

# Eagle Ridge News

**August 2007**

## City Implements New Rules For In-Ground Irrigation Systems

As of July 2, the City of Raleigh requires all new permanent in-ground irrigation systems to have separate water meters. The new systems also must have an approved programmable controller for adjustment of irrigation frequency and intensity, and a rain sensor or other approved water conservation device for automatic shut-off.

Also under the City's water conservation plan that the City Council unanimously approved on May 15, the water service split for the new in-ground irrigation system has to be in place prior to installation of the separate water meter. The water service split must be done by either the City's Public Utilities Department or a licensed public utility contractor. If the Public Utilities Department does the work, the fee would be \$650 plus the appropriate meter set fee that is based on the irrigation meter size. Licensed public utility contractors set their own fees and are required to obtain a City right-of-way permit to install the water service split.

Furthermore, all automatic in-ground irrigation systems not certified by the City's Public Utilities director must be in compliance with mandatory year-round lawn irrigation water conservation measures that go into effect July 2. These new rules cover City



water customers who use automatic and non-automatic irrigation systems and garden hose-attached sprinklers to water their lawns and outdoor plants. Residents and businesses with these systems that have odd-numbered addresses will be allowed to water on Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday. Even-numbered addresses can water on Wednesday, Friday and Sunday. Lawn irrigation using

automatic or non-automatic irrigation systems or hose-attached sprinklers will not be allowed on Monday.

Water customers who use hand-held hoses will be exempt from the year-round rules and can water lawns and outdoor plants at anytime. The new rules apply to all City of Raleigh water customers, including those in nearby towns that have merged their water and sewer systems with Raleigh and now receive water from the Capital City. Those towns are Garner, Rolesville, Wake

Forest, Knightdale, Wendell and Zebulon.

A written warning notice will be issued for a first violation of the mandatory year-round water restrictions. A second violation would be a \$50 fine, and a third violation would result in a \$200 civil penalty. A fourth violation would result in the interruption of the customer's water service.

For more information about the City of Raleigh's water conservation plan, including the new regulations for new permanent in-ground irrigation systems, contact Ed Buchan in the City's Public Utilities Department, 857-4540.

## Recent Neighborhood Sales

Property values have been on the rise in Raleigh, and Eagle Ridge has been at the top of the statistics! The following homes in our neighborhood closed or were listed in the last several months. Notice the range in prices and days on market. This is primarily determined by square footage, condition and features.

**For more information on your home's value and how to maximize the return on your investment, please call your neighbor, Christen Paul, at (919) 332-1436!**

Date Closed	Address	Sq. Ft.	Bedroom	Bath	Price	Days on Market
6/13/2007	105 Zaharis Cove	2890	4	3	\$409,500	31
6/28/2007	100 Faldo Cove	2578	5	3	\$277,000	9
7/06/2007	402 Seastone St	2900	5	2.5	\$338,900	18
Pending	145 Ryder Cup	2055	3	2.5	\$199,441	7

# REAL Cherry Pie

It's cherry season, so grab a bag and get pitting!

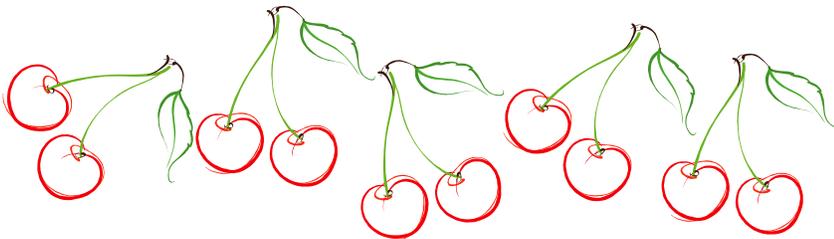
## INGREDIENTS

- 1 recipe pastry for a 9 inch single crust pie
- 2 1/2 cups pitted sour cherries
- 3/4 cup white sugar
- 3 tablespoons all-purpose flour
- 1 tablespoon butter
- 1 pinch salt



## DIRECTIONS

1. Line a 9 inch pie plate with pastry.
2. Mix sugar, flour, and salt; toss with cherries, mixing well. Pour cherry filling into pie shell, and dot with butter or margarine.
3. Weave strips of pastry into a lattice top.
4. Bake at 400 degrees F (205 degrees C) for 40 minutes.



## Did you Know...?

The North Carolina General Assembly of 1987 adopted milk as the official state beverage.

## Christen's Tips

### 5 Things to Do Before You Sell

1. Get estimates from a reliable repairperson on items that need to be replaced soon, such as a roof or worn carpeting, for example. In this way, buyers will have a better sense of how much these needed repairs will affect their costs.
2. Have a termite inspection to prove to buyers that the property is not infested.
3. Get a pre-sale home inspection so you'll be able to make repairs before buyers become concerned and cancel a contract.
4. Gather together warranties and guarantees on the furnace, appliances, and other items that will remain with the house.
5. Fill out a disclosure form provided by your sales associate. Take the time to be sure that you don't forget problems, however minor, that may affect your sale.





