

At The Crossing

2nd quarter 2007

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At A Glance

Next BOD Meeting

Saturday July 14, 2007

9:30 AM

Kildaire Management Office
4328 Belnap Dr
Apex, NC 27539

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Pool Openings

Large Pool - May 12, 2007

Small Pool - May 26, 2007

Ice Cream Social

Saturday, June 16, 2007

1PM at the large pool

Get more info at:

www.hollandscrossing.org

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From the President

Fellow Homeowners, I would like to take this moment to formally introduce myself to you. My name is Kerri Arthur. I had the privilege of moving into this community in November of 2005. I am very happy to be a part of this community and want to thank you for giving me the opportunity to serve you. I hope you will enjoy our new newsletter. The board of directors will be meeting quarterly and you will receive your newsletter shortly after the meetings have been held, as always you are more than welcome to attend any board meeting. Take a moment to look over the new format, and please feel free to ask questions or offer suggestions. We have some exciting events planned for this year and new ideas are popping up all the time. Please take a moment to read the article on page 3 regarding our committees and see if your talents could serve your community. Most importantly, I want you to know that the board of directors is here for you. It is imperative that we receive your suggestions and feedback. If you have not before, take a moment to look at our website hollandscrossing.org, and as always, please let me know if there is anything I can do for you.

Kerri Arthur

**For the most up-to-date information, happenings
and news go to our website:**

www.hollandscrossing.org

Financial Report

Strong cash balance at the end of March. \$80,359.58 in savings/operating cash account; Crescent State Bank balance of \$9,564.89; Reserve Funds Cash invested of \$34,233.07. March year to date Net Income of \$60,235.26 is very strong with the homeowners' assessment due in full in the first quarter of the year. Net Income is even stronger when factoring in the \$16,881.52 of 2007 funds collected in 2006. With relatively low expenses in January and February we did see an "up-tick" in March activity. Aside from our three large contract commitments, in March we paid \$5,054.00 in landscaping projects and another \$5,477.38 for the small pool cover. We also covered our pool permits in March at a price of \$550.00 for both pools. Delinquency balances are dropping rapidly as expected with the largest outstanding balance in January.

NOTICE: After two plus years of service to this community, Gene Tomzack and his family, will be moving. This will leave the Board of directors with an opening for the treasurer position. If you have the gift of numbers and would like to serve your community in this position, please contact Kerri Arthur.

Please join with us in thanking Gene for all his work and dedication, and wish him well in his new home.

Thank You Gene!

Secretary's Report

Minutes Summary from January 13, 20007

Rob Gates, Jack Best, and Kerri Arthur were appointed to serve on the architectural committee Chairman to be Rob Gates. Additional volunteers are still needed, see "Get Involved" on page 3.

A motion to install a cover for the small pool was approved, which is anticipated in saving money in maintenance and electricity over the winter.

Pool houses and bathrooms will be painted and repaired prior to pool season open.

The contract with Fontaine Landscaping was approved for extension for three years

The board approved the a newsletter published by the association, to be done on a quarterly basis after each board meeting.

Atlantis Swim School was approved to provide swim lessons for homeowners for 2007. See their add, pg 8.

Anyone wishing to see the complete minutes, please go to our website at www.hollandscrossing.org; or contact Kildaire Management at 387-8883.



Committees

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| Active Grounds | Co-Chair | Tiffany Marshburn | tjmarshburn@yahoo.com |
| | Co-Chair | Nancy Bartlett | pnbart@nc.rr.com |
| Architectural | Chair | Rob Gates | robgates@yahoo.com |
| Newsletter | Chair | Kerri Arthur | kerri.arthur@gmail.com |
| Social | Chair | Laura Tomzack | ltomczak@nc.rr.com |
| Webmaster | | Tim Arthur | webmasterhc@gmail.com |

Active Grounds

The grounds committee will be heading up a volunteer effort to clean up and beautify the natural area by the pond behind the large pool parking lot. If you would like more information regarding this effort, or if you would like to help, please contact Tiffany Marshburn

The Active Grounds committee is currently looking for members. If you have a talent with landscaping, and would like to help keep our neighborhood a beautiful place to live, please contact Tiffany Marshburn or Nancy Bartlett for information on joining this committee.

