



# CROSSWINDS HOMEOWNERS' ASSOCIATION

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December 2005 Newsletter

**ARDOLINO FAMILY UPDATE** – The Ardolino Fundraiser held in September was a great success! The total amount raised (including contributions from Crosswinds neighbors) is almost up to \$25,000!! Thanks to all! In September of 2002, both Sharon & Steve Ardolino were diagnosed with cancer. Steve is currently in remission, but Sharon is facing a re-occurrence of breast cancer. Though they have moved out of Crosswinds, their friends & family continue to seek ways to relieve their financial burden and have set up a relief fund at Crescent State Bank. Make donations to: The Ardolino Family Cancer Relief Fund, c/o Crescent State Bank, 574 Village Court, Garner, NC 27529. If you have any questions, please contact Robyn Barnes at 870-7890 ([barnesr246@yahoo.com](mailto:barnesr246@yahoo.com)) or visit the Ardolino's on-line diary at [www.xanga.com/ardolinofamily](http://www.xanga.com/ardolinofamily).



**RED CROSS TRAINING** – Thanks to neighbor Bill Koch for organizing the successful American Red Cross training session held on November 12th. This full-day course taught Crosswinds neighbors the correct procedures for Adult, Child, and Infant CPR and First Aid. Community CPR Certification is valid for one year and Community First Aid & Safety is valid for three years. For more information, visit: <http://www.trianglearc.org/arcweb/education/recertification.htm>

**HALLOWEEN THANK YOUS** – Always a big hit, our annual Crosswinds Halloween Costume Parade was more popular than ever this year. Thanks to the weather which was in the 70s and the children and parents turned out in droves. A heart-felt thank-you goes out to Dana Judy and other members of Inlet Place, who hosted this year's event. Other contributors included: Ann Brooks, Virginia Parker, Amy Duffus, Jeffrey Brooks, Michael Judy, Evan Judy, Will Judy, Evan Parker (set up and clean up); - Ann Brooks, Virginia Parker, Amy Duffus, Kathy Swango, Ann Fields, DeeAnn Patton, Cindy Jones, Rick and Trista Nelson (judges); - Karen Bornhofen (prizes); - Kathy Swango (posters); - Chris Judy, Monty Parker, and John Oldham (hot dog cookers). Thank you all!

**HOLIDAY DECORATIONS CONTEST** - Crosswinds will conduct our annual decorating contest this season. This contest is open to all Crosswinds homeowners and is based primarily on either day-time or night-time exterior decorations. Neighbors will vote for your favorite holiday homes in Crosswinds by submitting official ballots. Ballots will be distributed with luminaries. All entries must be submitted by 5pm December 23<sup>rd</sup>. Four (4) lucky winners will receive awards. The three decorated homes receiving the most votes AND one voter (drawn at random) will receive a prize. Email voting is also accepted. Only one e-mail vote per household. Please specify your name and your address if voting by e-mail.

**MURRAY HILL AT CROSSWINDS** – Exciting news! The last large tract of land in Crosswinds has been approved by the City of Raleigh to be developed into twenty residential lots. This 10 acre wooded parcel has been owned by Dr. Raymond Murray and is located at the end of the Murray Hill Drive just off Lodestar. The new subdivision will be called "Murray Hill at Crosswinds." Dr. Murray was one of the original land-owners from which Crosswinds first emerged. Plans are to remodel the existing residence and sell the lots to custom builders. Development of lots should begin early next year with the start of home construction in early summer 2006. The developer for the plot currently lives in Crosswinds and plans to move into the remodeled Murray residence as part of the construction. For questions contact Murray Hill Development Company, aka Fairley Cook at 1904 Lodestar Drive, phone: 848-5010 or via e-mail at [faridan@touchnc.net](mailto:faridan@touchnc.net). Fairley has offered to furnish further details as the project unfolds. Chad Ross & Mike Debnam with Hodge & Kittrell Realtors have been chosen to handle marketing and can be reached at 424-8096 [chadrhk@aol.com](mailto:chadrhk@aol.com). For further details, refer to Case # "S-66-05 Murray Hill @ Crosswinds", by contacting planner Jacque Baker in the city planning office at 516-2630.

