charity involved. Ask for identification, and find out how the funds will be used. Crime Prevention starts at home. Start a neighborhood tradition. Look in on your neighbors this holiday season.

Do your part to make the holidays a safe and happy time for everybody - except criminals.



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**(Water conservation - cont. from p. 1)**

Other conservation measures continuing from Stage I water restrictions that have been in effect since Aug. 28 include:

- Limiting watering by hand-held hoses to two days a week (odd addresses on Tuesdays and Saturdays and even addresses on Wednesday and Sundays from 6 a.m. to 10 a.m. and from 6 p.m. to 10 p.m.); and,
- Limiting pressure washing to Saturday and Sunday.

The conservation ordinance restricts the adding of water to decorative ponds or fountains to the amount needed to sustain aquatic life. Leaking water services or plumbing must be repaired within 24 hours of written notification by the City's Public Utilities director.

According to the National Weather Service's rain gauge our area is 9.39 inches below normal for rainfall in 2007. For more information on the Stage I amended water use restrictions, contact the City of Raleigh Public Utilities Department at 857-4540 or the City of Raleigh Public Affairs Department at 890-3100.

Raleigh turned the tap on to a supplemental water source in late November. The City is drawing raw water from Lake Benson to the Neuse River to extend Falls Lake's water supply pool. The City of Raleigh received permission from the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (COE) to augment the Neuse River flow with an alternative water source in exchange for a lockstep reduction in flows released from Falls Lake. The corresponding water exchange agreement with the COE is projected to extend the water supply pool in Falls Lake by 21 days. Falls Lake's water supply pool storage is at 31 percent. This projection takes Raleigh to March 10, 2008. (This assumes the worst-case scenario of no rain during the period and demand at the current level.) According to the National Weather Service's rain gauge at Raleigh Durham International Airport, the area has received 7.79 inches less rainfall than normal for the calendar year.

**Water Conservation Tips:**

Make sure your home is leak-free. Repair dripping faucets by replacing washers. One drop per second wastes 2,700 gallons of water per year! Turn off the lights when you are not in the room and cut the heat back. Energy is produced using large volumes of water. Reducing energy demands can reduce the water needed.

**Bathroom:** If the toilet handle sticks, replace it. Cut down on the amount of water needed for flushing by placing a gallon plastic jug of water into the tank to displace flow. Take shorter showers and replace your showerhead with an ultra-low-flow version. Place a bucket in the shower to catch excess water for watering plants. Don't let the water run while brushing your teeth, washing your face or shaving.

**Kitchen:** Operate dishwashers only when fully loaded. Use the "light wash" feature. Most dishwashers can clean soiled dishes well, so dishes do not have to be rinsed before. Store drinking water in the refrigerator and don't let the tap run while you are waiting for water to cool. Do not use running water to thaw meat or frozen foods. Defrost food overnight in the refrigerator, or in your microwave. Do not waste water waiting for it to get hot. Heat it on the stove or in a microwave. Choose energy- and water-efficient appliances if replacing an old one.

Report water losses (broken pipes, open hydrants, etc.) to the property owner, authorities or your water management district. Try to do one thing each day that will result in saving water. Every drop counts!!

**TPC Wakefield Plantation**

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.

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- Michael Thomas, Director of Sales and Marketing, TPC Wakefield Plantation

On the behalf of the staff of TPC Wakefield Plantation, have a happy holiday season and a prosperous New Year!

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## IMPORTANT NOTICE for Wakefield Homeowners and Residents:

Dear Wakefield Homeowners,  
The purpose of this informational letter is to remind everyone that the Architectural Committee or the Board must review all changes to the outside of your property. This is an important requirement as it is our objective to maintain property values for Wakefield homeowners. We would like to thank the homeowners who follow the process by submitting the proper documents and waiting for approval before they start to make any changes to the exterior of their homes. This process is what will help to continue to keep our wonderful neighborhood beautiful and retain its consistent quality and appeal.

Did you know that you are required to submit for approval the following changes?:

1. Extensions/additions to driveways and garbage can pads. All landscaping, walls, terraces, walkways, lighting, pools & pool equipment, decks, patios, screened-in porches, sunrooms, fences, basketball hoops, and trampolines.
2. Any exterior changes: including change in paint color, remodeling/additions/landscaping (front & backyard).
3. Satellite dish installations, pools, pool equipment, and trampolines require proper screening so as not to be visible from the street. Landscape screening should be part of your submittal.

These are just a few of the items that require an approval. For a complete set of rules, please visit the website at [www.wakefieldhoa.com](http://www.wakefieldhoa.com) or contact PPM by emailing Jennifer Burch at [jburch@ppmral.com](mailto:jburch@ppmral.com) or calling **919-848-4911**. Please know that if an exterior change is not approved by either the Architectural Committee or the Board, the homeowner could be asked to remove it at their expense.

Let's all work together to keep Wakefield Plantation a safe, attractive and desirable place to live.

Thank you,  
Wakefield Plantation HOA Board and  
Architectural Review Committee

## Moms of Wakefield (MOW)

### Philanthropy Update

The Mom's of Wakefield group has been very busy this holiday season supporting a cottage at the Masonic Home for Children. Coats, hats and gloves were delivered to the four children in our cottage. The children were VERY excited. The sisters liked having matching pink coats.



All month long, toys and additional clothing were collected and we delivered gifts to the home on December 13th. A big thank you to members Alice Hansen and Eden Sheffield who coordinated these charitable efforts for the group! Alice had a box for donations on her front porch for a month and brought it to each MOW meeting and event. Thanks also to Kate Pirrung for hosting a fun night of Bunco while raising money for the Children's Home!

