

# Whisper Lake Residents eNewsletter

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## Whisper Lake Property Owners Association

Officers Elected at Nov 5, '09:

President: Larry Chedotal

Vice President: Steve Leslie

Sec.-Treas: Bobbie Mapp

Past Pres.: Guy Bowering

Members at large: Barbara Bewley, Pete Sarullo, and Denny Zimmerman

Contact information for these Officers can be found on our neighborhood website.

By the way, Board Meetings are held monthly. If you have an issue or concern which you would like to bring to the Board, this is done by first contacting Specialty Management ([specialtymanagement@comcast.net](mailto:specialtymanagement@comcast.net), 601-605-8380) and getting on the Agenda. The Board will need to know why you want to meet and what will be discussed. They meet in the Homes of Board members and can only accommodate a limited number based on space and also as not to impose on the Board members family. They like to keep the meetings to 1 to 1 1/2 hours.

## Entry Gates

Whisper Lake is STILL in the process of becoming a gated community!

The gates will remain open (yet to be determined) around 16 hours each day and will automatically close and will then open by sensor as a vehicle drives up. Cameras will be installed on both sides, going and coming, to take a picture of each vehicle before and after they come through. A record of every vehicle and a picture of the driver and car tag will be recorded and date stamped.

## Roads Update

Stephen Covey wrote in his classic Seven Habits of Highly Successful People that when undertaking a project, "Begin with the end in mind." It is crucial that as we begin the HUGE project of turning our roads from terrible to terrific, that we keep this in the forefront of our thoughts. Perhaps attaching a note to our steering wheels to this effect would help. It is guaranteed that this will be a challenging project, but the end will indeed be worth the effort!

THANK YOU to all those who arranged for City officials to meet with us at the Clubhouse and to the officials who provided great information and answered our MANY questions. According to Guy Bowering, who in addition to being our Past President, is also our City Alderman, "Concerning the Road updates, when the work begins, the Public Works dept. will give Annandale a weekly update, especially if the road is blocked. We can email the information, also it will be obvious to homeowners because of where the work is being done. Remember, we will have two crews working at all times in order to complete the job by the end of 2010. For those who attended the Road project meeting, we learned that the City will advertise for bids mid-March and hope to let the two contracts by mid-April and work can begin asap."

Also, this email has been received from Glen Ivey, Project Manager/ Inspector for the City of Madison: "The City of Madison will begin the Annandale/Whisper Lake 2010 Street Improvement Project.

Project Bid – March

Award Project – April

Start Project Construction – April/May

Project Completion – December 2010"

## Mailboxes

It is amazing how we homeowners will take such pride in the appearance of our homes, but overlook our mailboxes with their doors pulled off or that have other obvious needed repairs! Challenge: Spearhead a street mailbox fix-up day for your street. When all the boxes are lookin' good, celebrate with a street pizza party!

Guy Bowering had Jordan Kojima paint his mailbox and post and would highly recommend him. If you need to have work done on your mailbox, consider contacting him: 172 Whisper Lake Blvd., 847-207-5445. If you are into the 'do-it-yourself' version, remember that you can get the paint, Essex Green, at Sherwin Williams.

## Trash and Recycling Pick-up

Again, thinking about our neighborhood lookin' good, please put your trash out ON THE DAY it is to be picked up and bring in your containers that day after pick-up. Your neighbors will thank you! Just a reminder that our recycling day is now Thursday. Isn't it great that we only have to remember to put our things out for pick up on two days (Mondays and Thursdays) now? Also the new recycling company does not take glass of any kind. Since our trash men will take any number of containers of trash, out of courtesy to your neighbors, please make sure all the trash you put out is contained in such a way that it won't spill out and/or blow into the street and other yards. Thanks!

