

Wynford Chace

Welcome Home!

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

Noel & Jeanie Ford 1208 Colony
Hal & Catherine Freeman 1293 Colony
Jeff Muhleman & Bill Forrester 1082 Commons

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 recently updated Homeowners guide, please call or email Leigh Anne Bedingfield at 770.427.2669 or bandlb@comcast.net

E-Community

If you have e-mail and would like to join our e-community list to receive up to the minute WC news and information, just send your email address to thewire@wynfordchace.com or visit the site at:

http://groups.yahoo.com/group/wynford_chace/



And the winners are...

The Holiday Decoration Contest spurred some homeowners to do the "Chevy Chase thing" and many homeowners did a great job with their decorations. It was fun to drive around and see all the creative things that were used in the designs. And, many thanks to Joan & George Ruden for decorating our entryway. It was a nice image to come home to!

Our judge for the decorating contest was Cara Huber from Beyond Design. She spent many hours (mostly lost, I understand!) picking out the winners:

Best lighted display— 2864 Wynford Drive- The Johnson Family

Classiest— 2878 Wynford Drive – The Presley Family

Mailbox --2866 Wynford Drive- The Paschal Family

Best door—2894 Wynford Way - Tthe Messina Family

The four big winners will each receive a \$25.00 check for their efforts...but, there were so many that we couldn't limit the winners to four. These next guys deserve honorable mention and I am sure they will give this year's winner a run for their money next year!

Honorable Mentions!!

2857 Wynford Drive
1265 Wynford Colony
3036 Wynford Station
3108 Wynford Gable



The deer were traffic-stoppers at this festival of lights



Good enough to eat

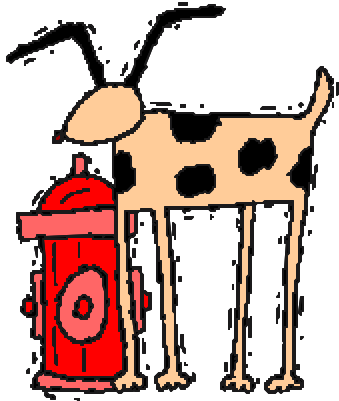


A welcoming front door

A present for the mail carrier?

Leptospirosis: What dog owners need to know.

by Brad Wilson, DVM



Leptospirosis is an infectious disease of dogs caused by a protozoan parasite of the genus *Leptospira*. Many species of *Leptospira* have been identified, though only a few are considered infectious to dogs and the particular infectious species varies by geographic region. Identification, prevention, and control of Leptospirosis is a serious public health concern as the disease is also contagious to humans.

Dogs are at risk to contract Leptospirosis because the disease is prevalent in the environment. Wildlife (raccoons, skunks, foxes, some hoofstock) may carry and shed the infectious organisms into the environment. The infectious organism is commonly shed in the urine and infects another animal when it is orally ingested. Active infection may cause both liver and/or kidney disease that may lead to organ failure and death if untreated. Leptospirosis, however, is treatable and dogs may make a full recovery. Diagnosis may be delayed as this disease is not commonly seen in practice and it may resemble other diseases such as antifreeze toxicity.

Possible routes of infection include sniffing or licking areas of

urination from infected dogs or wildlife and drinking water contaminated with the organism. Farm ponds, ditches, and areas where wildlife frequent are a particular concern as a source of infection. Failure to exercise proper hygiene (handwashing, etc) after contacting the organism from a pet dog or from contaminated soil or water is a method for human infection. There is some degree of natural immunity against *Leptospira* spp. in healthy humans and dogs, therefore very young, very old, or otherwise immunosuppressed individuals are at highest risk for infection.

Prevention of Leptospirosis in dogs is twofold. Annual vaccination is very important. Most dogs are vaccinated against Leptospirosis as part of the "distemper vaccine" (the "L" in DHLPP or DA₂LPP). Reducing or preventing exposure is the second prevention technique. Dogs that roam freely, frequent areas where wildlife commonly urinate or defecate, or drink from puddles or other stagnant groundwater sources may be at risk **even if vaccinated**. Because some dogs (particularly small or toy breeds) are known to have severe (potentially life-threatening) allergic reactions to the Leptospirosis vaccine, your veterinarian may inform you that your dog is not vaccinated against this disease. As long as you reduce exposure to potential sources of infection with these pets, your dog will be at very low risk for infection.

If you have questions regarding this or other animal diseases, please contact Dr. Brad Wilson through the Veterinary Clinic - West at 770-424-5484.

Reminder!