Architectural Review

There were no architectural requests made for the second quarter.

This is a great time to take advantage of the offer by the town of Apex. See the article on page 7. If you decide to take advantage of this fee vacation, get your architectural request in for review.

Architectural request forms can be found on our website, www.hollandscrossing.org

If you would like to be a member of the Architectural Review committee, please contact Rob Gates for information.

Social Committee



Upcoming Book Club Reads

The Hollands Crossing Book Club is open to all residents and meets on a monthly basis. Members take turns at choosing a book to read and hosting the meeting. This is a very relaxed group! No commitment to attend! Come to as many or as few meeting as you would like. For more information, contact Laura, ltomczak@nc.rr.com.

May 16, 7:00pm – A Rather Lovely Inheritance by C.A. Belmond

NOTICE: We would like to take this opportunity to thank Laura Tomzack for her hard work and dedication to the neighborhood as the Chair for the Social committee. We wish her and her family best wishes for their new home.

Thank You Laura!

Easter egg Hunt

On Saturday, March 31, we held our annual Easter Egg Hunt on the lawn surrounding the small pool. An estimated 30-40 kids took part, finding candy-filled Easter eggs. Some lucky boys and girls even found special eggs with “surprise!” prizes inside. A lunch of pizza and juice was enjoyed by all. Thanks to everyone who came out to help find the Easter Bunny’s hidden eggs! With such enthusiasm from the Hollands Crossing kids, he’ll be sure to hop down our path again next year!

Spring Yard Sale

Thanks to all the Hollands Crossing residents who participated in the community yard sale on April 21st. Everyone will agree, the weather was just perfect for this event! If you didn’t sell out all your “stock” at this sale, don’t forget that come fall we’ll have another sale. The fall yard sale will be held on Saturday, September 29th.

Ice Cream Social

Mark your calendars! The annual Ice Cream Social is slated for Saturday, June 16th at 1:00pm at the small pool. Kick off the summer with a cool treat! Both kids and adults are welcome! In case of rain, the social will be held the following Saturday, June 23rd.

Hot Dog Cook Out

This annual event will be held on Sunday, August 26th at the small pool at 5:00pm. Bring a blanket or a chair and a dish to share. We’ll provide hot dogs and the fixings and soda. In case of rain, the cook out will be held the following Sunday, September 2nd.

GET INVOLVED!



We live in a good neighborhood, but wouldn’t you like to say we live in a great neighborhood? Or perhaps the best neighborhood in Apex?!

YOU CAN MAKE IT HAPPEN!!!

We are looking for homeowners who want to make a difference in our community. Our committees need homeowner involvement if they are to succeed. Being a member of a committee takes only a very little of your time but will make a very large impact on your community. Please take this opportunity to review how your skills and talents can be used to make Hollands Crossing the Peak Neighborhood in Apex!

Summary of Committees:

Architectural Committee – 2-4 homeowners needed to review homeowner submitted architectural requests.

Newsletter committee – Homeowners needed to help with content and layout of quarterly newsletter

Active Grounds Committee – Homeowners with an interest in maintaining the beauty and improving our neighborhood

Social Committee – Homeowners needed to help with planning and implementation of community social events.

Please contact Kerri Arthur at kerri.arthur@gmail.com for more detailed descriptions and information on how you can become an active member of your community.

Hollands Crossing Homeowners Tip

LAWN CARE

Growing grass in North Carolina is a challenge. The suggestions in this Homeowners Tip are a compilation of experience and information from homeowners, landscapers and manufacturers of lawn care products. It is meant as a guideline and not a guarantee of success. However, if followed, the results are generally very satisfactory.

