

Nominating Committee

Volunteer board members who made up the Nominating Committee had two meetings in January. The main objective was to have the slate ready for the Newsletter in preparation for the membership vote at the Annual Meeting.

The proposed slate is comprised of existing board members, volunteers who indicated interest on their membership forms, and people whose names were placed in nomination by either themselves or a neighbor. A sincere effort was made to have full representation throughout the neighborhood. WPNNNA

By-laws limit the size of the board to 25 members, but occasionally vacancies occur during the year, so it is in our best interest to maintain a list of willing and available volunteers. If you are interested in making a nomination, please contact Gayle Ferrell at either gayleferrell@aol.com or call 404-814-1621. Additional names will be placed in order on a list for the future.

Your participation is welcomed, encouraged and appreciated by the board and by the membership at large.

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Security

Out of Town Report:

Some members are not taking advantage of the Out-of-Town Report service when away from home. If you are going out of town, our patrol officers will check your home during their patrols. The officers will check exterior doors, (yes, there are some found open); if packages are delivered by UPS, phone books, etc., they are put around back out of sight.

This is a service you receive for being a member. The forms are found on our website, www.wpнна.org. The form can be e-mailed directly from the site, or printed out and either mailed or placed in Jack Hellriegel's mailbox at 3292 Pinestream Road.

Suspicious Persons or Activity:

If you see suspicious activity, or if something even just doesn't look right, CALL 911! Many times we don't want to make a mistake, or appear foolish, but it is better to be safe than sorry. The Atlanta police want you to call. We all need to be observant for everyone's protection.

Lastly, a familiar refrain: be sure to keep valuables out of sight in your car, both at home and away from home. The most frequent security problems we have are auto break-ins. Thieves look for the quick, easy theft.

2009 Slate of Officers

Officers:

President	Craig Perry, Pinestream Rd
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Treasurer	Joy Neal, Pinestream Rd
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Board of Directors:

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Matt Grabowski	Rilman Road
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Abbie Michelson	Rilman Road
James Nobles	Rilman Drive
Sadler Stukes	Wood Valley Road
Matt Tarkenton	E. Wood Valley
Tom Tidwell	N. Wood Valley
Andy Williams	Wood Valley Road
Kathy Williams	Wood Valley Road

Annual Meeting

The WPNNA Annual Meeting will be held on Wednesday, February 4th at 7:00 PM in the auditorium of the Atlanta Speech School. The featured speaker will be **John Sherman, President of the Fulton County Taxpayers Foundation, (FCTF)**. The FCTF vigorously pursues actions that protect residents of Fulton County. In 2009, Atlanta and Fulton County homeowners will be facing the most serious challenges:

- ▶ Property assessments should be going down, not up!

- ▶ Fulton County, the City of Atlanta and the School Boards will be under strong pressure to increase the tax millage.
- ▶ Threats of raising property taxes in 2009 have been conformed by City leaders.

It should be a lively presentation and Q & A session.

The meeting attendees will elect Association officers for 2009 and receive reports from Zone 2 of the Atlanta Police Department, **Clair Muller**, our City Councilwoman, **David**

Mulkey, WPNNA Security Patrol coordinator and NPU-A activities.

Last year we had over 60 attendees; we hope to have greater attendance this year.

OBJECTIVES FOR 2009:

The Association wants to solicit ideas for objectives to be accomplished during 2009. It is important to have membership input. If you have priorities you would like to see addressed, please forward to Jack Hellriegel at jehellriegel@bellsouth.net.

John Sherman to Speak at Annual Meeting

John Sherman, the founder and president of the Fulton County Taxpayers Foundation, will be our guest speaker at the WPNNA annual meeting on Wednesday, February 4, 2009.

The Fulton County Taxpayers Foundation (FCTF) is a non-profit advocate of lower property taxes in Atlanta and Fulton County. With today's economic climate and our federal, state, and local governments looking to raise revenues (taxes), it is essential that we fight against government waste, mismanagement and corruption.

