

## 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.



## Wynford Chace Resident Directories

If you are a new resident or, for whatever reason, did not receive your Resident Directory, there are a few left. Call Norm Paschal at 678-355-9005 to make arrangements to pick one up.

## Swimming Pools to Stay Open!

This week the swimming pool bill, Senate Bill 368, was considered in Committee. Many people spoke on behalf of the social and economic impact of closing pools as well as health concerns that could arise. Ultimately, the Bill was tabled pending Gov. Perdue's same day announcement that the Environmental Protection Department (EPD) can NOT regulate swimming pools between April and September.

Unless SB 368 passes, the door was left open to allow County authorities to make independent decisions. Cobb County leaders advise that they'll follow Gov. Perdue's directive (see details in the section that follows). This ease on watering bans will hopefully allow all pools to be open this summer. As Sonny Perdue said, "Swim kids, swim!" For more background on the Governor's directive click POOLS. Stay tuned.

Senate Bill 342 authorizes the GA Soil and Water Conservation Commission to fund up to 20% of the cost of obtaining permits for constructing and improving dams, and up to 40% of the cost of obtaining a permit from the US Army Corps of Engineers for the construction of new public water reservoirs. This is a good start to funding needed reservoirs. To learn more about current water restrictions click on Water Information.

### *Governor Perdue's Watering Restriction Announcement Feb 6, 2008*

Pending an EPD order issued by Director Carol Couch that provides an exemption to the Level Four Drought Response, hand watering will be allowed for 25 minutes per day on an odd-even schedule between midnight and 10:00 a.m. Odd numbered addresses can water on Tuesday, Thursday and Sunday. Even numbered addresses can water Monday, Wednesday and Saturday. Hand watering is defined as one person with one garden hose with a spray nozzle that shuts off when it is released.

If the water user participates in the Outdoor Water Use Registration Program\*, the individual can water newly installed landscapes, up to three days a week from midnight to 10:00 a.m. for a period of 10 weeks based on the odd-even schedule. The Outdoor Water Use Registration Program is currently being developed and is expected to be implemented by April 1. Georgians may also contact their county extension agents for assistance in getting registered. The new watering restrictions will go into effect as soon as the EPD Director issues an EPD Order.

- Hand watering is allowed by all users for 25 minutes per day, odd/even system. This does not require participation in the registration program cited above.
- New landscape installation watering is for all water users (professionals and homeowner/property owners) who complete the Outdoor Water Usage Registration Program. The new exemption increases the new installation

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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 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

These winter months have been particularly dismal. I don't think I have talked to anyone who has not had the flu or some cruddy thing. According to the news, General Lee did not see his shadow, so maybe spring is just around the corner. Let's hope.

Our annual meeting was so well attended this year that there was standing room OUTSIDE only. It was nice to see so many people but it was sad to know that the attendance was mostly in reaction to the robbery in December. Captain Dana Pierce of the Cobb County Police Department spoke to us about neighborhood safety and I think there's now a new urgency in getting our neighborhood watch program underway. There's no excuse not to be a part of this. It's for our own good. Based on the attendance, Captain Pierce suggested that we hold our annual meeting at the Precinct next year, and that sounds like a great idea. What do you think?

Neighborhood Watch Director, Meta Ridings, stated that we have a good many senior citizens in the neighborhood who have an extra level of concern for safety. If you have an elderly neighbor, would you consider being an extra set of eyes and ears for them? Check in regularly and make sure they are ok? Notify Meta or the police if things seem odd? That would be great. Make friends and let them know they can call you with their concerns and fears.

The one bright spot during this winter was the Christmas decorating contest. There were many great decorating schemes and the judges had a hard time choosing just three. The winners were: Best overall Decorating project--1265 Wynford Colony, Don and Meta Ridings: Best door--2718 Wynford Ave, the Blackerby Family: Best Mailbox--2878 Wynford Drive, Doyle & Jean Presley.

Each family received a \$25.00 check for their efforts. Unfortunately, I didn't get out and get photos this year but I hope you did see the winners. Start planning now and maybe you'll win the check in 2008.

The mailbox program is going very well. I noticed that my photo on this page still has my old mailbox in it, but I am very proud to have gotten one of the new ones. It just makes my house and street look better. Those old wooden ones are so dated looking and most of them have a fair amount of rot and lean going on. We were able to get a great deal on the mailboxes and the HOA voted to pay for half, so the cost to a resident is only \$100. That includes the taking down and hauling off of the old one and the installation of the new one. The mail lady is tickled pink she said. Having all the mailboxes the same height and the same type is a big deal to her! The price for the boxes is only guaranteed until March. Don't wait too long.