Time to File Homestead Exemption & Age 62 School Tax Exemption. Don't forget!
770-528-3200



Pet Plates Raise Awareness

The Georgia Department of Agriculture's statewide spay/neuter program for dogs and cats to reduce the state's homeless pet population is underway, thanks to sales of the Dog and Cat Special License Plate offered at county tag offices.

The program, supported by the Humane Association of Georgia, will help reduce the number of Georgia's homeless cats and dogs, as well as the number of animals being controlled, housed and killed in animal shelters around the state. Money raised by the voluntary purchase of these tags goes to fund low-cost sterilization procedures by licensed, accredited veterinarians. Macon artist Mark Allen Ballard designed the artwork featured on the tags. For more information, contact the Dog and Cat Sterilization Fund at 800-282-5852 or visit agr.state.ga.us.

Poll workers needed for Cobb

The Cobb County Board of Elections is looking for poll workers during the 2004 Presidential Preference Primary/Special Election on Tuesday, March 2. You must be a U. S. Citizen, Cobb County resident, at least 16 years old and must attend a mandatory training class in January/February 2004 to qualify. Workers are paid \$95.00. You must be able to work the polls from 6 a. m. until at least 8pm or when the poll closes and have your own transportation. The last day to register to vote for this election is Monday, February 2. If you would like more information, please call 770/528-2314.

Youth Baseball Registration

Cobb County Baseball Associations, together with the Cobb Parks, Recreation and Cultural Affairs Department, will hold youth baseball registration for kids 4-18 at various locations throughout January. A copy of the child's birth certificate is required as well as association fees, which range from \$50 to \$180. Contact the Western District Park Office for more info at 770-528-8890.

4-H Club Plant Sale

The Cobb County 4-H Club is having its annual plant sale. This year's assortment includes blackberries, blueberries and crape myrtle bushes. Prepaid orders will be accepted until Friday, February 27.

The order form is available at cobbextension.com or by calling 770-528-4076. Plants may be picked up at Jim Miller Park on March 12. You can call the Cobb County Extension Service at 770-428-4070 for free brochures describing the care and pruning of these plants in future years. Help the 4-H club raise money and get a deal on special plants.

Born Again Blessings

Born Again Blessings is a children's consignment sale sponsored by the Wesleyan Fellowship Missions Outreach. It will be held at the Cobb County Civic Center in Marietta on February 20th and 21st. Children's clothing, maternity clothing, toys, shoes, nursery items, baby equipment and furniture will all be for sale. Last year's event featured over 30,000 items and 250 sellers. To participate as a seller or buyer, you may contact them at 1-866-841-9139, ext. 1721 or on the web at bornagainblessings.com.



Scooter Alert for Parents

Although scooters have been around since the 1950s, the popular new scooters are often made of lightweight aluminum, weighing less than 10 pounds. They have quickly risen in popularity and are the cause of more and more emergency room visits. Health officials have seen a dramatic increase in scooter-related accidents and injuries. Most of the injuries occur among boys under the age of 15. The most common injuries are fractures or dislocations to the arm or hand, followed by cuts, bruises, strains, and sprains. Almost half of all injuries tend to occur to the arm or hand, while about one-fourth are to the head and another fourth to the leg or foot. Deaths directly related to scooter accidents have also occurred.

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) recommends the same precautions for scooters as for bicycling and in-line skating. It is thought that many injuries might be prevented or reduced in severity if protective equipment is worn. Helmets can prevent 85 percent of head injuries, elbow pads can prevent 82 percent of elbow injuries, and knee pads can prevent 32 percent of knee injuries. Although wrist guards are effective in preventing injuries among in-line skaters, the protection they provide against injury for scooter riders is unknown, as wrist guards may make it difficult to grip the scooter handle and steer it.

Based on evidence of injury prevention effectiveness for other related activities, the following recommendations may help to prevent scooter-related injuries:

- Wear an approved helmet that meets safety standards.
- Use knee and elbow pads.
- Ride scooters on smooth, paved surfaces without traffic, and avoid streets and surfaces with water, sand, gravel or dirt.
- Do not ride scooters at night.
- Young children should not use scooters without close supervision.

CDC reports indicate that in 2000, there were an estimated 27,600 emergency room visits for scooter-related injuries. Approximately 85% of persons treated were children aged 15 years and 70% were male. The most common type of injury was a fracture or dislocation of which 70% were arm or hand. Two people died during this period, one was an adult showing his child how to ride it; and the other was a six year old boy who was struck by car. The CDC has not released data from later years, but since the proliferation of scooters has soared, we can only expect the injury data to go up as well.