Some of the successes of FCTF include:

- ▶ Sued and won keeping the Beltline Project from using TAD funds;
- ▶ Influenced Fulton County Board of Commissioners to vote down a 1% sales tax increase;
- ▶ Influenced the Fulton County Board of Commissioners to fully roll back the tax rate, saving taxpayers 4.7% of their county tax;
- ▶ Kept property tax increases out of the 2009 city of Atlanta budget.

Mr. Sherman will be discussing the issues which face every homeowner in Atlanta, and we hope you can attend the meeting whether you are a member or not.

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- * He has customers throughout our neighborhood.
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Neighborhood Dogs a Concern

A concerned neighbor expresses her concern for neighborhood dogs:

“ Two weeks ago our neighbor's dog (who is rarely kept behind the fence in her yard) was hit by a car and later died right in front of my eyes. Since then I have carefully driven down our street and noticed other dogs wandering the street without a leash or kept behind a fence of some kind. In the last year I know of 3 people on our street who have hit dogs because they were not protected by a leash or electric fence.

I didn't know if this is something you could address with the neighborhood association and perhaps could send an email out to the neighborhood or post it in the newsletter. The saddest part of what I witnessed was the car that hit my neighbor's dog didn't even stop after it hit him because either it didn't know or just didn't care.

Just trying to look out for our pets especially since this one hit so close to home. ”

GOT GOOD NEWS??

Would you like to share some good news about your family, a birth in our neighborhood, a homerun and/or a goal scored? Please email your Good News to Sarah@CrossmanSullivan.com.

When you join the West Paces/Northside Neighborhood Association, you help the neighborhood and yourself!

Membership 2009

So far, 184 of your neighbors have already joined the West Paces Northside Neighborhood Association for 2009. Last year, we had 264 paying members, which represented about 74% of the neighborhood.

I am asked by people why they should pay \$250 to join the neighborhood association, especially if they have their own alarm systems. Below are the major reasons I give.

► Security

While many of us have our own home security systems, for our neighborhood to continue being as safe as it has been, we need security patrols to discourage criminals from coming into our neighborhood. Yes, this should be done by the Atlanta police department; but the reality is the police patrol the high-crime neighborhoods, not areas like ours.

► Neighborhood Representation

When zoning issues or neighborhood problems come up, a neighborhood association representing about 375 homes is a lot more likely to get the required attention of our elected officials. A few examples of our successes have been:

√ It was your Association that demanded and got private security patrols and Atlanta police at the West Paces Shopping Center when shoppers started being robbed in the parking lot in front of the stores

√ It was your Association working with our city council representative, Clair Mueller, that got the city to correct the flooding problems on West Paces Ferry Rd at Pace Academy, Blue Ridge Gill, and Chick-fil-A.

√ There have been numerous zoning issues, the latest being the proposed condo project off Howell Mill, which would have brought 350 condo units to our area. The impact on public schools, traffic, water, and sewer would have been disastrous for our neighborhood.

► Neighborhood Communication & Projects

Our newsletter and website along with the neighborhood beautification projects have all made where we live a better and safer neighborhood.

Over 93% of the Association dues goes to pay for off-duty police officers who patrol your neighborhood streets.

I know these are difficult times for many people and \$250 is a lot of money, but please consider it is only 68 cents a day for both security and having a better neighborhood.

If the cost is a financial hardship, please call or e-mail me and on a confidential basis we can explore other ways for you to help our neighborhood.

Craig Perry
Membership Chairman



“GO SLOW” Signs

Speeding traffic on our neighborhood roads continues to be a problem. We have a limited number of “Go Slow” signs suitable for posting in your yard.

If you want one or more, contact Jack Hellriegel at 404-261-4997, or email jehellriegel@bellsouth.net.

