



Stonehenge Living

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You're Invited!!

Contributed by Darlene Miller

The Stonehenge Homeowners Board would like to invite you to a seminar on lawn care. We have noticed considerable interest on our Yahoo Group about lawn care and decided to present an opportunity for everyone to find out some useful lawn care tips.

Our presenter will be Dr. David Hardy of the NC Department of Agriculture. He is in charge of soil testing in the Agronomic Services Division. The meeting will be held September 25, 2006 at 7:00 at the RTP Federal Credit Union in Stonehenge Market. There is no charge for attendance.

We would like to thank RTP Federal Credit Union for hosting this event.

Upcoming Stonehenge Events:

September 25th (Monday) 7 p.m.: Free seminar on lawn care in the RTP Federal Credit Union building near Wildflour Pizza. Speaker: Dr. Dr. David Hardy of the NC Department of Agriculture

October 28 (Saturday) 10 a.m.: Fall children's parade on Corberrie Lane - food, entertainment, fun!

More information will be posted on the Stonehenge Yahoo Network in October.

Toastmasters Welcomes New Members

Contributed by Kelli Brandon

Want to improve your public speaking skills? Meet some new people? Learn valuable skills?

I'd like to extend an invitation to anyone interested in joining the Raleigh Talkmasters (<http://raleigh.freetoasthost.org/index.html>), a local Toastmasters International Club.

A little about Toastmasters (from <http://www.toastmasters.org/>): Toastmasters offers a proven way to improve your communication skills. By participating in a fun and supportive Toastmasters group, you'll become a better speaker and leader and gain confidence to succeed in whatever path you've chosen in life.

- Deliver great presentations
- Easily lead teams and conduct meetings
- Give and receive constructive evaluations
- Be a better listener

We meet every Thursday morning from 7:30 AM to 8:30 AM at:

Howard Perry & Walston Real Estate School

3801 Wake Forest Rd.

Raleigh NC 27609

Feel free to send me an email if you are interested : kellibrandon@nc.rr.com.

CLUB CORNER

Contacts

Book Club:

Beth Chase (familychase@nc.rr.com) 848-8244

Meets the second Thursday night of each month. Open membership. Book for October: "Lovely Bones"

Stonehenge Women's Network:

Toni Cox (ricatoni@mindspring.com) 848-0583

Meets second Tuesday night of each month except June-August.

Stonehenge Supper Club:

Char Rafferty (chart0128@aol.com) 848-6166

See article on this group on page 3! Currently recruiting new members! Next dinner theme: Caribbean

To add your neighborhood group information to the list in the next newsletter, contact Diane Lahti at diane.lahti@earthlink.net or 847-0650.



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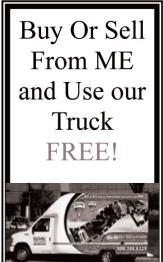
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Second Annual Stonehenge Solstice Party Full of Fun

Contributed by Diane Lahti

The Stonehenge residents who gathered to celebrate the summer solstice Stonehenge-style were treated to great food, great music, enjoyable fellowship, and perfect swimming conditions. Manning the grills were David Smith, Roger Kosak, Mike McCarron, and Bill Lahti. Greeters at the check-in table included Pat Kosak, Char Rafferty, Darlene Miller, Pam Smith, and Ce McCarron. Sheri Gillette managed drinks and Diane Lahti managed the food and entertainment. Thanks to everyone who helped with set up and clean-up.

The stars of the night were various Stonehenge residents. The trio of Doug Northup, Tim Rafferty, and Russ Turner played a variety of popular tunes for their encore appearance at this annual event. Making their first "professional" appearance anywhere was the band Abstract Banana (now known as Big Stick Policy). Lifelong Stonehenge resident Will Lahti entertained an enthusiastic group of fans with his pirate garb and trombone riffs. Many of the selections played included original compositions and the group was very grateful for the words of encouragement and appreciation freely offered by many Stonehenge residents in attendance. The evening wound down with more music from Doug Northup along with a special appearance by David Healy on guitar.

The Homeowners Association would like to thank Seven Oaks Swim Club for allowing us to use their lovely facilities for this annual event.

Stonehenge Invaded!

Contributed by Frieda Jessup

Stilt grass has been spotted in Stonehenge yards. It is an invasive grass which grows in shady, moist, disturbed locations such as ditches and stream banks but can also be found in sunny areas. The grass can grow as high as three feet and resembles miniature bamboo plants. The leaves alternate along the stem and are 1 to 3 inches in length and 1/2 inch in width. The plant is an annual but produces seeds which are viable for 3 to 5 years.

This grass is equivalent to kudzu in its ability to take over and snuff out competing plant life. It is considered a major threat to Umstead State Park. The plants can be controlled through hand removal for smaller infested plots. Broad-spectrum herbicides such as Roundup-Pro can be used but will kill all green plants to which they are applied. The best time for removal is in late summer before seed production in September.

