



Williams Park

MEMO

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MEMO NOTES

Spring is a time of renewal

YOU GET A LOT FOR ONLY \$20
see renewal form on page 11

We encourage contributions

Deadlines for the next two issues are May 15 for the June issue and August 15 for the September issue. Share a story, a poem, a photo, a drawing — surprise us. Send contributions to dingoblue@earthlink.net

When a new neighbor moves in near you, contact Alicia Wood at cawood86@hotmail.com or 770-912-1359 so she can welcome them to WP

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Our mission is to promote community among neighbors through social interaction, emphasizing the unique character of Smyrna's oldest neighborhood.

PHOTOS FROM ATLANTA EATS INTERVIEW

Meet your neighbor, Andre Gomez — by Laura Fine

Andre Gomez is a big guy with an easy smile and a ready laugh. He is immensely friendly and always welcoming. Every time I've seen him he has a pencil stuck behind one ear as if he's always ready to take notes (or your order!) at a moments notice. Most of us know him as the owner and chef at Porch Light Latin Kitchen in our very own Smyrna Market Village, which is the physical expression of his welcoming style, but there is so much more going on outside of his restaurant that many people don't get to see.

Anybody who has eaten his food knows he grew up in Puerto Rico, but he's specifically from Guaynabo, a suburb just to the west of the capital, San Juan. When hurricane Maria pummelled the island this past Fall, Andre jumped at the opportunity to help. Through his hard work, over 20 trailers full of needed supplies arrived in Puerto Rico over the course of several months. The last shipment was sent out January 13th, and while he is no longer taking donations to send back home, he was "overwhelmed" with the response and generosity that poured in after his call to arms.



It was "a lot of pounds, a lot of pallets of water, a lot of food and just supplies that people needed," he said. "The coolest part about all that for me was being able to help people back home, but also watching how the community came together. We had so many people from the neighborhood who came out to help — to drop stuff off, to help load things — and all ages too. That was really touching."

What about the restaurant's name? "After 50,000 ideas people gave me, trying to go a little bit Spanish, trying to go a little bit southern — one day the light came on. Porch Light Latin Kitchen put it all together." His mom was amazed because, for thirty five years she'd been holding onto the porch lights that had hung for 50 years on her grandparents house. Those lights now hang in the restaurant. "They kind of bring a little bit of a family feeling, the culture, the history."



What's his next big project? Andre is working on opening an extension of his restaurant — a lounge called El Back Porch. "It'll be a full bar with a small plates menu, so people are able to get good quality cocktails, beers on tap, more wine selection than we offer at Porch Light and also something small to eat." He wants it to be "somewhere you

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WPN RENEWAL
Happens in March

WPN HAPPY HOUR
March 16, 7 pm
Jennifer & Kendall Brock
1416 Hawthorne Ave
jennifer@hrdracc.com

WPN BOOK CLUB
Sun, March 25, 3 pm
Susan Bentley
2651 Gilbert St.
**Beyond Words: What
Animals Think and Feel**
by Carl Safina

WPN EGG HUNT
Sat, March 31, 4pm
1315 Roswell Street

WPN BOARD MEETING
Wed, April 11, 7 pm
2651 Gilbert St
404-906-8853

WPN ADOPT-A-MILE
Sat, April 14, 9 am
Williams Park pergola

WPN HAPPY HOUR
April 20, 7 pm
Neighbors Feed & Seed
with Grateful Bread
1565 Roswell St
678-653-8838

WPN BOOK CLUB
Sun, April 29, 3 pm
Louisa Cohn
1450 Whitfield St.
**1000 White Women:
The Journals of May
Dodd** by Jim Fergus

WPN HAPPY HOUR
May 18, 7 pm
Wendy Amundson &
Tony Graves
1335 Marston
wendyamundson@att.net

WPN BOOK CLUB
Sun, May 27, 3 pm
Leanne Fey
1496 Spring Street
A Piece of the World
by Christina Baker Kline

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Meet Your Neighbor, Andre

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PHOTOS PICKED UP FROM INSTAGRAM

can have a good time, while you enjoy some good drinks and good company.”

