

MANOR MATTERS

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6/20 Community Meeting: A SUCCESS!

TUES, 6/20/06 - Residents showed up for an informative presentation by Wake County Public Safety officer Lt. Lyn Buck on the importance of establishing a thriving Community Watch and great tips on Bike Safety. Lt. Buck shared a wealth of detailed information, as well as "common-sense" steps every neighbor can take to create a safer community for all, including:

- ✓ **TRUSTING YOUR INSTINCT.** If something looks suspicious (slow-moving car driving down the block; unidentified solicitors) call it in.
- ✓ **ALWAYS LOCK DOORS & WINDOWS.** Sounds like a no-brainer? You'd be surprised!
- ✓ **ID YOUR PROPERTY.** Engrave your NC DL# on your valuables to increase likelihood of recovery in the event of theft.

Accompanied by her golden retriever/lab mix, Albany, Lt. Buck also offered valuable info on Bike Safety for younger neighbors, including helmet requirements, proper height proportions, and reflector placement. The evening was an informative success!

A Neighborhood Directory sign-up sheet was also passed around. If you would like to add your contact information to the directory, please email wehrlea@bellsouth.net.

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Wake County Public Safety Officer Buck discussed the importance of establishing a strong Neighborhood Watch and developing good Bike Safety habits at the 6/20 Community Meeting.

Securing Your Home This Summer

If you were locked out of your house, would you still be able to get in? Maybe you keep an unlocked window in the back, or a hidden key in your mailbox or hidden between the stones by your front door? You may think this is a good idea, but if you can break into your house, so can a burglar!

Many burglars will spend no longer than 60 sec. to try breaking into a home. Good locks - and good neighbors who watch out for each other - are big deterrents to burglars.

CHECK THE LOCKS

1) Make sure all external doors have sturdy deadbolt locks; 2) Lock double-hung windows, especially on the

first floor; 3) Instead of hiding keys outside, leave an extra w/a trusted neighbor.

CHECK THE DOORS

1) If your doors don't fit tightly in their frame, install weather stripping around them; 2) Install peepholes so you can see outside if you don't have windows in/beside your entry door(s).

CHECK THE OUTSIDE

1) Thieves hate bright light. Install outside/ motion lights and keep them on at night; 2) Prune back shrubbery so it doesn't hide doors or windows. Cut tree limbs back from upstairs windows; 3) If you

See *Securing Your Home*, page 3

Committee Update

ARCHITECTURAL COMMITTEE

The committee is aggressively working on getting the guidelines developed and hope to have them completed in the very near future. Each homeowner is encouraged to review and become familiar with the covenants. Prior to making any changes to the exterior of their property, each homeowner is required to submit an Architectural Request Form for review and approval. For a copy of the form, contact Betty Russel, committee chair, or Tara Brandon with Omega Association Mgmt.

CONTACT: Betty Russell jachen9@starpower.net.

COMMUNICATIONS/NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH

Successful 6/20 Community Meeting (see page 1). Also recruiting Block Captains and others to participate in establishing the Neighborhood Watch. A Community Directory is in the process of establishment and will be available soon.

CONTACT: Anita Wehrle wehrlea@bellsouth.net or Shana Tucker-Williams stuckerwilliams@gmail.com.

GROUNDS/Common Area COMMITTEE

Looking for volunteers to coordinate this committee. Oversees developer's &/or landscaping contractor's adherence to common area landscaping and maintenance guidelines.

CONTACT: Tara Brandon taraoami@bellsouth.net or 461-0102 for more info on this committee.

SOCIAL/RECREATION COMMITTEE

A July 4th Social has been planned and will take place at the pool from 4 - 8 pm. Bring your favorite dish to share! There will also be space set aside for those who would like to grill (BYO hotdogs, chicken, steaks!)

CONTACT: Debbie Maxwell mmaxwell1@nc.rr.com.

General Homeowner Association Information:

OMEGA ASSOCIATION MANAGEMENT

280 Nottingham Drive, Cary, NC 27511

461-0102 p | 461-0106 f

Tara Brandon taraoami@bellsouth.net



Tips for a Greener Summer Lawn – from *www.scotts.com*

As a general rule, most lawns require about one inch of water per week from rain or sprinkling. A few tips to keep in mind:

It's best to water early in the day. You won't waste water through evaporation, and watering at night puts your lawn at risk for developing mildew and fungus disease.



You're on your way to a beautiful lawn with these simple steps.

Don't give your lawn a light sprinkling. This promotes shallow roots, and it may not even reach the soil, depending on how much you water.

- ✓ During dry spells or droughts, pay attention to watering restrictions.
- ✓ Water deeply and infrequently (1/2" 2X a week is enough); don't waste water.

CRABGRASS CONTROL METHODS:

Mowing at the right height: Higher mowing encourages lawn grasses to shade and prevent the germination of crabgrass seeds. You can discourage crabgrass by mowing at the proper height for your grass type.

See *Green Lawn Tips*, page 3

SAVE THE DATE! JULY 4TH SOCIAL

4 - 8 pm @ the Pool • Tues 7/4

Don't miss an opportunity to meet and break bread with your neighbors! Bring your grill and a favorite dish!

