



# 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 3

The deadline for the June issue is May 15. Send contributions to Emily at [eldevane@gmail.com](mailto:eldevane@gmail.com) or Marie at [lambremont@mac.com](mailto:lambremont@mac.com)

Join us on facebook—Williams Park Neighbors.

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

## Thank you Casey! — by Keith Bentley

SANDY HAMBY PHOTO

Since the inception of WPN in 2005, Casey Clavin has served as editor of this publication, the *Memo*. Every quarter she gave generously of her time and talents to make sure each issue was informative and fun to read. She has written articles, solicited news, edited material written by others, designed and laid out each issue, and made sure it was "printer ready" for almost 14 years.

Casey focused closely on the quality of the *Memo* and it showed. In addition to quarterly updates on happenings around the neighborhood, there is an even greater value contained in past issues. If you browse through the *Memo* archive (available on the WPN website), you can trace the history of the neighborhood from our very beginning. You'll find stories about neighbors who have come and gone, children who were born here and are fast growing up, and lots of photos of folks sharing good times at our gatherings.



Casey and husband Vic ring in a new year at a neighbor's house a few years back.

The *Memo* truly captures the spirit of Williams Park and allows us all to share that spirit. As Casey steps away from the editorship (December 2018 was her last issue), please join me in giving her a great big thank you for her inspired contributions to Williams Park.

## So, let's meet your new editors

After many years of Casey's firm hand on the tiller, the helm is passing to three new, in-need-of-help editors. While we're grateful to Casey for her many years of dedication in publishing a first-rate newsletter and will try our best to fill her giant shoes, we could always use more help. We welcome news articles from our diverse and interesting neighbors on any topics of interest. Contact one of us (info on next page) if you'd like to contribute. There's no obligation — you can write one time, every time or just occa-

sionally. We just want to hear new voices! We hope you enjoy the new *Memo* and look forward to your feedback.

**Marie Lambremont** lives on Elizabeth Street with her husband Jack, daughter Katie (13), son John (11), their dogs Pepper and Brutus, and their cats Cody and Mike the Tiger. They moved into Williams Park in the summer of 2009. Marie's mom Kathie Maras also lives in Williams Park. Before taking time off to raise her two children,

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**WPN MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL**  
Began March 1

WPN HAPPY HOUR  
Fri, Mar 15, 7 pm  
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jasarajian@yahoo.com

WPN BOOK CLUB  
Sun, Mar 31, 3 pm  
Marie Lambremont  
2947 Elizabeth Street  
**The Book Thief**  
by Markus Zusak

WPN BOARD MEETING  
Wed, April 10, 7 pm

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

WPN HAPPY HOUR  
Fri, April 19, 7 pm  
Whitfield Parc - Rob Allen  
roballen51@gmail.com

WPN EGG HUNT  
Sat, April 20, 4pm  
1315 Roswell Street

WPN BOOK CLUB  
Sun, April 28, 3 pm  
Becky Freedman  
1392 Marston St.  
**Educated**  
by Tara Westover

WPN HAPPY HOUR  
Fri, May 17, 7 pm  
Brenda and Flip Varney  
2584 Highland Ave  
bgvarney@gmail.com

WPN BOOK CLUB  
Sun, May 26, 3 pm  
Book: TBA

WPN GOES TO THE BRAVES GAME  
Sat, June 16, 1:30 pm

WPN HAPPY HOUR  
Fri, June 21, 7 pm  
Ryan Judge  
1611 Walker St  
rjjudge@gmail.com

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**Meet your new editors — continued**

Marie taught Middle School English. Jack is a labor and employment attorney with offices in Midtown. Katie, a 7th-grader and John, a 5th-grader, both attend St. Benedict's Episcopal School. The Lambremont's favorite parts of living in Williams Park are the amazing neighbors, the sense of community, and the walkability to the Market Village.



Marie

**Emily DeVane** lives on Hawthorne Avenue with her dog Charlie. The two moved to Williams Park in the fall of 2015. She had lived in Vinings for six years prior to moving here. A teacher for ten years, Emily currently teaches special education for the Cobb County School District. You can probably catch Emily outside walking Charlie, a cute little ten-pound Pomchi who loves the outdoors! Emily's favorite parts of living in Williams Park are the community and the fun events! She has recently started a cookbook review club in the neighborhood. Participants specify a cookbook from the Smyrna Library, and everyone chooses a recipe to make. They cook, gather, and review each item made! It's a super fun event of eating, drinking, and gathering!



Emily

**Chandra Kenyon** lives on Spring Street with her husband Jared, daughter Tallulah (6), son Blu (3), and dog Rainbow. She's a new Chiropractor with an office in the historic building on the corner of Spring and Alexander Streets. Jared is also a chiropractic student at Life University. Tallulah is a 1st-grader at Smyrna Elementary School while Blu spends his days at home. Chandra has lived in the neighborhood for eight+ years and her favorite part of living in Williams Park is the sense of community. The whole family can often be found in their yard gardening or being entertained by their chickens and goats.