I know we are all struggling with our lawns and plantings this year, but there are some simple things you can do to keep your yard looking good. Be sure to put out new pine straw this spring. The new straw can give your yard an invigorated look. Try to plant more native and drought-tolerant plants so they have a better chance of survival. You can also check with the Cobb County Extension Service. They are offering many classes on drought issues.

## Norm

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watering allowance to a total of 10 weeks, 3 days per week at specified times.

- Installed irrigation systems may be used on new landscape installations under this exemption.
- All other Drought Level 4 Rules remain the same – all other outdoor water use is prohibited.
- Local government continues to have the authority to further restrict these rules and all others rules in Drought Level 4 restrictions, so be sure to check local restrictions.
- The Outdoor Water Use Registration Program is under development and will be available by APRIL 1 – at the latest. Please check this website for updated status of the program: [www.urbanagouncil.com](http://www.urbanagouncil.com).



## Water savings make an impact

*CobbLine Staff*

Residents and businesses have helped Cobb County reduce its water use by 10 percent compared to the same time last year, officials said in December.

Cobb reduced its water usage to an average of 74.45 million gallons per day ending November, meeting requirements set by Gov. Sonny

Purdue in reaction to the ongoing drought, according to the Cobb County-Marietta Water Authority.

Officials cite changes in customers habits through outreach and education with helping make the crucial impact on the county's use.

"Once the community realized what needed to be done they did it," Cobb County-Marietta Water Authority General Manager Glenn Page said.

"This was a really tall order for the citizens in Cobb but they responded well."

Educational efforts by the Cobb County Water System have encouraged residents and businesses to adopt basic methods for reduced use, including checking for leaks and not automatically serving water at restaurants.

"Cobb County citizens are being more conscious about their water use and that is the first key to water conservation," Cobb County Water System Water Conservation Coordinator Kathy Nguyen said.

"Just simple things like turning off the tap while brushing their teeth, and taking shorter showers add up. Cobb citizens have adopted a lot of efficient behaviors and we have to keep it up."

The Cobb Board of Commissioners continues to push for lower water use with the recent adoption of a rebate program that assists homeowners that replace their old toilets with new low-flow models.

The rebate program has spent more than \$42,000 to help replace 662 toilets since it started in October, officials said. Another 30 claims are being processed.

The county per capita water use went from 127 gallons in November 2006 to just 96 gallons in November this year,

according to figures released by the Cobb County Water System.

Those interested in participating in the program can go to [cobbwater.org](http://cobbwater.org) or call 770-419-6244. For more information about water efficiency programs go to the Web site [cobbwater.org/efficiency.htm](http://cobbwater.org/efficiency.htm). A list of toilets eligible for the program is available online.



### Cobb County School Holidays

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

### Let Sitting Food Rest

You probably already know about letting meat rest when you take it out of the oven or off the grill since direct heat forces the juices in the meat to the center. Letting the meat rest for 10 minutes or so lets the juices redistribute through the meat, so the meat stays juicy when you slice into it. But, other foods also benefit from being allowed to rest. Casseroles, from scalloped potatoes to lasagna, are much, much easier to portion and serve if you let them sit for a few minutes after taking them out of the oven.

<http://county.ces.uga.edu/cobb/homepage.shtml>





## Squirrels in the Attic

One of the most common complaints in subdivisions like ours is about those pesky squirrels in the attic. I know we have dealt (and are still dealing) with them and there is no easy solution. Recently, we hired a critter company to come out and figure out where the squirrels are getting in and how to get rid of them. Needless to say that we are \$500 poorer and still have squirrels. The company confirmed that we have squirrels in the attic. The agent took photos and showed where they have chewed through some wood and vinyl and have pulled insulation back to make a nest. He told us that most houses are not squirrel proof. The contractors leave a gap between the roofing and the decking and that is where most squirrels come in. For \$1400, he could seal all that up. However, we must get all the squirrels out before they seal up the house. He left us a couple of traps and said to call him when we catch a squirrel and he'd come back to relocate it at \$40.00 per trip. Well, of course we caught a squirrel in about a month and he was unavailable to come back at that time, so we relocated it ourselves (not a pretty sight!). We can still hear squirrels in the attic and we are worried that they will chew through something important.

