

SHADOWLAKE NEIGHBORHOOD NEWSLETTER



Susan Heusinger, Editor

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February, 2011

Extra! Extra! Shadowlake Gets Two Swans!!

Have you noticed the pair of swans who now call our lake home? The Association recently purchased the swans from the Carolina Waterfowl Rescue. The pair, a male and a female, were recently flown in to the rescue from Michigan. Swans mate for life and with proper treatment, can live from 7 to over 20 years. We need to be careful of pollutants and allow some of the brush to stay near the water for shelter. Initially, the swans may need some food supplements added to their diet. PLEASE DO NOT FEED THEM BREAD, BAKERY ITEMS OR OTHER PROCESSED FOODS. *It is okay to feed them lettuce, or other "bite-sized" fresh produce and fruits.* To learn more about swans, log onto the internet and go to www.howtoraisewans.com. To learn more about the Carolina Waterfowl Rescue, go to its website, www.carolinawaterfowlrescue.com. Many thanks to Mike Demetrio for coordinating the acquisition of these lovely swans and for building the feeding station on the lake.



Picture provided by Joanne Mason-Trull

Name the Swans Competition

The Association is sponsoring a competition to name our two swans. You can send in your suggestions one of two ways: (1) Go to our website www.shadowlakenews.org and submit your entry to the Webmaster; or (2) Use the Shadowlake dues form on the reverse side of this newsletter and mail in your entry to Leila Merims, Treasurer. All entries must be received by April 1, 2011. The Board will make the final selections and the winners will be announced at the April, 2011 Neighborhood Meeting. We will have two winners, one for a male and one for a female name. **Each winner will receive two movie tickets.** Good luck!

2011 Board Members

PRESIDENT: Dan Kelly - Dan and his wife, Shelly, have lived on Quail Ridge for 5 years. 704-609-5950, dankellymd@gmail.com.

VICE PRESIDENT: Joanne Mason-Trull Joanne and her husband, Mark, have lived on Ryder Ave for 3 years. 704-819-9109, mason-jo62@hotmail.com.

SECRETARY: Summer Zifko - Summer and her husband, Chancey, have lived on Ryder for 3 years. 704-620-2673, sumtuch@hotmail.com.

TREASURER: Leila Merims - Leila and her husband, Mike, have lived on Carpenter for 20 years. 704-541-5106, thebulldog-gess@yahoo.com.

Neighborhood Meeting February 9th 7:30p at Earth Fare AGENDA

- Lake Report
- Calendar
- Setup Committees
- Petition for Street Humps on Quail Ridge
- Discuss Alternative Meeting Sites

ALSO

Meet your new officers.

Sign up to participate in the following:

- Fishing Tournament
- Landscaping
- Block Party
- Yard Sale
- Welcoming new Neighbors
- Review of SNA By-Laws

Coordinators are needed for the following:

- Member recruitment
- Block Captains Supervisor
- Neighborhood Directory
- Advertising
- Quail Ridge Drive road humps

THINKING ABOUT ROOF REPAIR OR REPLACEMENT???

Last Spring we had a severe storm and many of us had hail damage to our roofs. Subsequently, our subdivision has been bombarded with people trying to sell new roofs, suggesting we file claims through our insurance carriers. The information they provide is often inaccurate. Please, *before you sign any contract*, log onto our website at www.shadowlakenews.org to read an article written by **Mike Demetrio**. In his article, Mike provides important information and pointers on what to consider before making such an important decision.

A SPECIAL NOTICE FROM CHARLOTTE MECKLENBURG STORM DRAINAGE IMPROVEMENT PROJECT

Shadowlake Pond

storm drainage improvement project

YOUR STORM WATER FEES AT WORK

January 2011

Dear Resident,

Charlotte-Mecklenburg Storm Water Services has hired consultant engineer Armstrong Glen (AG) to evaluate Shadowlake pond to see if it meets policy requirements for City-funded improvements and maintenance.

To properly assess the condition of the pond and dam, representatives from AG or their surveyor, Survey & Mapping Control, may need to enter your property to collect survey data on the existing pond and storm drainage system downstream of the pond. While State law authorizes access to private property for this purpose, no buildings or structures will be entered or disturbed. The survey work is scheduled to begin in February and may take several weeks to complete.

Storm Water Services has been in touch with previous Shadowlake Neighborhood Association presidents as well as the current president regarding the evaluation of the existing Shadowlake pond and dam conditions and potential pond improvements.

If you have any questions, please contact Project Manager Jennifer Barker at jbarker@charlottenc.gov or 704-432-0963.



I would love to hear from you. Please email your comments about this newsletter and suggestions about future issues to me at "shadowlakehoa@att.net". You can also call me at (704) 752-0861. Susan Heusinger, Editor

2011 Shadowlake Neighborhood Dues

It is time to send in your 2011 Shadowlake Dues. Payment of your annual dues makes a tremendous impact on what can be accomplished in your community. Last year we had approximately 20% of the Shadowlake residents participate by paying dues (and a big **THANK YOU** goes out to you). For all of you, please consider how important your support is to the neighborhood you call home. Please join the Shadowlake Neighborhood Association. The dues are only \$50.00 a year for homeowners and \$25.00 a year for non-homeowner residents. Your support and participation will be greatly appreciated.

Please complete the following form and send it in with your **\$50 check** made out to the **Shadowlake Neighborhood Association, OR**

*****YOU CAN NOW PAY SECURELY ONLINE BY DEBIT, OR CREDIT CARD.*****

Log on to www.shadowlakenews.org then click on the "DONATE" button to pay your annual dues.

Name : _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____

Email: _____

Name the Swans Competition:

Male : _____ Female : _____

Mail/drop off to:

Leila Merims, Treasurer, at 6007 Carpenter Drive, Charlotte NC 28226