

## *Welcome Home!*

Wynford Chace would like to extend a warm welcome to our new neighbors.

***Congratulations!*** We are so excited that you have chosen our community to call home! While you are settling, if there is anything that we can help you with, please don't hesitate to contact our board members for assistance. And be sure to check out our website, it provides information regarding local schools, area shopping and restaurants, and Cobb County emergency services. If you are a new resident, and a Wynford Welcome Committee member has not stopped by to welcome you and provide you with our Homeowners guide, please call Debbie Pelfrey at Heritage Property. 770.451.8171.



## **Burning Ban in Effect**

***A total burning ban is still in effect for Cobb County and will continue until the drought has passed. There are some legal burning events, but if you're in doubt, don't. The total watering ban is also still in effect. There is no outdoor watering at this time. Homeowners are encouraged to utilize water saving techniques when possible.***

# **Wynford Chace Annual Homeowners Meeting**

## **Tuesday, December 11, 2007**

### **Registration at 6:30pm**

### **Meeting starts promptly at 7:00pm**

## **Wynford Chace Clubhouse**

### **1289 Wynford Colony**

The annual homeowners meeting is an important meeting for all homeowners to attend. At least 1/3 of the eligible residents must be present to ensure a quorum. This is your opportunity to mix and mingle with your neighbors and to have a say in the operation of your board of directors. A letter has been mailed out to all homeowners. Included in the packet is a nomination form for the board. If you would care to be considered for board duty, please complete it and submit prior to the meeting or at the meeting according to the instructions included in your packet.

It is very important that residents participate in the annual meeting and in the operation of the Homeowners Association. You can serve on the board of directors, on the Modifications and Architectural Controls Committee, or on many other committees. It's a great way to make friends and meet your neighbors. Please participate.

**Neighborhood Watch:** Meta Ridings will present information on the Neighborhood Watch. There is a minimum quota required for participation.

# Wynford Chace

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**Modifications & Architectural Control Committee:**  
Submit any request for approval of modifications to the exterior of your home at least two weeks in advance. Send 2 copies of your request to Heather Butler at Heritage Property Management at the address above. Download a form from [www.wynfordchace.com](http://www.wynfordchace.com) or call the management agency at 770.451-8171.

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# President's Corner

by Norm Paschal

Serving as president of the Wynford Chace Board of Directors this past year has certainly been an education. For the most part, it was fun. I felt like I was making a difference. The board implemented several projects that really improved the neighborhood. We resurfaced the

tennis courts, remodeled the clubhouse and instituted the new mailbox plan. With all the new subdivisions going in around us, it is time to seriously upgrade the infrastructure of our neighborhood to keep it viable in the real estate community.

When it was not fun, it was usually because two neighbors decided to take issue with each other. Those are lose/lose situations. Barking dogs, noisy kids, illegal vehicles in the driveway and parking issues head the list of chronic complaints. Sometimes, I felt like a referee at a daycare center. I have been cussed at, hung up on and stared down.

For the record, I can **not** make your neighbor's dog stop barking. I hate it as much as you do. I **CAN** give you the number of Cobb County Animal Control. I can't make your neighbor stop parking his truck in his driveway and blocking your line of sight as you back out of your driveway. However, I can give you the number to the management company who will notify him of his violation, and if needed, fine him for the violation. I can't stop your neighbor's kid from playing the drums at 4AM, but I can give you the police department's number and you can call and complain about the noise.

The Board of Directors is not supposed to be policing the subdivision. We are here to manage the assets of the subdivision and to make sure that the infrastructure and amenities are maintained. We are here to direct the Management Company to look for things that violate the covenants and resolve those.

The covenants that bind Wynford Chace are a part of each property deed. They are between each homeowner and the HOA. They are not between you and your neighbors. If your neighbor does not abide by the covenants, he will be notified, fined and liens will be placed on the property. The same goes for you.

If you see a covenant violation, you should contact the Management Company and notify them. They will take it from there. You do not have to stay involved.

No matter what we do, we will always have neighbors who do not take their property as seriously as others do or care as much. Calling the board to complain about a neighbor not picking up his Sunday paper on Sunday is not productive for anyone. Try picking it up for him and placing it on his porch if it really makes you crazy. The fact that your neighbor doesn't trim his edges as neatly as you do is just not something that can be controlled. Trim his edges for him.

