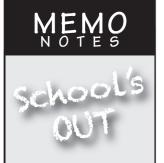
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Our mission is to promote community among neighbors through social interaction, emphasizing the unique character of Smyrna's oldest neighborhood.

News in and around Williams Park

In April, neighbors gathered at the home of Liz and Ron Davis to celebrate the beginning of Williams Park Neighbors. It was eleven years ago, that a group of neighbors got together and created our neighborhood association. We've celebrated that event each year, variously under the heading of "anniversary" or "birthday," but whatever it's called, we generally have fun celebrating it.

Williams Park

Many thanks, this year, to Todd Magill and Dickie Cook for grilling hot dogs and hamburgers which were complemented by the many sides and salads brought by event attendees.

No WPN event would be complete without a cooking contest. This year's challenge was a "decorated birthday cake" contest. Lem Ward won the first place honor, with Nancy Smith coming in a close second. Judges for the contest were folks from The Grateful Bread bakery, located right here in Williams Park. Bakery owner Alex McDaniel's mom joined bakery assistant Laura Spencer and Laura's good friend to weed through the entries and make a final decision.

Thanks, as always to WP stalwart Judy Brassfield for providing







a bounce house which always brings the kids out in droves. Lee Friedman gets kudos for overseeing the piñata activity with grace and dignity, as does Becky Freedman for creating a lovely batch of fun table centerpieces. Finally, thanks to Liz and Ron Davis for hosting another WPN event in their ever-so-perfectly-large-sized side yard.

If you've had, or know someone who's had, a new baby and would like an announcement included in the next *Memo*, please contact Susan Bentley at sbentley0350@gmail.com. You may include the baby's name, birth date, height, weight, siblings, parents' names and a picture. If we missed you somehow, please still send the info. We like to know about our new neighbors!

Everybody has to poop but nobody likes to step in it — so please bag it up after your dog and put the used bag in an appropriate waste receptacle. There are poop stations with bags and receptacles for disposal in Williams Park, Durham Park and Whitfield Park.

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2016 2016 CALENDAR CALENDAR

wpn happy hour June 17 Clint and Alicia Wood 1455 Whitfield Street

wpn book club Sun, June 26, 3pm Suzy Miller 1610 Ivy Springs The 100 Year Old Man Who Climbed Out the Window & Disappeared by Jonas Jonasson

wpn happy hour July 15, 7 pm Melissa Downey 1513 Roswell Street 313-477-9785

wpn Adopt-A-Mile Sat., July 16, 9 am Williams Park pergola

wpn board meeting Wed., July 27, 7 pm

wpn book club Sun., July 31, 3pm Becky Freedman 1392 Marston St. *The Sympathizer* by Viet Thanh Nguyen

wpn Summer Social aka Bryan's block party Sat., August 20, 4 pm the Bryan's 1510 Spring Street

wpn happy hour August 19, 7 pm Jill and Daniel Huitron 1539 Roswell St. 404-376-5114

wpn book club Sun, August 28, 3pm Madge Jackson 1449 Spring St. Book: TBA

wpn board meeting Wed., Sept 7, 7 pm wpn happy hour Sept 16, 7 pm Susan & Keith Bentley 2651 Gilbert St. 770-433-0350

wpn general assembly meeting Wed., Sept 21, 7 pm City Council chambers Smyrna City Hall

wpn book club Sun, Sept 25, 3pm Maryanne Marchione 1505 Whitfield St. Book: TBA

wpn Adopt-A-Mile Sat., October 15, 9 am Williams Park pergola

wpn happy hour October 21, 7 pm Lem Ward & Leanne Fey 1496 Spring St. 770-863-9580

wpn Cook Out & Chili Contest Sat., October, 22 4 pm 1351 Roswell Street

wpn book club Sun, October 30, 3pm Thelma Hancock 1419 Hawthorne Ave. Jayber Crow by Wendell Berry

wpn happy hour November 18, 7 pm Jessica & Jacob Bock 2870 Elizabeth St. 404-803-9013

wpn book club Sun., Nov. 20, 3pm Nancy Smith 2611 Gilbert St. Book: TBA

News in and around WP continued

Thanks to the following hosts of our recent Williams Park happy hours. We were back in the **Curries** house on Morris Circle in March. **Kimberly and Russell (1)** never seem to make it to these events unless they're hosting. So thanks, y'all — it's nice to see you again.

