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Woodlake Homeowners Association*

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Board of Directors Report

Change in Management Company. On July 1, 2007, property management responsibility for the Woodlake Homeowners Association transferred to CAS Inc., replacing Kildaire Management Company. CAS is larger than Kildaire and is able to provide a number of additional services. For more information on CAS, visit their website: www.casnc.com.

If you are paying your monthly WHOA dues by bank draft, no action is required to re-route your payment through CAS. If you have been paying by coupon, new coupon books have been issued. Any payments that were sent to Kildaire in late June or July and for those who paid in full for the year, payments are being manually processed and will be credited to your account accordingly. If you have payment questions, contact CAS' Customer Service Department at 877-420-9320, extension 2.

The CAS account manager for our neighborhood is Todd Petherbridge. Todd is located in CAS' Durham/Chapel Hill office located near the intersection of I-40 and NC 54. He can be reached at the following addresses and phone number:

CAS, Inc.
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Chapel Hill, NC 27517
919-403-1400 ext. 1204
todd@casnc.com

If you have questions about the transfer, contact the WHOA Board at **whoa.board@yahoo.com**.

Website and Listserv Information

The Woodlake website in conjunction with email messages, are the fastest and most accurate source of news about Woodlake activities.

Our e-mailing list is internal and messages sent out will direct you to our website where messages are posted. We disseminate community news and updates through our internal email and periodic announcement updates on our community website. If you have not done so already, begin receiving these emails by visiting the Announcements page of the website, and scroll down to the bottom of the page for the automated form at **www.woodlakecommunity.org**.

If you have any questions or comments on the website, please contact the webmaster at **whoa.communications@yahoo.com**.

Architectural Review Committee

The Architectural Change Request Form has recently been updated. The new forms are available on the Woodlake website and in the white box in front of the clubhouse. Please note that *the main reason for delays in approval is failure to provide the necessary information*. The current form (July 2007) was revised to clarify what is required of homeowners and includes a checklist. Please read the form carefully before submitting.

A couple of points about the review process:

1. The committee meets on the 1st and 3rd Tuesdays of each month to review requests. You must submit 4 copies of the completed Request Forms (and any other requested material) to the white box in front of the clubhouse the Sunday before.
2. Your submitted project is not approved to move forward until you receive approval in writing. For residents who provide an email address (space on top of form), we will notify you of the outcome the evening of your review.
3. The form requires that you obtain the signatures of all neighbors who can easily see the changes you are proposing from their property.

Finally, when you are asked to sign a neighbor's request for change, you are signifying that you have been notified of their intent, not necessarily that you approve of the project. If you have concerns about a neighbor's requested change and would like to come to the ARC review meeting, we have updated the form so that you may request email notification of the meeting date.

The ARC is always looking for members. If you are interested please, contact the current chairman Mick Hill at **whoa.arch@yahoo.com**.

Buildings and Grounds

Trail Upgrades and Resurfacing: Several upgrades and resurfacing of the Woodlake trail system are scheduled for this fall.

Planned work includes installing new drain pipes and rolled curbing in several areas, replacing damaged trail sections, and resealing the entire trail surface. Other potential work includes installation of a new trail section to provide better trail access from Lakeshore Drive (near Cedar Hill Drive). Contractor proposals for this work are due on August 1, with the work to be done in late September through early October. Updates regarding the scope of work, work schedule, and notifications of trail closures will be posted on the Woodlake Announcements webpage.

Pool: The pool opened this year with a new contractor. At the end of the 2007 season, lane lines will be repainted, and the surfaces will be treated to remove the slipperiness. In addition, the pool rules have been revised to remove the restrictions on out-of-town guests using the pool.

Volunteer Work Day: A Volunteer Work Day is scheduled for this fall. Potential activities include planting spring bulbs and perennials, clearing trees and branches along the trails, and general cleanup around the clubhouse. If you would like to help, please e-mail **whoa.grounds@yahoo.com**.

