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SNNA Newsletter

January/February 2010

2010 Calendar

Tentative Dates

Feb	10	Bunco
Mar	27	Spring Fling
Apr		
May	1	Spring Yard Sale
	31	Memorial Day Parade
Jun	26	Adult Social
Jul		
Aug	22	Ice Cream Social
Sep	19	Fall Yard Sale
Oct	23	Fall Festival
Dec	11	Sleigh Ride/Caroling

Holiday House Awards!

Congratulations to our Holiday House Winners!

The Bickley Family

The LeBlanc Family

Thank you to everyone for making our neighborhood festive.

Volunteers

**are needed for the
Spring Fling/Egg Hunt
and the
Memorial Day Parade.**

Earn community service hours by helping out! Anyone interested, please call Meredith Thorpe or Lauren Stroupe or email social@summerfieldnorth.com

Holiday Luminary THANK YOU

Special thanks for all of those whom participated in making the annual luminary event a special occasion on Christmas Eve. We had an amazing turn out of approximately 50 people throughout the morning. In addition, special thanks also to Brian Mondschein and his company Sitescapes, LLC for providing mortar sand and delivering it to the worksite along with Mike and Tami Hollingsworth for providing the other supplies such as the saw-horses, doughnuts/coffee. All in all this was a great event and I encourage regulars and newbies to attend next year's annual luminary event—December 24th, 2010.



Summerfield North Bunco

2nd Wednesday of the month at 7:30 pm (playing starts at 8:30 pm)

New people are always welcome!!! Please BYOB, bring something to share and \$5. If you would like to be added to the bunco email list—

EMAIL Janie Koehler

Next bunco: February 10th at Beth Robertson's house

From the President — Michael Hicks

Dear Neighbors,

We had a great December with our horse-drawn sleigh ride and luminaries. Thanks to everyone for coming out for these events by either participating or volunteering!!

With the start of a new year, this winter has seen mild temperatures as well as some very cold days with alot of nasty weather thrown in. With spring around the corner, we can start looking forward to warmer, longer days. Although the neighborhood activities typically hit a lull this time of year, we can look forward to up-coming events such as the Spring Fling/Egg Hunt in late March and the Memorial Day Parade in late May. We need volunteers for each of these wonderful events that help make Summerfield North such a wonderful place to live. If you are interested in volunteering, please send a message to social@summerfieldnorth.com. Speaking of social activities I would like to welcome Lauren Stroupe, to serve on the SNNA Board as a Social Chair along with Meredith Thorpe. Within the newsletter you will find additional information on Lauren. All in all, we look forward to seeing everyone emerge from hibernating this winter and join us in these fun spring activities!!

Michael Hicks

president@summerfieldnorth.com

NEW RECREATION CENTER

**Greystone Recreation Center opened at
7713-55 Leadmine Road
at the Corner of Sawmill & Leadmine
in the Greystone Shopping Center—
Old Dollar General location.**

Activities include: Indoor playground for children, rock climbing walls, adult/youth/preschool programs, and meeting rooms to rent out for events.

For more information see website at
<http://www.raleigh-nc.org>

Hours:

Monday-Friday 9am - 7pm,
Saturday 9am-3pm
Sunday Closed

Indoor Playground Hours:

Monday - Friday 9am - 11am
& 12:30pm - 5pm;
Saturday 9am - 12pm

**Greystone Recreation Center
7713-55 Leadmine Road
Raleigh, NC 27615
(919)831-6640
Director: Kelly Ybarra**

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Block Captains Needed

SNNA is currently looking to fill Block Captain Positions for the following areas:

Block Captain responsibilities include delivery of monthly newsletter to the house assigned to your area, greeting new neighbors and forward directory information to directory chairman for inclusion in the next update. Once a year help with collecting the dues for SNNA.

If you live in or near the areas shown and are willing to volunteer to be a block captain, please contact Amy Davis @ vicepresident@summerfieldnorth.com

Block Area 25:
Old Deer and Clear Brook Area

Block Area 34:
Old Deer and Old Well Area

Block Area 35:
Baileycroft and Old Well Area

Block Area 38:
Harbison Way and Old Well Area

Social—Meredith Thorpe and Lauren Stroupe

We are pleased to announce Lauren Stroupe as the new Social Co-Chair for the upcoming 2010 year! Lauren and her family moved into Summerfield North last summer and have met many neighbors and wanted to be a part of the neighborhood events. Please join us in welcoming her to the position!

2010 Social Events

Here is our *tentative* calendar of 2010 social events! Mark your calendars for a fun-filled year of events with your neighbors. We'll let you know of any date changes as we near each event.

Spring Fling/Egg Hunt - Saturday, March 27, 1-3 pm

Spring Yard Sale - Saturday, May 1, 8 am - 12 noon

Memorial Day Parade - Monday, May 31, 10:30 am
(line up 10:00 am)

Adult Social - Saturday, June 26, 7 pm

Back to School Ice Cream Social - Sunday, August 22nd,
6 pm

Fall Yard Sale - Saturday, September 19, 8 am - 12 noon

Fall Festival - Saturday, Oct 23, 3-6 pm

Horse Drawn Sleigh & Caroling - Saturday, Dec 11,
6 pm

The Spring Fling/Egg Hunt

This year's Spring Fling and Easter Egg Hunt will be on Saturday, March 27, from 1 - 3 pm at the common area by the pool.

