



Williams Park

MEMO

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MEMO NOTES

Spring is time for Renewal! Now that the azalias are blooming, it's time to renew your Williams Park Neighbors membership. This year renewal notices went out to existing members via email. If you're not currently a member, you're missing a lot. WPN members get the quarterly newsletter, the Memo, e-mail news, security alerts and updates in between, monthly happy hours, neighborhood cook-outs, book club, garden club, and loads of other neighborhood activities. Not bad for \$20 a year. To join, just fill out the form on page 5 of this Memo and return it to the address noted. If you have questions contact Leon McElveen (mcelveen@msn.com or 770-856-1544). Don't miss out on all the WPN fun. Renew your membership today!

We encourage contributions to the MEMO.

Deadlines for future issues are February 15 and May 15. Tell us something about yourself — tell us something about your neighbor — send your contributions to Casey Clavin at

Thanks!

Second lovinest dog in Atlanta lives in WP

TIFFANY SUDDERETH PHOTO



When radio station 92.9 Dave FM ran a contest asking listeners to submit photos of their loving pets, Tom Haley (Old Roswell) took up the challenge. His shot of Lily receiving a big two-handed smacker from Savannah Suddereth put Lily in contention. After more than 500 entries, Lily was one of 25 finalists picked by the station, then one of the top five selected by listeners voting on the Dave FM website. Those top five were invited to the station for on-air interviews and a photo session.. So on February 22 a Williams Park entourage consisting of Lily, her dad Tom Haley, Savannah, and her mom Tiffany (all of Old Roswell) went Live on Dave FM. While Lily did not bring home the gold (what the heck does Dave know about cute dogs, anyway) we're bestowing her another 15 minutes of fame right here on the front page of her local paper.

Way to go, Lily and Savannah!

Not so new but worth mentioning...

Surely, by now you've all seen the new sign at the entrance to our neighborhood. The design is the work of Vic Koch (Roswell Street)—a second concept necessitated by site problems with the original design published in an earlier issue of the MEMO. After the stone work was completed by an outside contractor, Vic set to work fabricating the welded steel and aluminum top portion. In mid-December Casey Clavin (Roswell Street) helped Vic with the installation while Keith and Susan Bentley (Gilbert Street) and Thelma Hancock (Hawthorne Ave.) planted pansies around the base. Because Vic provided his work as a volunteer, this monument cost the neighborhood only a fraction of its "real world" price.

Susan Bentley, Thelma Hancock, Casey Clavin, Vic Koch.



KEITH BENTLEY PHOTO

'11-'12 CALENDAR

Now through April 30, Kevin Rucker's art is on exhibit, Smyrna Library

WPN happy hour
Fri, April 20, 7 pm
John Lampp
770-437-8985
2720 Gilbert St

April 21, Time TBA (at dusk?) Movie Night - at Taylor-Brawner Park

April 28, 8:30am
Jonquil City Jog - 5K, Fun Run, and Tot Trot at Smyrna City Hall

Sat., April 28 (10-6) and 29 (12-5), Jonquil Festival, Smyrna Village Green

WPN adopt-a-mile
Sat April 21, 9am, part of the Great American Clean up. Keep Smyrna Beautiful invites participants to lunch (11:30 at Brawner Park) after our pick up. Also, free t shirts to participants. To sign up, call Mike Engel at 678-698-0987

WPN book club
Sun, April 29, 3pm at Louisa Cohn's house, 1450 Whitfield St. Book: "The Snow Child" by Eowyn Ivey

wpn general assembly meeting, Wednesday, May 2, 7 pm, city council chambers, 2800 King St

WPN Cinco de Mayo cookout, May 5, 4 pm at 1351 Roswell St. with lots of extras. The cooking contest will feature the cupcake—bring your best and win. WPN Garden Club

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Neighbors gather to play and work

KEITH BENTLEY PHOTOS



It's easy to get people to come out to a party. Above are pictures from a recent happy hour hosted by Robyn Phillips, in center at top. But look at the photo below—these people came out to work! We had a record number of neighbors turn out for Adopt A Mile in January. The weather was great as the group picked up litter along Roswell, Hawthorne, Matthews, Gilbert, Old Roswell, and Highland.



LIZ DAVIS PHOTO

2011 CALENDAR

container and dish garden sale. Plan to buy — the proceeds will benefit neighborhood parks. We'll also be collecting donations for a MUST food drive.