Chandra

# 2019 CALENDAR

WPN BOOK CLUB  
Sun, June 30, 3 pm  
Book: TBA

WPN HAPPY HOUR  
Fri, July 19, 7 pm  
Patrick & Cara Thurman  
2711 Gilbert St  
cararyanthurman@gmail.com

WPN ADOPT-A-MILE  
Sat, July 20, 9 am  
Williams Park pergola

WPN BOARD MEETING  
Wed, July 24, 7 pm

WPN BOOK CLUB  
Sun, July 28, 3 pm  
Book: TBA

WPN HAPPY HOUR  
Fri, Aug 16, 7 pm  
Ryan & Elizabeth Hester  
1444 Mimosa Circle  
79gators@gmail.com

WPN/BRYAN'S BLOCK  
PARTY  
Sat, Aug 24, 4 pm  
1510 Spring St

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## March is the time to renew or join Williams Park Neighbors

It's that time of year...SPRING! Saint Patrick's Day, Jonquils blooming and the WPN membership drive!

Are you asking, *why join WPN?* This newsletter, a benefit of WPN membership, is published four times each year with content exclusively from, about, and for our neighborhood. Williams Park consists of over 550 households within a 1.4 mile area. This newsletter is only printed and delivered to all households in March to reach non-member households who might wish to join. To get the other three newsletters, you have to join WPN.

If you're not familiar with WPN, 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, through Keep Smyrna Beautiful. Annually, we host a large egg hunt near Easter, have 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 work with the City of Smyrna to execute large projects in our neighborhood: some of these have included the design and construction of Williams Park (the park) including the pergola, hardscape and plantings; design and erection of the first neighborhood entrance monument; installation of Williams Park street sign toppers; landscape projects in our various parks; and traffic calming initiatives. We also maintain a Facebook page and email distribution for news and happenings in our neighborhood as well as pertinent city happenings. We have a Neighborhood Watch program with Smyrna Police; organize collections for charities, including our local Smyrna Elementary School; and occasionally organize a mass yard sale.

Whether you've been with us for a decade or you haven't joined before, March is the time to renew or join Williams Park Neighbors! Membership is \$20 (per household) for a whole year of fun activities for all ages! See membership form below.

If you have questions, please contact Hayli McQuade at [hmcquade71@bellsouth.net](mailto:hmcquade71@bellsouth.net).

March 2019

# Williams Park Neighbors renewal form

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May we include your information in our directory?  Yes  No

# 2019 CALENDAR

WPN BOOK CLUB  
Sun, Aug 25, 3 pm  
Book: TBA

WPN BOARD MEETING  
Wed, Sept 11, 7 pm

WPN HAPPY HOUR  
Fri, Sep 20, 7 pm  
Wendy Amundson &  
Tony Graves  
1335 Marston Street  
wendyamundson@att.net

WPN BOOK CLUB  
Sun, Sep 29, 3 pm  
Book: TBA

WPN HAPPY HOUR  
Fri, Oct 18, 7 pm  
Russell & Kimberly Currie  
2794 Morris Circle  
wrightkimberly@gmail.com

WPN ADOPT-A-MILE  
Sat, Oct 19, 9 am  
Williams Park pergola

WPN YARD SALE  
Sat, Oct 26, 9 am

WPN COOK OUT AND  
CHILI CONTEST  
Sat, Oct 26, 4 pm

WPN BOOK CLUB  
Sun, Oct 27, 3 pm  
Mary Ann Marchione  
1629 Mohawk Place  
Book: TBA

WPN HAPPY HOUR  
Fri, Nov 15, 7 pm  
Details TBA

WPN BOOK CLUB  
November 24th at 1 pm  
Nancy Smith 912  
Forrest View Ct,  
Canton, GA 30144  
Book: TBA

WPN PERGOLA  
DECORATING  
Sat Nov. 30, 10am  
at Williams Park  
Join in bedecking our  
signature structure

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## WP has a new Cookbook Club

KEITH BENTLEY PHOTO

William's Park first cookbook review was such a blast! The cookbook club is a new event that will take place every few months. We select a cookbook from the Smyrna library and participants choose recipes from its index that jive with them. Everyone meets up to share their dishes, eat good food and talk about their experiences with the recipes they chose to make.

For the first meeting we all met at Emily DeVane's house on Hawthorne Ave. The food was delicious and the conversations were wonderful. We made and tasted food from Carla Hall's **Soul Food Everyday** cookbook. You may know Carla Hall as the woman with the bubbly personality from the show "The Chew."

