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Message from the President CPHOA

I want to thank everyone who takes the time to read this newsletter and especially my contribution to it every month. We want all members of our Association to be as aware of what is going on as possible. It's not always easy for us to keep people informed. We really only have four means of doing so. The first being this newsletter which our Communications Committee produces each month. They work very hard and do a great job. If any of you would like to get involved or contribute to the newsletter in some way, please let us know. The second is the official web-site: www.curtispond.net, it is also done under the control of the Communications Committee. If you don't visit the site regularly, you should. It is updated often and there is tons of great info on it about our HOA, the BOD and also about the Mooresville area in general. Thirdly, you can always e-mail us at board@curtispondhomeowners.com. We respond to most questions and concerns the same day we receive them. The fourth means of communicating with our members is our monthly BOD meetings. They are always open to anyone who wishes to attend. We get valuable input from people who attend and we always have a Q&A session so you can feel free to ask questions about anything you'd like. The next board meeting will be held at the pool area on Thursday October 4th at 7PM.

We are often asked why we eliminated the open forum section of the web-site. It's quite simple really, and has nothing to do with (as some believe) a wish to cut off communication with members. The truth is that without exception forums such as ours invariably become places for people to air their frustration and anger. Not just with the BOD but with each other. The BOD's feeling is that we all pay our dues, which in turn pay for the web-site and thus the forum. We think that no member of our Association should in effect pay for the forum and then be subject to public attack or ridicule on it. Also, by allowing opportunity for the attack, we would be just as guilty as the person who said it. I am aware that there are other unofficial "Curtis Pond" web-sites with forums. You are free to participate in them if you choose. I have chosen not to and I would urge you not to either. The main problem that I have with these forums (besides the negativity) is that they allow people to post anonymously. In other words a person can go on and say almost any outlandish thing they want about absolutely anyone they want, with no culpability. This is how vicious rumors get started and how vicious rumors get spread. Unfounded accusations and threats it would seem are made on a regular basis. If you are searching for anything resembling fact or reality, please look elsewhere.

There's one other issue I'd like to mention this month. It is the issue that first got me interested and involved in neighborhood politics. It is the use, or rather the misuse and abuse of the proxy-vote privilege. In January '06 at our annual meeting the entire outcome of the election was determined by the misuse and abuse of proxy votes. More recently, proxies were collected last spring by a group of people to be used for a one-time vote that never even took place. The potential misuse and abuse of these proxy votes may take place this winter at our annual meeting. Whether people understood it or not, these proxies which were to be used for one vote, are valid for one calendar year, and can be used in any election for any purpose. If you were one of the people who assigned control of your vote last spring, you need to contact us at board@curtispondhomeowners.com to rescind your proxy. If you are one of the people who collected them, you should honor the intent with which they were given and not use them in elections other than the one for which they were intended. It is critically important that you do this so that the voting that takes place in January is fair, honest and truly representative of what all of our Association Members want. I can't stress strongly enough how important I feel this is.

Andy Good, President, Curtis Pond Owners Association Board of Directors

The October Meeting of the Curtis Pond Owners Association Board of Directors is scheduled for October 4th at 7pm. The meeting will be held at the pool. All Members of the Association are invited to attend the Open Session. A brief Question and answer session will be held before the start of the Closed Session.

CP Committee Updates

The Curtis Pond Owners Association Board of Directors would like to take a moment to thank the members of our Landscape, ARC, and CCR Enforcement Committees. Their hard work is making a difference.

CPHOA ARC Form Submissions

Please submit ARC Forms for all changes and additions PRIOR to making them. You can download ARC Forms from the Official CPHOA website at:

<http://www.curtispond.net>

Please submit your ARC to:

Stephen Efird
Property Manager
William Douglas Management Company
Fax 704-377-3408

Featured Local Attraction—Stone Mountain State Park



Stone Mountain NC

Location: Alleghany and Wilkes counties.

Access: Seven miles southwest of Roaring Gap and 25 miles northeast of North Wilkesboro. From US 21 take SR 1002 about four and a half miles to Traphill. In Traphill, turn north on the John P Frank Parkway and proceed two miles into the park.

Size: 13,670 acres in 2000.

Elevation: 2305 ft. atop Stone Mountain.

Contact: The park office at (336) 957-8185.

Park history

Located on more than 13,500 acres in Wilkes and Alleghany counties, Stone Mountain State Park offers cascading waterfalls and cool mountain streams, quiet forests abundant with wildlife, scenic hiking trails and a historic mountain homestead.

One of the park's most spectacular features is Stone Mountain, a 600-foot granite dome. This magnificent feature is part of a 25-square-mile pluton, an igneous rock formed beneath the earth's surface by molten lava. Over time, wind, water and other forces gradually eroded the softer layers of rock atop the granite block and exposed the outcrop we see today. Wet weather springs continually carve troughs in the granite as water runs down the mountain's sloping face.

Established in 1969 and designated a National Natural Landmark in 1975, Stone Mountain is bounded by the Blue Ridge Parkway and the Thurmond Chatham Game Lands.

Long before becoming a state park, Stone Mountain was settled by families of English, German, Irish, French and Scotch-Irish descent who built the log homes, farms, mills, churches and schools needed for self-sufficient communities.

Camp sites and facilities are available.



Only **YOU** can help keep
Curtis Pond Clean

Please dispose of trash in the
cans around the Pond and
Basketball court.

To Pet Owners

Canine waste contains lots of nasty bacteria with almost unpronounceable names: *fecal streptococcus* and *fecal coliforms* are just two examples. In sufficiently high amounts, these bacteria can make people sick — sometimes very sick. For example, *E. coli* bacteria often causes gastrointestinal infections, as well as infections to the ear, eye, and throat. Another bacteria, *campylobacter*, can cause diarrhea in humans. Still another form of poop-loving bacteria, *salmonella*, can cause infections that trigger fever, muscle aches, headache, vomiting, and diarrhea.

***Please clean up after
your dog.***



Landscaping Committee Update

The landscaping committee has been busy spreading mulch around the walking trail at the pond, although the hot summer sun delayed our efforts, with a couple of volunteers we were able to complete to the project. We chose to spread mulch around the trails in hopes of stopping the erosion and to make it much nicer to walk along. Now that the fall air has cooled things down the landscaping committee will be starting other projects to beautify the neighborhood; including another “community day” in October.

Fall is a wonderful time of year to thin out your flower beds; if you have flowers or shrubs that you would like to donate to the landscaping committee that can be planted around the neighborhood, or if you are you are interested in helping the landscaping committee, please contact us at:

landscape@curtispondhomeowners.com

Stage Two Mandatory Water Restriction

Reminder: Mooresville is in a stage two mandatory water restriction. It is unlawful for a customer to: irrigate lawns, shrubbery, and trees and other outside water uses except by the following schedules and restrictions:

- All even numbered street addresses shall water only on Wednesday, Friday, and Sunday between 7:00 p.m. to 6:00 a.m.
- All odd numbered street addresses shall water only on Tuesday, Thursday, and Saturday between 7:00 p.m. to 6:00 a.m.
- No sprinkler irrigation of lawns, shrubbery, and trees on Monday.

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Snippets

Halloween- Trick or Treating in Curtis Pond will be
Wednesday October 31st

Daylight savings will be November 4, 2007 at 2:00am.

School Holiday

No School – Thursday 11/1 & Friday 11/2

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Reminder:

Per Town of Mooresville sanitation dept. Trash cans and trash are not to be put out until 6:00pm the night before trash pick up and should be taken back in by 7:00pm on pickup day.