May 5, 8am - 12pm
Smyrna Fresh Produce Market, Saturdays through September, Smyrna First Baptist parking lot

May 5 and 6 Arthur Bacon Annual Golf Tournament, Fox Creek Golf Course—proceeds going to Campbell HS Education Foundation

WPN happy hour
Fri, May 18, 7 pm
Leon & Linda McElveen
1562 Whitfield St.
770-431-0292

May 19, 10-4, Keep Smyrna Beautiful's 4th annual garden tour. Tickets are \$10 advance, \$15 tour day. call Liz Davis at 770 431 9786.

WPN book club
Sun, May 27, 3pm at Susan Bentley's house, 2651 Gilbert St.
Book: TBA

WPN happy hour
June 15, 7 pm
Chris Williams
732-977-9566
1527 Whitfield St.

WPN book club
Sun, June 24, 3pm at Thelma Hancock's house, 1419 Hawthorne Ave. Book: "Winter Garden" by Kristen Hannah

News in and around Williams Park

In January, the **WPN gardening group** met at Susan Bentley's house to learn about terrariums. Although many of the basics are the same as during the terrarium's hey day in the seventies, some things have changed. Thelma Hancock and Susan displayed terrariums they'd made using a variety of containers and plants. Thelma used a beautiful antique lantern with a cloche like glass, while Susan used a glass compote, a vase and another lantern. Looking closely in Susan's, you might find frogs, a puppy and a little old man with a cane. Susan demonstrated making a terrarium with input from the group.

Then for March, Debbie Savage arranged a field trip to the Smith Gilbert Gardens in Kennesaw—30 sculptures and thousands of plant species arrayed over 16 acres and anchored by a beautiful 1882 historic house. WPN gardeners were fortunate to have a tour guided by Dr. Bruce Gillett, a retired neurologist and Master Gardener.

You don't have to be an expert gardener to attend WPN gardening group meetings. Most of us are either beginners or still learning. Luckily we also have a few experts who can lend their wisdom and methods. The group meets very other month. Come join us—we'd love to see you! For questions, call Thelma Hancock (770) 432-0801.

Williams Park is fortunate to have a pick up point within our neighborhood for the **community supported agriculture (CSA) group, Moore Farms and Friends**. Laurie and Will Moore (Moore Farm in Woodland, Alabama) have created a group of small farms, mostly in Georgia, Alabama and North Carolina, that practice organic and sustainable farming methods. Many of these farms have been in the same family for generations.

There are a variety of categories from which to order that change according to the growing season. In

addition to the "farmer's pick" box where Moore Farms packs items most in supply that week, there's "custom choice" available where customers pick and choose what they want and how much through an online ordering site which is easy to use.

We've enjoyed ordering mainly from the fruit, flowers (pussy willow branches from Laurie's garden), vegetables, dairy and meat—the vegetables and fruit taste so fresh! While I've learned to like some veggies such as roots, I really look forward to spring and summer with squash, strawberries, etc. The apples and oranges this past fall and winter were amazingly tasty. My three year old grandson would eat an entire apple with delight and tell me that it came from Farmer Brian's orchard—which it did! I currently have greek yogurt from AtlantaFresh creamery and butter from Sparkman's dairy in Moultrie in the refrigerator, plus lavender goat's milk soap from Breezy Hill farm in our bath. We've just started ordering beef from grass fed cattle.

Moore Farms and Friends delivers each Wednesday to The Grateful Bread Company (commercial bakery) next to Crossfit gym on Roswell Street at the corner with Mathews. We pick up our packages from 3:30-6:00 on Wednesday or on Thursday morning.

If you think you might be interested in using a CSA, check out Moore Farms and Friends at www.moorefarmsandfriends.com. The site explains how the CSA works, describes the other farms, offers recipes and has information on the classes they offer in Decatur. There are also times you can go visit Laurie and Will's farm.

—Susan Bentley

Keep Smyrna Beautiful is looking for new farmers, and no experience required! City of Smyrna residents are eligible to lease plots at the **Community Garden** in North Cooper Lake Park (4201 North Cooper Lake Road) where the soil is very forgiving and easy to work. Now is the time for outdoor planting of seeds for leafy greens—think spinach, collards, lettuce, English peas, potatoes, carrots, radishes and turnips. Gardening is great exercise, the people are great and the location is beautiful. There are 21 plots available for lease through December—that's enough time to get in three separate crops before the year ends.

