



## Wellington Park HOA Newsletter

August 2021

### **ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

**\*IMPORTANT WARNING:** The 3 ponds in our neighborhood are NOT for swimming. Please do not enter the water in these ponds. Fishing (catch & release) is only permitted in the pond behind the clubhouse. Please respect the homeowners property around the ponds and do not remove the stones at the bank of the ponds.

**Blood Drive:** Wellington Park will host The Blood Connection for a Blood Drive at the Clubhouse parking lot on Wednesday July 28 from 3:00-7:00pm. Our goal is to collect 20 units of blood. Donors will receive a \$20 gift card. Please register for an appointment at: [https://donate.thebloodconnection.org/donor/schedules/drive\\_schedule/175433](https://donate.thebloodconnection.org/donor/schedules/drive_schedule/175433)

**Zoning Request:** Thank you to the small group of homeowners who have been working hard to advocate for the Cary town council to not change the current **zoning** for the 1 acre parcel of land at the corner of Thurston & Wellingborough. Suzanne Puccio & Lynn Yanyo spoke at the Town council meeting on July 22 to remind the council that a 10,000 sf commercial building is not an appropriate development within our neighborhood. You are encouraged to write the council members and express your thoughts on the zoning request. Send your comments to Ms. Erin Puckett at [Erin.Puckett@townofcary.org](mailto:Erin.Puckett@townofcary.org). Ms. Puckett will be presenting the rezoning request to the Planning & Zoning committee (who will make their recommendations to the Town Council) at their July 26<sup>th</sup> meeting. The final decision will be made at the Town Council meeting on August 26<sup>th</sup> at 6:30.

### **Swim team: Wahoos End of Season Recap**

The Wellington Wahoos finished up their season with a BIG win over competitors Arbor Creek & Renaissance Park this last week. We had an amazing season and celebrated with an end of season pizza/pool party and awards ceremony. We were so lucky to have a former Wahoo come back and help us coach this year. Our team is only around 40 kids, but we are mighty. Here were this year's point totals:

Week 1: 122    Week 2: 229    Week 3: 385    Week 4: 146    Week 5: 659

We cannot thank the community enough! You came out and supported us via fundraisers, Facebook posts, and coming to the meets!

We would love to continue to grow this program in the neighborhood. We need to purchase an automated timer system to continue to compete in the Tarheel Swim Association so we will need to fundraise throughout the year to raise money. Be on the lookout for more ways to contribute.

Additionally, we would love to have more kids join us next year. If you a swimmer that will be between 5 and 18 years old as of June 1, 2022, please consider talking to one of the parents from this year to learn more or reach out to [wellingtonwahoos@gmail.com](mailto:wellingtonwahoos@gmail.com). Go Wahoos!!!

**Community Garden:** Come check out the neighborhood community garden this weekend and enjoy the Mammoth Sunflowers that are blooming and are expected to continue throughout the month of July! Please take photos, but leave the sunflowers behind as the seeds will be used to plant an even larger field of sunflowers next spring!

Yes, you heard that right. We have a 1-acre community garden that is located right here in our neighborhood and it will officially be open in the spring of 2022 to all residents of Wellington Park who are interested in participating. Over the past year, Mike & Kim Lavelle have been clearing the land, setting up an irrigation system, building access paths, working with local utility companies while growing a small patch of sunflowers to kick things off. We are currently in the process of developing a layout for the garden and will be sectioning off areas in the fall and over the winter in preparation for the spring grand opening. While it might not look like much now, great things are to come!

This community garden is organized & run privately by Wellington Park homeowners. To join the email list and stay in the loop, please send an email to [wellingtonparkgardens@gmail.com](mailto:wellingtonparkgardens@gmail.com).

## **HOA BOARD NEWS**

The next HOA Board meeting will be held Monday August 2, 2021 at 7:00pm at the clubhouse.

The Board would like to thank all the homeowners who have been working to beautify the neighborhood: **Allyson Downs** for planting flowers in front of the Woodshire monument on the corner of W. Kirkfield; **Christian Roehm** for pruning the dead buds from the rose bushes around the neighborhood; **Stan Kostenko & Tetiana Volkodav** and their family for picking up trash in the common areas. We greatly appreciate your time, work & investment in our community!

The social committee is hosting an **80's night** at the pool Saturday July 31 from 7:00-10:30pm. There will be 80's music karaoke followed by a showing of Top Gun.

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/>

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## **Community Courtesies**

**Parking** is one of those hot button topics in our neighborhood. We'd like to just turn down the heat on this and share why it's an important topic for all of us to consider.

You should all be aware that by living in our neighborhood, you agree to abide by our HOA

covenants, one of which states (Section 1.6 (e)) "Overnight on street parking is prohibited." The streets in our 32 year old neighborhood are narrow and make parking during the day hazardous, therefore it would be safer for everyone if we do not park on the street during the day as well.

Primary reasons not to park on the street (if you live here or overnight) include:

Reduced visibility for other cars.

Reduced visibility for pedestrians and children who walk our streets to get to the park or pool.

Our streets are narrow which only allows one car to safely pass.

Hazardous for emergency vehicles to get through in a timely manner. Parking on the street hinders the passing of emergency vehicles that are wider than a car. No one wants to have a fire-truck or ambulance delayed because of a parked car.

Consideration for your neighbors. Others in the neighborhood need to extend extra care around parked cars - that's a lot to ask of them every day.

According to the Federal Highway Administration, "On-street parking typically results in less visibility between motorists and pedestrians, especially for children. The pedestrian dart-out, often involving children, is one of the most common types of mid-block pedestrian collisions in residential areas." The child pedestrian statistics are startling and we want to ensure that our neighborhood is conscious of the risks.

Suggestions to reduce on-street parking:

Park at the clubhouse if you need overnight parking by just letting the Board know you're leaving a car there so it doesn't get towed.

You can extend/widen your driveway with approval from ARC committee.

Leave your car in your driveway during the day.

In an effort to reduce on-street parking, we wanted to help you understand why parking on our narrow streets is dangerous. The HOA Board cannot possibly police the entire neighborhood, but we would like to ensure that everyone has concern for their neighbors. Let's work together to keep our neighborhood safe. Thanks for your support!

## **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/>