Community Relations Committee

The Community Relations Committee is the primary point of contact between Woodlake and the surrounding areas and local government agencies (e.g., the police department and planning commission). The committee generally meets on the third Tuesday of every month at 7:15 p.m. at the Clubhouse. If you would like to be involved or learn more about what is happening, please contact Margo Scott at 919-491-4181 or by e-mail to whoa.community@yahoo.com.

Join Neighborhood Watch – Protect our

Neighborhood: Neighborhood watch, block watch, town watch--whatever the title, this initiative is one of the most effective ways to prevent crime, attend to home and personal security, address the safety of our children and seniors, and reduce fear and isolation. Civic involvement, collaborative problem-solving and mutual commitments have helped cities and neighborhoods reduce crime by significant numbers and build community cohesiveness.

BENEFITS OF NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH:

1. Builds bonds with neighbors; people look out for one another; it stimulates neighborhood awareness;
2. Deters criminal activity;
3. Creates a greater sense of security and reduces fear of crime;
4. Instructs residents on how to observe and report suspicious activities in your community;
5. Addresses quality of life issues and mutual interests in your community.
6. Enhances neighborhood cohesiveness; and
7. Works collaboratively with other civic activities.

To succeed, Neighborhood Watch needs volunteers to serve as coordinators and block captains. To get involved, please call Dona Aguayo at 919-641-5819 or email at whoa.nwatch@yahoo.com.

What does a Neighborhood Watch participant do?

- Neighborhood Watch is neighbors helping neighbors. They are extra eyes and ears for reporting crime and helping neighbors.
- Members meet their neighbors, learn how to make their homes more secure, watch out for each other and the neighborhood, and report activity that raise their suspicions to the police.

What are my responsibilities as a Watch Member?

- Know your neighbors and watch out for each other.
- Report suspicious activities and crimes to the police (call 911).
- Learn how you can make yourself and your community alert.
- Let your neighborhood Watch Coordinator and your neighbors know about any incidents.

Woodlake Seniors

The Woodlake Seniors Group (WSG) meets for a potluck breakfast on the third Tuesday of the month at the Woodlake Clubhouse. Any Woodlake resident who is 55+ years is invited. If you are interested in attending, please send an email to whoa.seniors@yahoo.com.

Welcome Committee

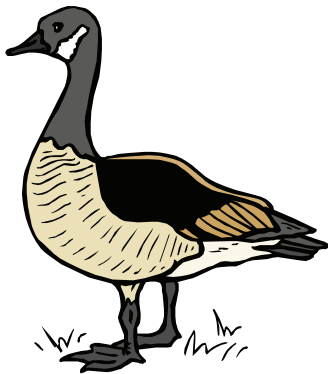
The Woodlake Welcoming Committee works to create a sense of neighborhood by delivering a welcome basket with area information to new homeowners. Due to the change in our management company, information on new residents has been slow to reach the committee.

If you have moved into Woodlake within the past 3 months and have not received a visit, please let the committee know by contacting Betty Turnbull at 919-361-5041 or by email to whoa.welcome@yahoo.com

If you would like to greet new neighbors and become part of this committee, please let Betty know. New committee members are always welcome.

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PLEASE Do not feed the Geese: Woodlake residents have various opinions on Canada geese. Based on discussions with multiple residents, the most common opinion is that while we want to maintain a natural environment, geese are a nuisance if there numbers become too large. The two most common complaints about geese are the volume of goose dropping on the trails and lawns, and the damage to yards caused by excessive grazing. In an effort to control the size of the flock, the WHOA has adopted several rules and has taken a variety of actions. The most important of these rules is to not feed them. Feeding the geese bread, cereal, or other material encourages them to hang around for a free meal. Prior to adopting the “don’t feed” policy, there were up to 175 geese counted on the lake at one time. Currently the number is down to approximately 50. If you see someone feeding the geese, please tell them that the neighborhood has a policy to not feed the geese and explain why if necessary. Our experience is that most of the people feeding geese will stop if asked and say they weren’t aware of the rule. If you would like to share your thoughts, experiences, or suggestions with the WHOA Board, please send an e-mail to **whoa.board@yahoo.com**.



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