E-mail akirk@smyrnaga.gov (or call 770-431-2863) requesting information—a lease form and plot map will be sent to you with all the information you need to get started. Leases are held by gardeners of all skill levels and classes are available periodically.

WELCOME

to these new members

- on anderson —
 - Don & Brenda Eaddy
 - Susan Hasty
 - Kathy, Rick and Vena Tilley
- on bernard way —
 - Hill & Stacey Scott
- on devin court —
 - Jeff & MacKenzie Schoolmaster
- on gilbert street —
 - Kyle Rich
- Mike & Michelle Penny
- on ivy spring —
 - John Marchman
 - Candice Tompkins & Reggie Reid
- on old roswell —
 - Stacey and Andrew Evans
- on spring street —
 - Jason York & Monte Bye
 - Alana, Graham & Laiton Wickham
 - DeAnn, Spencer, & Thomas Bomar
 - Kelly, Josh & Beck Conner
 - Kelly, Greg, Heath & Hudson Cusumano
- on walker court —
 - Lance & Tracy Benson
- on whitfield court —
 - Carlton Hill
- on whitfield st —
 - Jennifer Coker

Hey, can you do us a little favor?

When a new neighbor moves in near you, let us know. Contact Leon McElveen at McElveen@msn.com or by phone at 770-856-1544 so he can welcome the newcomers.

Thanks!

News in and around Williams Park *continued*

KEITH BENTLEY PHOTOS



WP neighbors played in **Durham Park** dirt two weekends in a row. Ours is such an amazing community due to the people who live here. Durham Park, a central meeting place for the community, was in need of some TLC. There are several areas in the park where rain water likes to collect, coming from all the streets that drain to these lower lying

areas. These areas were in need of major refurbishing so the idea of creating rain gardens was perfect to help filter the runoff rain water. Funds were made available from Keep Smyrna Beautiful through a grant from Waste Management. And with the help of many people in the neighborhood, we hauled soil amendments, mulch, and plants, tilled, shoveled, raked, and planted what is to become four beautiful rain gardens. These gardens will help to keep the water going into streams a little cleaner. And because we had so many wonderful volunteers, we took time to clear out over grown vines and weeds that had been taking over azaleas, hydrangeas, and other planted shrubs. If you want to build your own rain garden, you can visit http://www.lowimpactdevelopment.org/raingarden_design/index.htm to learn more about them. Thank you to all the volunteers for Keeping Smyrna Beautiful.

—Sarah Cash Legge

WPN CARES

Some of you might not know the particulars regarding WPN Cares, a special subset within the WPN Hospitality and Membership Committee. It's goal is to recognize and/or help with significant events in the lives of WPN members such as a serious illness, birth or death. Susan Bentley is the coordinator and Thelma Hancock takes care of correspondence, but all members of WPN are part of this group. For example, when an email goes out announcing the birth of a new baby or we learn of a serious illness, neighbors are asked to help prepare a meal for the family. Also, WPN Cares counts on neighbors to let us know of folks in our neighborhood who might need some help or encouragement.

WPN Cares is not intended to take the place of close neighbors and friends helping one another—part of the wonderful nature of our neighborhood is that neighbors and friends do look out for one another. Rather, WPN Cares gives the family the knowledge that Williams Park is thinking of them.
—Susan Bentley
770-433-0350
Sbentley0350@gmail.com

WP Reads

THE WPN BOOK CLUB, meets the last Sunday of the month at 3:00 pm at a host home. We're always welcoming 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. — *Leanne Fey*

The River of Doubt

by Candace Millard ★★★★★

The true story of Teddy Roosevelt's harrowing adventure down an unexplored river in the Amazon in the early 1900's.

The Lucky One

by Nicholas Sparks ★★★★★

A young man fighting in the Iraq war finds a picture of an American girl in the sand and comes to believe they are bound together in some way thus leading him to look for her on his return to civilian life.

The rating system:

- ★ No one liked the book
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MILESTONES

births

Congratulations to Chris and Dean Singley (Roswell Street) on the birth of their son Maxwell "Max" Carlson Singley born February 21.

Congratulations to Jason and Jodi Simpson (Bernard Lane) on the birth of their son Keegan Oliver Simpson born February 27.

Congratulations to Andrew and Stacey Evans (Old Roswell) on the birth of their daughter Ashley Blayne Evans born February 29. WPN has its very own leap baby!

