

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 Heather Butlerl at Heritage Property. 770.451.8171.



Burning Ban in Effect

May 1-September 30, 2007

Watering Schedule

Odd-numbered addresses water only on Tuesdays, Thursdays & Sundays.

Even-numbered and unnumbered addresses may water only on Mondays, Wednesdays and Saturdays.

No watering is allowed on Fridays.

Wynford Chace to get Face Lift

New mailboxes, new tennis court amenities, new pool furniture, new signage, paint and repairs—all of these things are on the agenda for the Wynford Chace HOA. Of course, they all take money and time, but the schedule is set. With all the new subdivisions going in around us, the HOA really wants to keep Wynford Chace marketable. One way to do this is to upgrade the infrastructure. The first wave of remodeling begins with new mailboxes. The HOA has agreed to pay half of the expense of adding a new iron mailbox and post to each home. The mailboxes have a “junk mail” bin underneath which should stop the pushpin and thumbtack damage and give a place for larger mail and neighborhood flyers. Each address is placed on top of the box with gold letters. There are about a dozen already scattered through the neighborhood so you can take a look at the quality. I am sure you will be pleased.



Those who signed up for mailboxes at the annual meeting should have theirs installed by the time this newsletter gets out. Those wanting to get in on the next wave should call Heather at Heritage Property Management to order your new mailbox and post. The mailboxes will be delivered to your home and installed. The boxes cost a little over \$200, but the cost to you is \$100.00 and they must be prepaid. Wynford Chace has a huge appearance advantage over new subdivisions because of the old growth trees and shrubbery. Adding new amenities that provide nice design elements to the homes will be a big plus. Your property values and the appearance of your home will all appreciate with these additions. Other renovations include the resurfacing of the tennis court and the remodeling of the clubhouse.

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 or call the management agency at 770.451-8171.

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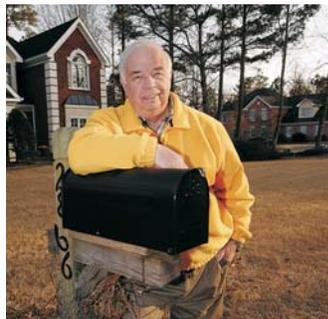
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President's Corner

By Norm Paschal

What a winter!

Everyone who lives around me knows that we had a major plumbing disaster just before Christmas. As we were getting ready for a dinner party for my wife's birthday, a neighbor noticed that our living room carpet looked wet. Wet, it

was. Soaked! I was immediately blamed for overwatering a house plant. NOT! We had just become the victim of a polybutylene pipe break.

Polybutylene is a form of plastic resin that was used extensively in the manufacture of water supply piping from 1978 until 1995. Due to the low cost of the material and ease of installation, polybutylene piping systems were viewed as "the pipe of the future" and were used as a substitute for traditional copper piping. It is most commonly found in the south where residential construction was heavy through the 1980's and early-to-mid 90's, but it is also very common in the Mid Atlantic and Northwest Pacific states. The pipe is typically gray or white in color but is also commonly called "blue pipe."

The piping systems were used for underground water mains and as interior water distribution piping. Industry experts believe it was installed in at least 6 million homes, and some experts indicate it may have been used in as many as 10 million homes. Most probably, the piping was installed in about one in every four or five homes built during the years in which the pipe was manufactured.

How to Tell If You Have Poly

Exterior - Polybutylene underground water mains are usually blue, but may be gray or black (do not confuse black poly with polyethylene pipe). It is usually 1/2" or 1" in diameter, and it may be found entering your home through the basement wall or floor, concrete slab or coming up through your crawlspace; frequently it enters the home near the water heater. Your main shutoff valve is attached to the end of the water main. Also, you should check at the water meter that is located at the street, near the city water main. It is wise to check at both ends of the pipe because cases have been found where copper pipe enters the home, and poly pipe is at the water meter. Obviously, both pipes were used and connected somewhere underground.

Interior - Polybutylene used inside your home can be found near the water heater, running across the ceiling in unfinished basements, and coming out of the walls to feed sinks and toilets. Warning: In some regions of the country plumbers used copper "stub outs" where the pipe exits a wall to feed a fixture, so seeing copper here does not mean that you do not have poly.

Will the Pipes Fail?

It is believed that oxidants in the public water supplies, such as chlorine, react with the polybutylene piping and acetyl fittings causing them to scale and flake and become brittle. Micro-fractures result, and the basic structural integrity of the system is reduced. Our plumber said that the chemicals in the concrete caused the pipe to fail. The system becomes weak and may fail without warning causing damage to the building structure and personal property. It is believed that other factors may also contribute to the failure of polybutylene systems, such as improper installation, but it is virtually impossible to detect installation problems throughout an entire system.

