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## March Agenda

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*Saturday morning's weather will be Sunny with temperatures going up to 65 degrees. It may still be a little chilly at 10 a.m., so please bring a jacket and a chair to Saturday's meeting.*

**Next meeting:  
Saturday,  
Tues, April 20  
@ 6:30 p.m.**

## *A Message from the President...*

Hi Wynbrook. My Bradford Flowering Pear Trees look beautiful this week. Although the nighttime temperatures are still in the 30s, the daytime temperatures are peaking in the 60s, 70s and one day in the lower 80s! Spring is certainly in the air.

We had a great clean-up day on Saturday, February 21. In conjunction with the city-sponsored Great American Clean-up, 14 teenage girls from Aldersgate United Methodist Church helped the WNA clean-up the protected wetlands on Hidden Meadow Drive. We appreciate the hard work of the Aldersgate youth.

While the weather and neighborhood look beautiful, we did have some bad news. On Wednesday, February 18, a family on Valleybrook Lane spent the night on base at Maxwell AFB instead of coming home. Sometime during the night or Thursday morning, a burglar broke into the house through the back door. A number of items such as a television and DVD player were stolen. The burglars also checked under the mattress looking for cash and jewelry. The house did have an alarm system, but since this family is renting, they hadn't activated the alarm system. You can bet the alarm system is active now. Fortunately, the family provided all serial numbers of the stolen goods to the police department. If we are lucky, the stolen items will turn up at a pawn shop where they will be identified and recovered.

In light of this recent burglary, it is paramount to let your neighbors, block captain, and WNA officers know when you will be away from your home overnight. Please be vigilant for suspicious people driving, riding, or walking through Wynbrook. If the person is legitimate, they will not mind you checking on them. The phone number for non-emergencies to the Montgomery Police Department is

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## President's message (cont.) Agenda

241-2651. After you call MPD, feel free to call my mobile phone at 271-5465. Please join me on Saturday morning for our March WNA meeting and we'll discuss more ways we can fight crime!

With warmest personal regards,  
Robert H. Traphan  
5757 Sweet Meadow Drive (244-7441)

1. Officer Reports
2. Update on Great American Clean-up in Wynbrook
3. Neighborhood Crime Update
4. Neighborhood Watch Update
5. Neighborhood Yard Sale planning
6. Neighborhood Project Updates

## March Yard & Garden Tips

If weeds occur in bulb beds do not remove them by cultivation. Pull them by hand so that the bulbs and roots will not be disturbed.

Complete the pruning of shrubs, ornamental trees before growth starts, except for spring flowering shrubs. Prune those which bloom in spring as soon as they finish flowering.

If you haven't done it already, check stored tools and outdoor furniture for signs of rust. Remove any surface rust with steel wool and paint with rustinhibitive paint.

Place birdhouses built this winter outdoors this month. Birds will begin looking for nesting sites soon.

Don't plow your garden when the soil is wet. It will form clods which are difficult to break up and interfere with cultivation during the summer.

Some annuals, such as verbenas, snapdragons, and petunias, take 70 to 90 days to bloom. They should be started indoors in early spring or purchased as greenhousegrown transplants.

## News You Can Use...

### Trash Pick-up Reminder

- ☒ **Monday & Thursday Green Receptacle pick-up.**
- ☒ **Wednesday: Bulky curb-side trash pick-up including grass and shrubbery.**
- ☒ **Monday: Orange bag recycling pick-up**

#### POLICE DEPARTMENT

ABANDONED VEHICLES  
241-2773

NEIGHBORHOOD TRAFFIC  
241-2670

NOISE COMPLAINT  
241-2669

VEHICLE PARKING ON STREET  
241-2176