

Welcome Home!

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

David B. Koch 2855 Drive

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. For covenant information, you may contact Doris Kissell at Heritage Property. 770.451.8171.

HOA Dues are Due



What's the deal about redistricting?

By Joanna Wood

Over the past several months, redistricting plans for middle and high school attendance in our area have been surrounded by much publicity and controversy. These plans DIRECTLY affect our neighborhood. Because of the passage of House Bill 1068, the process has been halted and will have to restart from the beginning. The first part of the new process was a public forum on March 7 to gather information from the community on what priorities should be considered when drawing new attendance zones.

The media, particularly the *Marietta Daily Journal*, has consistently claimed that the majority of west Cobb County residents are opposed to the redistricting maps – both the original “North-South” map and the revised “Sanderson” map. They have been able to accomplish this in large part because of the overwhelming number of people in the western neighborhoods who have been present, and vocal, at the public forums. A coalition has been formed between subdivisions in the Dowell Elementary and Cheatham Hill Elementary communities, totaling over 3500 homes, to show support for our inclusion in the new school districts since they are closest to our homes. It would make the most sense from a geographic standpoint to keep us in the new district and would keep our community united, but there is much more opposition than support for this at the present time.

Even if you have spoken at the previous public forums, or have attended one or more of the meetings, **YOUR PARTICIPATION IS VITAL TO THE REDISTRICTING PROCESS!** Please make plans to attend the “first” forum, wear white to show support for the Cheatham Hill-Dowell community, and most importantly, sign up to speak.

If you would like to be kept informed on events and meetings as they develop, OR if you are interested in speaking, please send an email to: dowell.redistricting@gmail.com, and we will add you to our distribution list. This list will be used only for the purpose of sharing redistricting information and will not be used otherwise. We can also share speaking points with anyone who is willing to step up and speak for our community for this meeting and future times. If you would rather have a printed copy delivered to your mailbox or have additional questions, please contact us at the phone number below.

Thank you for your efforts and your time. The power to influence how and where our children are educated lies with us. Remember, even if you do not have school age children, the school district affects your home values and the perceived value of our neighborhood!

If you would like to talk to someone about the process, please feel free to contact us: Herman & Joanna Wood at 770-919-1141.

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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 Doris Kissell, Heritage Property Management at the address above. Download a form from www.wynfordchace.com or call the management agency at 770.451-8171. Ext. 238.

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President's Corner

By Norm Paschal

Introducing "Norm"

Since there were not a lot of people standing up and wanting to be president of the Wynford Chace Board of Directors, I guess I have become president by default. I know I can't fill the shoes of Cesar Perez as he did a great job as President,

but I will count on his mentoring to help get me through this next year.

I live here in Wynford Chace and I can tell you that I enjoy living in this neighborhood. It's a pleasure to turn into the entry each day. My plans as president are to keep it that way. I want to keep the entry way looking great so that people are impressed when they visit. I want to keep the pool and tennis courts looking sharp for our residents and their guests. I want to keep my house painted and neat. I want to keep property values up and make this a desirable community in which to buy a home. To that end, I ask your help. Let's all do our part to make this a great place to live.



Norm Paschal presents a Certificate of Appreciation to outgoing president, Cesar Perez.

Changing of the Guard

At the January 2006 Board meeting Norm Paschal agreed to become the new President of the Wynford Chace Board. I will remain on the Board as Vice-President. Norm has been

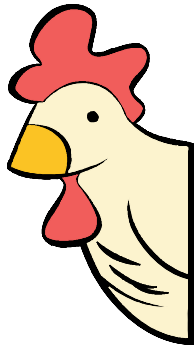
serving as your Vice President for several years now and brings a wealth of experience to the job. In addition to his service on the Wynford Chace Board, he was a past Board Member for another large neighborhood in Cobb County. He really cares what happens in this neighborhood so he'll have your best interest at heart.

The balance of the Board will remain unchanged. Doris Kissell will continue to be the Property Manager and should be your principal contact when bringing issues to the Board. I have personally worked with Doris for about seven years and feel very comfortable with her ability to manage a large neighborhood like ours. Doris can assist you where possible, generally where the Board has authority, and best advise you on how to proceed when outside contact is required or when issues exceed our area of responsibility.

It's been a pleasure to serve as president of the Board of Wynford Chace, but it's also a pleasure to step down and let someone else get involved. Thank you for your support.