I finally went searching on the internet and around my circle of friends to see if anyone else had squirrel issues... I turned up some pretty interesting squirrel remedies and thought I'd share them here. These are all from squirrel forums on the internet:

### Find a Relocator

Hire a professional. Hire an animal "relocator". This is what we did to rid our attic of squirrels. First, the man used a "hav a heart" trap. These trap the animals and then keep them alive in the trap. Try your local hardware store- most of them around here carry them. They come in different sizes so read the box- it is important to use the right size trap. You may want to ask around to neighbors and friends to see if anybody has one you can borrow. They are not cheap (a small one may run you \$25) but the design is the best.

Second, he baited the trap with peanut butter- irresistible to squirrels, he assured me. I would add sunflower seeds to the mix, as the squirrels in my backyard can't get enough of it from my birdfeeders. Then the trap must be placed IN the attic and checked daily. Once you catch one, put cage and all in the car, drive as many miles away as reasonable and release the squirrel into another environment (NOT another neighborhood). **Caution: don't touch the animals. Wear heavy leather gloves when handling the cage. Put the baited trap back in the attic and repeat the process.** Give it a week or two- usually there is more than one that is a regular visitor.

### Call Humane Society

Many towns with an animal control officer will be glad to send someone out to help catch the squirrel, which is usually free, although you may want to make a donation. Sometimes you can rent for a small deposit, from either animal control, the SPCA, or Humane Society, what

is known as a live animal trap. You will probably have to put the trap close to where the squirrel is living. Bait it with peanut butter, they love this, put it on an apple slice.

You could also use a deterrent, such as "Squirrel Away", This can be purchased in Wal-mart, and also, livestock/feed supply stores. Sometimes the big building supply places, like Home Depot or Lowe's carries it also.

### Natural Instincts

My brother had squirrels in his attic and tried luring them out with food (didn't work), flushing them out with water (didn't work), waiting until they were out and filling the hole (they came back), and many other things.

What finally worked was spraying fox urine, bought at a hunting supply store, in to the hole. Since foxes are higher on the food chain than squirrels, they left promptly!

### Moth Balls Work

To drive out the squirrels - use moth balls. Then find how they're getting in and patch it up. Be careful in the store. we had the same problem with bats. Moth balls are made out of naphthalene flakes and cost \$2 for a one pound box. Bat and squirrel repellent is made of the same naphthalene flakes, but goes for \$10 a box.

### Go Nuts

I watched a co-worker go through what you are experiencing with the 'fluffy rodent'. After several false starts (no, peanut butter doesn't work!), he ended up with a borrowed 'Hav-a- Heart' trap and a handful of walnuts. Usually a call to your local warden service will be enough to get the ball rolling... if they don't have the traps on hand, they can tell you where to get one on loan. I also know that the larger hardware stores also can loan or rent

## Squirrels continued

you a trap (at least they do here in New England where we grow large, persistent squirrels).

The walnuts were the bait of choice in this case, but you could also try pistachios or any very fragrant, strong tasting nut. And don't wait too long to set your trap... one squirrel can mean entire families before too long, depending on the comfort level of your attic.

## Ammonia Repellent

Try wetting rags with ammonia and spreading them around the general area that the animal is living in. Most animals have more highly developed senses of smell than we do, and ammonia drives them nuts. At the same time, leave a light on in the area that they are living, and leave a radio playing non-stop. The radio doesn't need to be loud enough to bother you, just them.

You need to make sure that the animal has not left any young behind in the place they were living. If given enough time, they will move their offspring out of inhospitable environments, but it may take them several trips.

## And Stay Out!

We had a similar problem with a family of 3 squirrels moved into our attic. They would be out running around during the day, but return at night. But were always up at 4am running all over the attic having a great time, while we were trying to sleep down below. The first thing you need to do is do everything in the middle of the day while they are out of the attic. First walk all the way around your home with a bag of nails and a hammer looking for any small loose boards or gaps that need to be hammered down. They can get in very small spaces. Then get hardware cloth (a wire mesh) at a hardware store and spread it over any opening in your

attic, turbine or other vents, any kind of opening. This is usually easier done from inside the attic. Use a heavy duty staple gun to secure the cloth or horseshoe shaped nails. Don't leave any gaps. And if you hear them trying to chew through it, go out & throw pine cones or rocks at them. ) Actually once we did this they didn't get back in....we think they moved into another nearby home that was easier to get into. You definitely want them out because they can chew through insulation on wires & possibly even cause a fire. We tried traps, loud music, and other things, but the above was all that worked.

## Work Fast

I don't know about getting him out, but definitely don't waste any time about it! My sister had this problem & before she knew it, the squirrel found a way to get inside the wall & died there! They almost never got rid of the smell in my nephew's bedroom! The cost to deal with such a disaster as that could be even more than getting rid of the little varmint in the first place!