## Did You Know?

Did you know that a couple who live right here in Whisper Lake along with their wonderful team, made A Christmas Dream come true for many Mississippians? Part of the Christmas holiday for so many of us was enjoying "A Christmas Dream", an absolutely amazing ballet performed at Thalia Mara Hall

by Ballet Magnificat. This world premier, full time professional dance company, under the leadership of Whisper Lake residents, Keith and Kathy Thibodeaux, was founded in 1986. It is dedicated to bringing the good news of Jesus Christ to the world through its touring companies that travel world-wide. This writer could go on and on, but see for yourself by visiting their great website, [www.balletmagnificat.com](http://www.balletmagnificat.com) to see all the things they are doing and the many ways they live out their mission. Kudos to the Thibodeaux family!

## Community Happenings

Linda Martin invites ALL her Whisper Lake neighbors to a book release open house, celebrating the publishing of her first book. It will be at her home (493 Annandale Pkwy) on January 23rd (Saturday) between 3 and 6. Books will be available at the open house for all interested. You can read more about the book and Linda in the Networking section of this newsletter.

## Whisper Lake Garden Club

The Whisper Lake Garden Club has gotten off to a great start, thanks to President Nancy Bowering. We've met four times. In December we gathered in the lovely home of Betty Foster for the Christmas party. The rain didn't stop the ladies who attended the party, where the group was treated to warm coffee, and delicious treats to eat. A "dirty Santa" gift exchange was held, with all the gifts being something gardening related. From a garden gnome to a "Birds and Blooms" magazine subscription, everyone was thrilled with the gift they took home.

At our January 11<sup>th</sup> meeting at Theresa Jackson's home, our guest speaker was Alan Martinson, of Gardenworks in Ridgeland. Alan has a lifetime of experience as a lawn and landscape expert. His focus was "Winterizing Your Garden", telling us what to do this time of year to ensure a more beautiful lawn and

garden in the spring and summer. And because he just returned from market in Atlanta, he had a lot to share on the latest trends.

The great thing about this club is that you DON'T have to know anything about gardening to attend. It's a place where we can all learn together, and share ideas and best practices. The Garden Club meets monthly on the second Monday of the month. We alternate

between evening meetings and day meetings so that everyone can be included. We have lots of fun, get to know our neighbors better and there is always a great door prize or two! The next meeting is Monday, February 8 at 1 PM, but the location is yet to be decided. If you are interested in attending the Whisper Lake Garden Club, please call membership chairman Betty Foster at 601-853-1049.

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# Bon Appetit



Ladies: What a delightful Holiday Luncheon we had on December 10<sup>th</sup>! Thank you to those ladies who made it so beautiful (Mayme Lukey, Beverly Dent, Bobbie Mapp, and Margie Jepson)! They in turn have sent a big Thank You to all who took time out to join in the festivities.

At this time, there isn't another luncheon planned, BUT when one is (OR if you would like to spearhead the planning) we'll help get out the word.

Through the luncheons we've had this past year new friendships have been forged and our neighborhood has been strengthened.



## Day Trippers

The Whisper Lake Day Trippers is made up of an adventurous group who loves to explore what our area has to offer. The first trip was to the Old Capitol Museum, The Oaks (the oldest home in Jackson) and lunch at The Old Capitol Inn.

The next trip was to see the Governor's Mansion and the Manship House decorated for Christmas. The group ate lunch at Two Sisters restaurant. (Special thanks to Beverly Dent for jumping in to be the group leader for the day!)

Our next trip will be a fun one! On Friday, February 26, we'll leave at 9:45 to go to the MS Museum of Art to see the Jim Henson exhibit. For those of you who don't know, Henson was the creator of "The Muppets," and he was a Mississippi Delta native. The exhibit is wonderfully fun and is guaranteed to bring out the kid in you. (For more information, log on to <http://www.msmuseumart.org>). The Henson exhibit is \$12, and FREE to Museum members. There is a wonderful gift shop that we'll have plenty of time to enjoy. Lunch will be at Hal & Mal's--a Jackson institution, located in a century-old meat packing plant. Prices are reasonable. They have plate lunch specials, as well as the BEST hamburgers and poboys in town!