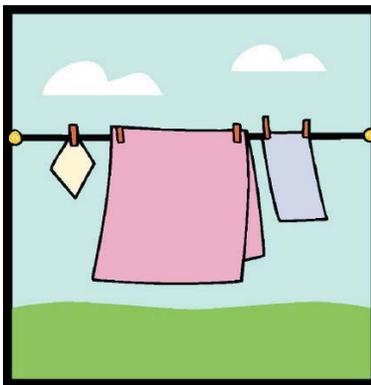
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Unraveling the World of Bed Sheets

Written by Joyce Boss

During the past several years, thread count has been the buzzword in bed sheets. Every manufacturer competed for the highest count and marketed this feature as producing softer, superior sheets. Before long, consumers, equated high thread count and quality. But are they really equal? Although thread count is important, the quality and feel of a sheet also is determined by two other key components, type of fiber and weave. Understanding these three elements and how they work together will aid in purchasing your next set of sheets. **THREAD COUNT** What exact is thread count? It's the number of vertical and horizontal threads woven into one square inch of fabric, as well as threads twisted together making one thread; an example would be two-ply. Single-ply thread count sheets are woven with extremely fine yarns, which can be made only from the finest long staple (length) fibers, like those produced with Egyptian cotton. Generally, the finer the thread, the higher the thread count, resulting in a softer, luxurious fabric.

Although standard sheets usually range between 180 and 600 threads per square inch, some of the premium sheets now have thread counts up to 1,500 per square inch. Do not assume, however, that sheets with this thread count will be softer than 400 or 600 thread count sheets. When yarns are overly crowded past the fabric's thread count optimum, it creates a sheet that becomes stiffer after washing rather than softer, as properly woven cotton sheets should. Thread ply refers to how many threads are twisted together into a single thread. Two- and three-ply threads are most durable but will not be as soft as single-ply. The number of plies can be



misleading when determining the sheet's actual thread count. Some manufacturers inflate the thread count numbers by counting the individual plies in conjunction with the number of threads per square inch. This deceptive counting leads consumers to believe their 600 thread count sheets have 600 threads per square inch, when in actuality their sheets are 300 two-ply threads per square inch. Although the packaging should state the number of plies, not all companies are forthcoming with this information.

So how can the consumer know whether the thread count is correct or inflated? The key is pricing. Beware of high thread counts coupled with low prices. Quality high thread count sheets should cost approximately \$130 to \$175 per sheet.

FIBER TYPE

The second determining factor in sheets is the fiber type. The most common sheets are made from cotton and cotton/polyester blends. Cotton is popular for its ability to breathe—you'll stay warmer in the winter and cooler in the summer. Polyester doesn't breathe, but it also doesn't wrinkle. A blend of the two fibers offers the convenience of a "wash and wear" type of sheet. They are less expensive but not quite as comfortable as 100% cotton.

There are four classifications of cotton used in making 100% cotton sheets, and they are categorized by the length or staple of the fiber. American upland cotton is a strong, short staple fiber that comprises 80% of the world's cotton production. Any sheets that do

not specify the type of cotton are made from upland cotton. Combed cotton is created by a mechanical process in which short uneven fibers are removed, resulting in high-quality yarns with excellent strength and softness. Egyptian cotton, considered the softest, smoothest cotton in the world, is known for its extra long staple, which produces luxurious-feeling fabric. Pima cotton, sometimes referred to as a Supima, was originally cultivated in Arizona by the Pima Indians and is a cross between Egyptian and American cotton. It produces a long, extra soft, durable fiber that rivals Egyptian cotton.

There's also a new kid on the block that isn't cotton but is competing heavily with the famed Egyptian cotton. It's bamboo fiber. Although the thought of bamboo may give you visions of stiff, hard-as-nails sheets, its fibers are unusually fine and soft, giving the sheets a silky, satiny feel, and its popularity is growing.

WEAVE

The type of weave is what differentiates the standard or plain weave, sateen, and pinpoint fabrics. Plain cotton weave is the simplest and strongest weaving structure: weaving one thread over, one thread under. Percale and muslin sheets are woven using this type of weave—what separates the two is their thread count. A thread count less than 180 is considered muslin, and everything more than 180 is classified as percale.

Sateen is a weave that creates a soft, smooth, lustrous surface. Sateen is a weave that creates a soft, smooth, lustrous surface. Sateen (not to be confused with satin) is woven four threads over and one thread under. Although this makes the sheets feel softer, it reduces the fabric's strength and durability.