The CDC, Consumer Product Safety Commission and the DMV offices urge you to make sure that scooters are used appropriately.

Scooters are not street-legal in most cases. They should be used in an appropriate location and with appropriate supervision. Any scooter ridden on the street must be driven by a licensed driver. ATV's are not legal in any instance. Riders will be ticketed if found on public streets according to the Cobb County Police Department.

Annual Meeting Review

By Susan Hirsch, Secretary

The Wynford Chace Annual Homeowner Meeting was held at the club house on December 16. The first order of business was to elect new officers and that was done quickly. The entire slate of officers from the past year was re-elected. They are: President, Cesar Perez; Vice-President, Norm Paschal; Secretary, Susan Hirsch; Treasurer, David Hylton, Director At-large, Brad Bedingfield.

There was much discussion at the meeting about items that would improve or enhance life within Wynford Chace. These include:

- update on safety concerns in WC. Meta Ridings will address.
- Speeding in the subdivision. Do we need to put more stop signs or speed bumps in?
- Any interest in a WC directory?
- Neighbors in need. Is there a mechanism to come to the aid of a neighbor who is in need due to illness, death, etc. Should we offer help through our welcome/social committee? How will we know when someone is in need?
- Should we continue the yard of the month contest? Should we give a \$25.00 gift certificate?
- WC HOA dues have only been increased once in 15 years.
- Much discussion around the FY 04 budget.
- Complaints about animals on the playground equipment, tennis courts, pool areas.

YOUR input is needed as we head into this next year. If you have ideas for projects, improvements or want to be part of the SOLUTION, please call Cesar Perez to volunteer. Board Meetings are held monthly and these are open to all residents. If you have a specific item to address, please call any of the officers to have it put on the agenda.



Neighborhood Watch Update

The individual that was arrested for the break-ins that occurred in our neighborhood, as well as others, is in the Cobb County jail awaiting trial. It seems he did post bond at one point, but the release was an oversight and the police were able to re-arrest him. According to the detective, he has 200 felony counts against him and, hopefully, even with a plea he will get a substantial sentence. I will be calling the district attorney's office and will try to find out when his court date is scheduled. As soon as I have any information I will post it to the website.

Please remember if you have any questions or need to report any information to Neighborhood Watch please call me or e-mail me. Have a Happy and Safe New Year!

Meta Ridings
Neighborhood Watch
770-421-0087
watch@wynfordchace.com

Courtside

With all the warm weather in December, tennis was a happening thing at Wynford Chace! The courts were in frequent use all month. Mixed ALTA also started up this past week. The team took the maximum of 5 points this past weekend. As always, we are looking for players, especially ladies. The deadline is approaching soon for the Spring Roster for men and women. Please contact me at 770-919-1141 or via the email link for tennis on our web page if you are interested in a fun active experience. Please also feel free to show up at one of the practices. The mixed team practices on Tuesday nights from 7 to 9. The men have an ongoing year round practice on Wednesday night from 7 to 9 as well.

The courts are reserved for ALTA play on Sunday afternoon from 12:30 until the completion of matches, usually 4:30 or so though the end of February.

As always, your ongoing cooperation in keeping the courts in good shape is appreciated. Several members of the ALTA teams have been very helpful in emptying the cans on the court and blowing the leaves off so that they don't stain our new surface. Do keep in mind that the surface will not stand up to wheels of any kind and that the only shoes on the courts should be tennis shoes.

It's great to live in a community where our residents respect and take so much pride in the appearance and upkeep of this valuable resource.

See you at the court!

Herman Wood
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Free book program available for toddlers throughout state

All Georgia's 1-year-olds can now receive a free copy of "Old MacDonald" by Rosemary Wells at their local library on or after their first birthday.

The books are provided through the "One, Two, Three" component of the Georgia Assisting Childhood Education Program (ACE).

"While visiting the library, parents can learn more about children's programming offered at the library throughout the year such as story time," said Cobb Library Program Coordinator Patty Latch.

ACE combines state government funds for books and parenting aids with the resources and services of public libraries, schools, health departments, adult education programs, hospitals and the media to encourage all families to participate in daily family literacy activities in their homes.

The first component of ACE is "Books for Babies." Books for Babies distributes the Read To Your Bunny book to all Georgia newborns and their families when they leave the hospital.

The "One, Two, Three" component will continue to encourage family literacy by distributing books to all Georgia 1-year-olds and their families through public libraries.

Each book contains a special message from former Governor Roy Barnes and his wife encouraging parents to read with their children and to visit their public libraries regularly.

