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SNNA Newsletter

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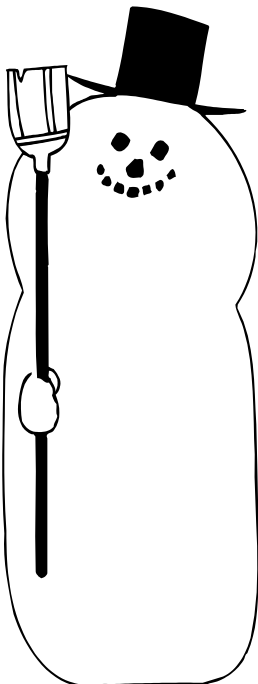
BLOCK CAPTAINS!

Please remember to finish collecting the dues for your block and turn into Stephen Toumey by December 31, 2003.

DIRECTORY

UPDATES:

If there are any changes to your address in the Directory, please get changes to Niles Mills by January 15, 2004.



Holiday Happenings

Annual Caroling Hayride

HEAR THOSE SLEIGH BELLS RING-A-LING...

It's time to get into a festive holiday mood! Join your neighbors for Summerfield North's Annual Caroling Hayride. It's the perfect way to kick off the season and create a wonderful memory.

Meet at the Wycombe Gazebo on SATURDAY, DECEMBER 13th at 6:00 PM. Hot cocoa will be provided after the ride, but please dress warmly and bring flashlights. Parking is available at the pool parking lot, then walk to the gazebo.

No RSVP needed. Just hoping to see you there!

Annual Ladies Holiday Ornament Exchange

It's that time of year again - please join us at Sawmill Tap Room, Wednesday, December 17 at 7:00 pm for the annual holiday ornament exchange!

We'll have drinks, munchies/dinner there and bring a wrapped ornament (\$10 or less) to give/exchange/steal. This evening is always a lot of fun - if you've been before, get your ornament and mark your calendars. If you're new to the neighborhood or have never been, this is a great way to meet new neighbors and share in some holiday cheer!

Please RSVP to Ann Mykins by 12/16 if you're planning on coming.

Luminaries

Come one come all! We'll need bag fillers, pick-up trucks & SUV's, deliverers, and did I say pick-up trucks, to get luminaries out around the entire neighborhood. We begin at 8:00 am on December 24. Meet at the Sparks home, 8416 Baileycroft Dr. Bring a small cup or trowel for scooping. This is a great time to see neighbors you haven't talked to since the pool closed.

When you receive your luminaries, please fold down the top about an inch and stand the candle upright. Light them at 6:00 pm.

Please be a good neighbor and pick up the spent luminaries the next morning. And if your neighbor is traveling, help him out too. It does make the entire neighborhood look so much prettier if all households have the luminaries.

From the President—Niles Mills

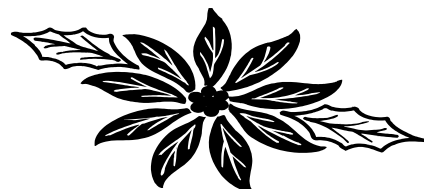
Greetings! Just a quick reminder - SNNA dues need to be collected and turned in this month. See the article elsewhere in this newsletter for more information.

And speaking of dues, it seems like the same two questions about dues surface every year, so I'll answer them here. First, who gets SNNA directories? Everyone gets a directory whether they join SNNA or not. Second, who gets luminaries? Everyone, whether they belong to SNNA or not. It's SNNA's way of showing that we're a community and that everyone is welcome. Of course, if you don't want luminaries placed in front of your house, just drop me a line and I'll make sure your wish is honored.

SNNA rolled out the welcome mat for North Raleigh and put on another great Halloween. The weather cooperated with a pleasant evening and the neighborhood was decked out in its Halloween best. I can't remember seeing so many kids and scary decorations. It was great fun. Well, that's it for now. Drop me a line if you have any questions. See you at the hayride!

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Community Watch

With apologies to "Peace on Earth and Good Will Towards Men," the Holidays can cause some friction between neighbors. This is brought on by general stress, competition and simple forgetfulness as so many activities compete for our limited time.

Here is a simple list below to help remind us, even though they are mostly "common sense."

- If you will be out of town, tell your neighbors. Ask your neighbors when they will be out of town. Keep a general eye on your neighbor's house while they are gone, and ask for the same when you are gone.
- If there are obvious signs that your neighbor is gone (like mail and newspapers piling up, garbage cans rolling around for days, etc.), help by picking up things and taping a note inside your neighbor's mailbox telling them you have their items. Same actions for accepting package shipments on behalf of your neighbor. Use the SNNA phone directory to leave a message at their home, too.
- Unmarked vans collecting large unwrapped and unboxed items like Entertainment Centers and Computers during the Holidays are not generally legitimate. Check into suspicious activities!
- We all like outdoor Holiday lights. But be careful when setting them up to turn on and off automatically. You should always use a electrical timer system instead of a light-sensor circuit. (Personal experience indicates that light sensors can oscillate the power and cause rather spectacular electrical fires.)
- Your neighbors will also appreciate it if you make sure your Holiday lights don't burn all night long. Unless you are hosting a party, a good suggestion is to have lights off by midnight. Existing home porch lights or floodlights are cheaper and safer for security.
- Our neighborhood is known throughout Raleigh for our luminaries placed along all our streets on Christmas Eve. If you are in town, please help out lighting all the luminary candles, even those in front of "vacant" homes. Also help to take in the "spent" luminaries in front of all homes on Christmas day.
- Thanks. Remember that "Peace on Earth and Good Will Towards Men" does indeed apply to the neighbors!

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Judging for Holiday House will take place between 4 & 7 pm on Sunday, December 21. Be sure your house is in its best holiday attire — judging is based on both day and night appearance.

Reminder—It is against the law to burn leaves in the City of Raleigh. The City will pick up leaves if they are in plastic bags or at the curb for the street cleaner to pick up. Thank you for your help.

A Note from the Talis Board

Landscape improvements will be made at the islands at Old Deer Trail, Apple Orchard and Summerspring.

This is the second phase of improvements to this area, this should enhance these two areas for years to come.

Don't know what to give the family for the holidays? How about a membership to the Summerfield pool and tennis club call Talis for details at 878-8787.

*Season's Greetings
From All Of Us To
All Of You*