Besides being a restaurateur and an impromptu relief organizer, Andre is a family man. He attended college in Boca Raton, Florida where he met his wife Ashley just before graduation. Lucky for us too, because they came to Smyrna because she got a job opportunity up here (ten years ago). By the time they moved to



Williams Park (four years ago) they had become a family of five. Their oldest son, eight year old Andre Ryan, attends Smyrna Elementary. Seven year old Alex, and five year old Addison go to St. Benedict's School.

Andre describes his experiences here in WP as “neighborly.” “I can’t tell you how many people I claim as my neighbors even though they don’t live on

the same street,” he laughed. “I’m proud to be a Williams Park neighbor. It’s just a nice neighborhood.” I, for one, am proud to call him “neighbor” too.

Spring is the time to renew or join WPN —

This newsletter, a benefit of membership in Williams Park Neighbors, is published four times each year with content exclusively from, about and for our neighborhood. While other issues are distributed only to members households (300+), the Spring issue is delivered to all 550+ households in our 1.4 mile area. We do this in order to reach non-member households who might wish to join.

If you’re not familiar with WP you might be interested to learn about the things we do. We’re primarily a social organization— our mission is to promote community among neighbors through social interaction, emphasizing the unique character of Smyrna’s oldest neighborhood. Monthly, we gather in various homes for happy hours and book club meetings; quarterly, we pick up litter; annually, we host a large egg hunt near Easter, a group outing to a Braves game in Spring, a pool party in Summer, a chili contest in the Fall, and a “pergola lighting” approaching the winter holidays. Occasionally we organize with the City of Smyrna to execute large projects in our neighborhood — these have included design and construction of Williams Park (the park) including the pergola, hardscape and plantings; design and erection of the first neighborhood entrance monument (additional iterations are coming at other points of entry); installation of WP street sign toppers; landscape projects in our parks; and traffic calming initiatives. We maintain a Facebook page; run

a neighborhood watch program with Smyrna Police; keep members informed as necessary through email; run collections for charities; and occasionally organize a mass yard sale and trash amnesty.

Whether you’ve been with us for a decade or you haven’t joined before, Spring is the time to pony up \$20 (per household) for a whole year of activities in the neighborhood where you live. See page 11 for information and a membership form. Welcome to Williams Park.



ALICIA WOOD PHOTO

2018 CALENDAR

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WPN goes to a
Braves game
Sun, June 3

WPN HAPPY HOUR
June 15, 7 pm
Bev & Jimmy Denney
1460 Roswell St
bevmden@aol.com

WPN BOOK CLUB
Sun, June 24, 3 pm
Kimm Martin
2568 Highland Ave
Book TBA

WPN ADOPT-A-MILE
Sat, July 14, 9 am
Williams Park pergola

WPN HAPPY HOUR
July 20, 7 pm
Marcia Gipson
2622 Devin Court
marcia_gipson@att.net

WPN BOARD MEETING
Wed, July 25, 7 pm
2651 Gilbert St
404-906-8853

WPN BOOK CLUB
Sun, July 29, 3 pm
Madge Jackson
1449 Spring St.
Book TBA

WPN HAPPY HOUR
August 17, 7 pm
Cara & Patrick Thurman
2711 Gilbert St
cararyanthurman@gmail.com

WPN SWIM SOCIAL
Sat, Aug 25, 4 pm
Mae and Buck Bryan
1510 Spring St
404.824.5904

WPN BOOK CLUB
Sun, Aug 26, 3 pm
Becky Freedman
1392 Marston St.
Book TBA

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What's Right in This World — by Daniker Floyd

The Williams Park community, nestled in the midst of Smyrna — this is where I'm blessed to live and experience neighbors who exemplify what's right in this world.

We meet and greet one another once a month for Happy Hour, see each other out and about the town, and hold a few cookout gatherings throughout the year. But what happens when the rubber meets the road and a real need presents itself?

During the December 8th snow storm my carport collapsed on my car rocking my contented little world. I posted to WPN's page, asking who might I hire to get my car out and secure the carport to a safer state. I was absolutely awed by the response and free assistance from my WPN community as folks just materialized out of the snow drifts to help.