Pinpoint is the least common weave, also known as "oxford." This weave consists of two threads over, one thread under, making the fabric stronger than sateen but not as soft as

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New Tax Exemptions in 2007

There are two new Homestead Exemptions effective for 2007. Though the deadline was March 1, 2007, you can still be ready to file in January of 2008.

State Senior Citizen Exemption

Qualified homeowners who are 65 or older on January 1 are entitled to be exempt from paying state ad valorem taxes on their homestead up to 10 contiguous acres immediately surround the residence. This exemption will be automatically applied for those currently receiving the \$4000 Senior Citizens State exemption.

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Sheets. . .

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percale. The last consideration in buying sheets is personal preference. If you want quality cotton, the most durable weave, and the utmost in a luxurious feel, then 100% Egyptian or Supima cotton percale with a thread count of 300 to 500 will be your sheets of choice. If you prefer a certain amount of crispness to your sheets, choose a 100% cotton percale weave with a 200 to 300 thread count. For soft, silky sheets with a lustrous finish, choose a sateen weave with a thread count of 500 to 600 per square inch. ♥

Other Exemptions:

An Un-remarried Surviving Spouse of peace Officer or Firefighter killed in the line of duty is entitled to a Homestead Exemption for a full value of the homestead. Supporting documentation is required.

Cobb County School Tax Exemption

You must be age 62 or older on January 1; proof of age required.

Cobb County Disability Exemption

You must be totally and permanently disabled on January 1. Doctor's certification is required. \$12,000 income limitation

State Veteran's Disability Exemption

For disabled veterans as defined in OCGA 48-5-48. Does extend to

un-remarried spouse or minor child occupying the homestead.

State Surviving Spouse Exemption

For un-remarried surviving spouse of member of U. S. Armed Forces who was killed or died as a result of war or armed conflict. Must be receiving spousal benefits from the VA.

State Senior Citizens Homestead Exemption

You must be age 65 or older on January 1; proof of age required. \$10,000 income limitation.

Forms and information are available at www.cobbtax.org. You may also call 770-528-8600 for information. The Tax Commissioner's office is now located at 736 Whitlock Avenue, Suite 100 in Marietta.

Honey Carrot Cake

1 large whole egg
2 egg whites
¾ cup honey
½ cup (1 stick) Promise, Spread, melted
1 teaspoon vanilla
1 ½ cups all-purpose flour
1 ¼ teaspoons ground cinnamon
1 teaspoon baking powder
½ teaspoon baking soda
¼ teaspoon ground allspice
¼ teaspoon salt
1 ½ cups finely shredded fresh carrots
1/3 cup raisins

1. In mixer bowl beat egg and egg whites until light and frothy. Beat in honey, Promise and vanilla.
2. Sift together flour, cinnamon, baking powder, baking soda, allspice and salt; stir dry ingredients into egg mixture. Fold in carrots and raisins.
3. Turn batter into a greased 8-inch square baking pan. Bake in a preheated 350* oven 45 to 50 minutes or until cake tester inserted in center of cake comes out clean.
4. Cool cake 10 minutes, remove from pan and cool completely.

To serve, cut into squares. Yield: 12 servings

Kicking off the Summer Season

By David E. Layman, CobbLine Staff

With the warming springtime temperatures comes the announcement of a sizzling new season at Cobb County's Mable House Barnes Amphitheater. This fifth season features both new and longtime favorites.

The season kicks off Friday, May 4, with Old Crow Medicine Show, a young, rollicking, old-time acoustic band with songs from some of the earliest traditions of American music. Old Crow made their Grand Ole Opry debut in 2001.

On Saturday, May 19, the amphitheater welcomes the multi Grammy Award winning quartet The Manhattan Transfer, a unique jazz vocal band whose list of fan favorites includes "Boy from New York City" and the band's signature tune, "Birdland."

By popular demand, Little River Band returns to Cobb County on Friday, June 8. Guitarist Kevin Eubanks, the laid back "Tonight Show" bandleader, brings his jazz quartet to town on Saturday, June 16; and 70's American rock powerhouse Grand Funk Railroad takes the stage on Friday, June 22, playing hits which still receive plenty of airplay on classic rock radio stations.

Rounding out the month of June, the Atlanta Symphony Orchestra will perform an array of patriotic classical arrangements on Friday, June 29.

Returning in July will be legendary bluegrass musician Ricky Skaggs on Friday, July 6. One of the most popular rock bands of the 80's, Loverboy performs on Friday, July 20.

Switching gears, the Mable House welcomes Three Mo' Tenors with the Cobb Symphony Orchestra on Friday, July 27. These classically trained, multi-talented operatic tenors have mastered not only operatic music, but also jazz, gospel, soul, spirituals, new school, Broadway and the blues.