Realtors will tell you.....landscaping and outside building maintenance are the single most important asset for the initial impression. It's called "curb appeal"!! Time on market and property values is enhanced when curb appeal is high.

The "recipe-for-a-nice-looking fescue lawn follows:

(Note: our lawns average 5000 sq. ft. for calculating your fertilizer, seed, etc. purchases – lawns need 1 inch/week of water during summer months). Costs are estimated and will vary based on sales, etc.



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| JANUARY | Month of rest | |
| FEBRUARY | 1) Lawn Fertilizer 30-3-3 2) Tree & Shrub Fertilizer | \$5-\$10 \$10 |
| MARCH | Crab Grass Emergent/Prevention | \$15 |
| APRIL | Weed & Feed Fertilizer 29-3-3 | \$5 - \$10 |
| MAY | Pelletized Lime 4-40 Lb. Bags | \$12 |
| JUNE | Grub & Insect Control (If not used, roots are destroyed) | \$12 - \$18 |
| JULY | Month of rest | |
| AUGUST | Pelletized Lime 4-40 Lb. Bags | \$12 |
| SEPTEMBER | 1) Aerate (suggest hiring out) 2) Plant Grass Seed-every year! | \$75 \$30 - \$50 |
| OCTOBER | 1) Starter Fertilizer 2) Tree & Shrub Fertilizer | \$5 - \$10 \$10 |
| NOVEMBER | Winter Fertilizer 24-3-12 | \$5 - \$10 |
| DECEMBER | Rake Leaves | |



DO-IT-YOURSELF ESTIMATED COST \$196 - \$242
CONTRACT SERVICE ESTIMATED COST \$345 - \$365

Beautification Program

The Board of Directors have approved a "Beautification Program" to encourage every homeowner to plant a tree in their front lawn. The program will reimburse 50% of the purchase cost (up to \$75.00) per homeowner for the planting of a tree. One time only payments will be made to 30 homeowners per year (33 homeowners in year 11) based on a first-come-first serve basis.

The steps to secure a rebate are:

- 1.# Submit an Architectural Request Form (ARF) from the Architectural Standards & Control Specifications document dated August 1997 to Kildaire Management Co, Inc., PMB #112, 3434-135 Kildaire Farm Road, Cary, NC 27511.
- 2.# After the homeowners receipt of the ARF approval from Kildaire Management Co., the homeowner may purchase the tree and send the receipt to Kildaire Management Co. for processing.
- 3.# Kildaire Management Co. will inspect the property for completion of the tree planting per the approved ARF and issue the reimbursement check.

If any additional information is required, please e-mail Mr. Dave Grant at kildaire@aol.com or call 919-387-8883. You can get the ARF form online at <http://www.hollandscrossing.org> .

Town of Apex Yard Waste Collection Guidelines

Yard waste collection will occur in our neighborhood weekly, every Friday.

Please remember to have your yard waste at the curb by 7:30 AM Friday morning.

The Town of Apex, provides three types of yard waste services to its citizens. Collection is provided by the use of vacuum trucks, chippers and a grapple truck.

In keeping with the town's desire to utilize and maintain the equipment properly and maximize service to residents, we ask that our citizens use the following guidelines to properly dispose of their yard waste.

DO NOT PLACE YARD WASTE IN BAGS, CONTAINERS, or YOUR TRASH CART.

Leaves and grass clippings will be collected curbside, year round, by vacuum trucks. Please rake leaves and grass clippings to the curb for collection.

Grass clipping collection includes:

Grass clippings

Pine straw

Pine cones

Weeds and garden waste

Straw

Leaves

Small shrubbery clippings

The Town **does not collect** materials such as dirt, concrete, rocks, construction debris, rubbish, and animal waste. These items can damage the vacuum and/or cause delays in collection. Yard waste contaminated with non-organic rubbish will be left at the curb for disposal by the resident.

