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The five-eight year old group waits patiently to find eggs with the Easter Bunny at the Moms of Wakefield Annual Egg Hunt.

- Happy Easter!
- Wakefield Tsunami Swim Team sign-up is April 19
- Wakefield Plantation's Annual HOA meeting is April 27.
- Happy Mother's Day on May 10.
- Rex Hospital Open is May 28 - 31.



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A newsletter for the residents of Wakefield Plantation



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## New Falls of Neuse Bridge and widening projects

On March 10, three representatives from the City of Raleigh staff met with the Wakefield Board of Directors at the beginning of the regularly scheduled Board meeting. They discussed the status of the New Falls of Neuse Bridge and the widening of Falls of Neuse Road.

As we know, the first part of the project to be completed will be the construction of the new bridge across the Neuse River. Engineering work for this extension of New Falls of Neuse Road is expected to be completed by summer with construction expected to begin by November of this year. Construction of this section is expected to take approximately 18 months.

The design of the second part of this project, the widening of Falls of Neuse Road from New Falls of Neuse to Raven Ridge Road, is still being reviewed. Representatives from NORCHOA (the coalition of HOAs along Falls of Neuse Road south of the river) have lobbied the state DOT to make this section of road a non-median, 4 lane highway with middle turn lane. According to the city representatives, the state DOT is continuing to support construction of a road with a median, which is the position that we in Wakefield support. While final decisions have not been made, the current plans are for a four lane highway divided by a median. It is hoped that decisions can be reached and designs completed so that construction of this part of the project can begin at the completion of, or prior to, the completion of the construction of the new bridge and connection to Falls of Neuse Road.

The Board will continue to monitor this important project and provide updates as additional information becomes available.

*Thanks to our HOA Board Director Greg Barley for providing us with this update.*



*Above: The Moms of Wakefield annual Egg Hunt included a visit from the Easter Bunny and plenty of photo opps!*



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**Save the date! April 27th at 6:30 PM**

**Wakefield Annual HOA Meeting  
at the Wakefield High School**

**With guest speakers Council Members Koopman  
and Stephenson to provide city updates.**

# Community News

## Neighborhood Resident Alert:

We have received a few emails concerning break-ins in our community and wanted everyone to be aware. Please remember to lock your cars and houses and be on the lookout for this type of small crime as it may increase due to the bad economy. In mid-March on Sargas (Prescott neighborhood), a car was broken into late at night/very early morning. They stole a GPS system and an iPhone, plus about 30.00 dollars in cash.

There was a Lexus stolen in Middleton on Mabry Mill last month, but they found it abandoned and damaged later in the week. On Kaysmount (also in Prescott) a resident had their briefcase in the car with their laptop computer in it. Thieves took the computer and left the briefcase.

Also a basement alarm was set off on a Monday morning at 9:43 am. There were no signs of forced entry but the resident's deadbolt was not locked but the regular handle lock was. Someone may have tried to tamper with the door and the alarm scared them away.

*IN ADDITION TO CALLING POLICE*, please make sure to report these types of incidents to York Security – our Wakefield Patrol. The number is 863-8090. But if someone is breaking into your house, dial 9-1-1 first!

Here is a good safety tip from a resident in Weatherby Villas:

**PUT YOUR CAR KEYS BESIDE YOUR BED AT NIGHT.** If you hear a noise outside your home or someone trying to get in your house, just press the panic button for your car. The alarm will be set off, and the horn will continue to sound until either you turn it off or the car's battery dies. Next time you come home for the night and you start to put your keys away, think of this: It's a security alarm system that you probably already have and requires no installation. Test it. It will go off from most everywhere inside your house and will keep honking until you reset it with the button on the key chain.

**Concern over Empty Homes:** More than a month ago, a foreclosed vacant house in the Greystone subdivision apparently had a pipe burst on the top floor and water began flowing out of the siding and the garage and basement. Neighbors attempted to contact the (former) homeowner and had no response so they asked the Raleigh Fire Department to come out and shut off the water from the street. First, we should maintain a watchful eye over the growing number of empty homes in our neighborhood and; second, ensure that we do not try to take matters into our own hands and make things worse or incur liability for something going wrong. For more information on issues related to our Wakefield Community, please contact PPM (Professional Properties Management) at 848-4911.

