

## Yahoo Groups Project

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In an effort to improve neighborhood communication, Ronnie Martin has volunteered to set up an e-mail notification system for the WPNNA membership. She is currently investigating the capabilities of Yahoo! Groups, using the WPNNA Board as the test group.

Yahoo! Groups was chosen because it is free, and even if you don't want a Yahoo ID, you can still sign up to be on the mailing list. If you do get a Yahoo ID, however, there would be more capabilities available if we ever decide to do more with the site, like add pictures, etc.

Ronnie reports that about half of the Board has signed up for the WPNNA Yahoo! Group at this time. This system is being set up to allow WPNNA members to email alerts to the rest of the neighborhood without having to know everyone's email address. Assuming no abuse of the system, this will operate

automatically, which is essential if the timeliness of the message is important. Of course, if people start spamming the neighborhood, Ronnie can easily set herself up as moderator so that all messages have to be approved by her before being sent on to WPNNA members.

Once the system has been tested a bit further, and assuming it passes the tests, Ronnie will begin sending out invitations to join to the rest of the WPNNA membership. 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"). The actual invitation will come from the wpнна moderator (rjmartin\_2002@yahoo.com - that is Ronnie Martin). The subject line will be **Yahoo! Groups: You're invited! Join wpнна today.** If you have any comments or questions, please contact Ronnie Martin at Ronnie@demillo.com.



## Congratulations Graduates 2008!

Kristen Chrismer  
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Wesley Kenny  
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East Wood Valley Rd  
Rilman Rd  
East Wood Valley Rd  
West Paces Ferry Rd  
Kilby Place  
Pinestream Rd  
Kilby Place  
Pinestream Rd  
Pine Meadow Rd  
Wood Valley  
Pinestream Rd  
Ivanhoe Dr  
Wood Valley Rd

# Significant Security Incident Report

On Friday, May 2, 2008, several suspects were arrested for entering and taking items out of cars. Fortunately, an off-duty officer working at a private job saw two black males and a black female tossing luggage into a trash receptacle. He called Zone 2. Officers responded, located the Buick on Peachtree Road and stopped the vehicle. Their investigation produced several purses, 6 laptop computers, GPS systems, cellular phones, and other bags taken from various locations. Fortunately, none of these items were taken from our neighborhood, but it serves as a

warning: Please do not leave ANY items of value inside your vehicles. Criminals are venturing into the Zone 2 area, as stated by some of them, because they, "know that stuff is left inside cars up here"....amazing!

Atlanta police have arrested 26 individuals since January 1, 2008, for entering and taking items from cars, compared to only 5 during the same time period in 2007. Furthermore, Zone 2 has had 848 incidents this year and only 476 during the same timeframe last year. Even though police are making the arrests, the courts are releasing the suspects as

soon as police leave them at the jail. UNFORTUNATELY, THIS MEANS THAT THE ONLY RECOURSE WE HAVE IS TO MAKE OUR AREA UNATTRACTIVE FOR THESE CRIMINALS.

PLEASE DO NOT LEAVE VALUABLES IN YOUR CAR, LOCKED OR UNLOCKED, whether at home, at work, at restaurants, shopping centers, or places of religion. Eventually, with everyone's help in getting the word out and with continued arrests, we will see a decrease in larcenies from autos. Moreover, dial 911 whenever you witness ANYTHING suspicious, even if you are unsure.



## "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](mailto:jehellriegel@bellsouth.net).

## Put Your Car Keys Beside Your Bed at Night

Tell your spouse, your children, your neighbors, your parents, everyone you run across.

Put your car keys beside your bed at night. If you hear a noise outside your home or someone trying to get in your house, just press the panic button for your car. The alarm will be set off, and the horn will continue to sound until either you turn it off or the car battery dies.

This tip came from a neighborhood watch coordinator. Next time you come home for the night and you start to put your keys away, think of this:

It's a security alarm system that you probably already have and requires no installation. Test it. It will go off from most everywhere inside your house and will keep honking until your battery runs down or until you reset it with the button on the key fob chain.

It works if you park in your driveway or garage. If your car alarm goes off when someone is trying to break in your house, odds are the burglar or rapist won't stick around... after a few seconds all the neighbors will be looking out their windows to see who is out there, and sure enough the criminal won't want that.

And remember to carry your keys while walking to your car in a parking lot. The alarm can work the same way there.

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- \* Richard has 7 years of computer business experience.
- \* He has customers throughout our neighborhood.
- \* References are available upon request.

Note: Computers and Solutions does not work on Mac OS8 and below or Windows 95 and older.

