



Williams Park

MEMO

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MEMO NOTES

Success!

The WPN membership drive was very successful — we now have 150 families out of approximately 250 households within Williams Park. Thanks to all who have renewed and welcome to the new members.

This is the last MEMO that will be hand delivered. Beginning with the September issue, the MEMO will be mailed — and mailed only to member households. If the MEMO you now hold in your hands arrived with a self addressed envelope attached to it, our records show that you are not currently a WPN member. If you would like to become a member, please complete and mail the application on page 6.

We encourage contributions to the MEMO. Deadlines for the next two issues are August 15 and November 15. Send material to Casey at 770-333-9995 or at dingoblue@earthlink.net

Safety and Security in WP... Jim Duelmer

OUR NEIGHBORHOOD Watch program is off to a great start! The signs have been installed and the processes have been put in place to increase the safety in our community. In a recent community meeting, Officer Milton Lane of the Smyrna Police Department was complimentary of the communication network set in place by Williams Park Neighbors. He stressed that *all suspicious activity should be immediately reported by dialing 911*. Officer Lane insisted no harm can be done in dialing 911 — he noted many citizens are reluctant to call for fear their suspicions are unfounded or they assume someone else has already called. He also emphasized that citizens should not attempt to determine if any criminal activity is involved — they should simply dial 911 and let the professionals do their jobs.



The basic template of the watch program stipulates that, after reporting suspicious activity to the authorities, the reporting person should then notify their block captain with details. Through this block captain communication, we're able to both notify other neighbors of a potential concern and raise awareness throughout Williams Park. By working together it's our plan to set the standard for neighborhood watch programs in the city of Smyrna. — Jim Duelmer

The 2008 block captains are as followed:
 Anderson Circle — Rob Teilhet
 Elizabeth Street — Jared & Anna Swofford
 Gilbert Street — Jim & Tracie Duelmer
 Devin Court — Daniel Huitron
 Hawthorne — Michel DiPiero & Greg Moncrief
 Highland — Judi Kessler

- Ivy Spring — Charles Thomas
- Marston — Wendy Amundson
- Mimosa — Madge Jackson
- North Ave — Dale Richards
- Old Roswell — Christy Murray
- Roswell (west) — Ann Carr
- Roswell (east) — Steve McQuade
- Spring — Leanne Fey
- Spring — Beverly Schrenger
- Walker — Kirsten & Bryan Beard
- Whitfield — Nadine Roland
- Windy Oaks — Mary Helen Ellet Bernard
- Hill and Stacey Scott

Your Neighborhood watch coordinator Jim Duelmer is always accessible at jduelmer@viningsmortgage.com or by cell 678-409-8945.

The beauty of the 'hood

AT 3:34 PM ON MARCH 30TH an email went out to the neighborhood forwarded by Liz Davis (Roswell Street), and originating from Jamie Schaff (Whitfield Court). It read: "At approx. 1:30 this morning in the pouring rain, I discovered a Boston Terrier in my front yard crying his head off. He's an older dog and is blind. I took him in last night, but can not keep him any longer. I am hoping that he either belongs to a WPN or someone will know to whom he belongs. Anyone with any leads/info can call me at 678-637-7488."

One hour and six minutes later a follow-up communique went out reading: "Good News! The Boston bull has found his owners. Thanks Jamie for taking the little guy in." Thanks, indeed. That's what a neighborhood is all about.

2008 CALENDAR

wpn happy hour
friday, june 20
7:00 pm
jesica & fernado asksins
1005 windy oaks ct
(asksins' 205-218-9361)

wpn book club
sunday, june 29
3:00 pm
Still Waters,
by Jennifer Lauck
Thelma's, 1419 hawthorne
(Leanne 770-863-9580)

wpn general assembly
neighborhood meeting
tuesday, july 15
7:00 pm in smyrna
city council chambers

story time for kids
tuesday, july 1
6:00 pm
williams park
(heather 770-722-1513)

story time for kids
tuesday, july 8
6:00 pm
williams park
(heather 770-722-1513)

story time for kids
tuesday, july 15
6:00 pm
williams park
(heather 770-722-1513)

wpn happy hour
friday, july 18
7:00 pm
larry & jill
1423 spring street
(770-434-5494)

story time for kids
tuesday, july 22
6:00 pm
williams park
(heather 770-722-1513)

wpn book club
sunday, july 27
3:00 pm
Empire Falls
by Richard Russo
Susan's house 2651 Gilbert
(Leanne 770-863-9580)

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WP Reads

THE WPN BOOK CLUB meets monthly in various neighbors' homes to discuss specific books (see the calendar for summer schedule details). The group always welcomes new participants. To learn more, call LeAnne at 770-863-9580. Here are a their reviews of four recent titles.

PHOTO BY SANDY HAMBY



L-r seated: Madge, Wendy, Thelma, Mary Hellen;
L-r standing host LeAnne,
Debbie, and Susan

The rating system:

- ★ No one liked it
- ★★ We thought it was ok
- ★★★ We thought the book was good
- ★★★★ The book was excellent
- ★★★★★ Don't miss it — fabulous

Crashing Through, by Robert Kurson

★★★ The true story of Mike May, a man who loses his sight in a childhood accident and, as an adult, has to decide whether to risk his life to see again.

