



Williams Park

MEMO

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2005 CALENDAR

meet with the builder
see details at right

WPN board of directors' meeting
thurs., sept. 8 at 7 pm
at the Smyrna Museum

happy hour
friday, september 9
6 pm at Zucca's

story time
tuesday, sept. 13
7 pm at Italo's

spaghetti social
saturday, sept. 15
7 pm at Main Street
Pizza

kids' autumn fest
saturday, sept. 24
Noon at *tba*

story time
tuesday, sept. 27
7 pm at Williams Park

bridge group
wednesday, sept. 28
7:30 at Mary Hellen's,
1021 Windy Oaks Ct.

story time
tuesday, october 11
7 pm at Williams Park

**general assembly
neighborhood meeting**
tuesday, october 11
7 p.m. at City Hall
first floor

happy hour
friday, october 14
6 pm at Atkins Park

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Coming up this Tuesday & Thursday

There's a proposed project for the east end of Walker Street currently making its way through the Planning and Zoning process. It consists of 10 single family homes to replace 5 existing duplexes. **Builder Colin Gallagher** has agreed to meet with interested neighbors to share details this **Tuesday**, September 6, at 7:00 pm in the Smyrna Museum.

The project, which has already been past the P&Z Board, is due to go before Mayor and Council for a final decision on September 19. Don't miss the opportunity to be informed and involved.

Your Williams Park Neighbors Board of Directors will meet this **Thursday**, September 8 at 7:00 pm at the Smyrna Museum. Subjects for discussion include, our next major social event, our next beautification project, the Williams Park tour of homes, our newsletter publication schedule, a neighborhood watch program, membership renewal, a slate of officers for next year, and the agenda for the October general assembly meeting. All neighborhood residents are invited to attend this meeting.

Williams Park Report

The Neighborhood Cookout in July was a blast. About 80 adults attended plus all their associated kids. The scene was festive and colorful thanks to the efforts of our WPN social co-chairs, Jill Jones and Sandy Hamby. Hamburgers and hotdogs were supplied (courtesy of local grocery stores) as well as beverages. The rest of the menu arrived in the form of "covered dishes" — and, holy cow, we have some real serious "foodies" in the neighborhood. There were games — horse shoes, bean-bag toss, bobbing for apples, and an inflated jumping environment for the extra energetic. Matt Bennet and Dickie Cook stood duty at a couple of grills, Shaun Latimore-Martin held story time for the kids, and WPN president, Ron Davis, administered the drawing of tickets to distribute the door prizes. To trot out the old cliché — a good time was had by all!

Operation Clean Sweep, held on June 25 and 26, was a big success. There were 20 individual yard sales throughout the neighborhood and a big group yard sale in Williams Park. Beside the revenues raised by



Sandy and Jill were exhausted by their effort, but everyone else just partied on.

individuals, items donated to the community produced \$304.80 for the Williams Park Neighbors' general account. All donated items remaining at the end of the day on Saturday went to charity — five trucks and a

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jonquil festival
sat., sun., oct. 22, 23
all day at the village green

story time
tuesday, october 25
7 pm at Williams Park

harvest festival
saturday, october 29
6 pm *tba*

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

Our membership is now at 79 families and growing.

trailer-load of clothes, furniture, household items, and toys went to M.U.S.T. Ministries.

Then on Sunday people carted their unsaleable, unusable, and unwanted stuff to the curb and, like Santa's little helpers, Smyrna crews arrived Monday morning and graciously removed 70 cubic yards of trash free of charge.



time Claude Monet and George Foreman ever hung out together

We had a lot of fun, earned some money, made a nice donation to a good charity, and helped beautify our community. It was great. Thanks to Paula Kraemer, WPN Beautification Chairperson, for organizing this great event. Do y'all think we should do this again next year? Let your thoughts be known.

The kids in this neighborhood have had a really active social schedule due to the efforts of Jill, Sandy, and Shaun Latimore-Martin in charge of children's activities. On August 13 they attended an afternoon popsicle social in Williams Park. They sat for a story, shared refreshments, played games, then they all got tattoos and stood for a group photo.

August 24 brought the inaugural edition of Story Time Under the Stars, an evening event kicked off at 7:00 pm in Williams Park. There was a good turn-out of kids and parents. After some initial socializing, they all sat down to hear first a guest reader, then Shaun, creator and host of the event, who has a lot of experience reading to kids and really keeps the little

Clean Sweep — probably the first

time Claude Monet and George Foreman ever hung out together



ones' attention. After refreshments, a competitive game of musical chairs gave winner, Emerick, his choice of a prize from a big box of books.

This event, scheduled for every other Tuesday evening, will be held next at Italio's the ice cream parlor. Shaun is looking for volunteers to read — if you want to help out call her at 404-556-5282.

Shaun reading to WPN children



For neighborhood adults, we also have a few repeat and ongoing social events. A **bridge group** has started meeting. They're having fun, but playing three-handed right now. New participants are welcome even if they don't know how to play. Come on along (see schedule) or call Mary Hellen at 770-437-8620.

Also, see the schedule for repeat **happy hours** and a **spaghetti dinner**. The next large scale social event is Harvest Fest on October 29. Mark your calendar.

Ward 3 and City News

Ward 3 Councilman, Bill Scoggins, confirms that a recent U.S. Transportation Bill has allocated \$3 million for Smyrna projects. One million is earmarked for "railway quiet zones" at the Spring Street and Hawthorne Avenue crossings (welcome news for those living close to the tracks). One million is earmarked for a pedestrian bridge across the railroad tracks near the Spring Street intersection. And one million will support a park project on the former Brawner hospital campus. Congratulations to our city leaders for obtaining these funds.

A fundraising dinner and concert, sponsored by the Taylor-Brawner House Foundation, will be held October 22nd at the First United Methodist Church. All proceeds will go to the restoration of Smyrna's historic Taylor-Brawner House. One of Smyrna's oldest standing homes, built circa 1883, this will be an important part of the new public park being developed on the Atlanta Road Brawner campus. The dinner/concert will feature Smyrna's own singer-songwriter Pat Terry, who has written for Nashville artists including Travis Tritt, Tanya Tucker, Kenny Chesney, Confederate Railroad and many others. Seating is limited to 400. Don't miss this fun and exciting event. Order your tickets now by calling 770-434-3764 or 770-801-8760.