

Dear Neighbor,

The big news this month is obviously, the Wood Valley Drive road maintenance project. Many of you have voiced your concerns regarding the quality and completion of this work. The Board is hosting a meeting of all concerned neighbors, and you should all be concerned, to provide detailed and accurate information on the project to date, listen to your concerns, discuss strategies, and most importantly, form a Task Force to implement a neighborhood strategy. The meeting will be December 11, 2007 @ 7:30 and will be held at the WVS&RC Clubhouse.

In summary, the NC Dept. of Highway Maintenance has basically completed their road maintenance project for Wood Valley Drive. In conversations with state officials, I have been told that the process used on Wood Valley Drive is the state's standard for neighborhood road maintenance. They began by cutting shoulders that prevented water from draining from the road into the drainage ditches. The second step was paving large areas that were substantially damaged. The third step was to tar and chip the entire length of the road. The purpose of the tar and chip is to seal all the cracks and prevent deterioration of the road. These steps have been completed. The current surface is the final finish. By virtue of vehicular traffic and rain(?) the surface will improve minimally. The final step will be planting grass in the cut areas; this has not begun as of this writing.

I have had many conversations with the state maintenance folks and with the help of some of our concerned neighbors; the state inspected the work and found it to be inferior. Their solution was to sweep and vacuum most of the loose gravel off the road - an extra step not in the original plan. The resultant road is much better but not necessarily acceptable. Thus, the meeting on December 11th. We are trying to keep as much accurate information on the WVHOA website as we can gather. The website includes email addresses for our elected officials as well as other data. Please check the website for details: www.woodvalley.org/hoa

Our Annual Membership Meeting is quickly approaching. The date is January 15th and will be held at the WVS&RC Clubhouse at 7:30. We will get an update on the road situation, give an full treasurer's report, have election of officers, review our schedule and discuss any new business. Please plan to attend to learn what is going on in Wood Valley!

And we do need some good interested folks to step up and join the Board. We currently have one open position and two current board members will not be returning to the Board (including myself). So, if you want to see some new things happening in Wood Valley or just want to help out, call one of the board members or email us and we will discuss it with you. We need help with the newsletter and to organize a welcoming committee.

WVHOA dues are still cheap at \$42 for the whoooooole year! Our fiscal year began October 1, 2007 so membership dues for 2007-2008 are now due. Please send your dues to:

WVHOA
PO Box 90543
Raleigh, NC 27675

At we begin the Holiday Season; I wish this letter was more upbeat. Life in Wood Valley isn't always easy, but we love it here. So get your Luminaria candles, sing

those Carols, join a club, and let's appreciate what Wood Valley has to offer – a great community with wonderful neighbors!

Happy and safe Holidays to all of you from the Board!