Some of the favorites of the night were Grilled Okra with Spiced Sprinkle and the



Pimiento Cheese. It was like Thanksgiving in Emily's kitchen. We had everything from creamed collard greens, to mac & cheese, to easy deviled eggs.

Our next cookbook meetup is March 23rd at 6pm. We're going to cook recipes from **Bosh!**

If you would like to join or want more information, please email Emily at [elde-vane@gmail.com](mailto:elde-vane@gmail.com)



## Attentional All Teens and Preteens

Hi! My name is Kate Lambremont. I'm 13 years old and in Williams Park, just like you! My mother, Marie, is one of the editors of this **Memo**. This is my first time writing in a newspaper, and I have so many ideas! I'm really excited to start a column for teens, by teens, in the **Memo** and I want your help. So, I'm going to start with a poll. What kind of articles would you be most interested in reading every quarter? To vote for the sort of content you want, email me at [k.lambremont.student20@stbs.org](mailto:k.lambremont.student20@stbs.org).

Here are a few options:

1. Fiction
2. Kids movie reviews
3. Pet interviews
4. Advice Column
5. Book club
6. Reviews of local restaurants and/or other places (such as RockNJump)

Do you have other ideas? Also, if you're a kid or a teen who is interested in writing, email me or my Mom (her name is Marie and she's at [lambremont@mac.com](mailto:lambremont@mac.com)). I'm so excited to write for you and to hear from you about your ideas!



WPN PERGOLA  
LIGHTING

Fri, Dec. 6, 6 pm  
at Williams Park  
wood fires, hot dogs,  
s'mores !!! Fun for the  
whole family

WPN HAPPY HOUR

Fri, Dec 20, 7 pm  
Emily DeVane  
1401 Hawthorne Ave  
eldevane@gmail.com

**Laugh —  
it's good for you!**

**A man walks into a bar with his pet giraffe and orders drinks. As the night goes on, they get drunk and the giraffe passes out. The man decides to go home.**

**As he's leaving, the bar-keeper approaches and says, "Hey, you're not gonna leave that lyn' here, are ya?"**

**"That's not a lion," the man says, "it's a giraffe."**

**A gorilla walks into a bar and says, "Scotch on the rocks, please." He hands the bartender a \$10 bill.**

**The bartender thinks the gorilla doesn't know the price of drinks, and gives him just 15 cents change.**

**Then the bartender says, "You know, we don't get too many gorillas in here." And the gorilla replies, "At \$9.85 a drink, I ain't coming back, either."**

**Locally speaking: gyms — by Kristy Barker**

If you're anything like me, your New Year's resolution of getting more exercise might have fallen by the wayside by now. Cold weather, not enough time in the day, and lack of motivation are all good excuses, even though we know the many benefits of exercise. But fear not, neighbors! I packed my workout gear, gave myself a pep talk, and visited some local gyms and fitness studios to see what they have to offer. Join me on a trip around town in the spirit of fitness. I promise your abs will thank me!

full hour, beginner to advanced, so there's something for everyone. You'll set up your bike (don't worry, they have friendly instructors to assist) and then clip in for a cardio blast. The music is upbeat and the lights are low (pro tip – it can be loud, so you might want to grab some ear plugs at the desk on your way in). An instructor will guide you through various levels of resistance and speed. The time goes fast, you'll sweat a lot, and you'll be glad for the cooling lavender towel at the end. You can take your first class for \$10 or get a pack of 3 for \$30.

First stop, Pure Barre Vinings, in the Vinings Jubilee Shopping



Center. A quick ten minutes from our neighborhood is this boutique studio that specializes in barre classes. Just what is barre? It's a low impact exercise that focuses on small movements and partially uses a ballet barre. Sounds easy, right? Wrong. Ten minutes into this class, my muscles were shaking like a leaf! The encouraging instructor leads you through a full body workout that you'll definitely feel the next day. Don't worry if you don't quite get the movements at first; they have "Breaking Down the Barre" classes that will cover the basics and you can always ask questions after class. Pro tip – don't forget socks! But if you do, you can buy some cute ones from their shop. New clients get 20% off their first month of classes.

Making my way back closer to the neighborhood, I stopped at The Body Bar.



This studio is on Atlanta Road, just a couple minutes from the neighborhood. This community-focused boutique studio offers a range of classes from strength training, to barre, to yoga, plus outdoor bootcamps throughout the year. My favorite is the Monday evening cardio barre class. Part yoga, part barre, with some cardio thrown in, it's the perfect cure for a case of the Mondays. You'll work hard, but you're guaranteed a good stretch at the end. And for moms to be, they have a prenatal yoga series that has rave reviews. Pro tip – on Saturday mornings they offer free group runs!

You can do a one week trial for \$30 and sample all of the classes.