In a flash, my friend Kendall showed up with Ed for initial support and assessment. A couple of hours later Stephanie, Nate, and Mr. Upchurch knocked on my door, big broom in hand, ready to do whatever was necessary. Many others stopped by while walking or posted on social media, all offering to help.

The next day Firehouse man Robert Harrison stepped up to the plate and called in



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the troops — Gavin, Arnaldo, Kenzie, Riley, Allan, David and Christina all showed up. They jacked up my carport, rescued my car, and secured the environment.

My cup runneth over. My heart was overwhelmed with all the love and compassion. Nobody would accept payment for their help. Robert summed it up by saying, "This is what we do." God bless you all and I thank you from the bottom of my heart.

Caroling at the Gardens — by Debra Umberger

Over forty neighbors in our WP community joined together on December 21 to sing Christmas carols to the residents of the local memory care home, The Gardens of Smyrna. One family brought new blankets and other goodies for the residents saying, "We just felt a tug on our hearts to give as much as we could fit in our trunk to make sure these valued people have what they need and feel joy this Christmas season." Another caroler, tears in her eyes, said, "This is very special to me because my grandfather had Alzheimer's."

The Gardens of Smyrna, located at 1418 Spring Street, is a memory care facility currently housing 22 residents who, due to issues such as Alzheimer's and Vascular Dementia, are unable to care for themselves.

Activities Director Cherrie Orellana,

thanking the caroling visitors said, "Our residents were so blessed by the singing, interaction, treats and donations of blankets, socks and toiletries." Of the many needs residents have, Orellana said, the greatest is for personal contact. "Many residents go without frequent visits from family members and crave more loving interaction." She strongly encourages people to stop by and spend a few moments with the residents. They really enjoy sweets and snacks — especially home baked goodies (no carrots due to an allergy). Additionally, residents would love for someone to come play the piano in the main room. According to the Alzheimer's Foundation music is highly beneficial to dementia patients. "Used appropriately, music can shift mood, manage stress-induced agitation, stimulate posi-

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2018 CALENDAR

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WPN BOARD MEETING
Wed, Sept 5, 7 pm
2651 Gilbert St
404-906-8853

WPN HAPPY HOUR
Sept 21, 7 pm
Sara Jane Clements
2777 Mathews
clements.sarajane@gmail.com

WPN BOOK CLUB
Sun, Sept 30, 3pm
Kate Kingsley
1371 Roswell St.
The Missing
by C.L. Taylor

WPN ADOPT-A-MILE
Sat, Oct 13, 9 am
Williams Park pergola

WPN HAPPY HOUR
Oct 19, 7 pm
Ken Kmiecik and
Barbara Copes
2590 Old Roswell Road
bcopes@i_cmj.com

WPN CHILI CONTEST
Sat, Oct 20, 4 pm
1351 Roswell Street

WPN BOOK CLUB
Sun, Oct 28, 3 pm
Mary Ann Marchione
1505 Whitfield St.
Underground Railroad
by Colton Whitehead

WPN HAPPY HOUR
Nov 16, 7 pm
Marissa Maldonado
1548 Roswell St
marissanado@gmail.com

WPN BOOK CLUB
Sun, Nov 18, 3 pm
Nancy Smith
912 Forest View Ct.
Canton, GA
Book TBA

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Caroling

tive interactions, facilitate cognitive function and coordinate motor movements."

There are many ways to get involved helping residents at the Gardens. They would love assistance planting flowers and shrubs in the front and behind the building for residents to enjoy while outside. They would welcome visits from gentle pets (must provide current shot records) as well as people to spend some time playing board games. In addition, they need: baby wipes, snacks (pre-packaged or home baked), large adult bibs, new toiletries, dress up/costume items (for tea parties, sporting fun, holiday dress up, etc.). Feel free to contact Cherrie at 770-319-1000.

Some of the residents have led very interesting lives — one is a former back up dancer for B.B. King and there are a few Korean War Vets. Many residents love to garden and still have a green thumb. Stay tuned for a future article chronicling a biography of one of the Gardens' residents.



COURTESY DEBRA UMBERGER



Adopt-A-Mile: A hardy group of volunteers cleaned the streets of Williams Park on Saturday, January 20th, collecting over fifteen bags of trash. Many thanks to Keith Bentley, Daniker Floyd, Ed and Linda Heck, Chris Kuhn, Phil Qualter, and Kendall Wells.