Parents - time to take those plastic eggs and baskets out of storage and fill them with pennies, dimes, stickers, prizes and candy. Every child participating needs to drop off one dozen plastic filled eggs. *Please no chocolate or peanut butter filled candies due to allergies and melting issues.*

How to Participate: Prior to Tuesday, March 23rd, drop off your one dozen eggs filled with treats per child at Lauren Stroupe's house. Please label the bag of eggs with the child's name and age.

For more information or to volunteer to help, contact Meredith Thorpe at social@summerfieldnorth.com.

Swim Team—Angie Coolidge, Janie Koehler & Kathy Barnes

Happy New Year Stingray families!

I hope your families are well and staying dry and warm during these cold January and February days.

While most of you aren't spending much time thinking about swimming right now, our Swim Coach Coordinator, Angie Coolidge is! Angie has been working on retaining Swim Coaches for this season.

We are happy to announce the position of Head Coach has been accepted by Chelsea Smith. We are very excited about this and want to give you some background on her. Chelsea is living with the Miedema family while completing an internship here in Raleigh. She graduated in 2009 from Clemson University with a pre-med degree. While at Clemson, Chelsea was the head coach at the local YMCA for 2 years. Chelsea is a certified coach and is certified in CPR/AED and Lifeguard/First Aid. She has been a swimmer since she was 7 and swam competitively year round. Chelsea has great enthusiasm, enjoys working with kids and young adults and is excited about meeting and working with our current and future Stingrays! We will be planning a meet and greet in April so you can meet Chelsea.

Angie is still looking for an assistant coach and would appreciate any recommendations. She would love to have anyone in the neighborhood who is interested in the assistant coach position or if you are a year-round swimmer and have a recommendation to call her at 919-917-7179 or email at stingrays@summerfieldnorth.com.

Lastly, the team is still in the need of a Volunteer Coordinator! This coordinator has the excitement of meeting new neighbors and organizing the volunteer parents for 7 swim meets (including the mock meet) over the summer. Why do you think Janie always shows her fabulous smile? She's happy because she has had the pleasure of directly interacting with all of YOU!

Please contact Janie Koehler, Angie Coolidge or Kathy Barnes if you are interested in becoming our next Volunteer Coordinator at stingrays@summerfieldnorth.com.

Without this vital position being filled it will be difficult to have a summer swim team here at Summerfield North!

Community Watch—Rod Simpkins and Jim Gallagher

If you have a non-emergency issue that requires police attention (ie. suspicious activity in the neighborhood, etc), please call **829-1911**.

Please reserve only calling 911 for actual emergencies.

Then email us at:
communitywatch@summerfieldnorth.com

Thank you,
 Rod Simpkins and Jim Gallagher
 Community Watch

Honeycutt Creek Greenway Project Update

On Jan 21st, the City of Raleigh Parks and Greenways Advisory Board (RPGAB) recommended approval for the proposed Honeycutt Greenway Trail through Summerfield North via proposed trails within the wooded areas in between Old Deer Trail and Clear Brook Drive and then along the existing 5ft wide sidewalks parallel to roads of Clear Brook, Mourning Dove and Running Cedar. To reiterate the plan was recommended for approval with no changes proposed to the existing sidewalks that traverse through Summerfield North. The only sidewalk changes that are proposed with this recommendation include an extension of a 5ft sidewalk from its terminus on Running Cedar extended to the existing sidewalk at Strickland Road. It must be noted that this recommended approval is not the final approval of the Honeycutt Greenway design/project but this decision is an incremental step toward final approval/disapproval, which will ultimately be decided by City Council action. A specific date for the final decision through the City Council has yet to be determined but will be passed along in a blast email to the neighborhood as to when the date for this meeting will be set. As well, the City will send out a notice card to be delivered to each mailbox within Summerfield North at least two weeks prior to this scheduled meeting. Furthermore, the City of Raleigh Public Works Advisory Board will also make a recommendation on the greenway design at also a TBD meeting date. This Board will particularly be advising the City Council as to their comments regarding the proposed pedestrian crossing on Strickland Road, which will connect the greenway from our neighborhood to the trail planned through Bent Tree Subdivision on the north-side of Strickland Road. This pedestrian crossing is a critical element to the design of the greenway project

because of the obvious pedestrian safety concerns when crossing Strickland Road. Thus, very careful planning and considerations must be made to this particular element of the overall greenway project.

Furthermore, if you would like to be included in more discussions regarding this Honeycutt Greenway Trail project then there is very good way for you to stay informed on a more current basis. Several residents have composed a group email listing that includes more detailed information about the project, upcoming meetings, personal feelings toward the project, and various other items.

If you wish to be included in this email group, send an email to Jim Gallagher or you can email me at president@summerfieldnorth.com and I will pass along your contact information to be included in the group email.

-Michael Hicks-