



# Williams Park

# MEMO

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## MEMO NOTES

We encourage contributions to the MEMO. Deadlines for future issues are May 15 and August 15. Send material to Casey at [dingoblue@earthlink.net](mailto:dingoblue@earthlink.net) or 770-333-9995.

### SPRING IS TIME FOR RENEWAL

Birds are chirping, trees are budding, jonquils are blooming and it's time to renew your WPN membership. Renewals have been mailed to existing members (except those already paid ahead for 2009). If you haven't renewed or are not a member, why not take this opportunity to sign up and join all the fun? Members get the quarterly newsletter, e-mail news, security alerts and updates in between, happy hours, neighborhood cookouts, book club, and loads of other neighborhood activities. Not bad for \$15 a year. To join, just fill out the form on page 6 and return it to the address noted (or just give it to Madge Jackson, Liz or Ron Davis, or Susan or Keith Bentley). If you have questions, contact Susan or Keith at 770-433-0350 or [kbentley8068@charter.net](mailto:kbentley8068@charter.net).

## Who can even remember Christmas now?



Jim, Sandy, Madge and David decorated the Williams Park pergola in seasonal greenery and lights.



SANDY HAMBY PHOTOS



Neighbors gathered to roast hot dogs and marshmallows and drink hot cocoa.



At dark, the lights were lit. Then Jill, Daniel and Janelle (beautiful voices, all) led the group in seasonal favorites.



It was cold out, so nobody stayed very late. But it was a nice evening — a small example of peace and goodwill.

**NOTE:** The Smyrna Library Gallery is exhibiting "The American Family Quilt," a group of paintings that combine the format of quilts and the perceptions of families, now through April 30, 2009. Gallery hours are M-F 9 - 9, Sat. 9-6, Sun 1-6 and admission is free to the public. For more information, go to [www.friendsofmysrnalibrary.org](http://www.friendsofmysrnalibrary.org) or call 770-431-2860.

# 2009 CALENDAR

wpn happy hour  
friday, march 20  
7:00 pm — sue hunt  
1389 roswell street  
(770-757-3585)

wpn book club  
sun, march 29, 3 pm  
**North River**  
by Pete Hamill  
Susan's, 2651 gilbert  
(Leanne 770-863-9580)

wpn happy hour  
friday, april 17  
7:00 pm  
jill and daniel huitron  
2622 devin court  
(404-376-5114)

wpn children's'  
spring celebration  
saturday, april 18  
11:00 am at williams  
park — crafts and  
story time

city of smyrna  
town hall meeting  
7:00 pm april 21  
community center

wpn book club  
sun, april 26, 3 pm  
**The Faith Club**  
by Ranya Idliby,  
Suzanne Oliver &  
Priscilla Warner  
Louisa's, 1450 whitfield st.  
(Leanne 770-863-9580)

wpn general assembly  
neighborhood meeting  
tuesday, april 28  
7:00 pm in smyrna  
city council chambers

wpn 4th anniversary  
saturday, may 2  
3:00 pm until...  
rain date sunday may 3  
taco and such picnic  
plus cooking contest  
— anything made  
with pecans in it  
1351 roswell street  
call sandy to tell her  
what you'll bring, or to  
sign up to help set up or  
clean up (770-435-5613)

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## Kudos to neighbors...

SANDY HAMBY PHOTOS

THANKS to these recent WPN happy hour hosts — **Robyn Phillips** in December, **Jane Canniff** in January, and **John and Janelle Lampp** in February.

Normally, hosts don't do too much in terms of preparation for these things. Neighbors show up and get a glimpse of how life is lived day to day in a particular house. Not so with Robyn who's place was decked out for the holiday season. There were wreaths and garlands and big red flowers all over the place plus two fully decorated Christmas trees. The house looked lovely.