Remember that being on the board is a voluntary position and one that can make a difference in some small areas. I strive to do the right thing in all cases, but it takes a subdivision full of caring residents to make this all work. I hope you guys will care enough to become part of the solution and not the problem. Think how your actions impact your neighbors and be considerate.

## Protect your home from Christmas tree fires this holiday season

With the holiday season right around the corner, the Marietta Fire Department offers residents tips to protect your home from Christmas tree fires.

A Christmas tree can add to the spirit of Christmas by filling your home with beauty and the scent of pine. But a real tree can also pose a fire hazard. Each year, more than 400 residential fires involve Christmas trees and tragically nearly 40 deaths and 100 injuries result from these fires nationwide.

### ***Safety and your tree***

- Place your tree away from heat sources such as fireplaces, radiators and other heat sources. Make sure the tree does not block foot traffic or doorways.
- Use only non-combustible decorations.
- Inspect lighting for frayed wires, broken plugs and sockets.
- Keep base of live trees in water and check it daily.
- Turn lights off when tree is unattended.
- Be sure to remove live trees soon after the holiday before needles get too dry.
- Try to select a fresh tree by looking for one that is green. The needles of pines and spruces should bend and not break and be hard to pull off the branches. On fir species, a needle pulled from a fresh tree will snap when bent, much like a fresh carrot. Also, look for a trunk sticky with sap.
- Cut off about two inches of the trunk and put the tree in a sturdy, water-holding stand.
- Keep the stand filled with water so the tree does not dry out quickly.
- If you use an artificial tree, choose one that is tested and labeled as fire resistant. Artificial trees with



built-in electrical systems should have the Underwriters Laboratory (UL) label.

### ***Tree Lights***

- Only use indoor lights indoors (and outdoor lights outdoors). Look for the UL label.
- Check lights for broken or cracked sockets, frayed or bare wires, or loose connections.
- Replace or repair any damaged light sets.
- Also use no more than three light sets on any one extension cord. Extension cords should be placed against the wall to avoid any tripping hazards, but do not run cords under rugs.
- Turn off all lights on trees and decorations when you go to bed or leave the house.

### ***Tree Ornaments***

- Always use the proper step stool or ladder to reach high places.
- Read labels before you use materials that

come in jars, cans and spray cans.

- Never place lighted candles on a tree or near any flammable materials.
- Avoid placing breakable tree ornaments or ones with small, detachable parts on lower branches where small children or pets can reach them.
- Do not hang popcorn chains and candy canes on the tree when children are present. They may think that other tree ornaments are also edible.

For more information, call the Marietta Fire Department at 770-794-5466.

## **Cobb County School Calendar '07-'08**

December 24-January 4 Christmas Break

January 21 MLK Holiday

February 18 President's Day

February 19 Student Holiday/Teacher Workday

April 7-11 Spring Break

May 23 School's Out

May 26 Memorial Day Holiday





# Extreme Makeover

*Volunteer residents really make a difference in the Clubhouse Renovation.*

With only a \$10,000 budget, Jerrie Paschal led a volunteer crew to redecorate the bleak Wynford Chace clubhouse and make it desirable again to use for resident functions.

The fireplace was ripped out and re-tyled, new appliances were installed. New paint for the walls and trim really spruced it up. The office was redecorated in functional style. The closets were cleaned out and reorganized. The bathrooms were cleaned up but still need remodeling.

## Thanks to:

Rodger Watkins: helped supply painter, roofer. Donated services of his electrician. Donated tile for fireplace and hearth. Donated incidental building materials and supplies. Donated use of his scaffolding for painter and volunteers. Helped raise cabinets and install microwave.

Brad Bedingfield. Helped with all sorts of things. Helped raise cabinets and install microwave. Installed ceiling fan. Hung artwork. Lifted, toted, etc.

Cesar & Dagmar Perez. Let us borrow a ladder. Helped take down blinds and outlet covers, etc.

Cathy Ragland: Lots of manual labor, cleaning and taking down old stuff.

Curt & Sheryl Hansing: Vacuumed closets, rugs, vents, floors, walls. Very supportive.

Grace & Orby Moss : brought drinks for workers.

Dan & Tammy Williams: helped clean clubhouse, helped clean pool area.

Kip Howard: took down cabinet doors, removed hardware lifted, toted, hauled.

Jean Saling: struggled and took down wallpaper that was painted over. Helped patch walls.

Sharon Roberds: struggled and took down kitchen wallpaper. Helped patch walls.

Don Ridings: helped hang artwork, removed mirrors around fireplace.

Meta Ridings: Steam cleaned carpets.