Limbs are chipped curbside year-round and should be placed curbside for collection. Limbs should not be bundled, bagged or placed in containers. Limbs to be chipped should be a minimum of 3 feet long and no more than 8 feet long. Maximum diameter is 8 inches. Christmas trees are chipped curbside as part of the Town's regular chipping routes. Remove ALL decorations from the tree, including any nails and the stand and place at the curb for collection. **Please create separate piles for grass clippings and sticks/limbs.**

Logs, stumps, and roots greater than 8 inches in diameter should be placed at the curb separately. Contact the Public Works and Utilities Department at 249-3427 to request collection of these oversized items.

Please do not place yard waste near automobiles, mailboxes, utility poles or other structures.

The Town will be continuously swept, but during peak collection time, collection may not occur on a weekly basis. After peak collection time, yard waste should be collected in each neighborhood on a weekly basis. Contact the Public Works Department at 249-3427 if you have any questions regarding the Town's yard waste collection service.



From the Editor

I hope you are enjoying your first new newsletter. I am hoping that this new format will better serve our communication needs. Newsletters will now be mailed quarterly directly from Kildaire Management, following each board of directors meeting. Please feel free to relay any questions, comments or suggestions regarding the new newsletter.

Our goal, as always, is to provide you with all of the important up to date Hollands Crossing information and news in the most productive way possible. If you would like to join our newsletter committee or if you have news or information that would be valuable to the Hollands Crossing community, please contact Kerri Arthur at hollandscrossing@gmail.com.

HOLLANDS CROSSING COMMUNITY POOL

Rules & Regulations

The following pool rules and regulations are distributed for the mutual benefit of the residents and their guests within the Hollands Crossing community. Your cooperation and respect for the rights of others is necessary to insure continued enjoyment of the facilities. Residents should take responsibility for enforcing these rules. When a resident spots infractions, s/he should point them out to the offender. If this does not help, s/he should report the incident to Kildaire Management (919) 387-8883. ***Fines for violation of the Rules are up to \$100.00 per occurrence.***

- 1.# Only homeowners in good standing (current with dues) are allowed the use of the facilities.
- 2.# Pool hours are from 9 a.m. to 8:30 PM.
- 3.# Please use the pool at your own risk. No lifeguard is on duty.
- 4.# Adult residents must accompany guests (limited to 2) at all times.
- 5.# No person under the age of 14 will be allowed in the pool area unless accompanied by an adult (18 years or older) who assumes responsibility for that person.
- 6.# All persons must shower before entering the pool.
- 7.# Only appropriate swimming attire is allowed in the pool area.
- 8.# No animals of any kind are allowed in the pool area.
No one is allowed to swim alone.
10. No glass containers of any kind are allowed in pool area. Should glass be broken.
Wake County will close the pool until the pool is drained, cleaned, and all glass removed.
- 11.# No food of any kind is allowed in the pool.
- 12.# No bicycles, skateboards, roller blades, scooters, are allowed in the pool area.
- 13.# No floats or rafts larger than 3 feet are allowed in the pool on weekends.
- 14.# No running or horseplay is allowed in the pool area.
- 15.# No one with an infectious disease, inflamed eyes, nasal, or ear discharge open wounds or bandages will be allowed in the pool.
- 16.#Do not litter. All trash and paper must be put in the trash containers that are provided.
- 17.#Residents will be held responsible for the actions of their family and their guests. Any cost of property damage will be charged to the responsible resident.
- 18.#The association or management will not be responsible for the loss or damage to any personal property of any kind.
- 19.#All children that are NOT potty trained MUST wear Rubber Swim Pants. This is a Wake County rule and any potty accidents will result in the pool being closed for a 24-hour period.
- 20.#Smoking is not permitted in the pool area.
- 21.#No audible radio, CD, tape, etc. payers are permitted in the pool area.
- 22.#No alcohol of any type (can, bottles or plastic) is allowed in the pool or pool area.
- 23.#Parking at the pool areas is restricted for residents and their guests for pool usage only. All other will be towed at the owner's expense.
24. Pool keys are available at the Kildaire Management Office (4328 Belnap Drive in Apex.) The first key is free and the second card may be ordered for a fee of \$15.00. Damaged/Stolen/Lost keys will cost \$30.00.