Another repeat host, **Robert Harrison (2)** threw open the Foster Street firehouse doors in April. His place certainly can accommodate a big crowd. And power party couple **Wendy and Tony (Amundson and Graves** — no photo per witness protection program policy) were on the calendar for May. They've hosted the group many times at the corner of Marston and Gilbert.

In June we gathered on Whitfield Street in the home of first time happy hour hosts **Clint and Alicia Wood (4)**. While conversation covered many topics including the 1960s British spy tv series, *The Avengers* (staring Patrick Macnee as John Steed and Diana Rigg as Steed's "talented amateur" partner Emma Peel), a common thread involved beer. It seems that both our host and another neighbor in attendance are in the... hum, shall we say "beverage" business.

Williams Park is an interesting place to live, in part, because of the diversity of housing stock. We have small, medium and large, fancy, simple, historic, quirky, thoroughly jamup and a little run-down. This applies equally to the residents, too. We have it all and we gather in one of these varied places on the third Friday of each month to share some food, drink, and stimulating conversation in the company of neighbors. Who could ask for anything more?

If you would like to host a happy hour, contact Jill Huitron at 404-376-5114 or Jill.Huitron@Harry Norman.com

> How about that lush looking front yard garden on Roswell Street?











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Meet your neighbor, Debbie Savage

When Debbie's work was recognized recently in a national magazine, it became obvious that we should do the same on the local level.

The article explained how Debbie happened upon the Hooked Rug Museum of North America while bicycling in Nova Scotia. The artistry of the works on display sparked a interest

in her, which was later fortified by seeing the technique demonstrated and tried her hand at it.

Having practiced fine needlework in the past, Debbie knew both the demands and rewards of craft work. So, when her son announced his engagement, she decided to utilize this newfound interest to craft a very personal wedding gift.

As a starting point, Debbie chose a photograph of the fiance and dog at the edge of a lake in a piney wooded setting. Debbie enrolled





in rug class, consulted with experienced hookers, sourced hand-dyed yarns and began hooking. The result won her a full page of recognition for the excellence of her first work in the medium.

We asked Debbie to tell us something about the experience. "Most people feel satisfaction from their hobbies, and that's made special when others recognize it as well. I was pleased to have one of my wallhanging rugs featured in

Rug Hooking magazine recently. When my son got engaged I decided to make a rug as a wedding gift. I based it on a photo he'd taken of his dog and then-girlfriend. With lots of advice from others, it came together and the newly-weds were certainly pleased and *appreciative of the work* that went into creating the rug. The magazine shows the original photo

laying on the rug and the article explains how the rug came about."

Not one to sit on her laurels, Debbie has continued hooking. A recent project, pictured at left, is based on a photo taken while hiking Porter's Creek Trail in the Smokies — it's called Wildflowers. Also pictured (following page) is a work depicting Baxter Creek Trail.

All those hiking references are not surprising given that Debbie is an avid outdoors woman. But that's not all she's hooked. She told us about a recent work with a very different subject. "I've just completed a rug wallhanging as a gift for my Mother for Mother's Day. It is based on a photo of my Grandmother on her wedding day. I've wanted to do something to honor

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MILESTONES

Congratulations to Angela and Chris Kuhn. Their daughter Elizabeth was born February 10, 2016 weighing 9 lb 1 oz.

Congratulations to Patrice and Richard Jucks on the birth of their son Jacob in February.

Congratulations to Michelle and Gavin Carpenter on the birth of their son. Alex Thomas was born May 31, 2016 weighing 6 lb., 3 oz.

