



Williams Park

MEMO

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MEMO NOTES

happy holidays y'all

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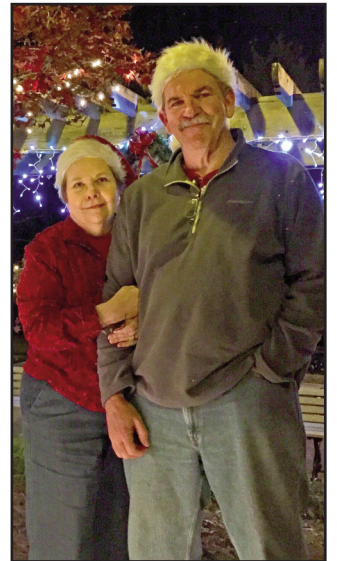
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The Lighting of the WP Pergola — by Susan Bentley

A clear, chilly December 4 was the perfect night for Williams Park neighbors to get together and celebrate the 2015 lighting of the pergola. More than 100 family and friends cheered as the lights came on and the party began! With Christmas music playing, attendees toasted marshmallows for s'mores and roasted wieners for hot dogs. Christmas cookies and popcorn were offered up with cups of hot cocoa alongside homemade goodies brought by Julia MacCarroll and Jill Huitron.

Precious children were everywhere – infants in arms and tod-

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2015-'16 CALENDAR

wpn happy hour
December 18, 7 pm
Beverly & Jimmy Denney
1460 Roswell St
678-361-8008

wpn board meeting
January 20, 7 pm

wpn happy hour
January 15, 7pm
Julia Oliver
1617 Ivy Spring Drive
678-458-4570

wpn adopt-a-mile
January 23, 10am

wpn book club
Sun, Jan. 31, 3pm
Debbie Savage
2583 Old Roswell
**Love With A Chance Of
Drowning** by Torre
DeRoche

wpn happy hour
February 19, 7 pm
Monique Parker
& Kevin Bray
2895 Anderson Circle
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wpn general assembly
February 23, 7pm

wpn book club
Sun, February 28, 3pm
Susan Bentley
2651 Gilbert Street
Book: TBA

wpn happy hour
March 18, 7 pm
Kimberly & Russell
Currie
2794 Morris Circle
617-519-3954

wpn easter egg hunt
Saturday, March 26

wpn book club
Sun, March 27, 3pm
Leanne Fey
1496 Spring St.
Last Bus to Wisdom
by Ivan Doig

Pergola Lighting *continued*

PHOTOS BY KEITH BENTLEY



...ers gazing at the lights. Older kids toasted marshmallows, jumped in a great big pile of leaves and invented games which mainly involved running at breakneck speed from

one end of the park to the other. Friends caught up with each other and new neighbors were made welcome.

Thanks to Santa's elves for a fine decoration installation – Madge Jackson, Daniker Floyd, Jonathan Stroble, Joan and Lee Friedman, Susan and Keith Bentley. Thanks to Leanne and Lem Ward and Cara and Jeremy Fort for lending fire pits and to Gavin Carpenter's Jonquil Landscaping crew for transporting the fire pits, clearing the leaves from the party space... and for making a great big pile of leaves for kids to jump into! Lastly, Pergola Lighting hosts Susan and Keith Bentley and Becky Freedman would like to welcome new neighbor Jody Betts (Hawthorne Avenue) to WPN. Jody came by as we were setting up and said, "How can I help?" – such sweet words to our ears! Jody helped at the cookie and cocoa table for the entire evening. Thanks, and welcome to the neighborhood, Jody!

October in WP = Chili Contest — by Becky Freedman

PHOTOS BY BECKY FREEDMAN

Sweet, spicy and all 'round deliciousness! Our annual WPN Chili Contest (Saturday, October 24) brought out the best and yummiest creativity from 11 fantastically talented neighborhood chili chefs — all prize winners to this writer's taste buds. These were accompanied by all the appropriate homemade side dishes and salads plus treats



for the sweet tooth among us. All this played out on the green expanse of the Davis lawn (thank you, Liz and Ron). Folks relaxed in congenial conversation; kiddies bounced, played and busted open a piñata; musician Johnny Carlton played western tunes; and, of course, we ate. It all came together in a perfect afternoon bliss.