Mark your calendars for the spring to tour famed Mississippi writer Eudora Welty's home and garden in historic Belhaven. That trip is planned for Tuesday, April 13 at 9:45. The azaleas will be in full bloom as will many other plants. (Read about the home and garden at [www.eudorawelty.org](http://www.eudorawelty.org).) Normally, the tour is \$5 per person, but the tours are FREE on the 13th of every month! We'll have lunch at The Auditorium on Duling Avenue. ([www.theauditoriumrestaurant.com](http://www.theauditoriumrestaurant.com)). It's Southern Cuisine, and the prices are quite reasonable.

For more information on the day trips, or to reserve your spot, please EMAIL Susan Marquez at [larssue@aol.com](mailto:larssue@aol.com). Be sure to include your name, email address and phone number!

## Bunco Bunch

Another group which has had its first few gatherings is strictly for fun. (Sorry if any of you serious Bunco players take offense!) Bunco time is time for mindless [well, almost] fun and catching up with one another. This new group meets monthly on Monday evenings and could use a few more members. If you'd like to join, please give Bobbie Mapp a call at 601-856-6215

If you are interested in finding out what's happening or in starting a group of some kind (exercise, book club...) email this newsletter and we'll help get out the word! [whisperlakems@gmail.com](mailto:whisperlakems@gmail.com)

## Welcome Neighbors

A few new folks have moved into Whisper Lake and we want to extend them a warm welcome:

**Pam and Richard Fairchild**  
495 Annandale Parkway

**Linda Payne**  
106 Crimson Cove

**Dave and Mindy Roberts**  
123 Woodland Hills Blvd

**Ted and Carol Warren**  
105 Ashford Court

*(Our apologies for calling Ms Warren 'Linda' in the last newsletter!)*

\*\*\*Please if you are aware of anyone else who has moved into Whisper Lake since mid-October, take a moment and send their name to the newsletter so we can make sure they are properly welcomed! ([whisperlakems@gmail.com](mailto:whisperlakems@gmail.com))

## Real Estate Update

A big Thank You to Gloria Thompson, one of our Whisper Lake residents and a realtor with Crye-Leike who has again gathered data that might interest you.

In Whisper Lake Real Estate this is what happened during 2009:

21 homes sold with an average sale price \$238943.00. The average square foot price \$97.33 (does not include foreclosures). 2 foreclosures sold @ \$68.00 per square foot. Homes sold in Whisper Lake in 2009 were on the market for an average of 113 days.

Current listings:

7 homes listed, average list price \$290,471, average sq foot price \$101.14

1 foreclosure listed at \$96.00 per square foot. Homes currently listed have been on the market for an average of 134 days.

Gloria adds, "First impressions are very important. I feel the addition of the gates and the road improvements will definitely impress buyers." If you would like more information, no doubt Gloria would be happy to talk with you so you can give her a call at 601-506-9492.

## Neighborhood Networking...It All About Who You Know!

Many times networking among neighbors is the first way people consider when looking for a baby sitter, plumber, handyman, pet sitter... or a pet!

### MARTY

I am trying to help my good friend, Sandra Easley (Manager of the Boutique at Steinmart where I was a Boutique Lady for 22 yrs.) find a loving home for "MARTY", a black golden retriever, and chow mix. Sandra found him in the intersection of Ridgewood Rd. and Meadowbrook Rd. in the pouring rain about 3 weeks ago. He is about 3 years old. He has been at Briarwood Animal Clinic with hopes that his owners would try to find him. No luck, so Sandra is fostering him at her home, which is a

true act of love because she has three other dogs and a cat or two. I too, am maxed with dogs or I would take MARTY in a flash. I have personally met this wonderful little guy (he isn't large at all) and he is loving and gentle and outgoing but calm, not a bit skiddish. Pat Hall, with Jackson Friends of Animal Shelter has also met MARTY and posted pictures and more info about MARTY at [www.petfinder.com/petnote/displaypet](http://www.petfinder.com/petnote/displaypet). If you have a loving heart for dogs and want it filled with MARTY's love, because he will do that, contact me, Mindy Kitchings, 110 Sunflower Rd., 601-853-3744 and we can link up with Sandra and MARTY.

