

Whisper Lake News

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Whisper Lake Property Owners Association Board Update:

Board Membership Changes: Since the last newsletter, the WLPOA Board has changed. Susan Youree and David Baker have resigned. Bobbie Mapp and Steve Leslie have joined the Board.

The Annual Meeting of WL Property Owners will be held on Thursday, November 5 at 7 PM at the Club House.

Refreshments will be served.

If you are like most of us, your home here in Whisper Lake is one of your largest investments. Come to the meeting and learn what the folks who make decisions about that investment are planning and doing. Meet the Board Members and if you would like to nominate someone to serve on the Board, by all means do so. (Please check with them first to make sure they are willing and available to attend the monthly meetings!) The Annual Meeting is also a great opportunity to meet your neighbors and get involved. Please circle the date on your calendar and attend!

Whisper Lake is in the process of becoming a gated community! According to Board Pres. Guy Bowering, "This was originally supposed to have been a gated community. Many residents have known this and have asked for years if and when we were going to gate Annandale. This will not be fully gated from public access so that we (would) have to take care of our own roads.

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.

The Board does not have a definite timeline for the gates. It depends on the City and their approval. The installation company can begin any time once we have approval. It will not interfere with road repair at all."

Road Update: The Bond Sale should be completed by early October. The actual road work will not begin until early spring 2010 based on projected weather. This will give the contractors a long work period without much interruption. The City did not want to start this late in the year and have to stop work for winter weather with all the equipment and man power needed for a project this large.

Mailboxes: 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: 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!

Bon Appetit



Garden Club

The Garden Club is 'rocking along' according to its officers. (Hmmm...wonder if they're thinking of rock walls or rock gardens or rocking chairs on porches...). Seriously, they met recently and have mapped out great plans:

Their meetings in '09 are as follows: Thurs. Oct. 22, 11AM: Pumpkin Centerpieces, location: Everyday Gardener. This fun outing is open to ALL.

If you want to join in, call Nancy Bowering at 601-506-6819 about where and when to meet.

Mon., Nov. 9, 7 PM: Membership Drive and Speaker, Nancy Bowering's Home, 129 Woodland Hills Blvd., 601-506-6819

Mon., Dec. 14, 1 PM 'Dirty Santa' garden theme party, Betty Foster's home 406 Eastpointe Cove

Meetings in 2009 will alternate between a daytime meeting at 1 PM and nighttime at 7 PM. After the October meeting, meetings are planned for the 2nd Monday of the month.

Officers are:

President: Nancy Bowering

1st VP (Programs): Susan Marquez

2nd VP (Membership): Betty Foster

Sec./ Treas.: Jan Collins

Photographer/ Scrapbook: Marcia Penn

Publicity: Susan Marquez and Jan Collins

Food/ Fellowship: Melinda Sarullo

This group is off to a wonderful beginning and would love to have you (MEN or WOMEN) join them! As you can see, their November meeting is devoted to getting you there. You do NOT have to be a Master Gardener or even have an emerald thumb!



Good News to Celebrate

Linda Martin is a published author!!! Her first book should be out before the end of November, just in time for Christmas. For more information about her book, *The Secret of God*, or to attend the party, contact her at LLMcMartin@bellsouth.net. By the way, a Whisper Lake Ladies Holiday Luncheon is in the planning stages and Linda plans to attend and bring copies of her book...yeah!

Whisper Lake Neighbors, this newsletter is such a great way to share good news so we can celebrate with one another. Please don't be shy about letting us know so we can 'rejoice with those who rejoice'!

Cautions

A neighbor recently reported that Callaway golf clubs had been stolen from her garage while the garage door had been left up. Thankfully theft is a relatively rare occurrence in Whisper Lake. Still it reminds us to be careful, observant, and keep our garage doors down.

Another neighbor has asked that the news be shared that friends in other neighborhoods having been having trouble with their mailboxes being looted. This included mail that had been delivered to homes as well as outgoing mail awaiting pick-up. There has been no report of this happening in Whisper Lake. It is just a caution to be aware of what is happening on your street.

There have been other reports of kids individually and in groups going through yards and climbing fences uninvited. Parents, this is a great teachable moment about boundaries and respect for the property of others. Fellow neighbors, this is also a great reason to get to know not only the adults on your street, but also the kids.

Neighbors who know one another and look out for one another make the community both safer and more enjoyable!

Community Happenings

Ladies: Watch for an announcement which will be sent out via this newsletter address of a special Holiday Luncheon. We've had such a great time at our two lunches this year...and the next one promises to be even more fun.

Bunco Bunch

Another group which has had its first gathering 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 will meet monthly on the 3rd Monday evenings and would love to have a few more members. If you'd like to join, please give Bobbie Mapp a call at 601-856-6215

GOLF...GOLF... GOLF...

It is that time of year folks! Yep, the Viking Golf Classic will be held at the Annandale

Country Club Oct. 26 through Nov. 1. Please plan to attend. If you'd like to volunteer, do so by calling the Viking Classic Office at 601-898-4653. The City of Madison Day is Saturday, Oct. 31. Look for a large tent down the 18th Fairway. This is a Family Event!

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.

Welcome Neighbors

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

Patrick and Melonie Dunigan
155 Annandale Parkway E.

Ted and Linda Warren
105 Ashford Court

Steven and Emily Mulhollen
103 Iris Cove

Jud and Odie Heubach
486 Annandale Parkway

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

Real Estate Update

All of us are aware that Real

Estate prices nationwide have been a major challenge in the last year. Have you wondered what the picture is right here in Whisper Lake? Gloria Thompson, one of our Whisper Lake residents and a realtor with Crye-Leike has gathered some data that might interest you. As of October 5, there are 12 homes here which are actively on the market, NOT including any foreclosures or short sales. These active homes have an average asking price of \$275,000 or, more importantly, \$103.42/ square foot. Since January, 18 homes (again not foreclosures or short sales) have closed with an average sale price of \$242,000 or \$97.00/ square foot. Gloria provided more information about the going price for foreclosures and days on market for all of the above which space prohibits including this time. However, 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.

Networking

In the July issue of our

newsletter quite a few residents shared information about their businesses, everything from pet sitting to computer repair. Please check them out! If you no longer have your copy of that newsletter, simply go to the Whisper Lake website (www.whisperlake-annandale.com) and find it under the Newsletter tab. Below are either updates to previously listed businesses or information about businesses which have not been previously submitted.

Artist/ Oil Painter

Beverly 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.

Realtor

Pam Hayden works for Crye-Leike. She and her husband, Gene, have lived here since 1995. She has been in real

estate for 20+ years and knows the market in Madison, Hinds, and Rankin Counties. She'd welcome your call at 601-966-1151 or 601-853-1616. She says she's ready to go to work for you today!

Interior Decorating

Susan Marquez writes, "Fall is here and it is a great time to spruce up your home with beautiful new things from Southern Living at HOME. Also, with holidays just around the corner, you can honor those loved ones around your table by serving them on beautiful new dishes or serving pieces. Let me show you some fun, creative and easy ways to entertain, decorate, and organize. See our entire fall catalog online at www.southernlivingathome.com/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.

In you have questions, comments, concerns or corrections, please email 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), 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 We really want to hear from YOU!