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Kids "clean up" under a broken piñata — why can't they apply this behavior at home — while adults help themselves to 11 chilis.

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so WPN can welcome
the newcomers.

PHOTOS BY SUSAN BENTLEY

Chili Contest *continued*

Our judges this year were William Park's own Suzy Miller along with grandfather/granddaughter team Joe and Brook Yancosky. Their family owns Locanda Firenze, the new Italian cafe and wine bar in the Market Villiage (coffee, pastries, sandwiches, meat & cheese boards, wine, and gelato).

This year saw four new



Myrna Evans makes sure everybody gets a nametag.



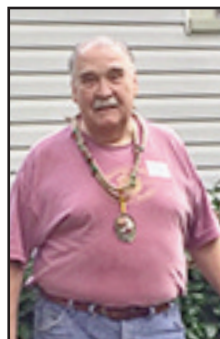
Todd Magill strikes the triumphant pose of a champion.



Parents congregate outside Judy Brasfield's always-popular jump house.



This year's guest judges were Joe and Brook Yancosky.



Event organizer Becky Freedman (with glasses) and other winners — Bev Denney, Dave Chambers, Lem Ward, and Eva Cooke.

categories added to our traditional five, each ranked on a number system, from one to five. Brook, Joe and Suzy met the task head on, employing conscientious and precise

methodologies to ensure a fair and objective awards process. Our grand prize winning chili, "Chili Verde Con Cerdo," was mastered by Todd Magill. Other medal winners were Bev Denney, Dave Chambers, Lem Ward, and Eva Cooke.

WPN extends sincere gratitude to our judges and congratulations to our winning chili chefs. Once again, WPN Chili Contest was high level and hard core.

A zillion thanks to everyone who pitched in with planning, setting up, executing, partying, and cleaning up. It all came together brilliantly in the best 'hood ever! And hey, everybody... get ready for next year.



The serious work of judging in progress.

MILESTONES

births

Congratulations to Robin and Sean Berger on the birth of their son. Carson Quinn Berger was born 7/6/15 weighing 8lbs, 1oz.



Congratulations to Katherine & Kevin Cranford on the birth of their daughter. Ellis Kate Cranford was born 8/26/15 weighing 6lbs, 6oz.

Congratulations to Melissa and Chris Harper on the birth of their son. Luke David Harper was born 9/2/15 weighing 8lbs, 2 oz.



deaths

Scooter Allen Bentley, beloved pet, and Williams Park bon vivant, passed away on October 15. He will be greatly missed and live in our hearts forever.

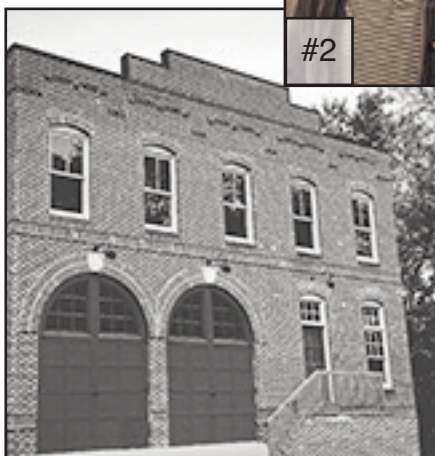
News in and around Williams Park

We always like to thank our recent happy hour hosts. In September we hung with the **Thurmans** on Gilbert Street. **Cara and Patrick** (1), two nice laid-back people, hosted adults in the front rooms while son **Banyon** hosted kids in his bedroom. Well, he hosted Tallula, anyway...



Brian and Erin Sizemore opened their Anderson Circle home in October. They were worried about their dog being a poor host but he turned out to be a real dear. The weather was nice and people circulated in and out all evening.

