



Stowe Creek HOA

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SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST:

- **Rezoning Meeting**
Monday,
May 18th
- **Pool Opening**
Saturday,
May 23
- **Pool Luau**
Saturday,
June 13

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Notes From The Board....

Your board and our committee volunteers has been very busy this spring!

The Pool Committee has had a number of issues to tackle this year. Significant repairs have been completed to replace our pump motor and to bring the pool into compliance with new safety legislation. They are also looking into some new furniture for the pool area.

This year we will add some additional lifeguard staff to increase safety and ensure all pool passes are being checked. The pool passes will be in the mail soon and we will open up Memorial Day weekend.

The Landscape Committee has hired a new landscape firm who just completed replacing the dead trees around the pool area and installing pine needles. "No Soliciting" and "Slow Down-We Love our Children" signs have been installed. We are also hoping to replace the dead trees along Shopton Road if our finances will permit.

Speaking of finances, I would like to thank the 261 homeowners who have paid their 2009 assessments. At this time we have \$89,967 in delinquent accounts. We certainly understand these are difficult times. Please contact the Kuester Office if you are having trouble paying your assessment to request a payment

plan. Further, please remember, pool passes will only be mailed to current accounts.

The Rules and Regulations Committee has been very active. As you may recall they launched the Rules and Regulations Handbook last year. This year they are working hard to ensure we all comply with those rules. In keeping with their new role we have changed their name to the **Compliance Committee**.



They have updated the Stowe Creek Compliance Policy to ensure the effectiveness of our property inspections and to provide a consistent policy regarding violation fees. The Compliance Committee has recently begun a process of supplemental property inspections to ensure full community coverage.

Further, an Adjudicatory Council of residents has been organized and have begun to hear violation cases and assess fees. As you can imagine, the work of the Compliance Committee and the Adjudicatory Council is not always pleasant and we certainly appreciate the

important efforts of these volunteers.

Let's face it. We all know the rules and the minimal effort it takes to comply with them. Basic property maintenance combined with some mutual respect is all it takes to avoid violation fees.

One of our most important committees is our **Social Committee**. We had a very successful Easter Egg Hunt last month and are looking forward to a great pool party on June 13.

Our current Social Committee is very small and needs more committee members to make our social events a reality. Please email **E b o n y J o n e s** at e4bony@yahoo.com to offer your help to this fun group.

Last but not least is our **Neighborhood Watch** effort. I personally want to thank Mike Nicely and his volunteers for their efforts to make our community a safe place to live.

That is the latest from your board. Let's continue to work together to make this a great community!

Ed Runte'

The Adjudicatory Committee



Adjudicate: To hear and settle a case, dispute or conflict by way of judicial procedure; to act as judge.

The panel is made up of residents in our community who are devoting their time and resources to making our community a better place to live.

As a means of improving our community, in accordance with the CCRs and Rules & Regulations handbook, violation notices are issued from Kuester Management Group to address rules that are in violation.

A Friendly Reminder notice is first sent to give notice of an infraction to the rules. Upon no correction, a Warning notice is sent 7 days later.

A continued uncorrected violation warrants a letter to attend a hearing to present your information before the Adjudicatory panel.

The panel is made up of residents in our community who have volunteered their time to

making our community a better place to live.

If you are called to a hearing you may be subject to the following:

- Initial violation \$25 and 7 days to cure.
- If the violation remains uncured a \$25 fine per subsequent inspection with 7 days to cure.
- If the violation is cured after the initial hearing, a recurrence of the same violation may result in a \$100 fine per subsequent inspection without prior notice or warning.
- If the violation remains uncured, a \$25 fine per subsequent inspection will be issued with 7 days.
- Fees may be waived by

the Adjudicatory Panel due to extraordinary hardship by the resident.

We hope to get to the point where there will be no need for such action, but until we are there, we appreciate your cooperation.

We thank you for taking pride and ownership of your responsibilities in our community to making this a safe, enjoyable and aesthetically pleasing place to live. To view the complete Compliancy Policy, visit www.kuester.com.

Sincerely,
The Adjudicatory Panel

Rezoning of Berewick

On Monday, May 18, 2009 at 6:00pm, there was to be a hearing to discuss the possible rezoning of the Berewick Community and surrounding areas (Rezoning Petition: 2009-037).