*Well,* I think the consensus is that you must get rid of them. Choose whatever method works best for you but get started and get rid of them before you have whole community frolicking over your head.

## Register to Vote

In order to vote in the upcoming presidential election, you must be a registered voter in Georgia. You must register or change your address at least 30 days before an election. Once you register, you will receive a Voter Precinct card which lists your voting location and representative districts.

- You must be a citizen of the United States.
- You must be a resident of Cobb County.
- You must be at least 17 years old (\*though you can not vote until you turn 18)

Visit the elections office at Cobb Board of Elections Main Office at 736 Whitlock Ave, Suite 400, Marietta, GA 30064. M-F 8-5.

Call 770-528-2581 and have an application mailed to you.

Pick up an application at the government service centers, city halls, or senior centers, or any Cobb County library.

Register to vote when you get or renew your driver's license. Visit the Secretary of State's website, download and complete the form. Mail it in. Come on. Your vote won't count if you don't vote.

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Fri., Feb. 22<sup>nd</sup>, 9:00-5:00pm

Sat., Feb. 23<sup>rd</sup>, 9:00-1:00pm

(many items 1/2 on Sat.!)

**Mount Paran North  
Church of God - 400 Families!**

1700 Allgood Rd., Marietta

Fri., March 14<sup>th</sup>, 9:00-7:00pm

(no strollers before 11am)

Sat., March 15<sup>th</sup>, 9:00-1:00pm

(many items 1/2 on Sat.!)



### ***Scoop the Poop***

Dogs are a welcome addition to our neighborhood, however, it is important to consider how they might affect others. When walking your dog, please insure that excreta is picked up and removed immediately from the street, from private property, and from common areas.

### ***MACC Reminder***

Architectural Improvements (MACC Submittals)

Fences, screened porches, mailboxes/posts, storage sheds or other significant changes must be approved by the MACC Committee. You can download a copy of the MACC application at our web page ([www.wynfordchace.com](http://www.wynfordchace.com)), or if unable to access the web page, please contact the Management Company for an application.

### ***New Mailbox Tip***

Please be careful when tightening the bolts that hold the decorative bracket support for the mailbox to the vertical post. The post is made of weather resistant material, however, it is hollow and can be crushed by over-tightening of the attachment bolts.

The new mailboxes have really classed up the neighborhood. We were fortunate to get an introductory price on the boxes so that they were cost effective. The HOA paid \$100 toward

the cost making the balance just \$100.00 to the resident. This price won't hold for much longer. Order now by calling Debbie Pelfrey at 770-200-8294.

### ***New HOA VP***

Melanie Evans, who has been serving as the Secretary for the HOA, recently assumed the Vice President's role. Cesar will be assuming the position of Secretary. Congratulations, and thanks, to Melanie!

### ***Election Signage***

We know you want to show off your support for various candidates in the upcoming elections, but remember, only one election sign per yard is allowed. Good luck.

### ***Applications available for homestead exemption***

Homeowners have until Saturday, March 1 to apply for a homestead exemption for this tax year. Applications must be received or U.S. postmarked (a metered postmark is not accepted as proof of timely mailing) by March 1 to receive the benefit of the exemption for that year. Homeowners must apply for all exemptions for which they are eligible; thereafter, exemptions are automatically renewed each year unless there is a change in ownership or eligibility requirements are no longer met. It is not necessary to reapply if the home has been refinanced. The applicant's name must appear on the deed and the applicant must occupy the property in order to qualify. Homeowners may apply for homestead exemptions by mail. Most new property owners will receive an application by mail at the first of the year. Application forms and information are available at [www.cobbtax.org](http://www.cobbtax.org), or can be requested by calling 770-528-8600.

### ***Neighborhood Watch***

Wynford Chace hit the media this December when a nurse working in a

home on Wynford Colony was robbed in the neighborhood. Subsequently, the robbers were apprehended. This one had a pretty good ending to it, but the Zone 5 precinct Police report shows that robberies and thefts are up in the area. Residents are urged to continue being cautious and noticing if cars appear to be following them into the subdivision. If you feel you are being followed, don't go straight home. Circle the subdivision and don't stop your car. Go to the nearest lighted, populated area. Chances are, they will move on.

Some thefts occurred when residents left their vehicles running to "warm up" in the mornings. Purses on the seat and other items in the car were stolen from the car.

Be sure that your kids lock up their bikes and scooters at night and don't leave valuables in plain sight. AND, of course, lighting is the key. Robbers generally will not bother homes that are bright and busy.