WELCOME

to these new members:

— on anderson — John & Nancy Morris

— on hawthorne — Nasim & Clint Fluker Kendall & Jennifer Brock

— on marston — Daniel & Amber Irizarry

— on mimosa circle — Ryan & Elizabeth Hester

— on roswell street — Carolyn Fester Jason & Shannon King

— on spring street — Jeff Langer & Kyle Coffey Will & Heather Newton

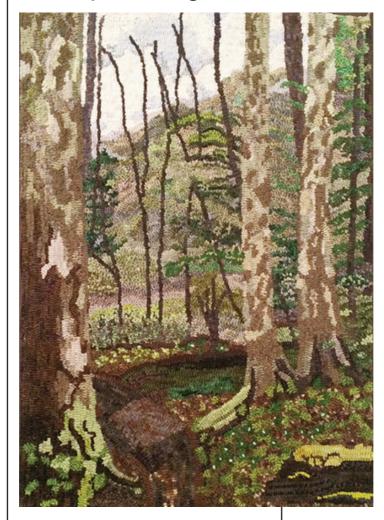
— on walker street — Allison Bender

— on whitfield circle — Eric & Lauryn Neas Colette Turner

— on whitfield court — Levi Ross

— on whitfield st — Tom & Kristen Tumbleson

Meet your neighbor continued



my Grandmother and my Mom, especially since she's had a difficult year going thru chemo."

Debbie and Tim have lived on Old Roswell Street for over a decade. During much of that time, they've also kept a second home in the mountains of North Carolina where they'll be relocating permanently this summer. Having the forum, Debbie took the chance to leave a farewell message.

"As we head to North Carolina this summer, I want to say how much we have enjoyed living in Williams Park for the past 10 plus years. Thank you for the friendships of the amazing people who live here (special hugs to my book club buddies).

A very, very big thank you to Liz and Ron Davis for their tireless years of hard work to make the neighborhood what it is today. I remember Liz and I stuffing the eggs for WP's first Easter egg hunt. I think there were only 10 children in the neighborhood at the time, but Liz, who loves our children, wanted to keep stuffing—each one must have found 30 eggs.

Tim was excited to have won the trophy for the first neighborhood group golf outing, and I was surprised to have won 2nd place in the baking competition with my apple pie.

We will be leaving WP in the capable hands of the best parents a neighborhood can have — the Bentleys, what a team of fine people. And we do plan to come back for visits — we'll miss y'all too much to stay away.

We look forward to the hiking and art inspiration that will be right outside our door for our retirement. Having hiked most of the Appalachian Trail in the southeast. the Mountains-to-Sea Trail, and the Smokies, we're happy to answer anv questions or, if you're in our area, please get in touch. Ciao."



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

Hargrove House 1460 Roswell Street GEORGIAN COTTAGE



This is the Hargrove House at 1460 Roswell Street. We know it was built in 1906 from a July 26 reference in the *Marrietta Journal's* section covering Smyrna issues and events which mentioned that "Dr. Bell, Mrs. Hargrove and Mrs. Butler are erecting cottages out on Roswell street..." Building at the dawn of a new century, the Hargroves disregarded new architectural forms emerging at the time. Instead, they constructed a Georgian Cottage, a popular 19th century house type which didn't get built often after about 1890.

Typical for its type, the Hargrove House started life consisting of a wide central hallway with two rooms on either side, a nearly square plan under a hipped roof with two chimneys, each located between a pair of rooms, serving four fireplaces. A nod to newer house styles, a front gable section was included one front corner—but is only barely bumped forward by 24".

The house retains its original vertical two-over-two

double hung windows on the front and sides but the doors, porch posts and railings are all newer. Vinyl siding covers the original wooden clapboards, trim,



and soffits. The foundation is brick piers infilled with concrete block. Additions at the rear are newer.