**SPEEDING** – We continue to see speeders in Crosswinds and have received several complaints by neighbors – especially along our longer thoroughfares, including: Windjammer, Harbor, and Lodestar. Neighbor John Belusik has volunteered to organize a task force for the purpose of education and implementing methods to curb drivers who exceed the posted speed limit. Most speeders are people who live in our neighborhood. We have many pedestrians using the streets for walking, jogging, riding bikes, and strolling with their kids and we need to slow down to keep everyone safe. Also, our property values can suffer if our community isn't pedestrian friendly and safe. Some of the potential solutions John is interested in pursuing include: new traffic study, speed trailer, increased patrols, petition for the City of Raleigh's traffic calming program (speed humps, pavement markings, etc.), signs in yards asking drivers to slow down, and signing pledge cards to observe speed limits. John will be contacting city officials and invites interested neighbors to e-mail him with ideas, concerns, or city contacts regarding this problem. Reach John Belusik at [jbelusik@aol.com](mailto:jbelusik@aol.com) 919-676-3470.

**PROPERTY VALUES** – Here are recent statistics regarding the Crosswinds housing market... Good news. According to Realtor Krista Adams, our neighborhood is "hot". We have an absorption rate of 100%, meaning that any house listed will be sold. Average marketing time in 2005 was 44 days with a minimum of 1 day to a high of 83 days. Mean average sales price was \$285,000 in 2005 versus \$270,000 in 2004, at an average of \$112/sq.ft, this is up \$9 a sq.ft from 2004. Ratio of asking versus sales price is 99%. As of this writing, there are no active listings in our neighborhood, there is one pending sale. That home was listed at \$359,900 and 2500sq.ft. Our neighborhood is appreciating at a steady rate of 3.5% per annum which is a healthy return on our investment, without having to fear a housing bubble. Homeowners who are updating kitchens and baths will of course have a higher return. Hope this is good news for you all.

**HOLIDAY LUMINARIES** – Help *ILLUMINATE* Crosswinds! This year we are striving for continuous and unbroken bands of light throughout the entire neighborhood. Please help us get the word out to your neighbors. Help us fill in any dark spots by offering to cover for those families who may be traveling over the holidays. And again, as last year, Stonehenge will be joining us in lighting their luminaries on the same evening. Luminaries will be assembled December 17<sup>th</sup> between 2 and 4 PM. All neighbors and block captains are encouraged to participate in this holiday activity. Those interested are invited to meet at the Davenports (1816 Lodestar) to lend a helping hand. This is always a fun social activity – so feel free to bring the whole family, including children. Crosswinds will be lighting luminaries at dusk on Christmas Eve, December 24<sup>th</sup>. Rain-date is Christmas Day, Dec 25<sup>th</sup>. Contact Ken Davenport @ 848-8751 Or email [kdavenport@nc.rr.com](mailto:kdavenport@nc.rr.com) with questions. Block captains will assist with delivery. Individual neighbors are welcome to pick up their own order in person. Assembly line activities consist of the following:- Checklist Checkers, - Sandbag Fillers, - Candle Carton Unpackers, - Lunchbag Counters, - Kit Stuffers, - Package Runners - Speedy & Safe Deliverers There are jobs for everyone. Thank you for supporting the Crosswinds community! Plan to come out and have some holiday fun.

**YARD OF THE MONTH** –The Crosswinds Homeowners Association sponsors a perpetual “Yard of the Month” program from April through September each year. Its purpose is to recognize Crosswinds’ neighbors who demonstrate above-average efforts maintaining their property, thereby contributing to the overall appearance of the community at large. This is a non-monetary award and the program is administered entirely by volunteers. All award winners receive an official “Crosswinds Yard of the Month” lawn-sign for the duration of their award month. Candidates are selected by the current month’s winner based on the total exterior appearance of the property and front yard as viewed from the street. 2005 season winner’s circle includes: The Dicksons @ 8600 Timberwind Drive (May); The Frymans @ 1701 Snow Wind Drive (June); The Cousinos @ 1829 Snow Wind Drive (July); The Brunos @ 1613 Bridgeport Drive (Aug); The Watrals @ 8613 Seagate Drive (Sept). Full “Yard of the Month” program details can be found at [www.crosswindshoa.org/yotm](http://www.crosswindshoa.org/yotm)

**ENTRY SIGN PLANNING COMMITTEE** – Your Crosswinds Sign Committee has been working hard. We’ve contracted with Rodney Sign Company to construct two symmetrical brick entry signs on both sides of Windjammer. The signs will have a curved face and the lettering on the sign panels will consist of an engraved faux limestone finish, similar to the Traemoor entrance. It’s an upscale look and it’s durable. The brick walls will be parallel in height and will be positioned just inside the 5-foot right-of-way. All electrical and lighting for both sides is included. New electrical service panels will be installed and/or relocated and connected to both sides of the street. City permitting fees are also included. A professional site survey will be conducted prior to ground-breaking which is scheduled for January 2006. Rodney Sign Company installed the Wentworth Park subdivision entry signs across from Crosswinds several years ago, as well as the Wildwood Green signs just down Strickland. Send e-mail to [signcommittee@crosswindshoa.org](mailto:signcommittee@crosswindshoa.org) for more info.

