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The Wakefield Tsunami Swim Team is off to a great start. These swimmers were about to compete in the freestyle relay- the last event of the June 17 swim meet!

- Hope you have a safe 4th of July and Summer!
- Wear sunscreen!
- Labor Day is Monday, September 1
- Look for our next issue in September!



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A newsletter for the residents of Wakefield Plantation



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## The Wakefield Tsunami Swim Team

The Tsunamis were the 2007 DIVISION CHAMPIONS and we are looking forward to another great season in 2008. Swim meets will be held on Tuesday evenings with the first meet on June 17th and the last meet on July 22th. We fought hard during our June 17th meet against Manchester and lost by only 12 points! Great job by all our coaches, volunteers and swimmers.



Andy Chansler (pictured above to the far right) took over the Head Coaching position this year, with help from Coaches Bennett Rosenthal and Hannah Fluke. (also pictured) We would like to thank our new TSA

Representative and Parent Representative of the TPC - Alice Lynch! She has stepped up to fill a very important position for our team and we thank her.



Also returning from last year is the fabulous Head Clerk of Course Lorri Albrecht, who is also our Parent Swim Team Coordinator. Her daughter, Alanna Albrecht, is our coaches assistant. Our new Volunteer Coordinator is Sherri Mercer. She is hard at work making sure we have enough volunteers to run each and every meet- Thanks Sherri!

A reminder that due to the late evenings for swim meets, there will not be practice on Wednesday mornings. Practices will be held on Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday mornings. Afternoon practices will be on Monday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday.

*This year's meet schedule is:*  
June 17: Manchester/Away 5:30 p.m.  
June 24: Falls River/Home 5:00 p.m.  
July 1: Lakemont/Away 5:30 p.m.  
July 8: Brier Creek/Away 5:00 p.m.  
July 15: Heritage/Home 5:00 p.m.  
July 22: Planters Walk/Home 5:30 p.m.

**(Swim team information continued on Page 6)**



Above: Children of all ages had a great time at the TPC Egg Hunt.

Below: Some of the Wakefield Tsunami swimmers get ready to take off!



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# Community News

## Community Landscaping

Due to the drought issues and high temperatures the Board is going to wait on plantings in the community until this fall to ensure that the plantings have a chance for survival. The goal is to keep our Wakefield community looking as nice as possible. Many people think that the drought is over, but remember that it was this time last year when the rains stopped. Let's wait until we have some comfort that our investments in plantings will not go to waste.

## Raleigh Water Customers Irrigation Schedule

Raleigh water customers now may irrigate twice each week. The City Council recently approved the addition of weekend watering. Raleigh's Stage 1 water conservation measures provide for irrigation for odd property addresses on Tuesdays and Saturdays and even property addresses on Wednesdays and Sundays. Irrigation on these days by automatic irrigation systems is permitted only from midnight to 10 a.m. Those who use Raleigh-supplied water in garden-hose-attached lawn irrigation sprinklers may irrigate from 6 to 10am and between 6 and 10pm on assigned days. The council action also allows for hand-held watering at any time.

Please refer to the chart listed below for specific information regarding water uses:

WATER USE	STAGE 1 RULES
Automatic/non-automatic irrigation systems	ODD = Tuesday and Saturday EVEN=Wednesday and Sunday  12 a.m. (midnight) - 10 a.m.
Hose End Sprinklers	ODD = Tuesday and Saturday EVEN=Wednesday and Sunday  6 a.m.-10 a.m. and 6 p.m.-10 p.m.

## Resident Reminders

Now that kids are getting out of school for the summer, keep an eye out and report any vandalism that occurs to our community manager at PPM, Phone: 919-848-4911 x117, as well as York Security so they can increase their patrol in that area. Their phone number is on the front page of this issue. Also, check our community website: [www.wakefieldhoa.com](http://www.wakefieldhoa.com) for other neighborhood news and events and sign up on our mailing list to receive neighborhood alerts and other important information.

## Speeding

We were asked to include something about speeding on Sycamore Grove inside of Berkshire. Unfortunately,

speeding is not limited to one street or section of Wakefield. The best way to address this issue is to complain to the City Police and request additional patrols in our area. Try to get the license plate of the vehicle(s) in question.