We also want to thank Grateful Bread and Cafe Lucia for providing gift certificates. When you visit these establishments be sure to thank them for supporting our neighborhood.

— Lee Friedman, Adopt-A-Mile Coordinator



Keep Williams Park Beautiful

Volunteers in our neighborhood meet quarterly to pick up litter along our streets. Upcoming events are scheduled for Saturdays April 14, July 14, and October 13.

Participants gather at Williams Park pergola at 9:00 am. For more info, contact Lee Friedman at 404-786-0400 or friedman2814@gmail.com

But you don't have to wait to do your part! Thoughtless drivers toss litter from cars daily. When such debris lands in front of your house, you can help by picking it up and putting it in your garbage can.

Your neighbors will thank you!

**WELCOME
NEW MEMBERS**

— on ivy spring —
Chloe Chamberlin

— on hawthorne —
Donald & Candice
Washington

— on mathews —
Greg & Angela Davis
Amanda Simmons

— on roswell street —
Grateful Bread
Neighbors Feed & Seed

— on telfair way —
Mark & Jennifer Cowan

— on walker street —
Ryan Judge

— on windy hill place —
Kathryn Moras

— on whitfield parc —
J.P. & Heidi McIvor

Our membership now stands at
307 families

Our mission is to promote
community among
neighbors through social
interaction, emphasizing the
unique character
of Smyrna's oldest
neighborhood.

You don't have to be a member
to attend our events. If you
haven't already joined, howev-
er, now is a good time to do so.
For an application go to
www.williamsparkneighbors.org

dining out

close to home...by laura fine

When you walk into Wade's Fine Eatery and Good Time Emporium, you see an open, bright, modern, but still cozy, area. The exposed brick and high-top tables are contrasted with adorable salt and pepper shakers — a different theme on each table. We were seated at a table with cute owl-shaped shakers, but my favorite was a bright yellow corn-on-the-cob duo two tables over. The service was friendly, knowledgeable and prompt throughout our meal though, admittedly, we went at a relatively slow period — I can't speak for service when the restaurant is packed — but the waiter was kind and my water glass was never empty.

The menu has typical American-style food — burgers and sandwiches, fun sides, and unique starters. My first-visit-to-a-new-place rule of thumb is to always order whatever item on the menu is named after the restaurant, so I got the Wade's Way burger with Elote as my side. Wade's Way is an American cheese-stuffed burger with all the fixin's and Elote is Mexican-street-food-style corn on the cob. My friend ordered the Smoked Brisket Cheesteak with Popcorn Tin Brussels as her side, which are fried brussel sprouts in a

bowl with caramel popcorn and topped with cheese powder. We split everything down the middle so we could try as many dishes as possible.

I was underwhelmed by the Wade's Way burger. I never tasted any of the cheese stuffing, and their special sauce was basically 1000 Island dressing. Their homemade pickles were delicious, but that wasn't enough to shift the scale off of "it's fine." The cheesteak was much better. If you're looking for an authentic Philly Cheesteak experience, this isn't it — you can't find the right bread here and the way we Southerners think about steak is just different. That being said, their smoked brisket was fabulous, and the sandwich was great!

Hands down the best part of Wade's, however, were the sides. The Elote was perfectly roasted and covered in a spicy aioli and queso fresco — so delicious! And the brussel sprouts? I still have dreams about them. I was skeptical at first — caramel popcorn with cheese powder!?

But the salty + sweet + fried = wonderfulness I'm still thinking about.

All in all, I'll definitely go back, if only for more of those sprouts.



Atmosphere: ★★★★★☆
Service: ★★★★★
Food: ★★★☆☆

Cost: \$10 - \$15

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www.wadesofsmyrna.com
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M-Th: 11:30 am - 10:00pm
F-Sat: 11:30 am - 11:00 pm
Sun: 11:30 am - 9:00 pm

Snow three times in one winter — unusual but true!



