



CLAN LOCHMERE

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Presidents Report

The Lochmere HOA's Annual Meeting will be held on Thursday, October 18 at 7:00 p.m. This year the meeting will be held at the new Cary Senior Center in Bond Park off High House Road. We encourage everyone to attend, but if you cannot, please complete the proxy that accompanies the notice that you receive in the mail. We need a quorum (via the proxies) in order to conduct essential business.

Your Board is interested in creating a new "Communications Committee" for the Lochmere community - and are looking for volunteers to lead or assist. While not finalized, the charter of the Committee will be to help update the new www.lochmereHOA.org website as the liaison with the developer (Cary Academy Web Club). We would like to see current "news", announcements and calendars updated on a regular basis, but need a process to make this happen. We would also like to explore the creation (and maintenance) of a community-wide email distribution list to notify homeowners of important issues on a timely basis. If interested, please contact Sharon Fake at fersatz@nc.rr.com or myself at jeff.kenney@oracle.com.

Flooding has been an issue with several homeowners during this summer's intense rainstorms, and questions have arisen relative to the HOA's responsibility. Storm water, regardless of its origin, is the responsibility of the homeowner while it is on your property. The Town's Public Works & Utilities Department should be contacted at 469-4090 in the case of flooded roads, blocked storm drains or broken/dislocated storm drain covers. More information is available at the Town of Cary's website at www.townofcary.org.

Commercial building activity has commenced at the corner of Kildaire Farm Road at Lochmere Drive. The Pavilion will be the new office/store/restaurant complex between the golf course and Lochmere Drive, and will be completed sometime next year.

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Vandalism

Will you help us identify the culprits?

Two years ago it was car tires tearing up the landscaping. This year it's:

- ◆ someone stealing (in July) and damaging (in August) the low voltage lighting system at the entrance to Birkhaven,
- ◆ theft of the Highlands Lake sign that was thrown into the lake last week by vandals,
- ◆ bedding plants that were stolen from the divider where the Highlands sign is located at Loch Highlands and Highlands Lake Drive
- ◆ the theft of light bulbs at the sign on the Kildaire Farm Road at Loch Highlands Lake Drive.

Lochmere will be a far better place without such inconsiderate, destructive and illegal activities. Help us stamp it out.

If you have any knowledge of the events mentioned above and their perpetrators, please contact HRW (469-8661) or Cary Police (226-CRIME).

LHOA Board

FACILITIES

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Planning continues for a new office building on the other side of Lochmere Drive between Fonville-Morrissey and the Lochridge townhomes. This proposed development is being reviewed by a group representing adjacent homeowners and Board members. Please remember that Lochmere's covenants prohibit placing signs on any common property. Signs placed on Association property will be removed and the owner may be fined. Please protect our electrical wiring, irrigation systems, signs, and landscaping!

Also, a big "thank you" to the newest members of the Architectural Review Committee. Mark Storum and Rod Wilce have volunteered their time by joining this important effort.

For those who may be unaware, Mr. Jack Smith is our Town of Cary Councilman representing the Lochmere community. Also a Lochmere resident, Jack has been a strong supporter of Lochmere during his dozen years on the Town Council. Jack is up for re-election this Fall, and I understand is willing to meet with neighborhood sub-associations or other groups to discuss mutual concerns. Jack's email is jsmith@ci.cary.nc.us.

As always, if you have any questions or concerns about Lochmere, please contact the myself, the appropriate Committee Chairperson listed in the back of this newsletter, or check our website at www.lochmereHOA.org.

Jeff Kenney

Trails: During the warm summer weather, residents walk more; so lots of comments have come in regarding trail conditions, esp., after the severe rainstorms in July.

In addition to trail erosion, one frequent comment concerns pruned limbs, leaves and other yard waste deposited by homeowners at the edge of property bordering the trails, which is unsightly and creates obstructions. The Facilities Committee requests the cooperation of those residents who own property adjacent to the trails to strive to keep the trail surfaces and drains clear and not cluttered with yard debris. Cleaning yard waste from trails adds cost and unnecessarily consumes part of your Association dues. The town of Cary will pick up yard waste (including bagged leaves) free each Monday (except holiday weeks) if placed at the curb.

Another frequent comment concerns the size of gravel used on our interior trails. We now use what's called "crush-and-run", a mixture of medium and small stones commonly used as an underlayment for paving. It was selected by the developer years ago, because it tends to stay in place better than smaller gravel. However, crush-and-run can make walking uncomfortable, and we plan to experiment with some smaller gravel in a variety of trail circumstances to see if it will pack and stay in place. The most challenging places will be on slopes where washing is a problem. Anyone having experience with gravel surfacing can contact me with suggestions. Some of the steepest and most troublesome trails will be earmarked for paving in the 2002 budget.