The information below about service providers was gathered

as a result of a general email sent to all on the Whisper Lake e-News distribution list. It is NOT an endorsement, but simply sharing information. Below, in no particular order, are names and type of work/service provided. The names of the WL resident who referred the person is listed. Others are service providers who are WL residents.

1. Jack of all Trades: Michael McClary, 601-214-9117  
Handyman work ~ Minor home repair, (plumbing- electrical- carpentry) Pressure Washing, (home, RVs, boats, driveways & walkways) Computer repair, instruction & upgrades, Malicious software (malware) Removal Advertisement software (adware) Removal, Home network setup/repair

Many Years experience, A+ Certified computer repair  
Very reasonable rates ~  
References Available (Referred by Linda Martin)

2. Carpenter: David Steele, 601- 856-5271, cell:314-413-7354 I would like to recommend an excellent carpenter for anyone needing remodeling or any work done to their house. He just finished my addition, and did a beautiful job. I have known him for twenty years and know him to be very reliable and a perfectionist. We are lucky that he just relocated in our area. Call me (Beverly Harvey) if you need references.

3. Alfa Insurance and Musician: Tony Berry, 601-853-1853, . 941 Madison Ave. [tberry@alfains.com](mailto:tberry@alfains.com). In Madison for over 20yrs - auto, home, life, business insurance. Get a free quote from Tony Berry. Also, I am a musician that can provide music for occasions with a keyboard, bass and drum trio. 70's, 80's and some 90's music for your small events. References provided, if requested. My family has lived in Whisper Lake for 15 yrs. We love it. Tony and Terie Berry

4. Lawn Mowing: Mike Cliburn: 601-750-7631107 Morning Glory Dr.

I have been cutting grass in this neighborhood for about 10 years and would like a couple of more to cut. Thanks.

5. Mortgage company: Bob Jepson, Lending Mortgage LLC, 601-707-5776, cell: 601-543-3125, [bob@lendingmortgagepartner.com](mailto:bob@lendingmortgagepartner.com). Licensed MS Mortgage Company. I specialize in Residential and Commercial mortgages. The highest compliment I can receive is a referral from a friend. P.S. While my business is good and growing steadily, it is important for you to know that I am never too busy to help those you refer to me: your family, friends, neighbors, and coworkers--Thank you.

6. Certified Professional Electrologist: Helen Janneck, CPE, 601-856-9000  
My business is "Electrolysis of Madison County." Electrolysis is permanent hair removal. I have been practicing electrolysis for 27 years. My first business was in New Orleans, "Uptown Electrolysis," which I owned for 19 years. I have been in business here in Ridgeland for 8 years. The address is 356 Hwy. 51, Suite C, Ridgeland, MS. For more information, or to schedule an appointment for a free consultation, please call.

7. Candles: Dawn Pizzalato and Darlene Huerstel have a Double Scented Homemade Candle Business. We both live in Annandale. We have a website: [www.doubledtrading.org](http://www.doubledtrading.org). Dawn can be contacted at 601-259-4484 and Darlene at 601-898-3758. We have samples of scents and a variety

of container sizes/prices.

8. Home décor and gifts: Southern Living at HOME: Susan Marquez

I am an independent consultant for Southern Living at HOME. I'd love to host a party in anyone's home in this area. Our hostess rewards are very generous--hostesses can get the things they love the most for FREE and half price! For more information, log on to my website at [www.southernlivingathome.com/smarquez](http://www.southernlivingathome.com/smarquez).