## NEW!!!!

# Water Restrictions

Governor Sonny Perdue has signed legislation that overrides Atlanta's watering restrictions. As of May 15, the following is allowed:

**Hand-watering for 25 minutes.** Hand watering is defined as one person with one garden hose with a spray nozzle that shuts off when it is released;

Residents who complete the Outdoor Water Use Registration Program ([www.urbanagcouncil.com](http://www.urbanagcouncil.com)) may water newly installed landscaping and newly seeded or aerated lawns for 10 weeks, subject to the same times and days mentioned above; and watering of personal food gardens.

All watering is subject to the following time and day restrictions: Persons living at even-numbered addresses may water between 12:01 am and 10 am on Mondays, Wednesdays and Saturdays. Those living at odd-numbered addresses may water between 12:01 am and 10 am on Tuesdays, Thursdays and Sundays.

The Department of Watershed Management urges customers to be aware that Atlanta is still suffering from a severe drought and to conserve water whenever possible.

Check out <http://www.atlantawatershed.org/pdf/WaterSavingTipsWeb.pdf> for water-saving tips.

For more information about water schedules in your area, contact your local water provider. For more information on water conservation and outdoor water use, please go to <http://www.conservewatergeorgia.net>

**The neighborhood beautification workday is Saturday, June 7, 9am to 12pm.**

**Please meet at the corner of Rilman and Nothside Parkway**

# Traffic Committee Update

Several months ago, the WPNNA was asked to consider alternatives to address the lack of regard for the stop sign on North Wood Valley Road and the perceived speeding issue on both North Wood Valley and East Wood Valley Roads. Largely this was driven by families with young children who regularly go from house to house in search of playmates or their next adventure.

With guidance from the offices of Claire Muller and Mary Norwood, neighbors Paige Creasman, Brannon Huntz, and Robert Fox circulated a list of questions and potential traffic calming solutions to the residents of East Wood Valley, North Wood Valley and Montana Roads.

While opinions varied on the best way to address the speeding issue, with very strong feelings in some cases, most respondents agreed that speeding is an issue in the neighborhood. However, in one notable yet anonymous response, it

was suggested that the Traffic Committee move to the north Georgia mountains if the desire is quiet country roads and in a world beset by crises on monumental proportions that the Committee should consider putting its time and the taxpayer dollars to something more meaningful.

The Traffic Committee found that three potential solutions garnered much more support than many of those presented for consideration: lowering the speed limit to 25 mph, constructing speed bumps on East Wood Valley, and constructing a traffic island at the intersection of North Wood Valley and East Wood Valley.

Prior to any solutions reaching the implementation stage, the residents of the affected streets must show overwhelming support for the project. Over the next several weeks, the Committee will be conducting a door to door canvassing with a culled list of options which residents will be asked to either support or oppose.

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

**Board Meeting minutes are posted on the website:**  
**[www.wpnna.org](http://www.wpnna.org)**

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# Meet a Long-time Neighborhood Friend

My wife and I moved onto North Wood Valley Road in August, 1996, right after the Olympics. Having moved from the Dunwoody area, I needed a more convenient place to get my hair cut. I wandered into Thomas Barber Shop in the West Paces Shopping Center and it felt just like the small town barber shop where I grew up. Nothing fancy, good hair cuts at a reasonable price, and great banter back and forth between barber and customers, most of it dished out by Walter C Thomas, or as he is affectionately known to four or more generations of Buckhead residents, Tommy.

Tommy grew up in East Point, the youngest of three children, and went

to Russell High School. His father, Gilmer, opened the barber shop back in September 1959 and ran the shop until his death in 1996.

While in his senior year in high school, Tommy attended the Georgia Barber and Beauty College here in Atlanta. His first job was with Adcox Barber Shop at Sylvan and Cleveland, and it lasted less than 2 months before he was fired. He then went to work for his dad, where his very first customer was Bill Morie (he was so nervous, it took him over an hour to cut Bill's hair). Bill is still a customer of Tommy's to this day.

He currently lives in Fayette County with his wife Linda. Also nearby are two children (a son and a daughter)

and five grandchildren.

Thomas Barber Shop is an institution. You never know who you are going to see, from sports figures like Tommy Nobis and Dan Reeves, to politicians like Joe Frank Harris and Johnny Isaakson.

He has had articles written about him in numerous publications, including his picture in Fortune Magazine along with . If you want to know how the city and state operate, you could make a visit downtown to the State Capitol or City Hall. . . .or you might just want to mosey on down to 1268 West Paces Ferry Road for a haircut. That's where you'll get the real scoop on what's going on!!!

## **WEST PACES/NORTHSIDE NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION, INC. 2008 MEMBERSHIP & SECURITY PATROL APPLICATION**

### **SIGN UP TODAY!**

Total for 2008 Membership Dues and Security Patrol Participation: \$250.00

*Enclosed is \$ \_\_\_\_\_ for participation in my neighborhood's Security Patrol for 2008.*

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Cell Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Office Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Email (*please write clearly*): \_\_\_\_\_

Name of each family/household member: \_\_\_\_\_

I would like to serve on the following committees:

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

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