Alicia Wood Photo

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Lighting the WP Pergola — by Alicia Wood



ALICIA
WOOD
PHOTOS



The 2017 Williams Park Pergola lighting went off without a hitch on the evening of Friday, December 1, 2017. Many families (including several 4-legged members) attended the event and brought their holiday cheer along with them. Hot dogs and s'mores were roasted on several fire pits in the park. Kids enjoyed frolicking in a big leaf pile and the main event — the lighting of the pergola!

A special thank you to our volunteers: Keith & Susan Bentley, Ed Heck, Jonathan Stroble, Casey Clavin, Chuck Bagdy, Megan Garrett family, Wendy Amundson family, Leanne Fey, Kate Kingsley, Becky Freedman, Patrick & Cara Thurman, Liz Davis, Colin Bromley, Gavin Carpenter, Erin Shoemaker, and Clint & Alicia Wood. Thank you to everyone who volunteered and attended, making the 2017 WPN Pergola Lighting a success!

Laugh,
it's good
for you!

A dog walks into a butcher shop and the butcher asks, "What do you want?" The dog points to steak in a glass case. "How many pounds?" The dog barks twice. "Anything else?" The dog points to some pork chops and barks four times. So the butcher wraps up a two-pound steak and four pork chops, and places the bag in the dog's mouth. He then takes money from a purse tied around the dog's neck, and sees him out.

A customer, who has been watching in amazement, follows the dog to a house several blocks away, where it rings the doorbell to be let in. As the owner appears at the door, the customer says, "What a remarkable dog!"

"Remarkable?" snorts the owner. "I don't think so. This is the second time this week he's forgotten his keys."

News in and around Williams Park

CHIP IN AND LEAVE A LEGACY

The Smyrna Elementary Foundation invites you to support our current **fundraising initiative** by purchasing a painted cinder block in one of our main hallways. You may specify text for your block which honors your child or a special staff member, shares an inspirational message, or promotes your business. \$40 buys up to 3 lines of text (maximum of 12 characters per line). Go to www.smyrnafoundation.com to reserve your block. Your message will be displayed for years to come.

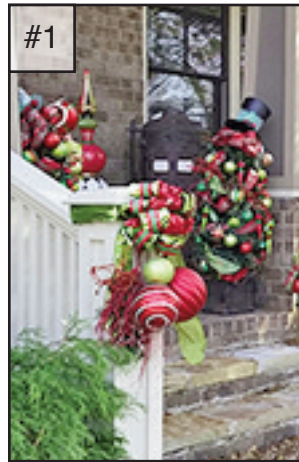


WP GETS HAPPY

WPN members and residences include everything from small to large, simple to fancy, historic to new, and nicely patinated to shiny-shiny. We have it all — and this varied group gathers in one of these varied places on the third Friday of each month to share food, drink, and conversation.

Our December Happy Hour was hosted by repeat HH host **Robyn Phillips (1)** on Gilbert Street. She particularly likes to host December because it provides a good opportunity to

share her high-impact holiday decor. She had sixteen decorated trees ranging from twelve feet tall to table top size, each with an individual theme. In the kitchen, the "chocolate tree" sat atop a tiered chocolate cake and carried food related decorations. A New Orleans themed upside-down tree (yes, hanging from the ceiling) displayed glass masks for ornaments. Individual rooms had themes reflected in table top decorations. The upstairs landing was laid out in "steampunk/industrial" with industrial style decorations. And eighteen decorated garlands throughout the house reinforced the themes of the trees they shared rooms with. Hey Robyn, might the term "over-the-top" be appropriate here?



January found us gathering once again with **Robert Harrison (2)** at his Firehouse on Alexander. Robert will host anytime because, well... his place is made for hosting. While his ever-present fire sculptures were lit in the yard, the weather was a little cold to truly appreciate them. But, the newly installed fireman's-pole was the unabashed hit of the evening. Robert's rule was "if you can climb up it, you can slide down it" and over the course of the evening, several people tried their luck climbing up the greased pole — the most successful of which were children (with the aid of their parents), but the most amusing of which were adults, more and more of whom tried as the night went on. Luckily, there was grating around the pole on the second floor so everyone had to follow the rule — they couldn't cheat by taking the stairs up in order to slide down.

Robert is pictured at left with Carolyn Kimbro.