Connie Nudo: helped take down, fix, clean, haul, buy. Provided refreshments for volunteers.

Tony Nudo: steam cleaned building, installed new mantel, fixed broken hearth, painted cabinets, put new finish on damaged walls. Hung blinds. Did anything that was asked... and then some.

Vanessa Frazer: cleaned AC vent registers

Mr. Collins: Cleaned AC unit and condensers.

Leigh Ann Bedingfield: donated two botanical prints and a mirror, and her husband!

Doyle Presley: chief decorator, scoured the country to find the right accessories. Helped put it all



together. Donated two trees and pots.

Michael Seiler: Man Friday, scrubbed floors, replaced window locks, lifted, toted (sometimes the same thing more than once), put up emergency lights, LOTS of work.

Norm Paschal: ran errands. Did what he was told. Hauled, bought, moved, let people in.

Jerrie Paschal: cracked the whip.





*The Wynford Chace Clubhouse  
A work in progress!*

# What about this drought?

The following tips were developed by a coalition of specialists on water conservation in Florida, and are also consistent with the recommendations that were developed through the National Disaster Education Coalition's "Drought Forum":

- Never pour water down the drain when there may be another use for it. Use it to water your indoor plants or garden.
- Make sure your home is leak-free. When you are certain that no water is being used in your home, take a reading of the water meter. Wait 30 minutes and then take a second reading. If the meter reading changes, you have a leak!
- Repair dripping faucets by replacing washers. One drop per second wastes 2,700 gallons of water per year!
- Check for toilet leaks by adding food coloring to the tank. If you have a leak, the color will appear in the bowl within 30 minutes. (Flush immediately to avoid stains.)
- If the toilet handle frequently sticks in the flush position letting water run constantly, replace or adjust it.
- Leaky toilets usually can be fixed inexpensively by replacing the flapper. Install a toilet displacement device to cut down on the amount of water needed for each flush. (Contrary to popular opinion a brick should not be used because it can dissolve and the loose pieces can cause damage to the internal parts. Instead, place a one-gallon plastic jug of water into the tank to displace toilet flow or purchase a device available at most hardware and home centers designed for this purpose.) Be sure installation does not interfere with the operating parts.
- Consider purchasing a low-volume toilet that uses less than half the

water of older models. NOTE: In many areas, low-volume units are required by law.

- Take shorter showers.
- Replace your showerhead with an ultra-low-flow version.
- Place a bucket in the shower to catch excess water for watering plants.
- In the shower, turn the water on to get wet; turn off to lather up; then turn the water back on to rinse. Repeat when washing your hair.
- Don't let the water run while brushing your teeth, washing your face or shaving.
- Avoid flushing the toilet unnecessarily. Dispose of tissues, insects, and other similar waste in the trash rather than the toilet.
- Operate automatic dishwashers only when they are fully loaded. Use the "light wash" feature if available to use less water.
- When hand washing dishes, save water by filling two containers - one with soapy water and the other with rinse water containing a small amount of chlorine bleach.
- Most dishwashers can clean soiled dishes very well, so dishes do not have to be rinsed before washing. Just remove large particles of food, and put the soiled dishes in the dishwasher.
- Store drinking water in the refrigerator. Don't let the tap run while you are waiting for water to cool.
- Do not use running water to thaw meat or other frozen foods. Defrost food overnight in the refrigerator, or use the defrost setting on your microwave.
- Do not waste water waiting for it to get hot. Capture it for other uses such as plant watering or heat it on the stove or in a microwave.
- Clean vegetables in a pan filled with water rather than running water from the tap. Re-use the water that vegetables are washed in for cleaning or watering plants.
- Kitchen sink disposals require lots of water to operate properly. Start a compost pile as an alternate method of disposing of food waste, or simply dispose of food in the garbage.
- Operate automatic clothes washers only when they are fully loaded or set the water level for the size of your load.
- Long Term Indoor Water Conservation
- Retrofit all household faucets by installing aerators with flow restrictors.
- Consider installing an instant hot water heater on your sink
- Insulate your water pipes to reduce heat loss and prevent them from breaking if you have a sudden and unexpected spell of freezing weather.
- If you are considering installing a new heat pump or air-conditioning system, the new air-to-air models are just as efficient as the water-to-air type and do not waste water.
- Install a water-softening systems only when the minerals in the water would damage your pipes. Turn the softener off while on vacation.
- When purchasing a new appliance, choose one that is more energy and water efficient.
- Use a shut-off nozzle on your hose that can be adjusted down to a fine spray, so that water flows only as needed. When finished, turn it off at the faucet instead of at the nozzle to avoid leaks. Check hose connectors to make sure plastic or rubber washers are in place to prevent leaks.
- Consider using a commercial car wash that recycles water. If you wash your own car, park on the grass so that you will be watering it at the same time.
- Do your part to help conserve our most important and under-appreciated resource.