Contact Debbie Maxwell:

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Securing Your Home from page 1

travel, consider purchasing timers that will keep your house lit throughout the evening. Lights on 24 hours signal an empty house; 4) Don't let mail or newspapers pile up! Stop delivery or have a neighbor pick it up.

REMEMBER: If something looks suspicious, call the police from your cell or a neighbor's phone. By just being aware of questionable behavior and alerting the proper authorities, you are taking important steps towards securing your home and your neighborhood.

KNIGHTDALE POLICE DEPARTMENT
 911 or 217-2261 (non-emergency)

WAKE COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE
PUBLIC SAFETY/CRIME PREVENTION
 662-2880

Green Lawn Tips from page 2

Fertilizing & Pre-emergent: When properly fertilized in the spring and fall, a lawn stays deep green, dense and vigorous and a dense turf is better able to resist the invasion of weeds.

Applying Controls: A post-emergent herbicide can be used to kill established crabgrass. Apply it before the first frost in the fall to kill crabgrass before it has a chance to develop and spread its seeds.

Watering: Weeds are better adapted to adverse

COMING SOON:
PRINCETON MANOR
COMMUNITY DIRECTORY

If you would like your contact info to be added to the Community Directory, send an email to wehrlea@bellsouth.net.

INCLUDE YOUR: Name, address, email, phone number and line of business (if you have a service you'd like your neighbors to know about.)

Copies of the Directory will be distributed in the upcoming months.

growing conditions than most lawn grasses. Shallow and infrequent watering will only weaken the roots of your grass, while allowing the crabgrass to thrive and take over. Water lawns deeply and less frequently.

For more information and tips on lawncare, gardening, and pests treatment, visit www.scotts.com.



CONGRATULATIONS!!!

to CRYSTAL NEELY UPSON of Queens Carriage Ct. for winning the "Name Your Newsletter" contest!

Enjoy your Baskin Robbins/Dunkin Donuts gift certificate & thanks, Crystal!



GO CANES!!!
2006 STANLEY CUP
CHAMPIONS

JULY 2006 – Princeton Manor at a Glance

TUES 7/4

July 4th Social: 4 – 8 pm
Princeton Manor Recreation Center & Pool

TUES 7/18

Communications/Neighborhood Watch
Committee Meeting: 7 pm
Location TBA: For more information, contact
Anita Wehrle wehrlea@bellsouth.net or Shana
Williams stuckerwilliams@gmail.com.

STORYTIME AT EAST REGIONAL LIBRARY *through August 5th.*
Paws, Claws, Scales and Tales!

Book Babies (Birth–18 mos): Tuesdays at 10:00A

Toddler Time (18 mos–3 yrs): Tuesdays & Wednesdays at 10:30A

Preschool Time (3–5 yrs): Tuesdays & Wednesdays at 11:15 A

Family Storytime (Toddlers, Preschoolers): Saturdays @ 10:30A

SWIM LESSONS: SLOTS STILL AVAILABLE! Town of Knightdale is accepting registration for summer swim lessons. Limited space available for AM and PM classes. \$35 for Knightdale residents. Contact Knightdale Parks & Recreation at 217-2230.

If you have information you'd like to share about upcoming events in Knightdale (family-oriented or otherwise) or if you're interested in writing an article, please submit your information to princeton.manor.editor@gmail.com. *Submissions are due by the 3rd Tuesday of each month.*

Reminders...

RALEIGH WATER BILL: Knightdale residents should be receiving water bills from City of Raleigh. Billing cycle is now every two months. If you have not yet received your water bill, call City of Raleigh at 890-3245.

POOL ETIQUETTE: Remember: all children who are not yet potty-trained must wear swim diapers. Also, please leave the pool as you found it, discarding your trash in the proper receptacles and returning chairs, tables, etc. to their original location so that all residents can enjoy.

STRAY ANIMALS: There has been a stray dog roaming our neighborhood the last weeks of June. If you notice stray animals, for your safety, DO NOT try to catch/contain it yourself. Contact Wake County Animal Control at 212-PETS (7387).

IMPORTANT NUMBERS & LINKS

TOWN OF KNIGHTDALE

<i>Athletics</i>	217-2231
<i>East Regional Library</i>	217-5300
<i>Fire (non-emergency)</i>	217-2270
<i>Garbage & Recycling</i>	217-2212
<i>Knightdale Post Office</i>	266-1406
<i>Parks & Recreation</i>	217-2230
<i>Police (non-emergency)</i>	217-2261

UTILITIES

<i>BellSouth</i>	888-757-6500
<i>DISH Network</i>	800-333-3474
<i>DirecTV</i>	888-238-7177
<i>Raleigh Water</i>	890-3245
<i>PSNC Gas</i>	877-776-2427
<i>Progress Energy</i>	800-452-2777
<i>Time Warner</i>	866-489-2669

TOWN OF KNIGHTDALE	www.ci.knightdale.nc.us
CHAMBER OF COMMERCE	www.knightalechamber.com
WAKE COUNTY	www.wakegov.com
WAKE COUNTY SCHOOLS	www.wcpss.net
CITY OF RALEIGH	www.raleigh-nc.org