



CLAN LOCHMERE

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Presidents Report

Change continues to occur in the Lochmere community, as is true in our professional and personal lives. As mentioned in the last newsletter, the Lochmere Homeowners Association is developing a web site to provide valuable information for residents and prospective homeowners. Anticipating a late spring launch, the web site address will be www.lochmereHOA.org.

Once operational, we welcome input regarding the web site, its content and recommended enhancements. We will have a posting for "news" and a calendar for Lochmere events. Updates for "news" and the calendar, as well as other feedback, can be provided to Sharon Fake, our current Board Secretary, at fersatz@nc.rr.com.

Another change impacting Lochmere is a proposed office building on Kildaire Farm Road between the Fonville Morisey office and the Lochridge Cluster Homes. This wooded, undeveloped parcel backs into Loch Lomond and is currently in its natural state. The owner plans to develop the site as an office building, which is consistent with current zoning.

Our community has a joint, coordinated effort underway to review the proposed development and provide input to the Town of Cary as appropriate. To-date the four homeowner sub-associations most directly impacted have met individually and as a group to identify potential concerns or issues. We have also met informally with the developer to better understand their intentions for the site. As a result of this friendly meeting, we have provided some initial feedback that the developer hopes to incorporate into the final design. From here we anticipate working through the appropriate channels to influence the eventual plans approved by the Town.

We can also anticipate another change - that Spring will (finally) arrive in Lochmere. Enjoy!

Jeff Kenney

Beaver Assistance

The Board has identified the number for owners to contact the Beaver Management Assistance Program, USDA Wildlife Services. The phone number is 250-1067.

According to the information provided to the Board, the USDA charges \$10.00 per visit up to 40 visits per year and will work with the owner directly to schedule a time to come to your lot.

As the Association's Lake Maintenance contract does not include any type of pest control, including trapping beavers, we hope this information is helpful.

Mary Norbech

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Facilities Report

Trails: The estimate to do a limited repair to the Lochmere Drive trail came in higher than we believe is prudent to spend, since it now appears that the sidewalk construction by the town could begin before the end of this year. You may have also observed that a new utility cable (BellSouth) has been buried parallel to the trail which has created a muddy mess in places. I have contacted BellSouth and their subcontractor to have the trail cleaned, an effort that has been started but which appears to have been stopped before it was completed. BellSouth also informed me that Time Warner will be laying cable along the same route in about a month; so the mess is likely to return. This utility work is an additional reason to forego the trail repairs, since any work we do now is likely to be negated by trenching equipment riding back and forth over the trail. Those of you who enjoy walking this trail, as I do, please be patient while we work our way through this. If the sidewalk project falls through, or is delayed significantly, we will place the repaving or repair of this trail back on our work agenda.

Four locations along the Lochmere Highlands woods trail (the gravel trail that runs from the Highlands Swim & Tennis Club east roughly parallel to Highlands Drive) have been identified as needing repair and drainage correction. The 16-inch drainage pipe under the trail just below the Club parking lot will be removed and a larger (c.30-inch) will replace it. Riprap at this location will be rearranged to better direct the water flow away from the trail and into the drainage ditch. The old 16-inch pipe will be installed further down the trail where the trail has washed out and no pipe presently exists. These two repairs are scheduled for the week of 4/2, weather cooperating, along with the reinstallation of the entrance post at the parking lot trailhead. The other two repairs on this trail (replacing an existing and inadequate 6-inch pipe under the trail with a 12-inch one, and repairing a washout adjacent to a large culvert) should be completed by the end of April.

The trail in the Lochview common area from Summerwinds drive into and around the clearing was leveled to correct some erosion that had occurred. We have requested additional gravel for this trail.

Playgrounds: In the last Clan Lochmere I requested some feedback from Lochview residents regarding the proposal to install playground equipment in the Lochview common area (The LHOA area between Summerwinds and Sylvan Grove). To date I have received only two responses (both in favor). Please contact me regarding your opinion on this proposal (njhagan@att.net).