## Courtside

*By Herman Wood*

It's getting colder outside, but it's still warm at the courts! The men's tennis team made a nice run this season, taking first place and earning another sign for the courts by winning the division! Unfortunately, we weren't able to make much headway in the playoffs. Several new players from the neighborhood joined the fun! We're always open to new folks! The ladies team also did well, staying in contention for the division and playoffs, but ultimately fell out on the final match of the season.

Mixed doubles has already started practice, with play beginning in January on Sunday afternoons. We have added a new team, Senior Winter doubles this season. Matches consist of 1 line of ladies doubles, 1 line of men's doubles, and 2 lines of mixed doubles. You only have to be 45 to play. Matches will be held Saturday mornings. Many folks are on both teams. It looks to be a fun, unique experience.

The courts are in good shape currently. We are very fortunate for them to have resisted cracking for as long as they have. With courts, it's not a matter of if they'll crack, but when. Eventually, they will need a major overhaul, though the work done in the spring has kept the courts playable in the short term. At our matches at other facilities, we find this to be a recurring problem, even at facilities younger than ours. When that major overhaul is done, it is likely to last a long time again.

With nice weather, scheduling has occasionally been a problem. Please be courteous of your neighbors, especially our youth. If you've been playing for an hour

and someone is waiting, our HOA rules require that you yield the court. Priority is given to adults in the evening, but it would be polite to offer to play the youngsters, and of course to yield if you've had your hour.

During ALTA league season, the court schedule is posted, with practices and matches noted. Occasionally, rain will cause a makeup needing to be played that may not make it onto the calendar posted at the court. Feel free to sign up for time on the calendars. As there is usually not a wait during times when leagues are not in play, calendar signups are not posted during those times.

Finally, you may have noted the cleanup work around the courts. Our landscaping company has cleared out the underbrush around the courts. The area looks much better! Stray balls are no longer quite so much of an adventure!

If you are interested in playing on one of our teams, please contact me through the link on the website or give me a call!

See you at the courts!

Herman

PS By the time you read this, hopefully the US will be Davis Cup Champions for the first time in a long time! I'm hoping for us to win 3 straight matches, with the Bryan brothers clinching it on Saturday, and two dead rubbers on Sunday!



## Light it up!

The Wynford Chace Christmas Decorating Contest is now underway. Decorate your home, your door, your mailbox. Be creative. There will be prizes for the Best House, Mailbox and Door. The judging will take place from 6:00pm-8:00pm on Thursday, December 19.

Be sure to turn on your lights and be seen.

If you're using luminaries, please be sure that the candles are grounded in sand or that you use battery-operated flameless candles.

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## Cobb County Burning Ban

The countywide outdoor burning ban, which was set to end Sept. 30, has been extended indefinitely due to the current level four drought conditions and total outdoor water ban.

One of the rules for open burning requires a garden hose be available and ready for use at every burn. However, the use of garden hoses is prohibited during periods of level four water restrictions. Additionally,

lack of rainfall and generally dry conditions have left much of the area prone to fires. A single spark into dry pine straw, grass or undergrowth can quickly become an uncontrolled fire leading to property damage and/or injury.

“The drought has contributed to daily ‘fire danger’ ratings in the class four and five range for this area,” Cobb County Fire Chief Rebecca Denlinger said. “The highest rating is five, signifying the danger of fire and rates of growth and spread are greatly increased over the norm.”

Limiting open burning also helps decrease pollutants and improves the air quality in Cobb County. The only exceptions to the open burning ban are recreational fires, bonfires with permit, cooking fires and fires in outdoor fireplaces, fire bowls or chimeneas, and commercial pit fires

using air curtain destructors with permit.

Alternatives to burning debris include chipping, composting and taking debris to a commercial or municipal grinding/composting facility or landfill. For more information about the extended burning ban, visit [www.cobbcounty.org](http://www.cobbcounty.org) or call 770-528-8000. For more information on the outdoor water ban, visit [www.cobbcounty.org](http://www.cobbcounty.org).