Perennial favorites of country and gospel, the Oak Ridge Boys perform on Saturday, Aug. 4, bringing three decades of charted singles and 50 years of tradition with their stage show.

On Saturday, Aug. 11, Clay Walker comes to Cobb County, with his number one country hits "What's It To You" and "Live Until I Die."

On Saturday, Aug. 18, the Mable House audience will enjoy an evening of jazz standards, classic pop and swing with vocalist Jane Monheit and guitarist/vocalist John Pizzarelli. Three more shows rounding out the season will be announced soon.

The Mable House Barnes Amphitheater is located at 5239 Floyd Road in Mableton. Table seating is available near the stage for \$70 per seat with a minimum purchase of four seats. Box and reserved seats range from \$35 to \$45, and lawn seats are \$15 on a first-come, first-serve basis. Tickets may be purchased by calling the box office at 770-819-7765, or at all Ticketmaster outlets, including Publix, or online at www.ticketmaster.com. For more information, visit TheMhba.com.

Cobb County Water Use Restrictions

Effective immediately, Georgia Department of Natural Resources' Outdoor Water Use Restrictions have been elevated to Level II.

Even-numbered, or unnumbered addresses may water only on Mondays, Wednesdays, and Saturdays.

Odd-numbered addresses may water only on Tuesdays, Thursdays, and Sundays.

No outdoor water use between 10 a.m. and midnight daily.

No washing of hard surfaces (sidewalks, driveways, curbs, etc. unless a public health issue).

No outdoor water use on Fridays.

Restrictions are statewide and are subject to year-round local utility enforcement. For more information, call Cobb County Water System at 770-423-1000 or visit www.cobbcounty.gov.

Just moved here?

Out-of-state tags expire 30 days after you move to Georgia, regardless of the dates shown on the tag. Only two exceptions: non-resident military members and full-time college students. (If you are planning a trip to the tag office, the busiest days are Mondays and Fridays. Also avoid the first and last workday of the month.) Call the 24-hour voice information system at: (770) 528-TAGS (8247), or visit the Tax Commissioner at: www.cobbtax.org.

Likewise, new residents should obtain a Georgia's driver's license within 30 days of establishing residency. You will be required to furnish proof of identity, a social security number, and proof of residency. For information online visit www.dds.ga.gov/ or by phone at (678) 413-8400.

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An easy opportunity to help the hungry

If you're looking for a volunteer opportunity, Cobb Senior Services' Meals on Wheels could use you. Drivers are needed right now for current routes, so if you're interested, call (770)528-5381 for more information.

Safety Tip for the Month

You should take numerous precautions before leaving on vacation trips. Make sure to have your mail and newspapers picked up by a neighbor or have them temporarily placed on hold. Have timers put on your interior and exterior lights so your house looks lived in. And if you are going to be gone for an extended period of time, call the Cobb County Police Department to have your house put on a "residence check." For further information, you can call (770) 499-4134.

Free compost for your garden

The Bioblend Compost free give-away program has been relocated to a new location at the Cobb County Vegetative Waste Recycling site, 2150 County Services Parkway. Hours are 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., Monday through Friday, and 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. on

Saturdays. Commercial compost operations will continue Monday through Thursday at the Pitner Road site until further notice. For more information, call (678) 581-5450.

Dogs welcome at new Cobb park

The Sweat Mountain Dog Park, Cobb County's first off leash dog park, officially opened in October to the delight of Cobb dogs and their owners alike. The park is located on Steinhauer Road, one mile north of Lassiter High School and includes an area for large dogs and an area for smaller dogs weighing 30 pounds or less. For more information, call (770)528-8800, or visit <http://prca.cobbcountyga.GOV/>.

More POLY . . .

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Although the manufacturers never admitted that poly is defective, they agreed to fund the Class Action settlement with an initial and minimum amount of \$950 million. That settlement caused them to go bankrupt and there is no more funding under the lawsuit.

Unfortunately, the pipe break in my home was in the slab and the plumber had to jack hammer through our floor and the concrete slab to try to locate the leak. He never found it and finally had to reroute a new pipe from the water supply. I can't tell you how much trouble this caused...and right at Christmas, too. Our insurance claim was well over \$14,000.00. The bright side is that we got all new floors in the living room, dining room and hallway, but the dark side is that it took many weeks to get it all back to normal and we still have sheetrock dust in weird places.