Cesar

What You Should Know About Avian Flu



This fact sheet provides general information about avian influenza (bird flu) and information about one type of bird flu, called avian influenza A (H5N1), that has caused infections in birds in Asia and Europe and in humans in Asia.

Avian influenza is an infection caused by avian (bird) influenza (flu) viruses. These influenza viruses occur naturally among birds. Wild birds worldwide carry the viruses in their intestines, but usually do not get sick from them. However, avian influenza is very contagious among birds and can make some domesticated birds, including chickens, ducks, and turkeys, very sick and kill them.

Infected birds shed influenza virus in their saliva, nasal secretions, and feces. Susceptible birds become infected when they have contact with contaminated secretions or excretions or with surfaces that are contaminated with secretions or excretions from infected birds. Domesticated birds may become infected with avian influenza virus through direct contact with infected waterfowl or other infected poultry, or through contact with surfaces (such as dirt or cages) or materials (such as water or feed) that have been contaminated with the virus.

Infection with avian influenza viruses in domestic poultry causes two main forms of disease that are distinguished by low and high extremes of virulence. The low

pathogenic form may go undetected and usually causes only mild symptoms (such as ruffled feathers and a drop in egg production). However, the highly pathogenic form spreads more rapidly through flocks of poultry. This form may cause disease that affects multiple internal organs and has a mortality rate that can reach 90-100% often within 48 hours.

Human infection with avian influenza viruses

There are many different subtypes of type A influenza viruses. These subtypes differ because of changes in certain proteins on the surface of the influenza A virus (hemagglutinin [HA] and neuraminidase [NA] proteins). There are 16 known HA subtypes and 9 known NA subtypes of influenza A viruses. Many different combinations of HA and NA proteins are possible. Each combination represents a different subtype. All known subtypes of influenza A viruses can be found in birds.

Usually, avian influenza virus refers to influenza A viruses found chiefly in birds, but infections with these viruses can occur in humans. The risk from avian influenza is generally low to most people, because the viruses do not usually infect humans. However, confirmed cases of human infection from several subtypes of avian influenza infection have been reported since 1997. Most cases of avian influenza infection in humans have resulted from contact with infected poultry (e.g., domesticated chicken, ducks, and turkeys) or surfaces contaminated with secretion/excretions from infected birds. The spread of avian influenza viruses from one ill person to another has been reported very rarely, and transmission has not been observed to continue beyond one person.

Human influenza virus usually refers to those subtypes that spread widely among humans. There are only three known A subtypes of

influenza viruses (H1N1, H1N2, and H3N2) currently circulating among humans. It is likely that some genetic parts of current human influenza A viruses came from birds originally. Influenza A viruses are constantly changing, and they might adapt over time to infect and spread among humans.

During an outbreak of avian influenza among poultry, there is a possible risk to people who have contact with infected birds or surfaces that have been contaminated with secretions or excretions from infected birds.

Symptoms of avian influenza in humans have ranged from typical human influenza-like symptoms (e.g., fever, cough, sore throat, and muscle aches) to eye infections, pneumonia, severe respiratory diseases (such as acute respiratory distress), and other severe and life-threatening complications. The symptoms of avian influenza may depend on which virus caused the infection.

Studies done in laboratories suggest that some of the prescription medicines approved in the United States for human influenza viruses should work in treating avian influenza infection in humans. However, influenza viruses can become resistant to these drugs, so these medications may not always work. Additional studies are needed to demonstrate the effectiveness of these medicines.

Avian Influenza A (H5N1)

Influenza A (H5N1) virus also called H5N1 virus is an influenza A virus subtype that occurs mainly in birds, is highly contagious among birds, and can be deadly to them. H5N1 virus does not usually infect people, but infections with these viruses have occurred in humans. Most of these cases have resulted from people having direct or close contact with H5N1-infected poultry or H5N1-contaminated surfaces.

Human health risks during the H5N1 outbreak

Of the few avian influenza viruses that have crossed the species barrier to infect humans, H5N1 has caused the largest number of detected cases of severe disease and death in humans. In the current outbreaks in Asia and Europe more than half of those infected with the virus have died. Most cases have occurred in previously healthy children and young adults. However, it is possible that the only cases currently being reported are those in the most severely ill people, and that the full range of illness caused by the H5N1 virus has not yet been defined. For the most current information about avian influenza and cumulative case numbers, see the World Health Organization (WHO) avian influenza website.