## Garbage Cart and Recycling Bin Removal Guidelines

Proper preparation of the materials and placement of the containers is essential to efficient service and keeping neighborhoods attractive and litter free. Please observe the following:

- Containers must be placed at the curb, not in the street, no earlier than noon on the day before the designated collection day and must be removed from the curb and placed in an inconspicuous location, not easily seen as viewed from the street facing the front door of a house, no later than 7 p.m. on the day after the designated collection day.
- Containers must be placed at least five (5) feet away from any obstruction (including mailboxes, transformers, parked cars, and light poles) and must not be placed near low hanging branches or power lines.

As stated in the City code section 7-2005.d.3, "Any person who places refuse or refuse containers upon a public street or in the public right-of-way before the time designated in this Code or leaves refuse or refuse containers in a public street or in the public right-of-way beyond the time allowed in this Code shall be in violation of the provisions of this Code and shall be subject to a fifty dollar (\$50) civil penalty. For more information, go to: [www.raleigh-nc.org](http://www.raleigh-nc.org).

## "Pooper Scooper" Law - Do you drink what your dog poops? (From a City of Raleigh pamphlet)

The person responsible for any dog must remove feces deposited by the dog from any private property unless the owner of the property has given permission allowing such use of the property. Removal of animal feces is not just a courtesy, it is an environmental necessity.

When animal feces are not removed as required by law, rain water carries it into the storm drains. The City's stormwater system is separate and does not treat water. This gravity-directed system merely carries stormwater complete with litter, including animal feces, on its natural path to the creeks and streams that feed into the Neuse River -- a source of drinking water for millions of North Carolinians. The animal feces that you see going into that stormwater drain will wind up in our creeks, streams and the Neuse

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## TPC Wakefield Plantation



Congratulations to Scott Gutschewski for winning The 2008 Rex Hospital Open- Nationwide Tour Event at TPC Wakefield Plantation. Gutschewski endured four straight days of 100-degree weather to win by two shots with a score of 14 under par. The two shot victory earned him \$90,000. The hot weather did not stop more than 600 people from attending the first annual Rex Hospital Open-TPC Band Party on the TPC front lawn featuring Jackie Gore and the Legends of Beach.

Close to \$300,000 in charity dollars goes back into our communities as a result of this tournament. We would like to thank Rex Hospital, our members and the residents of Wakefield Plantation for their time, efforts and support of The 2008 Rex Hospital Open.

Congratulations are in order for Wakefield Residents Martin Molloy and Tom Law for winning the annual Men's Member-Member Golf Tournament. Mr. Molloy and Mr. Law made a late charge on Sunday to win the title. We have several key golf events scheduled over the next couple of months including: Men's and Ladies Club Championship, Men's Match Play Championship and Junior Club Championship. We are very excited as both our Tuesday morning ladies day and Thursday night nine and wine nights are seeing record participation.

The sports club is hopping as summer is here. The Tsunami swim team is off and running in an effort to repeat as division champs. A special thanks goes out to head coach Andy Chansler along with parent volunteers Alice Lynch and Lorri Albrecht. The outdoor music system at the pool has been a big hit along with the added chairs, umbrellas and ping pong tables. Summer camps are underway. Three TPC tennis teams are heading to the state play-offs in Pinehurst after winning their USTA City League Championships.



There are all kinds of activities going on at the club this season. For membership opportunities to the TPC Wakefield Plantation, please contact Michael Thomas, Director of Sales and Marketing at 488-5100 x104.

### Important Swim Meet Sign-Up Instructions:

We understand that it is summer time and a lot of people have planned their vacations and there will also be times when transportation is a problem. On Wednesday, the day after each meet, there will be a checklist at the pool greeter station. This sheet will remain there until the following Monday. Please check yes or no for your Child(ren) attending the next meet. If the box is not checked, then we will assume that you are on vacation and your child will not be included in a main heat in the next meet. This procedure will allow families six days to sign in. If the family is out of town but will be back for the meet, please call 488-1930 and we will include your child. We look forward to an awesome season and a great swimming experience for everyone!