## Drive Safely and Remind Kids about Street Safety!

Here is a reminder for young children, their parents and all drivers. There was a near tragedy in Carrington last month on a Thursday at 5:00pm. A driver was proceeding down Queensland Rd., fortunately going about 10 miles UNDER the speed limit, as he was watching for the numerous children that always play in the street there. There were many cars parked in the driveway of this residence, and also in the street in front. A young boy jumped on his bike, not wearing a helmet, and came down the driveway. He could not see the car coming because his view was obstructed by the cars, and the driver could not see the child for the same reason. The car struck the child, he fell off his bike, but thankfully he was not injured because the driver was going slowly and had a split second to react and hit the brakes. The police were called and he determined the driver was not at fault, there was nothing he could have done.

Residents should be reminded of several things. When you park cars in the street, it obstructs everyone's views of the road. Secondly, streets are built for motorized vehicles and especially at high traffic times, such as 5:00 pm when people are returning home from work, parents and children should be especially vigilant about not playing in the street. Everyone needs to slow down, as this driver did.

## Deer-Resistant Plants

No plants are totally deer-proof. Damage from deer browsing is most severe when snow cover or extreme cold has reduced food availability. Another problem time is early spring when young succulent growth provides attractive browsing. When food is in short supply, deer will browse even the most undesirable plants. Deer have been known to eat new tender growth whenever it appears regardless of the time of year. Additionally, to further protect plants homeowners may use repellents and fencing. But please remember, the deer were here first! Annuals, perennials and bulbs rarely damaged by deer include varieties such as Yarrow, Monkshood, Daffodil, Garlic, Star of Persia, Lily Leek, Japanese Anemone, Common Dill, Snapdragon, Larkspur, Lily-of-the-Valley, Neopolitan Cyclamen, Foxglove, Wood Fern, purple Coneflower, Marigold, Yucca, Thyme, Buttercup, Lavender, Daffodil, and Hyacinth.

Shrubs rarely damaged by deer include varieties such as Bearberry, Boxwood, Barberry, American Bittersweet, Creeping Wintergreen, Red Osier Dogwood, Russian Olive, Rose of Sharon, European Privet, Blueberry Elder and Lydia Morris Hollies. Trees rarely damaged by deer include varieties such as Heritage Birch, Paper Birch, Bottlebrush Buckeye, Douglas fir, Scotch Pine, Colorado Blue Spruce, Japanese Cedar and Japanese Falsecypress. (If you want to attract hummingbirds, plant: Bee Balm, Butterfly Bush, Delphinium, Rose of Sharon, Trumpet Vine, Trumpet Honeysuckle, Lantana, Fuschia, Silk Tree, Hollyhock, Indian Pink, and Red Buckeye.)

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- Red Cross-certified babysitter can care for your children. Responsible and caring. For more information please contact Andrea at **488-1698**.
- Looking for someone to care for your children part-time during the day? I am a mother and have been working with young children for over six years. I can teach them Spanish while I care for them. For more information call Angela at **488-1698**.

### Pet Sitting Service:

Need someone to care for your pets while you are on vacation? I can visit them as many times needed and will provide extra services such as walking or bathing. I love animals and have a dog. For more information please contact Andrea at **488-1698**.

### Spanish Teacher:

Are you interested in your child learning a second language? Adult lessons or tutoring? I have been working with children for more than six years, three of them in a local preschool. For more information please contact Angela at **488-1698**.

To list your neighborhood service like pet sitting or babysitting, or to list 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 May 20, 2009. Listings are free. We also have a limited number of display ads which cost \$50. Email the editor at: [whistle@nc.rr.com](mailto:whistle@nc.rr.com) for more information.

### Rex Healthcare of Wakefield GRAND OPENING CELEBRATION

(Corner of Capital Boulevard and New Falls of Neuse)

### Get on Course for Excellent Health Saturday, April 25 • 11am–2 pm

Join Rex Healthcare for a ribbon cutting, tours and more. Free refreshments and family fun including a bounce zone, face painting, putt putt, Wii Long Drive contest and much more. Visit [rexhealth.com](http://rexhealth.com) for event details.

### Free Family Fun Movie Nights on the Lawn @ TPC Wakefield Plantation.

Thursday, May 28: The Legend of Bagger Vance

Friday, May 29: Happy Gilmore

Saturday, May 30: Evening Concert

Visit [rexhealth.com](http://rexhealth.com) for movie and concert times, and to download your free pass to see the pros in action at the Rex Hospital Open.



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### TPC Wakefield Plantation

Rex Hospital Open: A Nationwide Tour Event at TPC Wakefield Plantation Benefiting the Rex Healthcare Foundation • May 28 – 31

**Wakefield Tsunami SWIM TEAM is starting soon! Meet and greet for swim team coaches and sign up is on April 19th from 3-5pm at the swim club. Pick up suits and register for the team. We will start night practices on May 18.**



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For membership opportunities to the TPC Wakefield Plantation, please contact Michael Thomas, Director of Sales and Marketing at 488-5100 x104.