The message reads: When we were children, we read many books. As parents, we encouraged our children to read also. Reading does wonders for children's minds. It

allows them to explore new places and to get to know many interesting people.

Reading to children helps teach language skills and can spark a child's desire to learn. Research shows that the most critical development of a child's brain happens in the first three years of life.

Reading and talking with a child, particularly during these early years, help stimulate and strengthen this development. The book you are about to read was obtained at a local public library.

"We encourage you to read this book to help your child develop a love for reading and learning. We also hope you will visit your local public library often to check out many more books."

ACE is supported by the Georgia Council on Adult Literacy, Georgia Mothers Association, Delta Kappa Gamma Society International, Family Connections, Certified Literate Community Programs, and numerous volunteers of civic, business, professional and religious groups.

For more information please contact Cobb County Public Library System at (770) 528-2342 or visit www.cobbcatt.org.

County Forum

Cobb County Board of Commissioners Chairman Sam Olens will host a public town hall meeting at 7 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 6 at the South Cobb Community Center.

All residents are invited to attend and bring any questions or concerns they wish to discuss with their elected officials.

The center is located at 620 Lions Club Drive.

P. L. A. N. Update

If you are interested in zoning issues which might impact this area, you should consider becoming a member of P. L. A. N. (People Looking after Neighborhoods) It's a great way to get involved and keep inappropriate or undesirable construction projects from impacting our neighborhood. P.L.A.N. focuses only on our area of the county.

The P.L.A.N. members' meetings are now scheduled for every other month at the Zachary Woods (subdivision) clubhouse off Barrett Pkwy in west Cobb County. Please note that if a major rezoning/issue comes up on an off-month, a Calling Post message will be sent out to inform the P.L.A.N. members. Each meeting generally starts at 7 p.m., and depending on the matters at hand, may run from 1-2 hours. Meetings are generally scheduled for the last Thursday of each month that they are held. In general, the meetings have the following draft agenda:

- Pertinent Introductions
- Unclosed or Carryover Business
- Follow-Up of Previous Cases/Issues
- New Business (Rezoning, Applicable Issues)
- Brainstorm of Strategies & Actions
- Decisions on Resources, Ownership, & Next Steps
- Summary & Close

Next P.L.A.N. Meeting

Thursday, January 29 @ 7 p.m. at Zachary Woods clubhouse (back of subdivision)

Tentative Dates for 2004 P.L.A.N. Meetings:
Thursday, March 25th
Thursday, May 27th

<http://www.peoplelookingafterneighborhoods.com/>

Wynford Chace

Management Agency

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Wynford Voice Mail: 1.866.206.9073 x2729
Email: darren.acs@mindspring.com

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 ACS, 804 Macy Drive, Roswell, GA 30076. Get MACC request form from www.wynfordchace.com or call the management agency at 770.649.7373.

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From the President:

Several weeks ago I was driving back from the clubhouse along Colony when I was stopped by several homeowners. They expressed concern about three motorcycles that were speeding/racing up and down our streets. Earlier I had heard the loud sound of the motorcycles from the clubhouse but could not determine who was making the racket or from where it was coming.

By the time I arrived back at my house I had already talked to two of the three riders, who mostly blamed the other riders for the noise. Who these individuals were is not too important, as it's been really quiet lately and I think that they got the message, but it probably doesn't hurt that a Police car rounded the neighborhood several times, likely looking for them!

Please keep in mind that the streets in Wynford Chace are public streets which requires that vehicles be tagged, insured and that the driver/rider be licensed. Speed limits are posted to reduce the possibility of harm to residents, pets, etc. Also, keep in mind that nuisance noises are not a welcome addition to the neighborhood.

So please, if you must ride an off-road vehicle such as an untagged motorcycle, ATV, go-cart, etc. please keep the activity to that which would be consistent with applicable laws, neighborhood standards, and lastly, consideration for your neighbors. Please share these thoughts with members of your family, as appropriate.

Thanks,

Cesar Perez

P. S. Covenants Corner will return in the next issue. Stay tuned.

Ladies' Night!

Monday evening, February 9

Atlanta Bread Company
Dallas Highway @ Barrett Parkway

7:00PM

Ladies Only

No Kids/No Hubbies

Dutch Treat

If you have been wanting to meet other women in the neighborhood, here's an excellent opportunity to have a cup of coffee, a dessert, or maybe even dinner with some soon-to-be new friends.

Meet & Greet at the Fireplace

For more information, contact Leigh Ann Bedingfield at 770/427-2669.