So far, the spread of H5N1 virus from person to person has been limited and has not continued beyond one person. Nonetheless, because all influenza viruses have the ability to change, scientists are concerned that H5N1

virus one day could be able to infect humans and spread easily from one person to another. Because these viruses do not commonly infect humans, there is little or no immune protection against them in the human population. If H5N1 virus were to gain the capacity to spread easily from person to person, an influenza pandemic (worldwide outbreak of disease) could begin. For more information about influenza pandemics, see the CDC Pandemic Influenza website and PandemicFlu.gov.

No one can predict when a pandemic might occur. However, experts from around the world are watching the H5N1 situation in Asia and Europe very closely and are preparing for the possibility that the virus may begin to spread more easily and widely from person to person.

Treatment and vaccination for H5N1 virus in humans

The H5N1 virus that has caused human illness and death in Asia is resistant to amantadine and

rimantadine, two antiviral medications commonly used for influenza. Two other antiviral medications, oseltamavir and zanamavir, would probably work to treat influenza caused by H5N1 virus, but additional studies still need to be done to demonstrate their effectiveness.

There currently is no commercially available vaccine to protect humans against H5N1 virus that is being seen in Asia and Europe. However, vaccine development efforts are taking place. Research studies to test a vaccine to protect humans against H5N1 virus began in April 2005, and a series of clinical trials is under way. For more information about H5N1 vaccine development process, visit the National Institutes of Health website.

More information can be found at <http://www.cdc.gov/flu/avian/gen-info/facts.htm>



Get help choosing your Medicare plan

In an effort to help eligible senior adults gather information and enroll in Medicare Part D by May 15, Cobb Senior Services' Senior to Senior Advocacy Team and the Cobb County Central Library are offering enrollment assistance by appointments only. Please call 770-528-1446 to leave a message and schedule a meeting with an advocate.

Fun in the Park Photo Contest

Cobb County Parks, Recreation and Cultural Affairs is sponsoring a photo contest. Any photograph taken in any Cobb County (not City of Marietta) Park is eligible. For details, contact 770-528-8800. Deadline is October 16. Get busy now. As your kids are playing in the park, you could be taking prize winning photos.

Reuse and Renew

The City of Kennesaw is now accepting cell phones and rechargeable batteries for recycling. Drop off points for these items include: Kennesaw City Hall and City of Kennesaw Police Department and Kennesaw Community Center. All programmed information should be deleted from the phones before they are dropped off. For more information, contact 770-421-8582.

City of Marietta Summer Camps Registration

Participants may register Monday through Friday starting March 20 from 8:30 AM to 4:30 PM in the Recreation office on the third floor of City Hall. Camp space is available on a first come, first served basis. This is a recreation program and is outside and weather dependent. All fees must be paid for at the time of registration. Space is limited.

The day camp consists of a full day camp for 6 to eight year-olds and 9 to 12 year-olds. Camp includes games, arts and crafts, special treats and much more. The full day camps also go swimming and have weekly field trips. For more information call Marietta Parks and Recreation at 770-794-5601.

New Year's Resolutions For Parents

This is the time many people look back over their past year and rate how they did. Many will make resolutions to improve areas in their lives that need improvement. It's a perfect time for parents to look over their past year and evaluate how they've been as parents. They may also make decisions to become better parents in the coming year. The following is a list of areas parents may want to consider when they take their personal inventory as parents.

HAVE YOU ENCOURAGED YOUR CHILD?

- By listening to him when he wants to say something.
- By being patient with her when she makes a mistake.
- By forgiving him when he does something wrong.
- By asking forgiveness from her when you make a mistake.

HAVE YOU SPENT QUALITY TIME WITH YOUR CHILD?

- By reading to him everyday or letting him read to you.
- By going on a date with your child, just you and her alone, no other family members.
- By asking him how things are going.

HOW YOU EMPOWERED YOUR CHILD?

- By letting her have a say in family decision making.
- By letting him handle his own problems and supporting him in those attempts.

- By giving her an allowance with no strings attached.
- By setting clear limits and expectations for behavior.
- By expecting the best from your child.
- By thanking him when he's done what you've asked.

HAVE YOU DISCIPLINED YOUR CHILD?

- By being consistent with expectations and limits.
- In a loving manner where she knows you care about her but will not accept her bad behavior.
- Without becoming angry and yelling at him when he disobeys.
- Without causing physical or emotional harm to her.
- Out of love for him, not out of anger.

HAVE YOU BEEN AN EXAMPLE TO YOUR CHILD?

- By treating others in a fair and consistent manner.
- By loving your spouse and other family members.