Next up I head to Cycle Elan, a spin studio on South Cobb drive across from Jim and Nick's.



Not just for spin, this studio also offers strength and TRX training as well as yoga classes. I love the variety of the spin classes – they range from 30 minutes to a

I hope I've given you some ideas to get back on the workout wagon. Of course, if none of these appeal to you, there's always the option of taking a brisk walk around our beautiful neighborhood!



Pure Barre in Vinings

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dining out

close to home...by laura fine

I know Scalini's is an atypical restaurant to review since it's already widely known throughout the neighborhood, and it's been open for almost 40 years. But, this is where you go to eat when you are nine months pregnant, and it turns out the only kind of person who goes out to eat less often than a very pregnant woman is a new mom, so here we are!

The restaurant itself is tucked into a corner of the strip mall at the corner of Cobb Parkway and Windy Ridge Parkway, near the Best Buy and across the road from the Goodwill. It's much larger than I anticipated — it has multiple dining areas and can accommodate large parties — there was an extended family gathering of more than ten comfortably enjoying dinner nearby while we were there. The wait staff is friendly and the atmosphere is stereotypical of an Italian restaurant with its checkered tablecloths, soft lighting and wood paneling. All of their individual entrees come with a salad and endless garlic rolls that are served family-style. It's the best of both worlds because you get the experience of sharing food with your table-mates, but nobody has to compromise on what they want to eat for dinner. The salad is a little lackluster — iceberg lettuce with standard "house" toppings (tomato, cucumber, some cheese etc.), but the garlic rolls are delicious! There are huge chunks of garlic swimming in butter on top of each roll and the best part is dipping your roll into whatever is still at the bottom of the bowl when everyone has taken their share out — highly recommended!

Scalini's is best known for its labor-inducing Eggplant Parmigiana — if you go into labor within 48 hours of eating it, you can claim the honor of having an "eggplant baby" and provide a photo to be put up on the wall of their restaurant. At first, I thought it was all hype, but there are hundreds, pos-

sibly thousands, of these photos up along a corridor in the middle of the space. Apparently dozens of very pregnant women come in every week to try their luck at being done with pregnancy just a little bit sooner. Many more look up the recipe online to make at home if they're out of town — people from all over the world use this recipe to induce labor, and I don't blame them! There wasn't a lot to say about the eggplant under all the

cheesy, fried goodness, but in my book you can't go too wrong by drenching pure comfort food in marinara.

Best of all? It works! We went out to dinner on Friday night, and my water broke the next morning! Zoe Harper Fine was born January 12 at 11:03 pm, 7 pounds, 4 ounces, healthy, happy and hungry. Eli and I are so proud to introduce the youngest member of WPN to the neighborhood!



Scalini's

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

Cost: approx. \$10 - \$20

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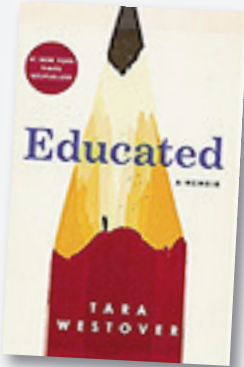
UPCOMING BOOKS

See calendar on pages 2 through 5 for book club dates and locations.

In March, we'll discuss **The Book Thief** by Markus Zusak



In April, we'll discuss **Educated** by Tara Westover



**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.

**Once Upon a River: A Novel** by Diane Setterfield

★★★★★

Set in 1800's England at an ancient inn along the river Thames, Diane Setterfield weaves a magical tale of a young, unknown child who is found in the river and presumed dead. The girl comes back to life and the search to find out who she is has a profound impact on the entire community.



Our rating system:

- ★ No one liked it
- ★★ It was ok
- ★★★ It was good
- ★★★★ It was excellent
- ★★★★★ Fabulous

**Williams Park goes to Happy Hour**

WP residents have been hosting and attending happy hours for 12 or 13 years now without ever missing a single month.

We closed out 2018 at **Catherine Bowen's** home on Old Roswell. We're always grateful for a willing December host because it's such a busy month for most. So thank you Catherine for stepping up to the plate.

January was a near miss. We've had a few over the years but somebody always comes through when a last minute cancellation requires a quick back-up. **Robert Harrison** stepped in this time, opening his place on Alexander for us to enjoy once again.

In February we gathered on Walker Street in the home of first time hosts **Paula and Tom Fowler**, photo at right. Everyone



had a wonderful time during this post-Valentine's day celebration, and we're always grateful to have new hosts.

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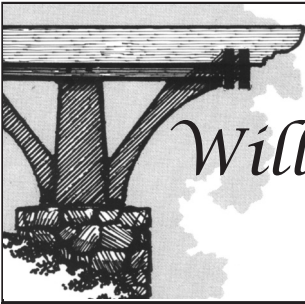
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