# Moms of Wakefield (MOW)

## MOW Annual Egg Hunt

The Easter Egg Hunt was hopping fun on Sunday afternoon March 29. The event was held at Holding Park in Wake Forest. There were actually FOUR hunts: 4 and under, 5 – 8 years, ages 9 and up AND for the first time, the moms got to find one egg each that contained either gourmet chocolates or one of the few coveted Starbucks gift cards!

The Moms of Wakefield provided snacks, drinks and fun prizes for the children who found the golden eggs! It was lots of fun. Special thanks to Children's Party Coordinators Susan Geary, Susan Cokas and Winene Thomas for their hours of shopping and planning for this event. Thanks also to Dane Hansen, Alice Hansen and Shawn Thomas for helping us hide the eggs and a big thanks to Dustin Laible and Bradley Jones for trading off playing the role of the Easter Bunny! It was hot so that bunny suit was not the most comfortable outfit to be wearing.



Dane Hansen hangs with the Bunny after hiding eggs for the kids

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Egg Hunt Co-coordinator Winene Thomas with her son/Bunny.

anyone on our board. Payments cover administrative expenses, hospitality, philanthropy, special events and other programs.

MOW is an active club for all mothers and their families. The main purpose of our group is to provide mothers with a social, supportive and resource outlet for themselves and their children. We strive to

meet our purpose through a variety of activities such as Playgroups, BUNCO, Moms Nights Out, Couples Nights, Holiday Events, and Philanthropy. Membership is open to ALL mothers within Wakefield Plantation, Raleigh North Carolina. Feel free to email us with any questions you may have at [momsofwakefield@yahoo.com](mailto:momsofwakefield@yahoo.com)

**Philanthropy:** We would like to thank our philanthropy chairs Alice Hansen and Eden Sheffield for all their efforts this year in helping the girls of the Williams Cottage at the Masonic Home. We learned that the girls at the Cottage have a trip planned for Spring Break to DisneyWorld and the MOW members pitched in and gave each of the girls a travel kit with a few "Disney dollars" in it and other small treats. We thank all the moms who have been so generous to these children both for this past Christmas and now for this special trip.



Above: (l) Alice Hansen hides a golden egg (r) The 4 and under crowd had a ball!



**Membership:** We are planning our end of year party soon and will pick up the group again in the fall. If you are a mom and a resident of Wakefield, we would love you to join us in the fall! Check out our website at [www.momsofwakefield.com](http://www.momsofwakefield.com)! Moms of Wakefield Membership Details: Annual dues of \$30 are payable on August 1. For existing members, renewal payment must be received by September 30, or the member will be removed from MOW roster and all e-mail distributions. If dues would be a hardship to your family, please talk to

**Special Thanks:** We cannot end our calendar year without a special note of thanks to our fearless leader Tanya Dodge!! She has held this group together for a few years now and will be passing the torch to another fine mom in the fall. Thanks for all your hard work Tanya!



## Meet Margaret King



*Margaret King stands in front of a display of lovely birdhouses that she painted.*

There are very special people sprinkled all throughout our different subdivisions in Wakefield. Weatherby Villas in the Villages of Wakefield is lucky enough to have Margaret King. She has been president of the Villages Homeowners Association for three years and has served on their board for five. She is extremely active in the community and has even started a senior's group for the community.

"Whenever a neighbor has a medical problem or a difficulty she is one of the first to be there with a plate of food, a kind word, or sound counsel," said her neighbor Bill Krupp, who also serves on our main Wakefield HOA board. "We in the Villages appreciate her hard work and how much she cares for her neighbors."

Margaret King is a native of Raleigh. "I have lived here all my life and nowhere else," she said. "My husband, Cecil, and I moved to Wakefield in 2003. We wanted to downsize to a home more accessible to older people and eliminate yard work."

The view outside their lovely home in Weatherby Villas is beautiful with a wide variety of wildlife to see. They have numerous bird feeders, which attract many different birds as well as a few deer! "We have made many friends here and also in Wake Forest," she said. "The Villages is a very close-knit community, especially Weatherby Villas."

"I think Wakefield is a great place to live," she added. "It is well run, comfortable and convenient."

Upon retirement, Margaret joined the Quail Hollow Senior Club. "I decided that I would not sit and vegetate so I became active there holding several offices in that club," she said. "I also volunteered and served as a Group Escort for a lot of trips sponsored by Raleigh Parks and Recreation."

