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SNNA Newsletter

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Wedding Announcement



Christer I dhammar and Claire Coccoi, 8725 Mourning Dove Road, were married on August 16, 2003 at Grace Lutheran Church. Christer has lived in the neighborhood since 1988. He is originally from Sweden. Claire is from Vercelli, Italy.

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Annual Membership Drive

October kicks off the annual membership drive for SNNA. Your neighborhood block captains will be calling on you beginning in October to collect dues for the upcoming year. These dues go to support the many programs and activities in the neighborhood throughout the year, including the Memorial Day Parade, the holiday Luminaries, and the annual Hayride/Caroling. Your dues fund this newsletter, the official SNNA website (www.summerfieldnorth.com), and the neighborhood directory, as well as the Community Watch program and the upkeep of some of the neighborhood common areas. Without your support and participation, none of this would be possible, so when your block captain comes knocking, please consider the GREAT things this neighborhood offers and contribute to the cause by becoming a new member of SNNA or renewing your current membership.

Block Captain News

The Board would like to take this opportunity to thank Nancy Hammersley for her prior service as the Block Captain for Area 25. The Hammersley's have recently moved to a new house, but continue to be members of the neighborhood in Baileycroft. Nancy's move has left an opportunity for a new Block Captain however. The Block Captain's responsibilities mainly include delivery of the newsletter once a month to the houses in your area, and greeting new neighbors and collecting their directory information so they can be included in the next update. Also once per year, the Block Captains collect the dues from those neighbors who want to join SNNA. That's it, probably less than a half hour per month to help your community. Isn't it worth it? If you live in or near the area shown below and are willing to volunteer to be a Block Captain, please contact Dave Mykins at vicepresident@summerfieldnorth.com.

Area 25

8005 Clear Brook Drive
8000 Old Deer Trail
8001 Old Deer Trail
8004 Old Deer Trail
8005 Old Deer Trail
8009 Old Deer Trail
8012 Old Deer Trail
8013 Old Deer Trail



Beautification Committee

Happy October—There will be four (4) Halloween Houses selected for the neighborhood. The judging will be Sunday evening (after dark) on the 26th of October. All who want to participate should have their decorations out by then.



From the President Niles Mills

Greetings! The hot weather is finally gone and the mosquitoes seem to have gone right along with it. It's about time. And time to get those chimneys swept.

We are taking a different approach this year on updating the Green Directory. Instead of having each block captain fill out a block's worth of data, each neighbor will get a slip with this month's newsletter with their current directory information on it. If corrections are required, contact me via phone, email or fax. It's also SNNA dues renewal time. Look on page 1 in the newsletter for more information on that process. The upside is that the annual fee remains the same (\$25).

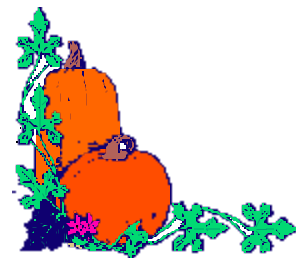
There are several homes in our

neighborhood that have fallen into disrepair. I'm sure everyone knows which homes those are. In two cases, helpful neighbors have taken their own time to work on these homes. In one case, we have a neighbor that is taking care of a yard other than his own on a regular basis. And finally, a SNNA neighbor has figured out how to get the city involved when the property is really run down. Look on page 3 in this month's newsletter for how Don Berg did just that. And feel free to call me or Don Berg for more information on the process.

That's all for now. Let's enjoy this cool weather while it lasts.

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Check out the NEW Neighborhood Ads at www.summerfieldnorth.com it has items for sale (an outboard motor, heat pump and bunk beds), services offered, lost pets, yard sales, etc.

“Yard Cleanup—A Success Story”

I'm sure that many of you have seen the change to the yard at the corner of Old Deer Trail and Strickland. It looks great. You may be interested to know how it got that way.

For months, the grass was at knee-level and the yard was a disaster. One of our SNNA neighbors, Don Berg, decided to try to get it cleaned up. He spent several months traversing the city, state and county bureaucracies. Some might have given up at any point in the process, but Don persevered and got results.

Here's how he says the system works:

First, you register a complaint by giving a call to:

City of Raleigh Inspection Dept.
Housing & Environmental Division
919/807-5110



If the problem is considered serious enough, an inspector visits the property.

If it's in violation of the rules, a letter is sent to the property owner advising of the infraction and requesting it be remedied within a short period of time. The letter advises that if action isn't taken by the deadline, the City will correct the problem (mow the grass, etc) and bill the property owner.

In this case, the owner mowed the property in a less than satisfactory manner. The inspector revisited the property and sent a second, stronger notice. Shortly after, the property was mowed properly.

The inspector showed great interest in solving the issue and encouraged Don to call the office for any other problems of this nature.

Thank you Don!

Other Committees

Watch for reports from Community Watch, Social, and Hospitality in November's SNNA Newsletter!



Be sure to check and see if your Directory Information is Correct!