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News in and around Williams Park

Jill and Daniel Huitron hosted in February on Roswell Street. Neighbors brought so much food it didn't all fit on their dining room table. People congregated all over, including the backyard where they made s'mores over a fire pit. With so many attending, it was great to meet new friends, catch up with old ones and everyone went home full!

Williams Park MEMO seeks input

Are you an aspiring writer, journalist, poet, illustrator, or photographer? This newsletter is seeking a few new contributors. We promise neither fame nor payment, but you'll be read by everybody in the neighborhood and you'll feel good about helping out.

In particular, we need somebody to take over the column called "Meet Your Neighbor." You would interview somebody in the neighborhood who's doing something interesting, take a few pictures, and share what you learn with the rest of us.

We also want to get some kind of kids' column going again. We've had two different types of this in the past. One was a column called "Pet Profiles" which was actual-

ly written by a grade-schooler working with her mom to interview neighbors about their pets. The other one, called "Lost Tooth News," was written by a WP mother who collected "news" items about neighborhood kids such as first salon haircut, vacation photo with caption, first dental visit.

We should have a regular column about dining out near Williams Park. There are lots of restaurants around here — you could go investigate and tell the rest of us which ones are worth their salt. We should have a column on seasonal gardening tips specifically appropriate to our area. Somebody could keep us abreast of City and Ward three news which might impact WP residents specifically.

None of these are big jobs — 325 to 650 words four times per year — but all together they'd provide the diversity of content that makes an interesting newsletter. Call or write one of us to talk about these possibilities. Casey Clavin can be reached at 770-333-9995 or at dingoblue@earthlink.net. Laura Fine is at 404-754-0806 or at laura.n.fine@gmail.com.

Get involved.

Thank you to our contributors

The newsletter you hold in your hands has been in publication since 2005. In those 13 years, we've published 402 pages of fresh content specific to our neighborhood — we never cut and paste existing content from outside sources.

Thanks to all those who have contributed over those years. Diversity of content is essential to an interesting newsletter and we appreciate the wide swath of subject matter our contributors have brought forward.



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circa
1910
Hargis House

1424 Spring Street

LINKED PARALLEL RIDGE COTTAGE

Historic homes within the Williams Park neighborhood

The greatest concentration of surviving older buildings in Smyrna lies within Williams Park. Nineteen houses still stand that were built before the First World War. This is PART SEVENTEEN in a series of articles covering these houses based on research done in 2012 by WPN members Casey Clavin and Vic Koch.



This is 1424 Spring Street. Cobb tax records reference the build date as 1910, though we believe it to be somewhat earlier. We're calling it the Hargis House, for the 1940s residents discussed in Pete Wood's book, *The Paperboy*, because we have no information on earlier occupants.

This is the fourth of our Linked Parallel Ridge Cottages. In this case, the roof sections are hipped, showing no gables on the front or sides. The larger drawing at right represents the Hargis House variant. The smaller drawing in the middle represents the Terrell House variant and that at the left, the earlier Suttles House and variant (and Lyle-Bowles House, covered in this series but since demolished).

Outside, this house retains its original six over six windows, clapboard and trim. At the top of the



walls, there's a wide band of trim below a cornice of boxed soffits and trim work. The building's corner boards have been made into pilasters by the addition of trim work capitals. These elements, together with the high walls above the windows and the hipped roof, give the house a note of Greek Revival styling. Its original front porch has been lost but there's evidence at both ends of the front wall where it's roof tied into the structure. That evidence tells us the house had a porch across most of the front and, because the top trim board runs through the full length of the front wall, we know that the porch roof joined the house below

circa
1910
Hargis House

that level. The porch columns were probably 3-D versions of the pilasters, probably six in number, which would have contributed to the Greek Revival styling. Though chimneys no longer emerge through the roof, there were originally two chimneys serving fireplaces in four rooms. The foundation is brick piers infilled with brick.

The Hargis house differs from the other Linked Parallel Ridge houses on two points. Firstly, where on the others the paired ridges are of equal length, on this house one of the pair is longer than the other (and appears to have always been so). Secondly, the area between the paired ridges was originally exterior space on this house, giving the floor plan an uneven U-shaped configuration open at the rear. What was a centrally located interior hallway in the others of this type, was here a covered back porch between two wings.