Robert Harrison debuted his new Alexander Street firehouse (2) in November, complete with a vintage fire truck. This place has been in the works for a little while so people, curious to get a look inside, turned out in large numbers. That was fine because this place can accommodate a crowd. Interestingly, this happy hour brought out a good number of WP children who thrilled to crawl up the ramp and through the dog door... again, and again, and again. A good time was had by all.



The Smyrna Kiwanis Club named **Bill Marchione** (Whitfield Street) their 2015 Kiwanian of the Year. Dr. Marchione was completely surprised, saying he had no idea he might be awarded the honor. This writer would suggest that's because, given all the work Bill does for the community, he has no time or attention left for such things as awards.

One project Bill's been engaged in recently is the Jonquil Historical Trail. He's developing this in his capacity as Chair of the History Committee on the Smyrna Arts & Cultural Council. It will debut first as a smart phone app with descriptions and images (triggered locationally) for sixty various points where landmarks stand or once stood. Later, it's planned that many/all the locations will have artistic/informational installations.

Bill, who does a great deal of high-value volunteer work for the community, certainly deserves the recognition this award represents. Congratulations, Bill.

An early Christmas present arrived in the form of the **Williams Park flags**. They are available for pickup at the Bentley residence at 2651 Gilbert Street. If you pre-ordered one for your house, just bring by your donation (a check made out to WPN for \$40), and fly your neighborhood pride. Call 770-433-0350 to make sure someone is home. We also have a few extras for those who didn't pre-order.



1906 Terrell House

1389 Roswell 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 TEN in a series of articles covering these houses based on research done in 2012 by WPN members Casey Clavin and Vic Koch.



The Terrell House is the third in this series of a type we're calling Linked Parallel Ridge Cottage. This house type has three roof ridges—a parallel pair running fore and aft, linked at the front by a third ridge perpendicular to the pair. A central hallway, flanked by rooms aligned under the paired roof sections, imposes a strong bi-lateral symmetry on the interior. On the Lyle-Bowles and



Suttles houses, both covered earlier in this series, the linking ridge runs the full width of the front of the house the parallel ridges terminate at back of it (drawing at left). The Terrell House differs in that its parallel ridges run through to paired front-facing gables (drawing above). The linking ridge is

much less dominant and the building's bilateral symmetry is as strongly pronounced on the exterior as on the interior. There are paired rear facing gables as well.

Inside, this balloon framed structure has



1906

Terrell House

an eight foot wide central hall (divided by a doorway into a 16' deep front hall and an 18' deep back hall) flanked by three rooms on each side, all 15' wide but of diminishing depth, 13', 12', and 10'. The ceilings are 10' 8" high. The floors are 3 1/4" heart pine.

There are two chimneys, each located between a pair of rooms serving four fireplaces. The foundation around the perimeter is brick piers infilled later with brick. Supports under house are stacked rocks. The clapboard siding is original, as are the diamond shaped vents in the gables, the wide eave and rake trim, and corner boards. The original wood and glass front door is present.



The operational shutters were custom built to replace lost originals. The porch columns are original but the railings were added later.

Prior to the turn of the 20th century, the Terrell family lived on a farm three miles away, on what is now Terrell Mill Road. After William Henry Terrell died in 1898, his wife Buena Vista Terrell decided to move into town. She bought this lot in 1905 and her 18 year old son Carl helped to build the house. Later Carl moved to the Midwest where he met and married Bess Embree. They already



had their son Robert when they moved back to Smyrna. Their daughter Helen was born here.

Below are a couple of photos made in 1919 of five-year-old Bob. At right, he's pictured with his calf near the end of the front porch—clearly there are no railings between the columns. At left, he's carrying both a rifle and sidearm—with World War I having just ended months earlier, Bob's taking no chances. There are two houses visible in the background. While the nearer has been lost,



1906

Terrell House

Chain of ownership for parcel 17056000750

year	purchaser	date	book/page
	T W Whitfield		
1905	Mrs B V Terrell	11-?-05	HH/556
1926	C C Terrell	12-7-26	92/485
1972	Mrs Bess E Terrell	8-12-71	1245/587
1974	Nancy McGee	8-29-74	1554/523



1905, Buena Vista Terrell bought the lot from T.W. Whitfield and the house was completed the following year. Mrs. Terrell died on the first Tuesday in December of 1926. Carl bought the property from his mother's estate for \$2,250, and moved home permanently with his wife Bess, their son Robert and their daughter Helen.