If you would like to speak

to City Council regarding this issue, call the City Clerk's office (704) 336-2248. You may also sign up to speak immediately before any public hearing in the Council Chambers.

For more information on the rezoning go to

www.charmeck.org.

For more information on Berewick's plan visit www.berewickforums.com or <http://steelecreekresidents.org>.

Berewick Elementary

It's official! Stowe Creek has been zoned for the new Berewick Elementary school, located past the Berewick community on Dixie River Road. The school is a joint project between Charlotte-Mecklenburg Schools and Mecklenburg County Parks and Recreation. The project will feature "the largest



We are... the Berewick Bobcats!

planned district park in Mecklenburg County, [with] 195 acres of soccer fields,

ball fields, playgrounds and a dog park", according to the CMS website.

Berewick Elementary is slated to open August 2009. For more information or to register your child, visit <http://pages.cms.k12.nc.us/berewick/> or call 980-343-0383.

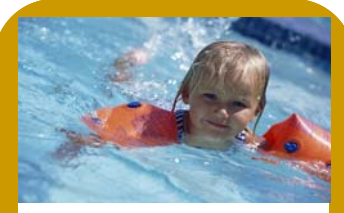
Swimming Pool Rules

- Pool Tags must be presented to be admitted to the pool area.
- Pool use is restricted to residents and their guests.
- No more than four guests per household may use the pool at one time.
- Children under 15 must be accompanied by a responsible adult of at least 18 years of age.
- The wading pool is for use by children 6 years of age and under.
- No running, diving, pushing or throwing into the pool.
- No Alcoholic Beverage Containers, smoking, drugs, glass items, or chewing gum Allowed in the pool area.
- No radios shall be permitted in the pool area with out headphones.
- Children who are not toilet-trained must wear a swimsuit diaper or plastic pants and a swim suit.
- Parents assume full responsibility for the actions of their children.

1st offense - verbal warning, possible sitting out of pool for 30 minutes.

2nd offense – immediate loss of pool privileges for 24 hours. Parents notified if offender is a minor.

3rd offense - suspension of pool privileges for a length of time determined by the HOA Board.



**Our Community Pool
Opens May 23rd**

Pool Hours:

May 23 - September 7

Monday - Saturday 10am-8pm

Sunday 12am-8pm

****Hours are 4pm-8pm on days
schools are in session**

A Note On Safety.....

The good news is that crime is down in the area more than 49% overall in armed robbery, auto theft, resident burglary and larceny from auto. The not-so-good news is the low turnout at the monthly Neighborhood Watch meetings.



owners getting involved and reporting things when they see them. So THANK YOU to those who are helping to make our neighborhood a little safer. To those who would like to become involved yet don't know where to start, contact our Neighborhood Watch Chairperson, Mike Nicely, at mike.nicely@shawgrp.com.

The area has seen a reduction in crime due to police initiatives along with home-



First Annual Stowe Creek Easter Egg Hunt



Do you have experience with graphic design?

Do you have a creative spark and a desire to put your mark on the neighborhood?

Then Stowe Creek needs YOU!

We are looking for a Stowe Creek logo and tagline to represent who we are as a community. Submissions should be sent to Rita Barrett at rbarrett@kuester.com by July 1, 2009. The Board will select the best idea submitted and both logo and tagline will be featured in the next issue of Stowe Creek Connection. The winner will also get a Target Gift Card.

We look forward to seeing your ideas!

Attention Pet Owners

For the safety of your pet and your neighbors, please be sure your animal is kept on a leash when not indoors. Also, please be sure you are cleaning up after your pet.

THANK YOU!



THANK YOU TO A LONG TIME VOLUNTEER!

Daphne Stender, a board member and Social Committee chairperson, has resigned. Daphne has spent countless hours planning and executing events and activities to help make our neighborhood a true community. We will miss Daphne's dedication and drive.

Daphne, thank you for your service to our community!



Your Stowe Creek Board and Committees

Your Stowe Creek HOA Board Members and Committee Chairs are listed below. If you have any questions or would like to become more involved in the neighborhood, please contact one of the board members or the chairperson of the committee with which you would like to become involved.

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