A brochure giving more information on this pesky grass can be viewed on the Stonehenge website www.stonehengeliving.com or at <http://umsteadcoalition.org>.

“Overheard” on the Stonehenge Yahoo Network

If you are not yet a member of the Stonehenge yahoo network, you missed out on the learning about the following information:

“A Beanie Baby Bear was sitting on top of our cable box this morning (near Halstead & Sawmill corner). If he has a home, please let me know! I brought him inside for safekeeping until his owner comes forward. kellibrandon@nc.rr.com.”

“We were on vacation and now getting our son ready for camp at 6:00 am, and need a paper notarized. Is anyone a notary, or know somewhere we can get something notarized on a Sunday night? Post scrip: Thanks so much!!!! It posted within a minute, and we had a positive response w/in 30 minutes!!!!”

“We had our mailbox on Morgans Way vandalized once again last night (Tuesday Aug 15). This time they just pulled it up from the ground. According to the investigating Sheriff, this also happened to several other boxes on the street. They suspect it's a group of kids walking through the neighborhood. If you have any information that can lead to identifying the culprits, contact the Wake County Sheriff's office. Please take a few minutes to report any incidents and share information with others in our neighborhood. Working together we can preserve the great Stonehenge quality of life and maintain safety.”

“I got a great response and many (newspaper copies) from my post regarding the picture of my daughter in North Raleigh News!! I no longer need anymore. Thanks so much for all who responded!! What nice neighbors!”

“In follow up to our earlier email concerning the theft of mail from our mailbox, the investigator with the Wake Co. Sheriff's Dept. who is handling the matter has told us they have a suspect who apparently circulates the 27613 zip code area looking for mail after the daily delivery. Her scam is that she deposits half of the stolen check into another victim's legitimate checking account and gets half back in cash. (Postscript: The Stonehenge Board followed up with law enforcement authorities and learned that there has been an arrest for these crimes.)”

There have been numerous items for sale and giveaway as well as many recommendations on service professionals. The Stonehenge yahoo network is an excellent means for getting and sharing information specific to our neighborhood.

To join: send an email message to:
stonehengehoa-subscribe@yahoogroups.com

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Join the Stonehenge Supper Club!

Contributed by Angie Morris

My husband, Steve, and I are charter members of the Stonehenge Supper Club. We have enjoyed meeting neighbors we didn't know previously as well as spending time with those we do know, but rarely get to visit. We both like to eat good food and always enjoy a great meal at our gatherings.

Food has transported us to China, Germany, France, Greece, and Le Caribe, among other delicious locations. It is a treat to share stories with neighbors and discover the interests and talent right here in our own backyards. The price is right, too — we have never paid more than \$25.00 for: appetizers, salad, bread, vegetable, entrée, and dessert for TWO. Stonehenge Supper Club is an equal opportunity collection of neighbors — no special cooking skills or ingredients are required! Come dine with us!

2006-2007 Stonehenge Supper Club Schedule:

September 30, 2006: Caribbean

November 4, 2006: Asian

January 27, 2007: German

March 24, 2007: Italian

May 19, 2007: South American/Chile

General format: groups of 8 split cooking duties for each dinner and equalize costs. Couples bring their own wine if desired.

There are currently openings to add more participants and names are also welcome for the substitute list. To sign up or get more information contact Char Rafferty at chart0128@aol.com or 848-6166.

Stonehenge Homeowners' Association

2006 Calendar Year Membership Dues: \$20

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This info is used for the directory.)*

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Please note that dues are collected throughout the calendar year, and therefore this form will reappear in every newsletter. Dues collected in 2006 will be credited to that calendar year.

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Send dues to:

Pat Kosak
2004 Petworth Court
Raleigh, NC 27615

Community Bulletin Board

Please call Mike Luistro for a reliable pet sitter, yard worker, and any other small job. 696-1174. Mike is a teenager who lives in Stonehenge.

Roads Update

Contributed by Chip Davis

Per NCDOT (Ashley Pilkington 733-4768) all roads formerly scheduled for resurfacing in Stonehenge have been removed from the NCDOT list. I was told that the reason for removal was lack of funding. I strongly suggest calling our District Engineer (Battle Whitley) at 733-7759 if you are concerned about the condition of any road in Stonehenge. It appears that the "squeaky wheel" gets the grease as far as road improvement is concerned.

New Neighbor?

Please contact Kelli Brandon to pick up a "Welcome to Stonehenge" packet. The packet includes a Stonehenge Directory and information of interest to new residents.

Phone: 559-2232 Email: kellibrandon@nc.rr.com

Confused about Identity Theft????

If someone uses your credit card number to make an unauthorized purchase - this is credit card fraud. Report any incidents immediately to your credit card company.

If someone uses your personal information to open a credit card account for their own use - this is identity theft. Report this immediately to local law enforcement officers.

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It's useful. Be informed about events happening in our neighborhood.