### Helping Hands

Two time breast cancer survivor and resident of Wakefield Plantation Betty Brandon formed an organization named Triangle Helping Hands. ([www.TriangleHelpingHands.com](http://www.TriangleHelpingHands.com)) Triangle Helping Hands seeks to help those with cancer or other chronic illness. "We specialize in staying with the individual during their treatment or appointment," said Brandon. "People that would like to volunteer and/or make donations can do so through the web site. People that need the services can find the same contact information on the web site as well. We are hoping to secure the quality volunteers that we need so that we will be able to meet the needs of every one who calls." Triangle Helping Hands commitment is to serve the community by offering quality of life enhancing assistance and transportation to medical and/or social appointments. If you're interested in giving a helping hand. Please call 919-520-2514 or email [bbrandon@trianglehelpinghands.com](mailto:bbrandon@trianglehelpinghands.com) and ask how YOU can make a difference in a Cancer patient's life. Recently, the REX Nationwide Golf Open partnered with Triangle Helping Hands with the sale of tickets for the event. We'd like to thank them for that opportunity.

## For Sale/Services for Hire

### Babysitting:

- Mature Nanny/Babysitter for evenings and weekends. St. James resident. Lots of infant and childcare experience. Call: Susan Westfall at 376-3807 or 556-8759, or email at [smwestfall@hotmail.com](mailto:smwestfall@hotmail.com).

### Petsitting:

- Experienced adult petsitter with references and Wakefield resident in Deauville. Please email Tammy @ [michael32796@aol.com](mailto:michael32796@aol.com) or call 612-2559 for fees and questions.

To list your neighborhood service or any items for sale, email: [whistle@nc.rr.com](mailto:whistle@nc.rr.com) and include your name, number and address. Deadline for listings and ads is **August 10, 2008**. We also have a limited number of display ads.

River. This pollution leads to the development of oxygen-robbing algae and other problem organism, which can cause fish kills and human health threats. Pick up after your pet at all times.

The design consultant has prepared preliminary Design Development drawings for the Phase I improvements: Main Entry Drive and Parking, Welcome center to provide on site information and space to support on site adventure program staff, (in the future this facility will convert to the care taker facility), Ropes course, climbing wall, and the south multi purpose open space with picnic shelters and a playground. There will also be an entry drive and parking for the Forest Ridge South area.

Upon approval from the Corps and DENR the consultant will prepare final design development drawings to be presented to the Master Plan committee. The consultant will then continue to finalize construction documents with completion of the drawings anticipated in the fall, bidding late 2008, award of contract in early 2009 and completion of Phase I in early 2010. We are looking forward to a nice new amenity for our community.

#### Mailboxes

The vendor for replacements is Carolina Mailboxes/Howard Harris: 704-587-9797.

#### Annual Wakefield Plantation Community Association Meeting

The annual association meeting was held April 9 at the Wakefield High School auditorium. We had THREE Council Members in attendance, which was very impressive. Councilman Rodger Koopman gave an update on watershed rezoning and and briefly touched on the Department of Transportation 98 Bypass project.

Mary Ann Baldwin gave an update on the Falls of Neuse Bridge project. The good news is that the new bridge will be built first so there will be no tremendous inconvenience to the residents of Wakefield and surrounding area. The project should begin in Spring 2009 and is anticipated to take two years with a projected completion date of 2011.

Councilman Stephenson announced that the City of Raleigh was going to begin lowering the restrictions due to the recent substantial rainfall that was able to assist in removing the city from its current drought conditions. Please note the current restrictions given in this Wakefield Whistle issue.

Elections were also held at the annula meeting for a few of the board positions. The outcome of the Board positions follows:

President - Greg Barley  
 Vice President - Jodi LaFreniere  
 Secretary - Bill Krupp  
 Treasurer - Chip Finley  
 Director - James Dvorak  
 Director - Jade Litcher

Director - Newly appointed District 3 board member Jason Fried to take over for Scott Deutsch.

The Board will be meeting the second Tuesday of a month where a meeting is necessary at 6:30 pm. Please contact Jennifer Burch, Community Manager, for further information (jburch@ppmral.com or phone at 919-848-4911 x117).