Since most of the houses in Wynford Chace have polybutylene pipe, (sorry to let you know that) I wanted to share this story with you. I know others have had similar problems and I guess we

can all learn from each other. I certainly learned some important things while going through this and here's my "Norm guide to poly survival." If you discover a leak:

- 1) shut off your water at the main valve immediately
- 2) call your specific insurance company, they'll tell you how they want you to handle it.
- 3) have the name of a plumber who deals in poly breaks on hand at all time.
- 4) be ready to spend some money

I don't know how much preventative maintenance can be done on polybutyl pipe, but it would not hurt to ask a professional before you learn about it the hard way.

Burning Ban in Effect

Cobb County is one of the areas in the state designated by the EPA as a "non-attainment" area for ozone and particle pollution. Outdoor burning contributes to smog, which can cause health and breathing problems for children, the elderly and the physically active. Limiting open burning during the hot and sunny months of smog season helps decrease pollutants and improves the air quality in Cobb County. For these reasons, **no open burning is allowed from May 1 until Sept. 30.** The only exceptions to the open burning ban are recreational fires, bonfires with permit, cooking fires and fires in an outdoor fireplace. Alternatives to burning debris include chipping, composting and taking debris to a commercial or municipal grinding/composting facility or landfill. For more information about Cobb County's burning ban, visit www.cobbcounty.org or call 770-528-8000.



Courtside

By Herman Wood

Currently, the tennis courts are closed for resurfacing. Watch your email for more information.

Wynford Chace Pool Opens!

Get ready to enjoy another fun-filled summer at the pool. Pool Chairman Carla Millwood announces that the pool will open May 19-24 from 12pm 'til 6pm for a sneak peek. There will be no lifeguard on duty during this time. Anyone under 18 must be accompanied by a parent. Anyone under 18 caught at the pool without a parent will lose pool privileges for the summer. Don't chance it! The pool will officially open for summer on Friday, May 25th at 4pm. A lifeguard will be on duty. However, anyone under the age of 16 must be accompanied by an adult as usual. For a copy of the pool rules and other pertinent information, please call Heather Butler at Heritage Property Management. 770-451-8171. The lifeguard has full authority to remove anyone from the pool who does not follow the rules, is underage and not accompanied by an adult, is not a resident or accompanied by a resident, or who does not respect the pool, its furnishings or other swimmers. When a lifeguard is not present, any adult present has the same authority.



If you are new to the subdivision, or if you have lost your key, you may get a pool key by calling Heather Butler at Heritage Property Management. 770-451-8171. See 'ya at the pool!



Are you ready for YARD OF THE MONTH?

The yard of the Month sign is coming out of mothballs and will be placed in some hardworking resident's yard in May. The committee will drive throughout the subdivision and will view yards based on landscaping and design, neatness, and seasonal color. Put your best curb forward and maybe you'll have the sign for a month. The sign will be placed each month throughout the summer and early fall. If you want to nominate a yard for the award, just send an email to Norm Paschal at wcpresident@wynfordchace.com. He'll make sure it gets a good look. Remember, to win, your HOA dues must be currently paid.

Wynford Chace Signboard

Use pins or tacks only on area under plexiglass. No tape. Do not nail anything to the board. No commercial signs, only signs of interest to homeowners and families.

Personal birthdays and such events are okay, but get the signs down quickly. Don't let them get wet and blow away.

Inappropriate signs will be removed.

Be courteous.



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Pool Sneak Peek

May 19-24



Dear Wynford Chace Residents:

The trees and shrubs are budding, the grass is at the end of the dormant stage and weeds are quickly getting out of control. After a number of complaints by residents, the Wynford Chace board of directors has decided that upkeep of the yards and houses should receive more attention. Tidy, weed-free, mowed and edged lawns and tidy, weed-free mulched flower beds and mildew-free, painted homes in good repair make the subdivision more attractive and add to the value of the homes.

This letter is to give you notice that this year I have instructions to apply more rigorous standards to the monthly inspections. We don't enjoy sending out violation letters but we will do so wherever necessary. Rest assured that if some homeowners don't cooperate and remedy the violations, the appropriate fines will be assessed.

Please give us your full cooperation and if there are yards or homes in need of attention after April 15th, please give me a call at 770-200-8292 or call my assistant Angelique Chelf at 770-451-8171 Ext 235. Your information will be treated with full confidentiality.

If you find yourself in a bind with health or family issues keeping you from managing your yard and home, please advise us. We don't want to badger families with sickness or death, but we don't know if you don't tell us. The board does not

want to add to anyone's personal stress, but we do have to know about it!

Neighbors, if you know of someone in crisis, please let us know so we can act accordingly.

Thank you and please do not hesitate to call with any concerns or questions.

Heather

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