9. Baby sitter: Kyle Cupples: 171 Whisper Lake Blvd., 17 year old, is good with children age 5 and up. Email address [Dlkscup@comcast.net](mailto:Dlkscup@comcast.net) or #601-707-7309.

10 Pet Care: Sam Cupples:171 Whisper Lake Blvd. Sam, Kyle's younger brother, loves animals and is starting a pet care service. He can walk small animals, take care of reptiles, etc. Email address [Dlkscup@comcast.net](mailto:Dlkscup@comcast.net) or #601-707-7309.

11. Pet Care: Lisa Stutzman, 137 Whisper Lake Blvd, 601-454-1096; [lisa\\_stutzman@cable.comcast.com](mailto:lisa_stutzman@cable.comcast.com) In Whisper Lake, your home or mine. We welcome dogs, but will care for your cats in your home.

12. Travel Agent: Nancy Bowering Travel, LLC, 129 Woodland Hills Blvd. [nancybowering@comcast.net](mailto:nancybowering@comcast.net)

ph 601-506-6819, fax 601-853-3004 Nancy Bowering has for the last 15 years owned a travel agency. Nancy has 16 years experience, specializing in family vacations, European travel, Hawaii, cruises, ski destinations.

Creating memories together..... Nancy says, "It's my passion!!!"

13. Professional Life Coaches: Horace and Carol Lukens, [www.lifewalking.com](http://www.lifewalking.com) Please check out our website and then call for more information and/or an initial free session. Horace: 601-832-7738, Carol: 601-790-4784

14. Realtor: Gloria Thompson - Crye-Leike, Realtor, 601-506-9492 Crye-Leike technology optimizes your opportunity to sell your home!!!

15. Realtor:Pam Hayden, CRYE-LEIKE,Realtors, 601-966-1151 or [pam.hayden@crye-leike.com](mailto:pam.hayden@crye-leike.com). Pam has over 20 years experience in the Real Estate business, specializing in residential real estate. The greatest compliment I can receive is a referral from a past client or friend. When the need arises put my "Uncommon Dedication" to work for you

15. Handyman: Roger Hiatt, "Around Tuit" 601-500-0769, [cuevas14@comcast.net](mailto:cuevas14@comcast.net) 131 Eastpointe Circle; Painting, pressure washing, deck repair, indoor small jobs. Referred by very satisfied customers, Doug

and Mayme Lukey

16. Lawn Care plus: Ryan Skelly 601-454-1096 mows lawns and puts things together with instruction. He has put together storage units, entertainment centers etc.

17. Cake Decorator: Tina Yerger, "I have a cake business called Cakes for Occasions. I specialize in birthday, anniversary, and tailgate parties. Italian Cream, Strawberry cakes, Rebel and Bulldog cakes are some of my most popular cakes. I can draw anything from a picture or napkin for your special occasion. My phone numbers are 601-856-6691 and 601-941-0018."

18. Noninvasive Cardiologist Zilin Wang, MD, Heart Care Plus 1021 N. Flowood Dr., Flowood, MS 39232, 601-664-2424 (O), 601-664-6675 (Fax)

Website: <http://sites.google.com/site/heartcareplus>

Cardiovascular disease has been a leading cause of death in industrialized countries. Heart Care Plus is a group of dedicated and specialized healthcare professionals who has teamed up and created a systemic approach to treat existing cardiovascular diseases, minimize global cardiometabolic risk profiles. So that you, as patients, will enjoy the best quality of life possible, reduce the chance of having fatal and nonfatal cardiovascular events.

19. Artist/ Oil PainterBeverly

Harvey is an oil painter who painted the pictures in the Club House. Anyone needing a painting for their home or for a gift, do give her a call. She has many paintings at her home that she'd be glad for you to see to help you make a decision. Also her work is shown at the Jackson St. Gallery, Jackson St. and Hwy 51 in Ridgeland. You can reach Beverly at 601-856-5271.