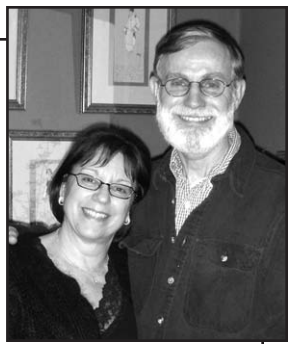
Jane stepped in to fill the void when nobody signed up to host us in January. The date came up in the midst of a bitter cold snap and fewer neighbors came out than is usually the case. We had a good time, nonetheless. Our hostess was ravishing in a light grey cashmere sweater with sizable bling buttons over a fine pair of "skinny jeans." Her Irish eyes were smiling as she welcomed Williams Park into her home.



John and Janelle had quite the crowd in February as many immediate neighbors gave into the temptation to attend their first ever WPN happy hour. Kevin Meckes, just stopping by to return a borrowed tool, was talked into staying. "This is great," Kevin enthused. "I always figured these would be kind-of corny and not too much fun. This is like a fraternity party." Kevin was very stylishly attired in a white t-shirt, institutional green scrubs, and grey polartech pullover all set off nicely by a substantial five o'clock shadow and an gorgeous set of pearly whites.

The Lampp's house, built in 1884 and interesting in itself, is beautifully appointed with an eclectic mix of art, collectables and furnishings old and new. There's a lot to look at and people stayed around a long time.

The Kemps are due a "Good Neighbor" award for reuniting a lost bunny with its family. They took in the injured black rabbit, nursed it, acquired proper rabbit food for it, and put out an email asking for info on the bunny's owners. A block away a neighbor had seen a pet rabbit two doors down where a new family had recently moved in. Stopping by that house and learning that, indeed, a bunny was missing, Heather Kemp invited them to her house. There were tears of joy and hugs all around when mom and son held their lost bunny "Georgia." She stays in the house mostly but enjoys romping in the yard occasionally. When a thoughtless meter reader left the gate open, Georgia hopped off on an adventure which had a happy ending thanks to the Kemps.



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# 2008 CALENDAR

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wpn happy hour  
friday, may 15, 7 pm  
dru & matt bennett  
1486 spring street  
(770-805-8668)

wpn yard sale  
may 30 & 31  
details later

wpn book club  
sunday, may 31, 3 pm  
*A Man Called Peter*  
by Catherine Marshall  
Thelma's, 1419 hawthorne  
(Leanne 770-863-9580)

wpn happy hour  
friday, june 19, 7 pm  
ann & david whited  
1499 walker street  
(770-435-1904)

wpn happy hour  
friday, july 17, 7 pm  
susan & mike stempek  
2584 highland ave  
(404-321-3750)

wpn happy hour  
friday, aug 21, 7 pm  
wendy amundson &  
tony graves  
1335 marston  
(770-366-1714)

wpn happy hour  
friday, sep 18, pm  
myrna & larry evans  
1320 roswell street  
(770-434-5094)

wpn happy hour  
friday, oct 16, 7 pm  
susan & keith bentley  
2651 gilbert street  
(770-433-0350)

wpn happy hour  
friday, nov 20, 7pm  
wade & sonya ingle  
2642 highland ave.

wpn happy hour  
friday, december 18  
7:00 pm  
tom haley & doug  
erickson  
2610 old roswell  
(770-863-9742)

## WP Reads

THE WPN BOOK CLUB, meeting monthly in various neighbors' homes, always welcomes new participants. To learn more, call LeAnne at 770-863-9580. Here are our reviews of three recent titles.

*A Tree Grows in Brooklyn*,  
by Betty Smith

★★★★ The story of the Nolan family who struggle to survive in turn of the century Brooklyn.

*Moloka'i*, by Alan Brennert

★★★★ This book describes the true history of Moloka'i, a Hawaiian island used as a quarantined leprosy settlement, which is told through the eyes of a fictionalized young girl sent to the island.

*Little Women*,  
by Louisa May Alcott

★★★★ The beloved classic novel about the lives of the women of the March family who come of age during the Civil War.

— LeAnne Fey

The rating system:

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



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## Kudos continued...

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Let's give a "WAY TO GO" to Judy Kessler who's doing volunteer work at the Shearith Israel Night Shelter for Women. Many donate stuff and/or funds to organizations whose work they want to support — few give their time, however, which is, in essence, giving yourself. That's real generosity.