In the first years of the 20th century, E.P. Green and W.A. Sams brain-stormed a subdivision for several acres of land on both sides of Roswell Street, encompassing everything from Old Roswell to Whitfield Streets. While they didn't own all the land included in their plan, they owned a substantial portion of it and they set about selling the lots they owned to buyers to build either full time or summer houses. In 1906 F.A. Hargrove bought Green and Sams lots numbered 3 and 4. These were each 100' wide on New Roswell Road (now Roswell Street) and ran all the way through to

Hargrove House



Whitfield making a total area right about two acres. This house was built that same year.

In March of 1919 Mrs. R.O. Walters bought the two lots with the house from F.A. Hargrove's estate, paying \$1636, then selling the whole thing the next day to W.A. Hargrove for an unknown sum. Nine months later he sold it for \$2,550 to James and Dovie Anderson who made it home for nearly two decades.



In 1938 Gertrude and Ruben Haney down-sized, taking this house and \$1,800 for their larger house down the street. Then in 1951 the Haneys sold to Laura and Lewis Pritchett. A barber, he commuted to work in Atlanta near Davidson's department store. In later years, the widowed Laura Pritchett took in boarders, one of whom was with her when she died there in 1977.

In 1982 Bill Scoggins, who'd grown up elsewhere on Roswell Street, returned to the neighborhood moving into this house with his wife Gerrye.

By that time, the house had undergone some changes and additions. The rear end of the central hall had been closed off to accommodate a bathroom. An addition, built across the back, housed a kitchen and second bathroom. Bill and Gerrye updated the kitchen and first bath, but just lived with the rock

shower stall built in the second bath by an earlier b	boarder.
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Serving as Smyrna's Ward Three Councilman from 1988 to 2007, Bill was instrumental in the downtown redevelopment which so significantly changed the place he had grown up. Never at a loss for words, Bill enjoyed telling stories of humorous predicaments in his own life. He often ended these, one hand in the air, saying, "true story, true story" and

shaking his head as though even he couldn't believe it. Bill and Gerrye died within a month of each other in early 2010.

Jimmy and Beverly Denney arrived in 2011 to make this house their home. They removed the rock shower stall, remodeled the kitchen and bathrooms, added a master bedroom, and generally freshened the place up.



Chain of ownership for parcel 17056000750 year purchaser date book/page

	Green and Sams		
1906	F A Hargrove	12-7-06	SS/571
1919	R O Walters	3-21-19	62/492
1919	W A Hargrove	3-22-19	64/97
1920	J E & D T Anderson	1-3-20	70/58
1938	R F & G G Haney	3-10-38	129/308
1941	L & L M Pritchett	4-14-41	141/348
1951	Laura & S M Pritchett	4-9-51	229/358
1977	Charles E Pritchett	6-3-77	1783/134
1982	Bill & Gerrye Scoggins	10-12-81	2424/168
2011	Borden Family Trust	5-24-11	14855/1887

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Bell House 1420 Roswell Street QUEEN ANNE COTTAGE



This is the Bell House at 1420 Roswell Street. It's another of the three houses referenced in July 26 1906 *Marrietta Journal*, saying that "Dr. Bell, Mrs. Hargrove and Mrs. Butler are erecting cottages out on Roswell street..." This is a Queen Anne Cottage, (a subset of Victorian architecture) a very popular style in Georgia from the 1880s to 1910.

As we've said, Queen Anne is characterized by a square main mass with projecting gables to create an asymmet-

rical shape, a front porch which usually wraps around one side, a steeply pitched pyramidal or hipped roof and gables often covered with patterned shingles. This house was built with all those characteristics.

Pictured at right, we see the original cedar shake in the front gable. Typical of Queen Anne styling, it's applied in two different patterns, deeply staggered for the most part, with three courses lined up straight at the bottom. No longer visible, this shake and the wood clapboard covering most of the house were covered over with cementations boards in a recent refurbishment.

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Other alterations include removal of the chimneys above



the roof line and replacement of the original wooden porch floor with concrete. The floor plan was altered when the house was divided into two apartments many years back. While it has since returned to use as a single family house, it still retains the additional front door, visible in the above picture at the left end of the porch, added to access the second apartment.