The Yearling, by Marjorie Kinnan Rawlings

★★★★ The story of a boy and his pet fawn set in the Florida scrublands.

Silent in the Grave, by Deanna Raybourne

★★★ The first book in a series of Victorian British Mysteries featuring Lady Jane Grey.

Live From Cape Canaveral, by Jay Barbree

★★★ The history of the space program as seen through the eyes of Jay Barbree the only reporter who has covered the program since it's inception. — LeAnne Fey

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WP Home Tour

WORK HAS STARTED on the inaugural spring Home Tour of the Williams Park Neighborhood, so mark your calendar for Sunday April 26th 1:00-5:00. It will be a great opportunity to walk around our neighborhood and visit some of our lovely homes. We're proud of where we live and want to show it off — plus there will be a tempting raffle.

We're looking for sponsors to help defray costs, so this can be a fund raising event for us. If you, or someone you know, or a local business is interested in supporting this special event and receiving advertising in return, please contact Jill Huitron at 404-376-5114 or jillhuitron@jennypruitt.com — or Debbie Savage at 770-436-2610 or savageedebbie@bellsouth.net

An interesting mix of old and new homes on the tour will reflect Williams Park's position as both Smyrna's oldest residential neighborhood and one of its currently fastest changing. A little sneak peak — the Huitron's home on Riley's Walk, is one of the homes scheduled for the tour.

Thank you to the Home Tour committee members for giving their time and effort to get this event off the ground. If you'd like to help during the event next spring (we'll need a little help from a lot of people), please contact me. — Debbie Savage



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(heather 770-722-1513)

wpn happy hour
friday, august 15
7:00 pm
lem & leAnne
14296 spring street
(770-863-9580)

wpn book club
sunday, august 24
3:00 pm
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by Greg Mortensen
Debbie's, 2583 Old Roswell

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Kudos to neighbors...

Thanks to our WPN happy hour hosts. **Julia Oliver (top)** in February, the **Davis' in March**, **Andrea Kling** and her mother **Margerie (center)** in April, and the **Cohns (bottom)** in May. These events are generally attracting 40 to 50 neighbors for an evening of good food and hospitality right in our own neighborhood. Check the calendar for upcoming events.



Kudos to **Ann and John Carr** for organizing another successful food drive and to all of you who helped by donating. Together we collected and delivered more than 60 bags of provisions to the MUST Ministries. This is the third such collection the Carrs have orchestrated and they're becoming a well-oiled machine. Their distribution of empty bags, helpful donation instructions, and subsequent pickup from front porches throughout the neighborhood make it very easy to participate and do something to help those in need. Thanks you guys.

Here's a pat on the back to the **WPN Beautification Committee** for weeding and cleaning up the WP flower bed at the south end of Williams Park. Designed by WPN Nancy McGee, then funded and planted jointly by WPN and the City Parks Department about two years ago, it's now reaching a point of maturity where it's looking quite nice. With something flowering most

SANDY HAMBY PHOTOS

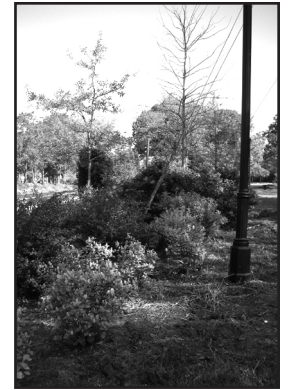
of the time, it provides a nice welcome entering our neighborhood from across the tracks.

Let's have a big 'atta-boy for **David Whited** and his continued efforts on our Adopt-a-mile program. For the April event, coinciding with the Great American Clean up, David managed a group who picked up litter along our adopted mile (Roswell Street) plus Hawthorne, Matthews,, Highland, and Gilbert. His comrades in trash includ-

ed David's wife Ann as well as Wendy Amundson, Matt Bennett, Larry Evans, Ron Davis, Sandy Hamby, Madge Jackson, Judi Kessler, Paula Kraemer, Don & Helen Porch, and Thelma Richards. Alan & Helen Wilgus also cleaned up Spring Street. After a couple of hours of work, participants congregated at the Smyrna Recycle Center for lunch provided by Keep Smyrna Beautiful.



Never too busy for a little horsing around —Dickie Cooke actually works while Susan and Keith Bentley point out additional weeds, David Whited does who-knows-what, and Robyn Phillips wonders what in the world has she gotten herself into. Miraculously, the results look great.



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births

Here's a picture as an addendum to last issue's item on the Teilhet twins.



Rob & Gwen Halsey have a baby girl. Hartley Joanna Halsey was born January 24th weighing 7.5 pounds and measuring 21".



Hayli and Stephen McQuade (roswell street) have a baby boy. Charles Henry McQuade was born March 25th weighing 7pounds, 10 ounces and measuring 21".



Jennifer and Stephen Matthews have twin girls! Ava and Lily were born on April 7th (at just over 35 weeks) and are at home.