Parents are not perfect. They are human beings like everyone else. Parents can fail at times. Resolve this year to improve your parenting. You don't need a new year to plan to do better. Each day can be a new day to

begin again to be the parent you want to be.

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School Calendar

April 3-7: Cobb, Paulding, Cherokee & Marietta City Schools Spring Break

May 26: Cobb, Paulding, Cherokee, Marietta City Schools Last day of school.

May 29: Memorial day. All schools closed.

Other dates of interest:

March 17: St. Patrick's Day

April 2: Daylight savings time begins.

April 16: Easter

April 22: Earth Day

May 15: Mother's Day

June 18: Father's Day

July 4: Independence Day



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Covenants Corner

Section (g) Parking

No owner or Occupant may keep or bring onto the property more than a reasonable number of vehicles per lot at any time, as determined by the Board; provided, however, the Board may adopt reasonable rules limiting the number of vehicles which may be parked at the Property. Vehicles only may be parked in designated parking spaces or other areas authorized in writing by the Board.

Disabled and stored vehicles are prohibited from being parked on the property except in garages. Boats, boat trailers, utility trailers and all other types of trailers, trucks with a load capacity of one ton or more, recreational vehicles (RV's and motor homes), vehicles used primarily for commercial purposes, and vehicles with commercial writings on their exteriors are also prohibited from being parked temporarily on the property for a period not to exceed three consecutive days.

Notwithstanding the above, trucks, vans, commercial vehicles and vehicles with writings on their exteriors shall be allowed temporarily on the property during normal business hours for the purpose of serving any lot or the common property; provided, that, without the written consent of the board, no such vehicle shall be authorized to remain on any portion of the property overnight or for any purpose except serving a lot or the common property.

For purposes of this subparagraph, a vehicle shall be considered "disabled" if it does not have a current license tag or is obviously inoperable. A vehicle shall be considered "stored" if it remains on the property for fourteen

consecutive days or longer without prior written Board permission.

If any vehicle is parked on any portion of the common property in violation of this subparagraph (g) or in violation of the Association's rules and regulations, the board may place a notice on the vehicle specifying the nature of the violation and stating that after twenty-four hours after such notice is placed on the vehicle the violation continues or thereafter occurs again within six months of such notice, the vehicle may be towed in accordance with the notice, without further notice to the owner of the user of the vehicle.

If a vehicle is parked in a fire lane, is blocking another vehicle, is obstructing the flow of traffic, is parked in any grassy area on the common property, or otherwise creating a hazardous condition, no notice shall be required and the vehicle may be towed immediately. If a vehicle is towed in accordance with this subparagraph, neither the Association nor any officer or agent of the Association shall be liable to any person for any claim of damage as a result of the towing activity. The Association's right to tow is in addition to, and not in limitation of all other rights of the Association, including the right to assess fines. Notwithstanding anything to the contrary herein, the Board may elect to impose fines or use other available sanctions, rather than exercise its right to tow.

Cobb County Code Says:

"Residents cannot store a vehicle or trailer of any kind dismantled, inoperative or without a current tag on any street or residential property. Exceptions include vehicles or trailers in a completely enclosed building, on property zoned Heavy Industrial or with a Special Land Use Permit."

If you see junk cars in the neighborhood creating an eyesore, you can report them to Cobb County Code Enforcement. 770-528-2180.

Prune & Tune Your Trees

Trees are one of a homeowner association's greatest assets. They provide beauty, shade, block wind and stabilize soil movement. One of the most common questions asked of arborists is: "Why does a tree need to be pruned?"

To create a strong branch structure. During the first several years after a tree is planted, it can be easily pruned to correct poor form. Prune to give proper branch spacing and strong attachments. Eliminate double leaders to create a strong single leader trunk. This approach prevents future problems, also making trees less susceptible to storm damage.

To reduce or eliminate hazards. Limbs can unexpectedly fall, damaging property and harming people. Prune to remove deadwood, broken branches or weakly attached branches to reduce hazard potential. Thin large trees like Douglas Fir to reduce wind resistance.

To control growth and size. Prune to keep fast growing trees contained within a certain landscape footprint.

To create aesthetically pleasing landscapes. Pruned trees reveal their unique branch structure, yet retain their natural shape.

To correct improper pruning or storm damage. Create a new canopy and branch structure on a previously topped or storm damaged tree by selective pruning and crown thinning. This may require multiple pruning visits over several years to restore the natural crown shape.

To reduce disease. Remove diseased parts to prevent further infection and improve looks. Reduce disease infection by increasing air circulation and light penetration by thinning branches and foliage.



