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From the HOA

Speed Limit Reminder

Now that the temperatures are soaring and the sun is shining, it's easy to forget about the neighborhood speed limit. Our speed limit is 25mph.

Please remember to keep your speed down while driving in the community. We have a wonderful community, and would enjoy having a safe place for the children to live and play.

Puppy Pick Up

As you walk your dog, please remember to clean

up after your pet. Your neighbors will appreciate it!

Visit our Website

Have you visited the Hampton Ridge website? Drop by and see what's new. It's at <http://hrneighbors.info>.

By-Laws and Covenants

For your convenience, the HOA has placed electronic copies of both the by-laws and the covenants on the website listed above. Simply visit the website and click on the appropriate topic. You'll have immediate access to



this information.

Spring Dues are Due

It's that time of year again. If you have not yet mailed your contribution of \$30, please send a check payable to Hampton Ridge Neighbors. You can mail it to Betty Hayford, Treasurer, 1604 Bracknell Court, Raleigh, NC 27603.

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Hampton Ridge Offers Summer Memberships



Recently, I had the pleasure of speaking with shareholders at the Hampton Ridge Swim and Racquet Club. The pool is located in our community, and offers a limited number of summer memberships. If you are not yet a member of the pool, you may want to stop by

and see what you're missing.

My children have visited the pool as guests and had a great time. I was happy because they always have certified lifeguards on duty. They're happy because they have a good time.

The large pool has a roped off area separating deep and shallow ends, as well as a baby pool. Floats, toys, and

swim aids are allowed. They also have a volleyball net over the pool, a basketball goal, and both showers and dressing areas. They also have a very convenient snack shop on site.

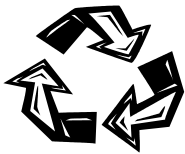
Summer family memberships are \$395, and they allow guests for \$4 a person. For more information, visit their website at www.HamptonRidgeSwimClub.com.

Who Knew?



Did you know that North Carolina has a state carnivorous plant? You guessed it! It's the Venus Flytrap.

Recycling Odds & Ends



It's easy to recycle at the curb, but what about odd items?

The county convenience center at 10505 Old Stage Road accepts aluminum, cardboard, chipboard, furniture, garbage, glass, paper, plastic, steel food cans, metal and phone books. I tried it this week, and it was very easy. Simply pull up and dispose of your materials.

To dispose of hazardous waste, visit 6000 Old Smithfield Rd in Apex on the 3rd Sat each month from 7am to 3pm.

A Friend In Need...

My son Zachary just graduated from 8th grade at a local middle school. His classmate, Courtney, was supposed to graduate too. But she was too ill to attend the ceremony. Courtney is battling Acute Lymphoblastic Leukemia and needs a bone marrow transplant.

My son, my daughter, and Courtney's classmates have rallied and collected a small amount of money (approx. \$650). However, Courtney's family still needs a great deal of help.

Courtney is currently undergoing another 30-day round of chemotherapy in hopes that this will push her back into remission so that she will be ready for the transplant. Her family is facing astronomical medical bills, lost work time, and the expenses of



traveling to Chapel Hill every day.

The doctors at UNC have advised the family to work with the Children's Organ Transplant Association (COTA), a charitable agency that specializes in supporting families with children undergoing organ transplants. It is a 501(c)(3) organization, and 100% of donations will go to the Powell family to help pay medical bills as well as basic expenses like gas and food. Donations are tax deductible.

To donate online, visit

cotaforcourtneyjonnellep.com/
Click on "Donate Now" on the right side of the page. Note that your receipt will note state that the donation goes specifically to Courtney, but **rest assured that the money will go to her** – it is just that the receipt itself is a general form.

To donate by mail, a printable form is located at (www.cota.com): follow the "donate now" link on the upper right). **Include "Courtney Powell" on the memo line of your check.** Mail to COTA, 2501 West COTA Drive, Bloomington, IN 47403.

On behalf of my son, myself, and all the students: Thank you very much. Please keep Courtney in your hearts and your prayers over the summer.

Strength and courage aren't always measured in medals and victories. They are measured in the struggles they overcome.
— Ashley Hodgeson

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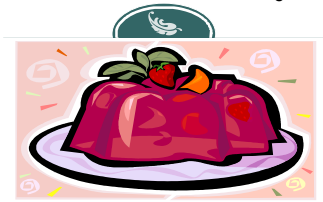
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- 16 oz. cool whip
- 2 boxes instant vanilla pudding
- 2 large cans fruit cocktail
- 2 c. mini marshmallows

Defrost cool whip by placing in refrigerator for several hours. After cool whip is defrosted, drain fruit cocktail in a colander. In a large bowl, mix cool whip with pudding mix until smooth. Add drained fruit cocktail and miniature marshmallows. Mix well and chill.

HOA News (continued)



and submit articles. Please keep us informed about happenings in your area of Hampton Ridge!

Share Your News!

This is your monthly newsletter, and we'd love to hear from you.

Drop us a line and let us know what's going on. Perhaps you have some great news to share. Did your child win a trophy? Do you want to wish your neighbor a happy birthday?

Email your news to us at dwallace@ncgrapevine.com.

Your New Newsletter

Each month, residents can expect to receive a free copy of The Grapevine. Each issue will provide interesting tidbits about our neighborhood, as well as informative articles. All residents are welcome to share their news, brag about their kids,

Predators Win 3rd in State Cup!



confidence, the Predators traveled to Greensboro for the state cup semi-final. Right before kick-off, both teams walked out to midfield and presented themselves to the fans. Unfortunately, it did not end with a win, and the Predators had to walk away.

The U-14 Garner Predators worked hard this season, ending with 3rd place in the State Cup. It was a hard-fought victory: The Predators made it to the semi-finals by winning their bracket and then winning an exciting quarter-final match in the pouring rain.

Two days later and full of

The U-14 Predators have proven that they can play against any challenge level team in North Carolina; www.soccerincollege.com, who compares teams according to age level, ranks the U-14 Predators 26th in the state and 162nd nationally.



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