Efforts to find someone to repair the damaged slide at the Lochside playground have proved futile. Replacing the entire unit will cost over \$5,000; so I will attempt to try a fiberglass patch on the slide. This was done once before and apparently lasted a couple of years. By the way, anyone knowing the graffiti artists who spray-painted both slides in this playground, please send me their names. I would like to arrange for them to pay for the clean-up.

Benches, etc: During the week of 3/26 four new benches were installed in the Lochside section, two at the playground and two on the banks of two small lakes (the Glen Moor Lakes on your Lochmere map).

During the same week we replaced two trash can racks, one at the Lochside playground and one at Lake Park.

Also, a new post has been installed at the Lake Park bridge to enable reattaching the chain, should we elect to do so, without blocking the walkway across the bridge.

Most of the items that appear on the Facilities Committee project list, both repairs and improvements, are the result of observations and suggestions from residents as well as committee members. Please notify any of the committee if you see something that needs attention.

John Hagan

Youth Triathlon—Thank You, Lochmere

Thank you for accepting my proposal to stage a Youth Triathlon in the Lochmere Community again this year. I understand that past events in this residential community have been less than satisfactory. I sincerely regret that the needs of your Host Site Community were not protected. It is my hope that over the next couple of months the concerns of the Lochmere residents can be heard and addressed, so that the **Plunge, Pedal and Plod Youth Triathlon** will be a rewarding endeavor for all involved.

Details

Date:	Sunday, July 8, 2001
Time:	Start 7:30, with all roads reopened by 10:30 at the very latest
Site:	Lochmere Swim and Tennis Club
Swim:	At the Lochmere Pool
Transition area:	Lochmere Swim and Tennis Club parking lot
Bike:	The east side of Lochmere Drive will be closed to cars for the cyclists. The west side will be open to traffic directed by Cary police. There will be a volunteer at every intersection to allow traffic in a out of the side streets to minimize delays while protecting the safety of the participants.
Run:	The trail adjacent to the bike portion of Lochmere Drive will be used. The course will not weave through neighborhoods.

As you can see, I am still in the planning process. This is the reason that early communications with the homeowners in Lochmere is so vital. This is, after all, taking place in their back yard and I want their input.

I will be happy to meet with you and/or the Homeowners Association to go over the details, course, logistics, etc. Please feel free to call me at any time.

Thank you in advance for you consideration.

Sincerely,

Alisa Wright Colopy

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Plunge, Pedal & Plod™

Fit & Able Productions, Inc. is producing a new youth triathlon championship series for kids, ages 7-19, in Cary, NC. The race series is called **Plunge, Pedal & Plod**. It provides area youths with their very own triathlon series. The third race of the series, on **July 8**, will be the USAT Mid-Atlantic Regional Youth Championship hosted by the **Lochmere Swim and Tennis Club**. This is the Youth/Junior and High School Championship race to be held in the Mid Atlantic Region. It is expected to attract young athletes from all over the Atlantic region. The Championship race is an exciting athletic opportunity for all young athletes, because they do not need to qualify at another event to participate.

Alisa Wright Colopy, the race director and triathlon coach, will offer a free Triathlon clinic to Lochmere Club members who sign up for the races. Time and date (around July 1) of the clinic is to be announced at a later date. Please indicate on your registration form that you are a Lochmere member.

The July 8 race will also have a division for Physically Challenged athletes. This special division is for amputees between the ages of 7-19. The Challenged Athletes may participate on Relay Teams with a sibling or friend of the same age group. Any young athlete, both able bodied and physically challenged, can participate in this extraordinary event for setting and reaching to achieve a goal. Triathlon teaches our children a great deal about healthy living, goal setting, motivation and striving to be our best. Here is an opportunity for your young athlete to Tri-It. It doesn't get any closer to home than July 8.