**RALIEGH NEIGHBORHOOD COLLEGE** - The Neighborhood College is a program offered by the City of Raleigh in partnership with Wake County. The Spring 2006 session registration will start in January. It will last 13 weeks with classes that provide information on several different kinds of City services, as well as County services. Students in the Neighborhood College will have a chance to meet and interact with City staff, County staff, and other Raleigh residents to learn things about government you always wanted to know, but didn't know who to ask! Classes are on alternating Tuesdays or Thursdays from 6 p.m. to 9 p.m. at different City locations. Only 25 students are accepted per session. For more details, including brochure or application, contact Raleigh Community Services at 831-6100.

**2006 MEMBERSHIP DRIVE** – Are you new to Crosswinds? Do you have a new neighbor on your block? Welcome to the neighborhood! Contact our Welcoming Committee Chair Pam Clark at 866-0559 to request a special house-warming gift pack and to learn more about HOA membership benefits. Note: There is a 90-day limit to claim your special gift.

**ARCHITECTURAL REVIEW BOARD** – Crosswinds is quickly becoming known as an excellent value. We offer great location and lot-size. As a result, new & existing homeowners alike are embarking on various home improvement projects. Everyone needs to be familiar with the Crosswinds' HOA covenants and follow these recommended tips before you break ground on any improvement which may be visible from the exterior of your property: 1. Keep your adjoining neighbors informed of your plans and progress, 2. Review Crosswinds HOA Covenants & Architectural Guidelines, 3. Contact our Architectural Review Board, 4. Comply with Raleigh City Construction & Zoning Codes. For more information, contact Architecture Board Chair John Daly at 848-2162 ([jjdaly@nc.rr.com](mailto:jjdaly@nc.rr.com)). View a complete list of Crosswinds HOA neighborhood covenants at: <http://www.crosswindshoa.org/covenants.htm>

**APPEARANCE COMMISSION & PUBLIC AWARENESS COMMITTEE** - The Raleigh Appearance Commission is an all-volunteer advisory body, appointed by the City Council to provide guidance and leadership in matters of community design and appearance. Members study the visual needs of the city, promote public understanding of appearance issues, and prepare and implement programs to enhance Raleigh's visual quality. The Appearance Commission meets on the third Thursday of the month at 5:00 pm in Room 305 of the Raleigh Municipal Building, 222 West Hargett Street. The Public Awareness Committee is responsible for communicating the activities and recommendations of the Appearance Commission to the public, and for encouraging community interest and involvement in city appearance matters. The Public Awareness Committee meets on the first Wednesday of the month at 4:30 pm in the Raleigh Municipal Building. For more information, please visit: <http://www.raleigh-nc.org/planning/Commissions/ac.htm>

**RALEIGH SANITARY LANDFILL & TRANSFER STATION** - Did you know that rocks, building materials, computers, appliances, and most other items that cannot be collected as part of regular garbage, trash or yard waste by City of Raleigh crews can be taken to the North Wake Multi-Material Drop-Off Facility for disposal? There is NO CHARGE to residents provided that the materials are taken in a non-commercial, single axle vehicle. These facilities were built to accept waste that was banned from landfills such as tires and appliances. Throughout the years, the facilities have grown to accept other material for recycling. Compost bins and rain barrels can be purchased at the Multi-Material Facilities. The North Wake Landfill & Recycling Center is located off Durant Road (SR 2006) between Capital Blvd. (US 1 North) and Falls of Neuse Road (SR 2000) on Deponie Drive. Contact them at: 870-4345.

**POWER UTILITIES – EMERGENCY NUMBERS** - If you experience a power outage, every individual household affected must call the 1-800-419-6356 emergency outage number each day to report their own outage. The system automatically registers your address based on your phone number. CP&L/Progress Energy can then work toward fixing coverage without missing any subscribers. If you get an automated call back that your power has been restored, and it has not, then you need to call this number again. This is CP&L's primary system for tracking outages and determining repair priority.

**SEEKING VOLUNTEERS** - HOA board member openings are available. We continue to accept nominations. All Crosswinds residents are encouraged to participate. If you or your neighbor is interested in becoming part of the Crosswinds HOA – please contact us. You can help make a difference!

**CROSSWINDS HOA WEBSITE & E-MAIL BULLETINS** - All HOA information can be found on our Crosswinds community website located at [www.crosswindshoa.org](http://www.crosswindshoa.org) You may subscribe to receive regular HOA e-mail bulletins by sending e-mail (with your name & address) to: [bulletinsignup@crosswindshoa.org](mailto:bulletinsignup@crosswindshoa.org). (Current Crosswinds residents only.)

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