The Neighborhood Watch program should kick off soon and we hope that all of you will participate. Meta Ridings will call a meeting to discuss what has to happen. In the meantime, be sure to report any incidence of vandalism, nuisance crime, or criminal activity to Meta at 770-402-4313.

## **Wynford Chace Easter Egg Hunt**

Saturday, March 15

10 AM

Clubhouse

Stay turned for more details





## Courtside

*By Herman Wood*

Days are getting longer, temperature's warmer, and it's time for tennis! Registration for Atlanta Lawn Tennis Teams passed a few weeks ago, and we will have a men's team from Wynford Chace again. It still may be possible to add you to the roster, depending on your prior ALTA experience (it's not up to us, it's up to ALTA!) Matches are Saturday mornings. Practice times have not been yet set.

The Mixed season is winding down and we have two teams playing in that league; a regular mixed open to all and a senior mixed, only open to those 45 or over. The senior team will make the playoffs, and as of this writing, the regular mixed is in the hunt.

As always, please get in touch if you'd like to be part of the current ALTA teams.

Besides ALTA, there are numerous other leagues, from Cobb Singles, T2, USTA, and more. If you'd like to field

a team, please let me know so that I can schedule court time. I'm also happy to help with finding current players in the subdivision.

One thing you may notice around the courts is the clearing of brush that was done. If you need to chase a ball, you'll have a much better chance of finding it rather than a briar! I'd like to thank the board members for getting that done for us!

As always, if you see something amiss at the courts, please let me know as soon as possible. You may call me at 770 919 1141.

Good luck in your matches! See you on the Ad side!

**Herman**

## CobbWorks to host free youth job fair

The CobbWorks Youth ASSETS Program will be sponsoring the 2008 Job Fair and College Expo **Saturday, March 1 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.** at the Mansour Center located at 995 Roswell Street, Marietta, GA 30060.

All youth, ages 14 – 21, are invited to attend this free event featuring a job expo, college showcase, interactive workshop sessions, and inspirational speakers. Employers who hire youth are encouraged to participate and will be able to recruit free of charge.

The expo will empower the youth of Cobb County with the skills, information, and resources needed to find summer, seasonal, or year-round employment. With the assistance of local employers, organizers hope to inspire young people with long-term career plans. University/college representatives will be present to help further cultivate future education plans.

Additionally, the event will include workshops covering fundamental issues vital to career success such as career preparation, work image, and even financial fitness.

CobbWorks is a not for profit organization with a mission to connect qualified employees and businesses in Cobb County by providing employment opportunities, promoting education, and supporting the economic development of our community. A key strategy of this mission is the Youth Achieving Success thru Support, Education, and Training Services (ASSETS). One of CobbWorks' beliefs is that young people are assets to our community and valuable members of our workforce. By improving their chance of success, CobbWorks is simultaneously bettering the future of Cobb County's workforce and economic development within the community.

For information on participating or recruiting at the event, contact the CobbWorks Youth ASSETS teams at 678-391-7091.



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## Save Your Lawn



ATHENS — You can make your turf more tolerant of drought, says Clint Waltz, a Cooperative Extension turfgrass specialist with the University of Georgia College of Agricultural and Environmental Sciences.

Waltz points out three main ways to keep turfgrass healthy on less water.

“One,” he said, “is to raise the mowing height to the top of the recommended range.”

For instance, if you have a hybrid Bermuda lawn, the proper mowing height is from 0.5 to 1.5 inches. So if you mow it now between 0.5 inches and 1 inch, start mowing between 1 and 1.5 inches.

The mowing heights for Georgia’s main turf grasses are 0.5 to 1.5 inches for zoysia, 1 to 1.5 inches for centipede, 1 to 2 inches for common Bermuda and 2 to 3 inches for St. Augustine and tall fescue. Mow annual ryegrass at 0.5 to 2 inches.

Whatever the range, mow your lawn at the top of it during a drought. “The taller the shoots, the deeper the roots,” Waltz said.

“Two,” he said, “reduce the nitrogen fertilizer to the bottom of the range.”

For warm-season grasses (Bermuda, centipede, St. Augustine, zoysia and seashore paspalum), you shouldn’t be applying any fertilizer yet, he said. But when you do, apply it lightly.

The nitrogen range for warm-season grasses is 2 to 5 pounds per 1,000 square feet per year, except centipede, which needs only 1 to 2 pounds. The range for tall fescue is 1 to 3 pounds per year.

Whatever the range for your lawn, fertilize at the lower part of the range during a drought. The idea, Waltz said, is to promote only as much growth as the roots can sustain.

Water when you can, but deep infrequent watering is much better than frequent short waterings.