20. Interior Decorating Susan Marquez "Let me show you some fun, creative and easy ways to entertain, decorate, and organize. See our catalog online at [www.southernlivingathome/smarquez](http://www.southernlivingathome/smarquez) or host a party – it's a great way to have a fun 'girl's night in' while getting the things you love the most free and half price. Call Susan Marquez 601-853-2430."

21. Apparel Shop Owner: Jacqui Holmes I own WINK in Colony Crossing in Madison. It is a junior apparel and gift boutique. I can be reached at [winkfashions@msn.com](mailto:winkfashions@msn.com) or 601-898-4643.

22. Art Gallery Owner: Phyllis Geary owns the View Gallery at the Township, Highland Colony Parkway in Ridgeland, [www.viewgalleryart.com](http://www.viewgalleryart.com)

23.New Inventions: Phil Sarullo If you have small children or go to the beach, these inexpensive cup holders will save you a lot of grief.

One helps prevent spills in your home, the other keeps you from sticking your drink in the sand at the beach. You can order through my website, [www.thepicnicstick.com](http://www.thepicnicstick.com). Thanks for your support. Phil Sarullo 601 503 6868

24. Author: Linda Martin sent in the following about her just-released book:

December 19, 2009: Martin Achieves Life Goal, Writes Book

By: Rodriguez, Deanna (Enexus)

An Enexus employee is now a published author.

"The Secret of God," by Linda Martin will be released Dec. 21 by Pearl-based publisher Crossover Publications. Martin's inspiration to write came several years ago when her children grew up and started moving out. "Instead of having a crisis, I decided to make a list of things I wanted to do, and one was to write a book," she said. Three years ago, she saw an interview on "Oprah" with Rhonda Byrne, author

of "The Secret," one of the most popular self-help books in recent years. "Her book talks about how you need to visualize and be positive and confess goals, which is all good and true," Martin said. "I knew that people would try and succeed to a point and then fail, and that grieved me. There's a power beyond us that helps us not to fail, and that propelled me to write a book of my own."

Martin started working on the book in early 2007 and spent every spare moment at her home computer until she knocked out a draft in three months. She quickly discovered that writing the book was the easy part. Rewrites and edits started wearing her down, and a year and a half into her project, she was ready to call it quits.

"My husband encouraged me to finish," she said. "I also found an author coach in Virginia who worked with me to refine the book. I would email the files to him and he would critique and make suggestions for improvements."

Soon after she finished her book, Martin found a local

publisher who wanted to take on the project. She expects copies to be available in local book stores and plans to be involved in book signings and other promotional activities.

"I think the best marketing is word of mouth," she said. "If it's good, people will recommend it." Martin is an avid reader and names John Grisham and Janet Evanovich as favorite authors. She also enjoys autobiographies and poetry. With one book under her belt, she's determined to continue writing and has already started her second book. "One of my daughters told me, 'You can't be a one-hit wonder. You need to write another one!'" So that's what I'm doing," Martin said.

Whisper Lake Residents e-News and WLPOA received this information from property owners and cannot be responsible for the accuracy or authenticity

In you have questions, comments, concerns or corrections, please email [whisperlakems@gmail.com](mailto:whisperlakems@gmail.com).

The purpose of this e-Newsletter is to share information within our community to further our community spirit and sense of pride and enjoyment of this beautiful neighborhood.

It is hoped that you will enjoy it and find the information contained helpful. Please feel free to reply if you have corrections or if in the future you have news to share.

Thanks so much to Tony Perkins who has formatted the information into a final easy-on-the-eye style and format. Also many thanks to Jenny Magown who not only created and maintains the new Whisper Lake website ([www.whisperlake-annandale.com](http://www.whisperlake-annandale.com)), but adds this newsletter to it on a quarterly basis.

**Please let us know any suggestions  
you have to make this an even better community!**

**Email [whisperlakems@gmail.com](mailto:whisperlakems@gmail.com) We really want to hear from YOU!**