Meet Your Neighbor

I don't know about all of you, but my wife and I must be in the Publix store at the West Paces Shopping center at least ten times a week (at least it seems that way). Because we are in the store so often, I like to feel that I know the employees, maybe not on a first name basis, but at least enough to get a smile and a hello out of them. Recently my wife noticed they weren't carrying a particular brand of yogurt she used to buy, so she went up to the store manager and asked if he would mind putting it back into stock. A week later, I came out of the store with a quart of yogurt and a happy spouse.

The store manager who was so helpful was Norman Badger. He is the fourth manager at our store since it opened in 2001 and has been at this location since October of 2007.

Norman and his wife, Elizabeth, have been married for seven years and live in Acworth. She is a 7th grade teacher at the Larry Good Middle School. He and Elizabeth both attended USC Aiken in Aiken, South Carolina, and have lived in Atlanta since 2001.

Publix is a big supporter of Morris Brandon Elementary, and Norman was recognized for this at the first of the year PTA meeting last fall.

Because of our store's size, it may not always have everything, but the employees try to be accommodating with customers' requests.

Additionally, for those shoppers who want to be environmentally responsible, they encourage the use of reusable shopping bags.

So, the next time you're in the store, take some time and introduce yourself to the manager (if you don't know who he is, just look above the magazine section).

Steve Dickson

Lost pet? Use the WPNNA Yahoo Group to communicate with the neighborhood

In past newsletters, you have read about the WPNNA Yahoo Group that has been created to improve neighborhood communication. So far, this e-mail notification system has been used to distribute crime reports, advertise available nanny positions, search for playdates for children new to the neighborhood, and inform neighbors of changes to city services, etc. Another potential use of this system is to help pets and owners reunite after being separated. If you either lose your pet or find a lost pet, please send an email to wpnna@yahoogroups.com. Your message will be forwarded to all WPNNA Yahoo Group members, and, hopefully, expedite the return of lost pets to their proper homes.

In case you aren't familiar with the WPNNA Yahoo Group, this system allows members to email the rest of the neighborhood without having to

know everyone's email address. At this point, we have 62 members in our online group. If you haven't received an invitation to join the group and you are interested, email Ronnie Martin at Ronnie@demillo.com and she will be happy to send you an invitation. The actual invitation will come from: rjmartin_2002@yahoo.com. Ronnie Martin is our WPNNA moderator. The subject line will be Yahoo! Groups: You're invited! Join wpnna today.

When you receive your invitation, all you have to do is accept the invitation (there will a button to click on to "join this group") and follow the instructions. Please note: you do not have to have a Yahoo ID to be part of this group. Your current email address will work just fine. If you have any comments or questions, please contact Ronnie at Ronnie@demillo.com.

Thank You

My term as your president comes to an end with the Annual Meeting on February 4th. It has been a privilege and a pleasure to serve the neighborhood over these past two years.

I think the neighborhood has made substantial strides in coming together, which is reflected in our membership — at an all-time high.

In 2009 and future years, I expect we will see continued growth in membership. I intend to stay active in the association as Security Chairman and in whatever way I can be of help. I want to thank everyone for their support.

Jack Hellriegel

*Have you paid
your 2009 dues?*

Board Meeting minutes are posted on our website:
www.wpnna.org

**WEST PACES/NORTHSIDE
NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION, INC.**
2009 MEMBERSHIP & SECURITY PATROL APPLICATION

2009 Membership Dues and Security Patrol Participation: \$250.00

Enclosed is \$ _____ for participation in my neighborhood's Security Patrol for 2009.

Name: _____

Address: _____

Home Phone: _____ Cell Phone: _____ Office Phone: _____

Email (*please write clearly*): _____

Name of each family/household member: _____

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

I would like to serve on the following committees:

- Security Zoning Traffic Community Projects Membership
 Legal Communications Block Captain Anywhere

When you join the West Paces/Northside Neighborhood Association, Inc.,
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