"link"

If you have specific interests or hobbies and would like to "link" with like-minded neighbors, please provide your details to Amy Gower or Alex Huck. Do any of these "link"s appeal?

NEW *Pop-up camper* enthusiasts? Looking for s'more Lochmere families (we have 2 boys) interested in forming friendships over campfires. Ask for Rich or Vicki (362-8557).

NEW Interested in forming or joining a *young toddler (10 - 15 month old) playgroup*? If you are, please call Maura Mastrandrea (233-3498).

- ◆ Anyone interested in *Paddle Tennis*? Call Joel Pearl (362-8855)
- ◆ Thinking about *Home Schooling* your elementary age child? Want to form a group to explore the idea and prepare for the next year? Let's check it out together. Call Christine Deutsch (859-1309)
- ◆ I am a middle school girl who is Red Cross Certified for *Babysitting*. I am available to babysit in the Lochmere area on weekend evenings and occasionally during the school week (not past 930PM). Please ask for Katie (362-4799).
- ◆ Interested in joining a *Wellness Group* either for dinner, sports activities, workshop seminars? Lochmere Passport to Wellness Social Group. Contact Janice Stolzenberg (233-1175).
- ◆ Interested in joining the *Town of Cary Sister Cities Association* (4 sister cities) Markham, Canada; HsinChu, Taiwan; LeTouquet, France; Meath, Ireland? Contact Janice Stolzenberg (233-1175).
- ◆ Interested in forming a *play-group for pre-schoolers*? Contact Susan Frazier (387-2940)
- ◆ Looking for a *scrabble or chess* partner? Call Bob Cooper (233-4629).
- ◆ Want to play *bridge*? If you are a member of a club which has an opening, or you want to help start a neighborhood bridge club, please call me: Angela French (859-5867)
- ◆ *Cribbage* anyone? Call Dick Hurlbert (233-1637) to gather with other neighbors and enjoy this fun game!
- ◆ Interested in joining the *Lochmere Beagle Club*? Contact Richie Galliano (851-5863) any evening before 10:00 pm. "WALK, TALK and SWAP stories about your favorite friends".

A number of these "link"s are a little long-in-the-tooth now. If you placed a "link" item and find that it has served it's purpose, please let me know so that I can remove it.

Loch Highlands Drive Speeding Update

Talks are underway with the town of Cary concerning the speeding problem on Loch Highlands Drive. A meeting with the town is being scheduled to discuss possible solutions and costs. The meeting specifics have not been worked out yet but hopefully will be within two or three weeks from the distribution of this newsletter. If you are interested in attending this meeting, please call Mary Byrne (303-5777), or email: mabyrne@yahoo.com to find out when and where the meeting will be held.

Mary Byrne

Walking and Talking

If you saw the article on the front page of the News and Observer's "Life, etc." section of March 6, I hope you'll also enjoy this short replay.

A stalwart group of Lochmere walkers now enjoys more of the fame and celebrity they'd already attained within our community.

N&O Staff writer Christina Nifong encountered Cathy Downing, Nadia Gurvich, Janet Meaders, Paul Velaski and Dewey Young on their daily walk on the "scalloped, mile-long path" around Lake Loch Lomond.

Although there were just five walkers on the day of the interview, the size of the group varies from day-to-day. The one constant is Cathy, who walks up to 26 miles a day—that's a marathon! Starting at 5:30AM, Cathy is joined at intervals by her co-walkers, who walk and talk until their time runs out and they depart—until the next time.

The group fulfils many roles for the individuals who take part. As well as providing an excellent opportunity for low-impact, aerobic exercise, the walkers find companionship, support during times of stress, friendship and a period of constancy in the relative chaos that characterizes most of our lives. In the words of one of the group that day, "(if I am upset when I get here, I always feel better when I leave."

So, the next time you drive past Lomond early in the morning and see the walkers, you'll know you're seeing community at work. Isn't that a great way to start the day?

Ed.

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