Courtside

By Herman Wood

If you visit the tennis courts, you may notice that there are more signs up down at the far end. The Men's tennis team from last Fall won their division and made it all the way to the City Finals before bowing to a strong team in tightly contested matches. The new signs are in recognition of those accomplishments!

If you'd like to join the team, it's not too late. We always welcome our neighbors to join us, though by the time you read this the season will be underway. We also have a newly formed Ladies team for the first time in a very long time! If you would like to join either team, please contact me through the Wynford Chace website. Both teams

are taking lessons on Tuesday nights from 6:30-9:30. The Men's team practices on Thursday night from 7 until 9 as well. The Ladies have not set their practice time as of this writing. We will post those times at the bulletin board next to the court when they are finalized.

Matches for the Men are Saturday mornings beginning at 8:30 for warmups until complete, usually around 1 PM. The Ladies play their matches Sunday afternoon beginning at 12:30 PM until completion, usually by 5 PM.

As you may have noticed, the courts have cracking that is quite large on the first court. We are trying to do a temporary patch to get through one more year, but it will need to be

permanently repaired eventually. The temporary fix was attempted last year, but did little good.

As always, please remember that wheels of any kind are not allowed on the court, as they will damage the surface. Shoes should be tennis shoes that do not leave a mark. Be respectful of time if others are waiting to play, or better yet, challenge them to a set of doubles and make some new friends! If the courts become too busy, we will implement a reservation system.

I welcome your suggestions to make the tennis courts a better place for our neighborhood! See you at the courts!

Who 'ya gonna call?

To report:

- A covenant violation
- A sale or lease of a property
- Or submit a Modification Request

Call: Doris at 770-451-8171

To report:

- Barking dogs or other noise issues
- Criminal activities
- Cars blocking the street
- Kids riding motorcycles or atv's illegally
- Vandalism of any home or HOA property

Call 911

In Memory of Stan White

Our sympathies go out to his family and friends

Opt Out

The Buyer's Edge is a weekly guide to saving time and money while shopping in metro Atlanta. To some Wynford Chace residents it is known as that "darn paper they throw in the driveway."

If you go straight to the trash with it, this note is to let you know that you can opt out of the free delivery and cease to receive the paper. **To opt out, call the circulation department at 404/522-4141.** Press O and tell them you want out. If you have problems with that, notify Morieka V. Johnson at 404-526-7594.

Wynford Chace

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What's Coming UP?

By Wendell Lusk, CSI

It's early March, but we have several early-blooming plants strutting their stuff at the entryway already: forsythia, daffodils, and several flowering trees such as Bradford Pear, Okamee Cherry, and Purple-Leaf Plum. Can the azaleas and dogwoods be too far behind?

The pansies at the subdivision entrance will give way to the summer annuals in May. We have designed the color beds to provide an attractive, distinctive entry to Wynford Chace. Our base will be rose green leaf begonias accented with chartreuse alternanthera (you may know these as Joseph coat) and gold coleus. These will be used in the side "wing" beds. In the center bed, new gold lantana will be used with either red coleus or setcreasea as the accent. These selections have proven themselves to

last until October when it will time to plant pansies again.

Other landscape duties that you may have seen us performing now: cutting back lirioppe, pruning crape myrtles, and applying fertilizer (with pre-emergent weed killer) to the turf.

Homeowners, likewise, should be working on their lawns as the weather begins to break. Landscape duties to perform in March:

- In early March, complete all unfinished pruning of crape myrtles, pampas, and lirioppe that may have been missed in February. Prune evergreen hollies back before the Spring flush, but wait until after the bloom period to prune any bloomers such as azaleas.
- The first round of turf fertilizer should have gone down last month; there's still time to apply in the first part of March. A fertilizer with pre-emergent weed killer will help

prevent weeds , but DO NOT apply pre-emergent if you're planning on reseeding a lawn. The pre-emergent cannot distinguish between weed seeds and desirable grass seeds. A pure pre-emergent (w/out fertilizer, 0-0-7) may be applied to mulched beds areas to help control weed pressures.

- Summer turf grasses (Bermuda, zoysia, and centipede) may be "scalped" this month to encourage the grass blades to "wake up " after sleeping all winter in their dormant state. To scalp, set the mower height to lowest possible setting, then gradually raise height to normal over the next few mowings.
- Late Winter/ Early Spring is an excellent time to re-apply pine straw as most of the leaves are down and have been removed.

Thanks for choosing CSI to be your landscape company.