Jason & Jodi Simpson (Bernard Lane) have a baby boy. Gavin Henry Simpson was born April 21st weighing 7 pounds, 11 ounces and measuring 21".

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Kudos continued...

It's never easy to choose colors for a paint scheme. Colors change tremendously from a two-inch chip to a whole wall, whether inside or out, often becoming way more intense than one would guess. Choose something too "safe" and the result is unimpressive, something too "daring" and the result can be garish. We hereby offer congratulations to a couple of WP home owners for new exterior paint jobs that got it just right.

Sue and Jay Criger recently painted their home at 1407 Spring Street with a three color scheme. The mid-tone green grey, a dark green grey and a dark chocolate paint work very well with the medium-tone reddish brown roof. Starting life as an "American Small House" in the late 1940s, the house grew a rear-side second story expansion in the 1970s which always maintained the appearance of an addition until now. The new color scheme, sedate but not dull, confidently integrates the parts into an architecturally appealing whole with good elevations on all sides. This house could teach some new builders something about "four-sided" architecture — always an asset, but particularly so on a corner lot such as this.

Cindy Hannon has also done a great job choosing a new three color paint scheme for her home at 1338 Roswell Street. Again, the existing roof color, multiple tones of cool grey, integrates beautifully with the cool paint hues — a mid-tone grey violet, a navy blue (on the thalo side) and a mid-tone grey. Say "violet" and most people will cringe but here — this is a quite color just daring enough, but certainly not over the top colorful. This house is one of the first group of Hatcher craftsman revival houses built in the neighborhood around 2002. Though he got better as he gained experience, these houses carried mostly timid colors with too much similarity from one house to the next. Myrna and Larry Evans at



1407 Spring Street FRONT



BACK as seen from Mimosa Circle

1320 Roswell Street were the first to break the mold repainting their Hatcher home a bold two tone green more appropriate to its styling than the bland beige it had been.

Such carefully selected, highly personal color schemes are a real benefit to the neighborhood. Aside from simply looking good, they convey the feeling that these homes are really loved by the people who live in them.



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deaths

Our condolences to Wade Ingle (Highland) whose mother passed away in January

We extend sympathy to Andrea Kling and her mother Margerie Kling (Mimosa) for the March death of Margerie's 88 year old husband, Andrea's father

We are very sorry to convey that Michel Streger (FoWPN) lost his father to Esophageal cancer. The family encourages donations to the Sloan-Kettering Cancer Center (<http://www.mskcc.org>) to help fight this increasingly common cancer.

Doyle Smith has passed away. An avid outdoorsman who loved to fish and hunt, he and his bride Nancy moved to Gilbert Street in 1968. He is survived by Nancy, their son Phillip and grandson Garret. Our deepest sympathy to the Smith family for their loss.

...jonquils, daffodils, narcissus, and errors

PAULA KRAEMER on Walker Street wrote in appreciation of the jonquil article in the March MEMO. "Jonquils are one of my most absolute favorite flowers," Paula said. "I was born and raised in Smyrna, and the fragrance of them used to permeate the air. Smyrna school had no air conditioning, so the windows were normally up in the spring, and the scent (as well as the sight) was just heavenly to me."

The real essence of Paula's email, though, was this: "All jonquils are daffodils but not all daffodils are jonquils. Most daffodils are much larger (foliage and flower) than a true jonquil but daffodils won't spread and reseed with the vigor of jonquils. Also, most jonquils are noted for their fragrance and, while there are some fragrant daffodils, it's not a strong point for the majority of them."

All this was a real eye-opener — I had no idea jonquils are fragrant. Do they smell like paperwhite narcissis? "Paperwhites have a heavy, rich scent," Paula responded. "Jonquils have a much lighter, fresh scent, kind of hard to describe. But it seems to float through the air, kind of like honeysuckle."

"In all fairness, the terms narcissus, daffodil and jonquil are commonly interchanged," Paula said, and the flowers often mistaken for one another. While daffodils are fine plants, "they don't appear to naturalize very well and are not at all like those we used to have. While most jonquils are smaller flowered, they're great for yards and especially around paths."

"There's a guy in Texas (Greg Grant), fairly well known as a garden writer and

speaker (especially on heirloom plants), who's a big advocate of using naturalized jonquils along highways (much like wild-flower plantings). According to him, it's easy for civic groups to add bulbs each year, they bloom early enough (in Texas anyway) to not affect the mowing schedules, and they just get prettier with time!"

There are such a variety of these flower types that, according to Paula, "[one could plant] several different bulb varieties and, over the course of several years, could establish bulbs blooming from January through April, possibly into May."

Myself, I love to correct an error I've made so I'm grateful for this new information and willing to admit that the accompanying photo was of a daffodil — *mea culpa!* Paula says, "I just want folks to know that the flowers we used to have were really and truly lovable — not just kind of 'ho hum.'" But, you know, it would be nice to think that this discussion just might help bring back the original jonquil in Williams Park and the city.

— Casey Clavin

Fine daffodils, maybe — but they ain't no jonquils.



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