We are still looking for volunteers for Community Watch from the following locations:

Distict One - Fairview, Fairview Manor, Dunleith, and Rosemont  
 District Two - Savannah and Savannah Village  
 District Three - Cedar Grove and Kingston  
 District Four - Greenspointe, Magnolia, and Club Villas  
 District Six - The Villages  
 District Seven - Carrington, Glenstone, and Prescott

#### Middleton Street Parking issue

Many high school students have been parking on Middleton Streets especially along Schoolhouse Rd. creating a rather ugly parking lot situation for those neighbors.

The association has tried all angles on having the students park their vehicles elsewhere within the association's limits as the streets are public and the drivers are non-residents. We have had several discussions with the principal and are now working with Counselor Koopman on trying to find a more permanent fix to the problem. The Board is scheduling a meeting with the residents of Middleton in the near future to discuss different scenarios of resolution. The residents have completed a petition to city council, and it has been determined that "No Parking" signs will be put onto Schoolhouse to prohibit the parking of the high school students. With the surge in enrollment of students, there is still a concern that the high school students will take over other streets in Middleton if Schoolhouse is no longer an option and the actual school parking lot is full. We will keep residents of this area updated in this important matter.

#### 98 By-pass Connection

The Wakefield Community Association Board is helping to bring the parties, DOT, the builder, Cedar Grove residents, state legislator, etc., together to try and work out some things regarding the 98 By-Pass connecting up to Wakefield Plantation Drive. The HOA is very limited in what we can do but all efforts are being made to make this upcoming project manageable for our community.

#### Summer Pet Safety

Please remember to keep your pets cool and healthy this summer. Never leave them in a car during the hot summer months- the interior of a car can reach up to 120 degrees even with the windows cracked! Make sure they always have access to cool water and shade. Heatstroke can be fatal in a short time for our animals. Look for a complete summer pet care article on our community website: [www.wakefieldhoa.com](http://www.wakefieldhoa.com)

## Meet Greg Barley



Meet our new Wakefield HOA president Greg Barley. Greg has served on the HOA board as a director for the past two years and was re-elected to the board for another term at our annual meeting this past April. Greg has been involved in our community since moving to Wakefield seven years ago.

"I was a part of the neighborhood group Concerned Citizens of Wakefield even before we had a board," said Barley. "We looked at issues from the park to the Falls of Neuse bridge."

The Barley family chose to live in Wakefield because the builder in St. James had a floor plan that suited the needs of a family with four children. "And the fact that Wakefield was a premier community where there would be good property appreciation," he added.

He decided to join the Wakefield HOA board since he has had experience in serving on a homeowners board. "In Fredericksburg, I served on the HOA Board for a development that included about 2,000 homes," said Barley. "I served in various capacities, including President. I wanted to share my knowledge and experience with Wakefield."

His goals on the board include seeing Wakefield property values be maintained while keeping homeowner dues in check.

As our Community Association President, Greg sees a few bigger issues facing the neighborhood in the near future. "The watershed issue is coming back but it will not be as restrictive as before," he said. "The original proposed restrictions were beyond what the state requires."

Another upcoming issue is the 98 bypass project. "The major elements of this project design are in place and unfortunately, Wakefield Plantation Drive will eventually connect to 98 bypass," he said. "But as soon as it opens, we will get a traffic study to assess the need for traffic calming measures."

From Wakefield Plantation, a driver will be able to turn

right onto the bypass but no left turn allowed. Coming off the bypass, a driver will be able to enter onto Wakefield Plantation Drive from either direction.

By day, Greg Barley is a nuclear chemist and works as a supervisor for the corporate laboratory at Progress Energy. Prior to moving to Raleigh, the Barley family lived in Fredericksburg, Virginia, for three years. "I was born in York, Pennsylvania, and my wife was from Lancaster, Pennsylvania," he said. "We lived in Pennsylvania for about seven years before moving to Maryland, where we lived for seven years when we moved to Fredericksburg, Virginia."

The entire family likes many things about the Raleigh area. "We like the variety of available activities in the area, from hockey to basketball to baseball," he said.

