

POPE NOTE

An occasional newsletter of the Pope's Crossing Homeowners Association ♦ October 2003

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Before you paint – or make any other structural changes to the outside of your home – remember that changes must be approved in advance by the Pope's Crossing Architectural Review Committee.

Your request should be given (in writing or on email) to one of the ARC committee members (listed below) one month before you plan to begin work.

- Shelley Clarke- 403-6009, sclarke@email.unc.edu
- Kristie Weisner- 401-3735, Kristie_Weisner@nciom.org
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Don't pollute. Keep our streets debris free.

Fallen leaves and grass clippings that wind up in our streets are a clog in the making for the neighborhood's fragile storm drains, and they add polluting nutrients to water downstream. Help prevent costly service on the Pope's Crossing drainage system by sweeping up the grass cuttings along your curb.



Wandering pet alert!

Some of your neighbors have become a little disgruntled with wandering cats and dogs both threatening their own pets and soiling their properties. When unmonitored, please keep your pets on your own property (for your pets' safety too!).

Have you noticed that our neighborhood is beginning to look a little "seedy" in places?

With all the rain of the past summer, shrubs and other plantings have grown exceptionally well, and so the weeds, crabgrass and Bermuda grass that have invaded your lawn and landscaping. Now that fall is here, it is time to do your part to improve the visual quality of our neighborhood. Remember? Appearance is probably one of the reasons – in addition to location, location – that made you decide to purchase a home in Pope's Crossing.

To maintain your property value, and the quality of our neighborhood, it's time to trim up. The home improvement that costs the least and delivers the most result for the effort is yard maintenance.

Trim your shrubbery now, so it can recover before frost. Pull weeds and grass from planted areas. Edge driveways and curbs. And, of course, a couple of bags of mulch won't hurt, either.



The Pope's Crossing Homeowners Association Board of Directors meets the first Thursday of every month at 7:00 p.m. at a member's home. If you have an item to bring to the Board's attention, call Doug Criger, President, at 419-6345 for the location of the next meeting.

Need help with your yard work?

Here are some of the people known by Board members to work in the neighborhood. If you can recommend others, please let us know and we will list them in a future newsletter.

- **Bishop**, telephone, lawn mowing, debris removal, gutter cleaning
- **EPM**, 851-9540, chemical lawn treatments (fertilizer, weed killers, lime)
- **Tarheel Turf Services**, 933-1797, lawn mowing, edging, other services
- **Washington Tree Service**, 929-4010
- **Fernando Arumi, Jr.**, 471-4815, tree cutting and removal
- **Harold Ballentine**, 942-3695



Watch your speed!

It's easy to lose track of your speed when you're ready to be home, but please observe the posted speed limits – for the safety of you, your family and your pets.



Dispose of yard waste properly.

The nearest Durham County container site is, unfortunately, about 5 miles away – about 1 mile south of the I-40 – NC Highway 55 intersection.

ARCHITECTURAL REVIEW COMMITTEE GUIDELINES

ADOPTED MAY 19, 1992

STORAGE BUILDINGS:

1. No metal, tin or aluminum structures.
2. Will be placed directly behind the house, minimally visible from the street in front of the house.
3. Size subject to discretion of ARC.
4. Neighbors who will most directly view the facility, determined by the ARC, will be contacted before the structure is built.

FENCES:

1. No prefabricated fences.
2. No stockade fences.
3. No fences constructed of wire, regardless of type.
4. Height preferred is 5 feet or under, but is subject to individual consideration.

DECKS:

1. Subject to prior written approval.

EXTERIOR HOUSE PAINTING:

1. Subject to prior approval if changing color, same color needs no approval.

**NOTE: ALL IMPROVEMENTS TO THE OUT SIDE OF YOUR
PROPERTY MUST BE APPROVED IN WRITING FROM THE
A.R.C. GENERAL LANDSCAPING NEEDS NO APPROVAL.**