

The Wynbrook Wire

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March Agenda

The next W. N. A. meeting will convene on Saturday, March 15, 11:00 a.m. at 5640 Sweet Meadow Drive.

The following items will be on the agenda:

- ⇒ *Guest Speaker Paul Cooper from Furlong's Security will discuss problems and solutions related to home security systems.*
- ⇒ *Neighborhood Watch Membership Drive*
- ⇒ *Recruitment for W. N. A. committees*

Please note that April's meeting will be on Tuesday, April 8 at 6:30 p.m. Location T. B. A.

FOR UP-TO-DATE W. N. A. INFORMATION GO TO WWW.WYNBROOK.THELINK.NET.

Crime and Scams Visit Wynbrook

Our last newsletter, published in December 2002, informed you of a break-in on Summerfield Place. Unfortunately, over the winter months, crime and other questionable events seemed to peak in Wynbrook and the surrounding community. Several houses and cars have been hit, property worth thousands of dollars has been stolen and thousands more was lost in property damage. In addition, reports of suspicious persons posing as area business representatives have been circling our neighborhood. Police authorities confirmed the presence of scam artists in the local community who fit the profile given by Wynbrook residents. Although the M. P. D. can launch investigations after a crime or scam has been reported, it is impossible for them to con-

duct twenty-four hour surveillance on our homes. That's our job. We must take responsibility to protect ourselves. In the coming weeks, as warmer weather greets us, the W. N. A. Block Captains will be encouraging all residents to take action by joining the W. N. A. Neighborhood Watch. If you are interested, please make an effort to attend March's W. N. A. meeting on Saturday, March 15, 11 a.m. where we will be discussing a plan of action for the safety of Wynbrook. In the meantime, feel free to call the W. N. A. president, Rosalind Toles, 277-0867, to find out how to contact your Block Captain so you can become part of the solution to this recent crime wave in Wynbrook.

How Secure is Your Security System?

Is your security system giving you a false sense of security? As mentioned in the preceding article, burglars have hit repeatedly in Wynbrook. However, that article did not mention that one of the worst burglaries occurred in a home with a fully functional and armed security system. In this particular case, the intruders cut the phone and other electrical lines from the outside. When this occurred, the security system failed to send a signal to the parent company warning of possible

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danger. This disturbing fact has raised many questions about the reliability of the security systems many of us are relying on to help keep us safe. In order to answer some of the questions, Paul Cooper from Furlong's Security has agreed to speak at our next W. N. A. meeting (Saturday, March 15 at 11 a.m.) to answer our questions, dispel certain myths, and provide us with the information we need to arm our houses effectively.

The Wynbrook Neighborhood Association's Elected Officers

President: Rosalind Toles President@Wynbrook.theLink.net 277-0867

Vice President: Robert Traphan VP@Wynbrook.theLink.net 244-7441

Treasurer: Lynn Henley Treasurer@Wynbrook.theLink.net 271-3219

Secretary: Shonta Chappell Secretary@Wynbrook.theLink.net 213-3273

Send Comments/Suggestions to our Wynbrook e-mail:

Comments@Wynbrook.theLink.net

Mom's Night Out—April 26

Ladies, mark your calendars on Friday, April 26, 6:30 - 9:00 p.m. as an evening to leave the little ones at home with Dad and take a few hours for yourselves! This will be a time to snack, chat with other neighborhood moms, share secrets, and try out a new hobby.

April's Night Out will be hosted by our W. N. A. President, Rosalind Toles, and the entertainment will be provided by Megan Byrd, our W. N. A. Events Committee Chairperson. Megan will give a Creative Memories Scrapbooking demonstration. Whether you've never scrapbooked before, or



you're looking for fresh inspiration, Megan will have something for every level of interest.

Please R. S. V. P. to Megan, 356-6880 or skrapmom@yahoo.com, by April 19 if you plan on attending.

If you're interested in our Mom's Night Out program but cannot participate in April, let us know! We hope to make this a quarterly event if enough moms would like to join in. You can e-mail your comments to: comments@wynbrook.thelink.net.

Getting Ready for Spring

It's that time again, time to break out of the winter blahs and prepare for the warmer days ahead. The recent weeks of downpours have been great for our thirsty Bermuda root systems, but they have also provided ample encouragement to those purple-flowering weeds (called *henbit*) that are taking over our lawns. Tackling henbit is just the first battle in our war to a lush and healthy lawn this summer, and now is the time to drop the first bomb!

Green Thumb Nursery on Atlanta Highway recommends a dual method of attack. First, after scalping your lawn (mowing at the lowest setting possible), treat your existing weeds with an effective spray such as "ferti-lome Weed-Out Lawn Weed Killer" which "works well even when the weather is cool." (Other brands are available too, but read those labels carefully; many weed killers/preventatives warn against using their product below 60°F.)

Second, prevent future weeds by us-

ing a granular weed and feed. Pre-emergents can usually be spread on the same day that your weed killer is applied, but, again, check those labels to be sure that your favorite brands can be used together.

As the season progresses, Bermuda should be kept short, at a 1/2" - 1" height. This will prevent your lawn from looking brown after each mowing. Also, because Bermuda is a hardy grass, you can fertilize more frequently than many of the packages suggest, up to once a month for optimum beauty.

Here's just a small note for all of you gardeners: now is not the time to prune back spring-flowering shrubs such as Azaleas. Wait until after their bloom cycle is complete; then chop away! For more information on lawn care or gardening, you can call Green Thumb Nursery at 244-6988 or drop by for more personalized expert advice.



PLEASE E-MAIL W. N. A. ANNOUNCEMENTS OR OTHER BITS OF NEIGHBORHOOD INTEREST TO NEWSLETTER@WYNBROOK.THELINK.NET ~ BY MARCH 30 ~ FOR PUBLICATION IN APRIL'S NEWSLETTER. THANK YOU FOR YOUR CONTRIBUTIONS!

Neighborhood Events

Book Club

There has been a renewed interest in forming a Wynbrook book club; if you love to read and would like to be a part of a neighborhood book club, please contact the Events Committee Chairperson, Megan Byrd, at skrapmom@yahoo.com for more information.

Mom's Night Out

If you are interested in hosting or entertaining at an upcoming Mom's Night Out, please contact Megan Byrd, skrapmom@yahoo.com for scheduling information.