Congratulations to Mary Helen Ellet whose grandson, Adam Bycel Daniel, was celebrated into a proud company known as Eagle Scouts. The program, started in 1912, is comprised of an illustrious and diverse company including Supreme Court Justice David Breyer, Winton Marsalás, President Gerald Ford, and Michael Moore among others.



JILL HUITRON PHOTO

Belmont Hills will soon fall to bulldozers' destructive forces, but some of its bushes will live on here in Williams Park. Thanks to property owner Jack Halpern for his permission, a group of plant salvaging WP neighbors converged on the southeast corner of the shopping center one Saturday morning in early March to dig up a group of "Fire Power" Nandinas around the ex-Burger King. Five neighbors — Tony Graves, Casey Clavin, Jill and Daniel Huitron and Ron Davis — harvested about 36 mature examples of the bright red shrubs. They filled three trucks, then headed home to divvy them up and acquaint them with their new homes. They're all in the ground and doing well as of this writing.



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## WELCOME

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— on gilbert st —

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Pedersen

— on roswell street —

Sheryl Anderson

— on walker street —

Colin & Greer Gallagher

## MILESTONES

### births

Michelle and Donncha O'Hegarty (highland ave) have new baby girl.

Ella Nadine O'Hegarty was born February 11th, weighing 7lbs 3oz, and measuring 20 inches. Ella is doing great and her older siblings just can't get enough of her!

Jill and Daniel Huitron are grandparents. Their grandson was born February 22.

Mother and baby doing well. Grandparents, GiGi and G-Daddy are pooped.

### unions



Harris Sudderth and Tiffany Ennis (anderson circle) were married January 17th in Ft. Lauderdale, Florida

## News in and around Williams Park

Most know by now that Smyrna has a **new sanitation schedule**. All of Williams Park now has both garbage and recycling pickup on Fridays. Pickup of leaves, grass clippings, and yard waste continues on Wednesdays.

The new program has gone to roll-out carts for almost all residences. The only remaining in-ground can service is for town homes without outside access to the backyard. The only in-ground can service remaining in Williams Park is on Windy Oaks Court and Windy Oaks Place. Everybody else should have received a roll-out cart by now.

Over the next several months, the city will be taking the old in-ground units out and filling the holes with dirt. Meanwhile, they've ceased servicing in-ground cans (except as noted above), so if you put garbage in them, it will stay there.

Our curbside recycling program has expanded to include plastic bottles and containers made of plastics #1 through #7, though they do not want styro-foam products of any type.

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MONDAY-SATURDAY 10-6  
SUNDAY 12-5  
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There's a **new group forming in Williams Park**. Anyone interested in having household projects completed by friends and, in return, helping friends complete their projects read on. Valerie Tomlinson, Tom Haley and Doug Erickson have formed the group **Barter Buddies**: one project per month, drawn from a floppy hat at the end of each completed project. If your project is drawn, you provide the materials, drinks, and food — the labor is provided by friends for free. The only catch is, if someone works on your project, you must work on theirs.

"This can be a great way to meet new people, bond, help others, as well as help ourselves in these trying and historic times," said Tomlinson. All are welcome! Flyers announcing the first meeting will be distributed at the March 20th happy hour.

Interested parties should contact Tom Haley at [klesko\\_1@bellsouth.net](mailto:klesko_1@bellsouth.net), Valerie Tomlinson at [vtomlins@juno.com](mailto:vtomlins@juno.com), or Doug Erickson at [d2e@aol.com](mailto:d2e@aol.com).

### WPN Cares

This winter Williams Park was deeply saddened by the deaths of John and Rose Whittaker on Whitfield Street. As news of this tragedy spread, neighbors generously responded by supplying the Whittaker family with food to get them through the difficult week ahead. One family member observed that she hadn't seen such an outpouring of support since she was a child. "This is how it used to be," she said.

Out of that experience, there developed a new group (a subcommittee of membership) called WPN Cares, and a contact list of individuals willing to provide a meal, a card, or a phone call when needed. The key to success here is information. WPN Cares will depend on individuals letting us know when a neighbor has a special need. We don't want to take away from friends and individual neighbors helping each other — rather, we'd like to provide a Williams Park Neighbors response. To do this, we'll need your help. Please let Susan Bentley (770-433-0350) know of any special needs in our neighborhood. Cara Fox will be coordinating WPN response for new babies and their families. Thelma Hancock will be handling correspondence and cards for WPN Cares. We're also interested in suggestions you might have for this committee.