## New Listing! And it TALKS! 132 Faldo Cove Raleigh, NC 27603



- Built in 2006
- 2 Story Traditional
- 3015 sq/ft
- 5bd / 3ba
- .22 acre
- Fenced Yard
- Golf Course
- Cul-de-sac

Please call Christen Paul @ 332-1436 for a private showing.



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### How To Avoid Ticks and Mosquitoes



Maybe you've heard: there are simple ways to keep mosquitoes and ticks from ruining your summer. Nolan Newton, environmental supervisor with the N.C. Division of Environmental Health, said you should wear light-colored clothing with long sleeves and long pants whenever you're outdoors and try to reduce outdoor activities at dawn and dusk when mosquitoes are most active.

If you happen to be outside, apply mosquito repellent, but always read the instructions. The Centers for Disease Control has recommended new products to prevent mosquito bites, but they may not be effective against tick-borne illnesses. DEET is still considered to be the most effective products against both ticks and mosquitoes, he said.

"You can also make the environment less mosquito-friendly," Newton says. "Remove any containers that hold water. Keep your gutters unclogged. Change the water in birdbaths and pet bowls at least twice a week. And, make sure your windows and doors have screens to keep mosquitoes outside."

As for ticks, try a few of these suggestions to reduce the chance of being bitten:

- Cover as much of your skin as possible when outside.
- Wear long pants and long-sleeved shirts. Tuck your pant legs into your socks and tuck in your shirt tail.
- Keep grass short and remove plants that attract wild animals like deer and rodents that carry ticks.
- Keep playground equipment from yard edges and trees.

If you are in an area heavily infested with ticks, check your clothing and body at least every six hours. Prompt removal of ticks helps to prevent infection. Pay particular attention to the nape of the neck, behind the ears and the groin area, which are favorite places for ticks to attach. Here are some good suggestions to follow when removing ticks:

**Step 1:** Use fine-tipped tweezers or shield your fingers with a tissue, paper towel or rubber gloves. Grasp the tick as close to the skin surface as possible and pull upward with steady, even pressure. Do not twist or jerk the tick; this may cause the mouth parts to break off and remain in the skin. Do not squeeze, crush or puncture the body of the tick.

**Step 2:** Using matches, hot nails, petroleum jelly or other methods for tick removal are not recommended.

**Step 3:** After removing the tick, thoroughly disinfect the bite site and wash your hands with soap and water.

**Step 4:** Make a note of the date you removed the tick and save it for identification in case you become ill. This may help your doctor make an accurate diagnosis. Place the tick in a plastic bag in your freezer or drop it in a small container of alcohol.

**Step 5:** If you have any signs or symptoms of tick-borne disease in the month following a tick bite, seek medical help. Symptoms of Rocky Mountain spotted fever include sudden onset of fever, headache and muscle pain followed by a rash. Symptoms of Lyme disease include a rash that looks like a bull's eye and non-specific symptoms such as a fever, malaise, fatigue, headache as well as muscle and joint aches.

# LOCAL EVENTS

## **Aug. 1—History Corner: Buccaneers and Privateers**

North Carolina's coastline was once a haven for pirates. Hear tales about some of the most notorious pirates who sailed along the Outer Banks. Presented with Cameron Village Regional Library. Museum of History 10-11am. Ages 5-8 with adult. Call 919-807-7992

## **Aug. 4—Movies in the Park**

"Lemony Snicket's A Series of Unfortunate Events" will be the featured movie. Free. Bring your lawn chairs, picnic baskets, popcorn, and blankets (no alcohol please). Visit: [www.raleighconvention.com](http://www.raleighconvention.com). Dusk (around 8:30), Moore Square

## **Aug. 12—Summer Performance Series: Donna Washington**

Award-winning recording artist and storyteller will enthrall you with stories, myths, and folktales from around the world. 3-4 Museum of History.

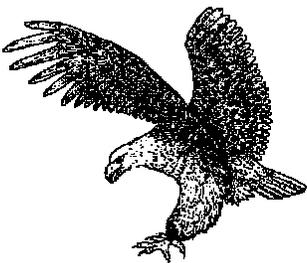
## **Aug. 18—Movies in the Park**

"Casino Royale" will be the featured movie. Free. Bring your lawn chairs, picnic baskets, popcorn, and blankets (no alcohol please). Visit: [www.raleighconvention.com](http://www.raleighconvention.com). Moore Square 8:30 pm.

## **Aug. 31-Sept. 3—Kennel Club Dog Shows**

AKC registered dogs will compete each day for points leading to championships, as well as dog obedience trials for degrees and obedience championship points. Different Clubs host competitions each day. Thursday, Cary Kennel Club; Friday, Alamance Kennel Club; Saturday, Durham Kennel Club; Sunday, Salisbury Kennel Club, and Monday, Raleigh Kennel Club. NC State Fairgrounds Graham Building. 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. each day. Sunday and Monday is \$5.00 for adults, \$2.00 for seniors and children under 7 years of age. [www.infodog.com](http://www.infodog.com)

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