His wife, Burneta, is a registered nurse. "We like the large medical facilities in the area since my wife is a nurse." He said. "Our oldest daughter, Jessica, is married and lives with her husband and our two grandchildren (one boy, one girl) in Knightdale. Our oldest son, Matthew, bought a townhome in Kingston last fall." Their youngest daughter, Laura, and their youngest son, Jonathan, attend college and live at home.

Greg Barley is also very involved with the new Forest Ridge park project. He was appointed to the Raleigh Parks, Recreation, and Greenway Advisory Board four years ago and is now on his third 2-year term. "My passion was to see Forest Ridge Park become a reality. This park will bring recreation facilities within a short distance of the community," he said. "I was co-chairperson on the Master Plan Committee for Forest Ridge Park. This committee developed the master plan that was submitted to the Raleigh City Council for approval."

If the park plan goes according to schedule, they will start turning dirt in the next year.

If he could change something about the community, Greg would like more residents to understand how the HOA operates, what the dues support and why obtaining approval for outdoor improvements is necessary. "If you are making changes to your home, contact the community manager at PPM to see if you need approval- many things need approval like building a fence, adding a pool or cutting trees down," he said. "You are not allowed to cut a tree of a certain size without approval." These rules are in place mainly to protect the value of all our homes in Wakefield.

We thank Greg Barley for his dedication to our neighborhood and for his continued community service.

# Moms of Wakefield (MOW)

## Year in Review

It has been a wonderful year of fun activities for the Moms of Wakefield! We thought we would take the opportunity to look back on some of the great times we've had. From the Halloween party to visiting Santa to hunting for Easter eggs, we've enjoyed every season together. We have one event left before our summer hiatus - the Year End Party! Watch your e-mail for more information in the coming weeks.

Thank you all for your involvement and participation. We have done more than just have a good time; we've also helped the children in our sponsored cottage at the Masonic Home for Children. The holiday gifts and Easter baskets were a huge success and really brought smiles to the children's faces, as did the trip to The Bear Mill. We've also helped the local food bank with our donation of canned goods.

On the theme of involvement, check out the article below on the MOW board positions and think about where you'd like to volunteer. It's a great way to meet other moms and kids and stay connected to your community.

Are you looking to meet other moms in Wakefield? If so, the Moms of Wakefield board needs YOU! As you know, the

MOW group takes the summer off from activities, but we'll pick back up in the fall. Now is the time to think about what board positions you might be interested in for the next season. Here is a list of board positions and descriptions. We currently need a Vice-Chairman, Adult Events Chair, Philanthropy Chair, and Hospitality Chair. In addition, we have one individual who is interested in coordinating playdates for babies. We need someone to share the role and organize playdates for older children. We encourage you to think about where you might fit in - and even if you have a friend who would like to share the responsibilities of a board position. You'll be surprised how easy, fun and rewarding it is!

If you're interested, please nominate yourself for any of the following positions by sending an e-mail to [MomsofWakefield@yahoo.com](mailto:MomsofWakefield@yahoo.com) by July 30th. If there is an individual group that you would like to start up as well (i.e. book club) please contact Tanya Dodge at [tgoodrow@hotmail.com](mailto:tgoodrow@hotmail.com).

Responsibilities of all positions:

- Attend Monthly Board Meeting
- Have regular access to email

We look forward to seeing all our moms soon!

*(Photos below courtesy Ewa Ellen)*



## Wakefield Women's Club News

At the May luncheon we welcomed the 2008-09 Board. Many are returning in their past positions and promise a very fun and exciting year ahead.

We will kick off the New Year with a Fashion Show September 10. The format has changed and this will not be a fundraiser event. We will continue to support Interact through other fundraising events throughout the year. The membership fee continues to be \$35 per year with collections starting in August. You must renew by December to remain a member and

continue to get WWC information.

This summer you can keep up with the community by visiting the WWC web site. Anything you need to know about WWC is there. Be looking for emails this summer about the fashion show and membership renewals. For a WWC Membership Form, go to our website; [www.wakefieldwomensclub.com](http://www.wakefieldwomensclub.com) or if you have any questions or for more information about the club, please contact: Judy Pope at (919) 847-4286 or [jpope4542@yahoo.com](mailto:jpope4542@yahoo.com).