Town of Apex gives homeowners a break

Home renovations are rarely cheap with costs easily reaching thousands of dollars, so the Town of Apex has decided to help residents save a few bucks while making home improvements.

The Apex Town Council recently approved a measure to temporarily waive permit fees for certain home improvement projects. During the Home Improvement Holiday, Apex residents who obtain permits between April 2 and June 29 will not pay the Town's permitting fees.

The temporary waiver of permit and inspection fees applies specifically to:

- # Additions to existing residences
- # Remodeling of existing residences
- # Roof replacement for existing residences
- # Accessory structures (decks, storage buildings and the like)
- # Enclosures such as patios, screened porches, and sun rooms
- # Block walls and/or columns for existing residences or their yards
- # Swimming pools, spas, hot tubs for existing residences

Homeowners who are planning a home improvement project and want more information about the Home Improvement Holiday should call the Town of Apex Permits & Inspections office at (919) 249-3418 or stop by the Apex Town Hall located at 73 Hunter Street to speak with a Permits Specialist.

The Apex Chamber of Commerce has arranged special incentives that are being offered to help homeowners with their home improvement projects during the Home Improvement Holiday. For information please contact The Apex Chamber Office at 362-6456. (Taken from the Town of Apex website, www.apexnc.org)

Welcome new neighbors! Madden Crossing

15 custom homes are planned to be built on the 6 acres of land between Apex Barbeque Road and Grassy Point Road (East to West) and Kinship Lane and South of the Large Pool (South to North). Home values will be between \$400,000 and \$600,000. These homes will be adjacent to 19 homes in Hollands Crossing on Kinship Lane and Grassy Point Road.

Ground breaking is to occur sometime on or after September 1, 2007.

Any property within 300 feet of the projected site received an informative letter and a copy of the proposed plot map.

The developers, are of course, under strict supervision of the town of apex to observe all ordinances, I have been assured that they will protect as many trees as possible and runoff water will not exceed the current volume.

If you have any questions regarding this project, please contact Sean Dolle from the development planning firm of Jones, Cnossen & Dolle Engineering, PLLC at 919-387-1174.

It is understandable that such an undertaking will have effects on the homeowners of Hollands crossing, I have been assured by Sean A. Dolle from Cnossen & Dolle Engineering, PLLC, that they are taking every possible precaution to prevent any problems with flooding/runoff water and will maintain as much of the wooded property as possible.

A copy of the letter sent to the homeowners as well as a plot map of the proposed development is also on file at the office of Kildaire Management. If you would like a copy of either of these, please contact them at 387-8883.

Hollands Crossing Swim Team The Sea Dragons



Holland's Crossing Swim Team is under way. The team is open to all kids up to the age of 18. Your child must be able to swim at least 25 meters or the long length of the big pool. This is a great opportunity for kids and parents to be involved in a community activity. We will compete within the Tarheel Swimming Association. Many of our surrounding subdivisions also compete with them. The cost per child is \$50. Goggles and team suits will be available at discounts. You can begin contacting me at cox.wendy@gmail.com

SWIM LESSONS **IN YOUR POOL**

Summer Session Dates:

Summer 1 ~ June 11-June 30

Summer 2 ~ July 9-July 28

Summer 3 ~ July 30-August 18

To register for classes

Simply visit www.atlantis-swim-school.com

Don't see a class on the website that works for you? Make a schedule request.

WE REALLY DO CREATE OUR ENTIRE
SUMMER SCHEDULE BASED ON
YOUR SCHEDULE REQUESTS!!!

Registration Deadlines:

Summer 1 ~ May 30

Summer 2 ~ June 20

Summer 3 ~ July 19



Not computer savvy
or have additional
questions? Call us.
(919) 342.6756

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