Bell House

The house retains its original two-over-two windows and a matched pair of original doors (one at center front and one at the far end of the wrapped porch) with small colored square panes surrounding a large clear center in the top half. Inside, the ceilings are 9' 6" and the door hardware is of the rim latch type (though exterior doors use the mortise type).

The house was built on mortared stone piers, as seen here, though they've recently been covered with stucco. There's no ceiling on the porch—the roof rafters and roof decking are visible from below.

In 1989 Fannie and Dr. Benson Bell bought Green and Sams' lot #1 on Roswell Street plus a smaller contiguous out parcel. Together these comprised approximately two acres represented by the graphic Å below. According to the *Marrietta Journal*, they built this house in 1906. Fannie took full title after her husband's death in 1909. Then in 1919, she sold the house on the half acre it still occupies, represented by the graphic **B**.

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Chain of ownership for parcel 17056100760						
year	purchaser	date	book/page			
	J M Moore					
1889	Fannie & B A Bell A					
1910	Fannie Bell A	8-2-10	PP/91			
1919	J M Wood B	9-8-19	61/283			
1919	Williford-R Co B	6-13-19	64/180			
1919	C C White B	9-2-19	64/312			
1920	A M Duckworth B	1-4-20	66/407			
1921	J F Petty B	11-3-21	71/595			
1932	Will C Neal B	1-6-32	108/280			
1943	R R & Adeline Brooks B	10-28-43	161/66			
1981	Bobby Cochran B	12-5-80	2288/475			
1990	Cargil and McGuiness B	9-28-90	5892/389			
1994	Tom Holbrook B	11-2-94	8566/452			







We know little about the owners until Adeline and Richard Brooks bought the place in 1943. Married 1904, in they come to Smyrna in 1922. Pop ran a blacksmith shop (first on West Spring, then here) and horse shoes still surface in the back vard from time to time. Six of their twelve children served in the military during

WW II. The couple was pictured in the **Atlanta Journal** in 1944, holding photos of the five sons already enlisted. The paper proclaimed the enlistees, "Smyrna's Baseball Team of Brothers in Service." The boys really did all play baseball together when at home, and one of them played on Smyrna's amateur baseball team.

The Bell House had been home, for many years now, to Tom Holbrook and his cat Taco

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. To learn more, call Leanne at 770-863-9580. Here are our latest books.

Bettyville: A Memoir by George Hodgman ★★★★

Hodgman left his home town of Paris, Missouri for New York City and never looked back. That is, until his mother became ill and he realized he would have to leave his life as a New York book editor to take care of her. The memoir explores his difficult childhood growing up gay in rural Missouri, his successes and failures along the road to adulthood, and finally his acceptance of the role of caregiver for his elderly mother.





Love With a Chance of Drowning by Torre DeRoche *******

The true story of Torre DeRoche, an Australian, who moves to San Francisco to find herself and falls in love with an Argentinian man who she meets at a bar. His dream is to sail around the world, and Torre must decide whether her fear of water will keep her from the adventure of a lifetime.

Elephant Company by Vicki Constance *******

The remarkable story of James Howard "Billy" Williams, a British WWI veteran, who travels to Burma after the war to work in the teak trade. He develops an uncanny relationship with elephants used in the industry and convinces the British military that elephants would be useful building roads and bridges in Burma when WWII breaks out. He becomes a war hero known as "Elephant Bill".

Last Bus To Wisdom by Ivan Doig ★★★★

Set in 1951 in Montana, 11-year-old Donal Cameron is being raised by his grandmother, a cook on a huge ranch. When she has to have a operation, she sends him by bus to his Aunt Kate and Uncle Herman in Wisconsin. Uncle Herman saves Donal from mean Aunt Kate, and they end up on a wild Western adventure.

Our rating system: ★ No one liked the book ★★ It was ok ★★★ It was good

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