Following their move from the North Hills area to here, she

retained her affiliation with the Quail Hollow Club as well as the Third Age Fellowship at Millbrook Methodist Church. "I am still active in both, she said. "Old friends are good too!"

When Margaret moved to Wakefield she did not see any type of club for seniors. "When I came to Wakefield there was nothing for seniors so I contacted Raleigh Parks and Recreation and our Board of Directors and received permission to establish a club," she said. "Our senior group 'The Villagers' was started in 2004 and is affiliated with Raleigh Parks & Recreation and participates in their activities. The Board of The Villages of Wakefield kindly allows the use of our clubhouse as our meeting place."

The purpose of this senior group is fun, fellowship and food. "We meet twice a month and have speakers, programs, and activities," she said. "We also take trips have parties and luncheons. The age is 55+ and any resident of The Villages is invited to participate. The meetings are the 2nd and 4th Tuesday at 9:30 a.m."

Margaret was nominated Senior Programs Volunteer of the Year 2006 & 2007 by a member of the community. It is a City of Raleigh community service award.



*The Villages Clubhouse*

Before all her many volunteer positions, Margaret worked for a number of years at the Associated General Contractors of America, a trade association, prior to working for the General Assembly. "I earned early retirement from AGC and after a few months became bored with inactivity so then I applied and was hired at the General Assembly," she said. "I really liked it, it was interesting work and you learned a lot about how things are done and what laws are pending."

Her job at the N. C. General Assembly was as a Senate Clerk for about 10 years ending in 2001. "This was a part-time job and we worked when the Legislature was in session," she added. "This was clerical and public relations work dealing with constituents and assisting the Senator for whom I worked."

Now Margaret is serving as president of her community's board of directors. "It takes time and dedication but someone has to do it," she said. "It is such a great board of directors that it has been easy to be the president."

# Wakefield Women's Club News

## Luncheons

Reserve a spot at one of our fabulous TPC luncheons. Luncheon includes a plated salad, dinner rolls, buffet, delectable desert and beverage. Guest fee for luncheon is \$30, Members \$24. All luncheons begin at 11:15 (unless otherwise indicated). This gives members 30 minutes to socialize before beginning our event. Luncheons typically end by 1:30 pm, after completion of speaker.



We hope everyone who attended the March luncheon enjoyed it and are excited about all the fashions CT Weekends wowed us with! Thanks to Rosemary & her crew for organizing an informative, fun event! Look on this page for some photos from the fashion show!

At our April Lunch we welcomed David Diaz from The Downtown Raleigh Alliance who gave us the low down on what is coming, what is going and what events will be taking place in 2009 in Raleigh. David discussed why downtown is important to the City of Raleigh and Wake County, downtown development, newly launched branding campaign, upcoming events and other things happening in downtown, and ways that members of the Wakefield Women's Club can get involved.

Also, mark your calendar for May's luncheon. You will not want to miss out on our final gathering of the year before we take our summer break. We will be learning some simple self-defense techniques to protect ourselves.

## Other News:

The Board for 2009-2010 is taking shape and we will have our slate announced soon. And don't forget to mark your calendar for the Spring Fling coming up!! If you were able to make it to the Valentine's Party or the Christmas Gala, you know what great events Carol plans for us.

What a fantastic club this is! Check out the activities page as there are some new clubs forming!

## WWC Entertaining with Style Cooking Classes:

Join Carol Colburn for a cooking demonstration, recipes, good food, laughter, dinner and a night with friends. You can't miss with this combination. All of this for just \$25/class. Coming Thursday, April 23, Easy Delicious Summer Entertaining. Are you tired of hot dogs and hamburgers? Classes start at 6:30 pm at Carol Colburn's House. To register email Marguerite at [retegramm@gmail.com](mailto:retegramm@gmail.com).



## Spring Fling:

WWC's Annual Spring Fling is just around the corner. Invitations will be mailed out early May. Be prepared—it will be a Beach Theme, with lots of fun!

## Membership:

Wakefield Women's Club invites prospective members to participate in any of our club activities, but to become a regular member of the group, participants must join the Wakefield Women's Club.

For a WWC Membership Form go to our website at [www.wakefieldwomensclub.com](http://www.wakefieldwomensclub.com) or contact Donna Wages at 570-1551 or [djwages@earthlink.net](mailto:djwages@earthlink.net) if you have any questions. You do not need to be a member of the TPC to join the Wakefield Women's Club - any resident is welcome.