Here are two photos of the back of the house. The top one shows the house as it appears today. The larger photo has been altered to illustrate the original configuration with an open porch at the center back. The parallel ridge on the left is shorter and terminates in a gable. The one on the right is longer and terminates in a hip.

Inside, there are transoms over all original door frames. Original base boards (now only present inside closets which were added later) were a full 12" high. The 4" heart

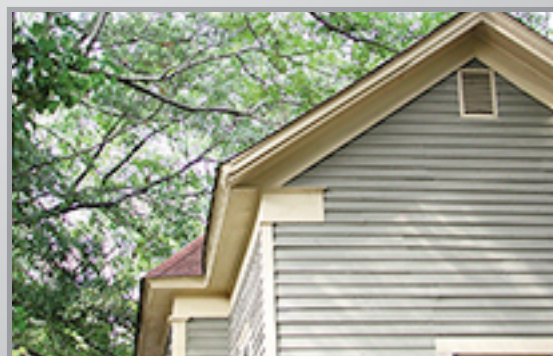


pine floors have been covered in most rooms. The ceilings have been covered or lowered, now measuring 9' 9". The interior has been significantly altered.

There's a story that traveled from seller to buyer over the years saying this house was built by a railroad engineer as a summer home. That's entirely possible and it may have happened as early as the late 1880s. It's not a fancy house but, in *The Paperboy*, Pete Wood recalls it having been a nice home when the Hargis' lived there in the 1940s. James Hargis served briefly on Smyrna's City Council in 1944.

Chain of ownership for parcel 17055900270

year	purchaser	date	book/page
James Hargis			
1961	Mrs J Furlow Smith	12-12-61	626/9
1972	Nathan M Newman	7-26-72	1334/288
1975	Industrial Const & Dev		1520/219
1981	A O White Jr	12-30-80	2294/413
1984	George R Davidson	12-12-83	2963/347
1987	Sherman Whitaker	12/16/86	4250/372



UPCOMING BOOKS

See calendar on pages 2 through 4 for book club dates and locations.

Beyond Words: What Animals Think and Feel
by Carl Safina

1000 White Women: The Journals of May Dodd
by Jim Fergus

A Piece of the World
by Christina Baker Kline

The Missing
by C.L. Taylor

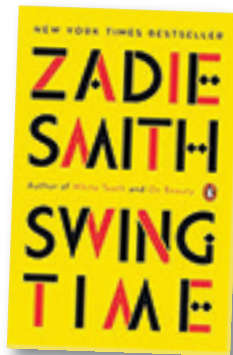
Underground Railroad
by Colton Whitehead

Williams Park Reads — by Leanne Fey

The WPN Book Club meets the last Sunday of the month at 3:00 pm at a host home. We always welcome new participants. To learn which books we'll be reading in the up coming months, see the calendar in the side bars on pages 2-5. To learn more, call Leanne at 770-863-9580. Here are our latest books:

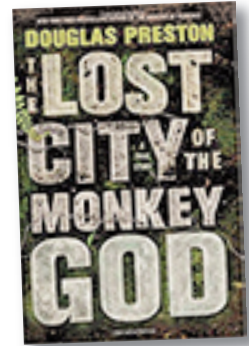
Swing Time
by Zadie Smith
★★★

In this novel, the author explores the lives of two biracial British girls who meet in a dance class when they are seven years old. We watch them grow into adulthood and explore ideas of friendship, family, belonging and love.



The Lost City of the Monkey God
by Douglas Preston
★★★★

Douglas Preston is a well known author who was invited to join an expedition in search of the legendary "White City" in the jungles of Honduras. Preston explores the history of the legend detailing the difficult and dangerous process involved in embarking on such an expedition, even with all the advanced technology of the 21st century.



Our rating system:
★ No one liked it
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★★★ It was good
★★★★ It was excellent
★★★★★ Fabulous

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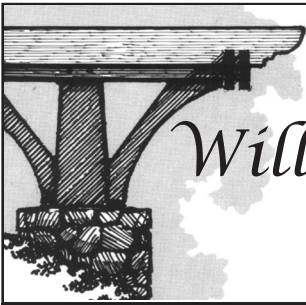
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