Keep Smyrna Beautiful is hosting the first Smyrna Garden Tour on May 16, 2009. A variety of garden types will be featured among five home gardens in Bennett Woods, Cedar Cliffs, Heritage at Vinings, and Forest Hills. Tickets, \$10 in advance and \$15 on tour day, will be available beginning in late April at Smyrna Community Center, Smyrna City Hall, Karen's Gifts, Love Street, Pie in the Sky, and from the KSB board (in WP, Liz Davis is a ticket selling KSB board member).



## MILESTONES

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### illness

Thelma Hancock (hawthorn ave) is at home and mending nicely from surgery for an aortic aneurism.

Nancy Smith (gilbert street) is recovering well from a recent surgery

### deaths

Our Whitfield Street neighbors Rose and John Whittaker died in separate incidences just two days apart in early January. Rose succumbed to complications from an ongoing illness. John was killed in a car accident while on his way home from making her funeral arrangements. Having shared life together, so they shared departure from it in a single memorial service. They are survived by their adult children, two daughters and two sons.

Our condolences to John and Janelle Lampp on the death of John's father Larry. The retired Air Force Lt Col. died in late January at the age of 90.

Our condolences to Suzie Lee's whose sister passed away after protracted kidney disease and unsuccessful transplants.

Our condolences to Colin & Greer Gallagher on the death of Greer's father in late February.

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770-435-1904

## WPN Pet Profiles ... Kenzie Shay (Mimosa Circle)

### Abby and Lacy —

When Tiffany and Harris Sudderth on Anderson Circle wanted some canine companions to complete their home, they searched on the internet and found Lacy and Abby, two Australian Shepherd girls who were in need of a good home with nice owners. The sisters were rescued by the Sudderth's in December in Dalton, Georgia. For a long time their previous owners kept them outside, but now they enjoy a comfortable indoor lifestyle in their new house. They are two and half years old. Lacy weights 45 pounds and Abby weights 42 pounds. To tell the difference, Lacy has brown spots over her eyes and Abby doesn't.

One of their favorite things is to walk to Durham Park but since they have rarely been around other dogs, the Sudderth's are working on socializing them. In other training, the girls have made good progress on "sit" and "lie down," and they're working diligently on "shake" and "stay."

Though they had a rough start at life, Abby and Lacy both have wonderful temperaments and they love to please. You can catch Abby and Lacy either at the park or you might see Abby running with Tiffany.

*Our Pet Profiles columnist, ten year old Kenzie, attends Covenant Christian School where she's in the fifth grade.*



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# Williams Park Neighbors...

## IT'S THAT TIME OF YEAR !

Yes, please renew my membership for April 1, 2009 through March 31, 2010 (\$15.00)

or April 1, 2009- March 31, 2011 (\$30.00)

I'm joining for the first time - one year (\$15.00), two years (\$30.00)

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Address \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail \_\_\_\_\_ Pet's Names \_\_\_\_\_

Children's names, age, and gender \_\_\_\_\_

Special interests/hobbies \_\_\_\_\_

What information may we include in the WPN directory?  Name  Address  Phone  Email

Please make check payable to Williams Park Neighbors and send it with this form to P.O. Box 813811, Smyrna, GA 30081-8811

I would like to help or participate in one of the following areas:

- Social  Communication  newsletter- The MEMO  WPN Cares  website [www.williamsparkneighbors.org](http://www.williamsparkneighbors.org)
- Beautification  Safety and Security  Photography  Membership  Bridge Club  Gardening
- Children's  Book Club  Other: Specify \_\_\_\_\_

Those renewing or joining by March 31, 2009 (postmarked) will be entered into a drawing for a gift basket from Great Harvest Bread Company. Questions? Contact Susan & Keith Bentley at 770 433 0350 or [sbentley0350@charter.net](mailto:sbentley0350@charter.net)

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