Carl held several jobs over the years. During the Depression, he served as district foreman of Smyrna's Civil Works Administration workers. He worked for Otis Elevator and for Bell Bomber at various times. He served as Smyrna's City Clerk from 1940 to 1944 and as City Councilman in 1952. Bess cooked, cleaned, tended chickens, gardened and sewed. They lived in the house until their deaths, his in 1971, and hers in 1974.

the farther still stands and will be covered later in this series.

Here are two photographs made in 1927 during a visit from the Ruffs, a prominent local family. The front path and steps were concrete and the porch foundation was closed with wooden lattice. That's different now—the front path has been paved in flagstone and the steps and porch foundation are now built of stacked rocks. The porch swing, hung when the house was new, had been hanging for 21 years when these pictures were made. Today, at 109 years of age, it's still there and functional (photo on previous page).

The chain of ownership is rather short for the Terrell House. In

Current owner Nancy McGee bought the property from her grandmother's estate, moving into the house where she'd spent a great deal of time as a child. This is the only house in Williams Park continuously occupied by the family who originally built it. Alterations for comfort and efficiency were handled sensitively. Late in the 1930s, with the advent of indoor water, the back por-

1906 Terrell House

tion of the hall was closed off to create a bathroom. In the late 1980s a second bath and utility room were added at the back.

One of the very special aspects of this property is the wonderful collection of original and early outbuildings, mostly still in use or adapted for reuse. Left to right (at the bottom) and numbered (at right), a chicken house built in the 1920s is now an office (1). The 1906 outhouse (2) has seen little use for some time. Carl built the garage (3) in the 1920s, then used the whitewashed inside walls to keep a meticulous automobile maintenance log noting dates and mileage for oil changes, new tires and such. A second chicken house (4) now serves as a utility shed (called a plunder house). The deck and pergola, added in the late 1990s, tie everything into a cohesive, well integrated group of buildings, decks, and landscaping.



WELCOME

to these new members:

— on anderson —
Richard & Patrice Jucks

— on bernard way —
Mark & Colette King

— on hawthorne —
Jody Betts

— on highland ave —
Derek Thompson
Flip & Brenda Varney

— on old roswell —
Thomas & Katie Soback

— on roswell street —
Brian & Susie Ivy
Philip Meade

— on telfair drive —
John & Christie Griffie

— on whitfield st —
Clint & Alica Wood

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 on pages 2 and 3. To learn more, call Leanne at 770-863-9580. Here are our latest books.

The Water's Edge

by Sara Gruen ★★★★★

In the shadow of WWII, three privileged young Philadelphia socialites travel to a small village in Scotland to search for the Loch Ness Monster. They are confronted by the realities of war outside their privileged lives. Secrets are revealed amongst the trio and there is potential for growth and/or destruction.

The Burgess Boys

by Elizabeth Strout ★★★★★

The Burgess family of a small town in Maine fell apart after a childhood trauma. As adults, the siblings come together to deal with a family crisis and find

a way to reconciliation through their tortured history.

Circling the Sun by Paula McCain ★★★★★

The fictionalized story of the life of Beryl Markham, the author of the classic memoir, **West With The Night**. Beryl was abandoned by her mother after her horse trainer father moved them from England to Kenya. Beryl's life is filled with adventure, love and loss.

Our rating system:

- ★ No one liked the book
- ★★ We thought it was ok
- ★★★ It was good
- ★★★★ It was excellent
- ★★★★★ Fabulous -- don't miss it.

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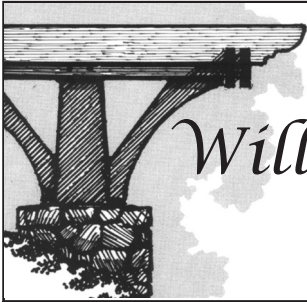


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