The drainage and trail surface improvements to the Highlands trail discussed in the April Clan Lochmere were completed along with the reinstallation of the missing trailhead post at the Swim Club parking lot. Unfortunately, much of the work done on the Highlands trails has to be redone because of the July storms, and this rework is currently underway.

Several trails were severely damaged by the July rains. Repairs have been undertaken in Lochview, Whisperwood, Birkhaven and Lochwood in addition to Highlands. More remains to be done. Please have patience.

The section of the new Lochmere Drive sidewalk across the Lake Lochmere dam was completed in late July. The rest of the project has been delayed until next Spring or Summer because of some complicated right-of-way and easement issues. A preliminary design of the sidewalk has been provided to the LHOA Board of Directors for their review. In general, the sidewalk will be concrete, five feet wide, following a track about two feet off the curb with handicapped access ramps where the sidewalk joins the street. Three or four pine trees will have to be removed in the section between the two lakes, and the

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island at the entrance to Fairwinds will be shortened back from the street to allow a straight path across the intersection without having to walk into Lochmere Drive. This should also give Fairwinds residents a better view of oncoming traffic on Lochmere Drive. For the most part the sidewalk will replace the existing trail where the trail is near the street. Two sections of existing trail between the two lakes may be retained, but will connect to the new sidewalk.

On the matter of sidewalks, the Cary Engineering Department has placed the paved trail along Loch Highlands Drive on their list for future sidewalk projects. Later this year we should have an estimate of when it might come up for funding.

Playgrounds: The long awaited toddler seats were installed in May and June, except for the playground off Bonniewood Drive in Highlands Forest – an oversight on my part. I hope to have two toddler seats installed at that location in October.

Vandals struck the Lochside playground (the only site that has experienced this problem) again in April and pulled apart the trash can rack which had been replaced only two weeks earlier, also because of vandalism. The Cary Police have investigated and are monitoring the area.

Also at Lochside, I completed my layman's repair to the damaged slide during the last week of June. The large slide at that site is now useable.

The proposal to build a playground facility in the Lochview common area was presented to the LHOA Board of Directors at their meeting on May 17. Responses to earlier requests for comments on this proposal from Lochview residents, and especially responses to Ron Smith's flyer, were good. Although perhaps not fully representing all residents' opinions, the response was 38 to 9 in favor of building the facility, with most of the opponents being owners of property adjacent to the proposed site. However, the LHOA Board of Directors did not approve the project for the reasons stated in the President's Letter in the July Clan Lochmere. Those of you who feel strongly that this is something that your LHOA should undertake should contact a member of the Board and make your views known. We may be able to reinstate this project for next year.

Other facilities: Comments were received about the poor condition of the Lake Park bridge, and I agree it was looking a little "long in the tooth". We observed its weathered condition in April when we installed the new post for the chain. This bridge is constructed of treated timbers with an asphalt surface. Structurally the bridge appears sound. The only vehicular traffic is for periodic landscape maintenance in Lake Park. Most of the repairs needed were cosmetic – redecking the walkway, replacing some damaged and decaying railing, pressure-washing and restaining. This work was completed in August.

Related to Lake Park, I asked the town for a "No Outlet" sign on the road entering the park. The sign was installed in the third week of May. The sign may lessen the risk that someone will encounter our chain blocking the road at the bridge.

In late July Bud Nesbit (Highlands Lake Committee) and I met with homeowners on Padgett Court in Highlands to examine a drainage problem (exacerbated by the July rains) in the common area behind their properties. Bids will be solicited to repair the damage.

The Facilities Committee appreciates the interest among Lochmere residents in keeping our facilities in good condition. Your calls and e-mails help us identify items needing attention. Keep them coming.

John Hagan

"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: PET WALKING/SITTING: Looking for the perfect person to care for your *special friend* while you are away at work or vacation? Someone **Trustworthy** (retired police officer), **Reliable** (lives in Lochmere), who owns a beagle and loves dogs. Call RICHIE (851-5863) or e-mail at PAPD1077@aol.com

- ◆ Interested in playing *war games*? Call Shayne Gad (233-3910)
- ◆ **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).
- ◆ 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 baby-sit 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).
- ◆ **Cribbage** anyone? Call Dick Hurlbert (233-1637) to gather with other neighbors and enjoy this fun game!

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.

LOCHMERE PAVILLION

Lochmere Association does not own the walking trail that runs through Lochmere Pavilion (at the corner of Kildaire Farm Road and Lochmere Drive). This portion of the trail will not be available during construction of Lochmere Pavilion and the entire tract of land has been fenced in for safety purposes and to meet the Town of Cary requirements.

The owner of the land has graciously agreed to retain the walking trail and to allow use of this area by Lochmere residents upon completion of the development and construction. In the interim, please do not trespass on this property.

Mary Norbech

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