Congratulations to Jason and Heather Brian (Roswell St) on the birth of their daughter Allison (Allie) Grace born March 2, weighing 7 pounds, 13 ounces.

Congratulations to Branden and Kimberly Test (Gilbert Street) on the birth of their son Harrison Jacob Test, born March 3, weighing 8 pounds, 9 ounces.

Congratulations to Mickie and Warren Huneycutt (Bernard) on the birth of their daughter Elizabeth Warren Huneycutt. "Elsie" was born March 21, weighing 6 pounds 15oz.

As the Williams Park baby boom continues, new stay at home mom Alyssa Luther wonders if other moms or dads would be interested in a neighborhood play group/parent club. If you're interested, you can email Alyssa at alysaluther@gmail.com.

WP Housing Market Watch — Jill Huitron

Have you noticed all the new building in the neighborhood? It's hard to miss it! We actually have four areas that have new construction going on within the neighborhood—in Riley's Walk, Walker Street Manor, Spring Street Village, and Anderson Circle.

At Riley's Walk two builders bought the last eight lots—Mark Gibbs and Ronnie Raines building four houses each. They're just starting the last two houses now (both built on slabs). The asking prices will be \$349,900 and \$359,900. They've sold five houses since June of 2011 ranging in price from \$320,000 to \$349,900. One that's still for sale, for \$349,900, is unique as it's the only house in Riley's walk with three garages. All of these new homes have at least four bedrooms and three and a half baths and are between 2600 and 3000 square feet.

On Walker Street and Princeton Trace there are a total of nine new houses being built—two on basements and the rest on slabs. Five of these houses are sold and one is under contract, due to close toward the end of March. One house is under construction and there are two more lots left. Apparently all four bedroom, two and half baths, they range from 2250 square feet (on slab) for around \$249,900 to 2800 square feet (with basement) for around \$289,000.

At Spring Street Village off Elizabeth Street and Anderson Circle there's a joint venture to finish that area. It's between Steve Waldrop and Red Oak—they're splitting the lots between them and right now five are under construction. The houses facing Durham Park will be on basements while the rest will be on slabs. They'll follow a similar style to the earlier houses there. Prices will range from \$317,900 and up for a house on a slab (around 2280-2500 square feet), to \$369,900 for one on a basement (around 2750 square feet). All

the houses being built there right now have four bedrooms plus three and a half baths.

On Anderson Circle, three houses on one side the the street will have basements and four houses across the street will be built on slabs with detached garages in the back yard. One of each have already been built. The one on slab is on the market for \$379,000—it has four bedrooms plus three and a half baths, with approximately 2443 square feet. The house with the basement is on the market for \$417,000—it also has four bedrooms plus three and a half baths with approximately 2685 square feet.

One more area with two lots left but no building currently going on is Morris Circle. There are two homes there that were built a couple of years ago. The builder is waiting for the right buyers to finish off the last two lots now on the market for \$499,000 which includes the finished house.

Lots of activity going on in Williams Park, which is wonderful for all of us. New neighbors bring new volunteers for social activities and for other neighborhood events. When you're out and about this Spring and see a new face, encourage them to join WPN and come to happy hour, cookouts, Saturday morning street clean ups, book club, garden club and all the other events that are happening around the neighborhood—they'll love you for it!



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anniversaries

Ron and Liz Davis have made the 50 year mark. They married January 13, 1962 here in Smyrna where Liz grew up, taking their vows in the old First Methodist Church which stood where the Wells Fargo ATM now stands on Atlanta Road. Congratulations, you two!

deaths

Our neighbor Jill Jones passed away in the early morning hours of March 26, just two months after a cancer diagnosis. She was 50 years old.

Our first WPN Social Chair, Jill started many of the social activities we now take for granted—monthly happy hours in neighbors' homes and cookouts several times each year. A naturally outgoing personality and the perfect person for that role, Jill was highly instrumental in knitting the social fabric from which we neighbors will benefit for years to come.

Jill is survived by husband Larry Jones, son Gus Jones, mother Donna Hedrick, brother Jack Hedrick, and sister Dorothy Thompson. A "Celebration of Life" will be held for Jill April 14 at 1:00 pm at the Unity North Church 4355 Sandy Plains Rd. Marietta, Ga. 30066 followed by a reception at Scalini's, 2390 Cobb Parkway S.E., Smyrna.

Etcetera — a compilation of odds and ends



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