



Wellington Park HOA Newsletter May 2021

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Pool Update- The crumbling plaster, on the bottom of the deep end, has been repaired so we can open the pool on May 8th at 10:00am. The baby pool repairs are anticipated to be completed at the end of May or beginning of June. The board will send out updated COVID pool rules before the pool opens.

The swim team will be hosting a signup event at the pool on May 8th at 9:00am where they will be doing assessments so be sure the kids are dressed to swim. The swim team has advertising opportunities available. If your business is interested in supporting the Wahoos, contact Sebastian Greene at sebjgreene@yahoo.com

A HUGE thank you to board member Chris Franchi for single handedly planting all of the liriopel plants in the median on Wellingborough Dr. Thanks also to Mike Lavalley who engineered a mobile watering system to make sure the plants got watered. Their hard work saved us over \$5,000!

Mike & Chris are also starting to develop a community garden and will be planting sunflowers in the area under the powerlines across Forest Park Way from Duncan Hill Rd.

Suzanne Puccio is leading the effort to stop the proposed development of the corner lot on Thurston & Wellingborough. She has created a petition for to the town & the prospective developer letting them know we don't feel a 2 story building would be appropriate for that lot. You can find the petition at <http://chnq.it/sY6gK26P> This is a signature only petition so please ignore any request for donation. The goal is to get 268 signatures.

Tennisbloc will continue to offer Tennis & Pickleball lessons through the summer. To find out more information visit their website [Upcoming Tennis ProgramsNC - Tennisbloc](#)

HOA BOARD NEWS

The next WP HOA Board meeting will be Monday May 3, 2021 at 7:00pm at the clubhouse. Board meetings are the first Monday of each month from 7:00-7:30pm.

Please be sure to look at the Documents page of our website to see the newly revised restrictive covenants, mailbox standards, updated Storage Lot rules and 2021 pool/slide rules.

Now that pollen season has slowed down, it's a great time to power wash your house and have it look spectacular for the summer!

The board would like to remind everyone to please be sure your mailbox is in good working condition and looks nice with no rust or peeling paint. A nice looking mailbox is important for good curb appeal!

Check the Calendar on our website to keep up to date on neighborhood activities. We will have several social events coming up such as an outdoor movie in the clubhouse parking lot, 4th of July bike parade, cookouts & Trivia night.

Have an idea for the neighborhood? We want to hear it! Reach out through the "Contact Us" page on the Wellington Park website - <https://wellingtonpark.sentrywebsites.com/>

Community Courtesies

PARKING- Please be mindful of parking on the street. Be sure to park in a manner that will allow emergency vehicles to pass on the street day & night. Remember that there is no overnight street parking allowed between midnight & 6:00am per the WP covenants. Because the board cannot monitor every street, we depend on reports from homeowners to correct violations. If there is an issue with overnight parking that concerns you, please send a confidential email to the board via the "Contact Us" page of the Wellington Park website. If possible please send a photo with your email along with specific information about the vehicle such as make, model, color, owner and where it parks. If we don't know who the vehicle belongs to we will not be able to address the issue.

Chris' Corner

Soil preparation for Spring

It can be difficult to keep a lawn looking good through the seasons anywhere, but this may be especially true in our neighborhood. Tons of shady trees and clay soil that doesn't drain well can lead to frustrating yard maintenance over the year. I too fight a war of attrition with weeds, dead spots, and tough growing conditions. Heading into the heart of Spring here are a couple helpful tips for Triangle lawns pulled from "www.LawnStarter.com".

A.) Test your soil's pH

Soil with low acidity is an incredibly common problem across lawns in North Carolina. Knowing where your lawn is in terms of acidity will give you a leg up on how to face future problems. Soil test kits are cheap and can be found at many of the large home improvement stores. Applying agricultural lime, made from pulverized limestone, is the only effective solution to a lawn with low acidity. It can be applied during any season throughout the year, and won't harm your lawn at all.

B.) Consider aeration

It is easy to test your lawn for compaction, all you need is a garden fork. If the tines can't penetrate further than two inches into the soil, then you should consider ways to combat compaction. Core aeration is the most common, and will allow nutrients to seep deeper into the soil. Like pre-emergent,

it is best to aerate your lawn before temperatures hit 60 degrees, as that would leave your yard extremely vulnerable to germinating seeds.

C.) DO NOT put down insect control

Early spring is too early to lay down pest control. Unpredictable weather and generally cool average temperatures mean that most insects haven't hatched offspring yet, which leaves you with valuable time to prioritize other more necessary tasks.

D.) Go easy with the mower

Mowing your grass too short in the early spring months can be detrimental to your lawn's growth throughout the season, especially with Raleigh's climate. You want to keep your grass at no lower than two inches, and depending on your grass type, up to 4 inches. Any higher, and your grass will require too many nutrients to be sustainable, and too short will stunt growth.

E.) Now is the time for seeding! (Personal favorite is Jonathan Green's Dense Shade Grass Seed)

It is important to reseed all dead patches before April showers hit. There are many techniques to seeding, including distributing seeds in one direction, then starting over in a direction 90 degrees to the original. Lightly raking the area will also help even the distributed seeds. After application, make sure to irrigate your new seeds thoroughly, as new seeds need much more water than mature grass. Adding straw will help your yard retain moisture, and keep the seeds from blowing away.

F.) Get a jump on crabgrass

Before crabgrass has emerged is the best time to apply herbicide to prevent it from sprouting. Called pre-emergent for a reason, this herbicide works best with methodically applied fertilization. It is important for you to apply the pre-emergent before the soil temperature exceeds 60 degrees. Beyond this point, the crabgrass will have begun to germinate, rendering the pre-emergent ineffective.

G.) Tune up your equipment

Now is the time to sharpen blades, service motors, replace air filters, etc. A small amount of effort into the maintenance of your machine will save you a lot of money and hassle later in the season. It will make mowing your lawn much easier, neater, and will take many of the swear words out of the process. It is a long season so make sure you are ready for it!

Quick Links:

HOA website: <https://wellingtonpark.sentrywebsites.com/>

Contact the board: <https://wellingtonpark.sentrywebsites.com/contact-us/>

HOA Meeting Minutes: <https://wellingtonpark.sentrywebsites.com/meeting-minutes/>

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