For more information on the Masonic Home for Children please visit [www.mhc-oxford.org](http://www.mhc-oxford.org).



Alice Hansen and Eden Sheffield collecting toys at the MOW Bunco fundraiser

The group is also collecting food for the Food Pantry in Wake Forest. We thank all the members for their generosity!

### Children's Parties

The MOW Children's Holiday party was December 5 at the Wakefield Sales Center. Kids had a wonderful time sipping hot chocolate, riding on a horse-drawn carriage and sitting on Santa's lap. There were lots of delicious refreshments supplied by members. A special thanks to Jean Enochs and Bobbie Jean Weiler for coordinating this magical event!



We also have social outings and younger children's playgroups. For more information about MOW, email: [momsofwakefield@yahoo.com](mailto:momsofwakefield@yahoo.com).

# Meet Greg and Lorraine Badway



*Lorraine and Greg Badway with daughter Olivia*

Greg and Lorraine Badway moved to Raleigh on a whim. They were sick of the winters up north and the high cost of living.

"It really was a last minute whim to move here," said Greg Badway. "I flew down to North Carolina to check it out, showed my wife a video of the area and we quit our jobs and moved here."

Greg worked for Miller Brewing Company for 13 years and Lorraine worked as a market representative for a clothing line for more than a decade. "We wanted a better quality of life- everything here is less congested, clean and new," he said. "We also had very high taxes in New Jersey and lots of traffic."

They have lived all over Wakefield for three years- literally. They bought a house in Deauville and lived there for one year and then moved to Cedar Grove. "Then we had our youngest daughter Olivia and realized we needed a bigger house so we are moving again within Wakefield," laughed Greg. "It's like we are doing a tour of Wakefield."

Their home sold so quickly, they are moving to Calloway on the Green temporarily and then looking for a larger home within Wakefield. "We want to stay here, we love Wakefield- the people are friendly and we have friends in all sections," he said.

Their older daughter Rachel goes to Wakefield Middle School and their younger daughter Olivia, pictured above, is two years old.

Greg and Lorraine are co-owners of The Bear Mill at Triangle Town Center. "We opened seven months ago and we love it!" he said. "This is my first business that I have

owned myself and I put a lot of work into this store."



Greg is at The Bear Mill seven days a week, 12 hours a day. "My wife comes in a few times a week also to help out and does book-keeping for me," he said.

Greg and Lorraine were nominated by a Moms of Wakefield (MOW) member to be the featured Wakefield resident for this issue due to their generosity to four children of the Masonic Home for Children. The Moms group is sponsoring the children of one cottage for this holiday season and had the word out that they were looking for gifts and an activity for the children to do. The Bear Mill was on their list. That is when Lorraine, also a MOW member, talked with Greg about donating the bears and accessories to these children and letting them have the experience of coming to the store to make their own stuffed animal. Their generosity was greatly appreciated.

"We wanted to do something nice for these kids and donate the bears and accessories ourselves," said Greg. "But credit should go to the Moms group for starting this, we just wanted to support their efforts."

Lorraine has been in the neighborhood Moms group for two years. "I heard about it from two friends from Deauville," she said.

In addition to liking Wakefield's great sense of community, the Badways also like the area schools, tennis and golf. Lorraine loves the classes at the nearby YMCA.

When asked what his favorite part of his new job is, Greg had an immediate answer. "We love working with the children everyday- every day is so gratifying- it makes you feel good inside," he said. "Kids will come back in and say 'remember me?' and bring their animals back in for a bath."

It is nice to see so many Wakefield residents give to those less fortunate this holiday season.



# Wakefield Women's Club News

The Wakefield Women's Club has had quite an amazing few months! From charitable activities to a gorgeous Holiday Gala, WWC members have been busy.

In November, the members collected gifts for the children and women of INTERACT. Interact's residential shelter provides safe housing and a comprehensive program of counseling and advocacy to women and their children who are escaping violent domestic situations.



*Sharon Edmondson,  
WWC Web Manager*

The response was overwhelming! Community coordinator's Susan Cokas and Jennifer Polson would like to thank all the members who gave a

gift to someone less fortunate. They made several trips up and down the clubhouse with carts full of gifts. Special thanks also to Sharon Edmondson for always donating her tree for the event!

The November luncheon speaker was life coach Veronica Karaman who gave advice on how to get through the holidays with less stress. She introduced her mother who is in her nineties and still enjoys golf!

## **Reaching Out in the Community**

Also in November, the Women's Club committed funds totaling almost \$1,000 to help three area families in need with young children attending Wakefield Elementary. Members Marguerite Grimm and Susan Cokas picked up



*Some WWC Board members at the Holiday Gala.*

and took 11 needy children and two moms to a local store to buy winter coats, warm clothing, socks and shoes for all! Remaining money was used to buy food for the families so they could enjoy a nice Thanksgiving meal and have warm coats before the winter set in. It was an early Christmas for everyone involved!

The end of November, members enjoyed a holiday gala with live music, dancing and fantastic food at the TPC. Thanks to Carol Colburn for once again coordinating this popular annual event.

The upcoming Luncheons have already been scheduled:

- **January:** Women and Philanthropy--the exciting difference we are making!
- **February:** Certified Master Hypnotist Peggy Ingersoll

For a WWC membership form or for more information, log on to [Wakefieldwomensclub.com](http://Wakefieldwomensclub.com) and check us out!

*There were so many donated toys and gifts at the WWC luncheon, it took several trips to get them all downstairs!*

