



A Covenant Community

# Waverly Park Press

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## Happy New Year

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### Resolve To Participate In 2004

Advantages of a homeowners association include enforced appearance standards and management of the common areas. These advantages serve to enhance and protect property values.

The homeowners association requires management to realize these and other advantages.

One reason that Waverly Park Homeowners Association has low annual assessments is self-management of the association's affairs. The

high costs of professional management are avoided.

But WP homeowners must volunteer to fill the various board of directors and committee positions to keep the association functioning.

#### Volunteers Needed

Now is the time to start thinking about what you can do to help out the associa-

tion. Volunteers for the various committees are always welcome.

Directors are elected at the annual members meeting. This year's meeting will be on April 1 (no fooling).

Check out the governing documents (available on the website), talk to current directors and committee members about what they do, and finally—volunteer.



Waverly Park on the Web

[www.waverlyparke.com](http://www.waverlyparke.com)

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WPHA governing documents are available.



**The trash can storage restriction is now being enforced.**

**Please store your trash cans where they are not visible from the street.**

### New Homeowners Apply For Homestead Exemptions

New homeowners must apply for their homestead exemptions during the period January 2 to June 1.

The basic homestead exemption is \$5,000 off the assessed value. The applicant must own and reside on the property on or before January 1st of the current tax year to qualify.

There are additional exemptions available for elderly,

disability, and disabled veterans.

Contact the Cherokee County Tax Assessor, 100 North Street, Canton (old court house) for details on filing for your exemptions.

The phone number is 770-479-0433.



Market value x 40% = Assessed Value (AV)  
Exemptions are deducted from the AV. The result is multiplied by the millage rate to get the tax.

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### WPHA Board of Directors

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### Current and Upcoming Events

| Time/Date                           | Event   | Location                 | Contact  |
|-------------------------------------|---|--------------------------|--|
| Year-round beginning June 1, 2003   | <b>Voluntary</b> Outdoor Watering Restrictions: Odd address water – Tu,Th,Su. Even — M, W, Sa | Statewide                | GA Environmental Protection Division   |
| October 1 – April 30                | Outdoor Burning OK with Permit  | Metro-Atlanta counties   | Fire Marshal: 770-720-6320<br><a href="http://www.cherokeega-ema.org/cchome/burn_permits.cfm">www.cherokeega-ema.org/cchome/burn_permits.cfm</a> |
| December 22, 2003 – January 5, 2004 | School Winter Holidays  | -                        | Cherokee County School District  |
| January 2 – June 1                  | New Homeowners apply for homestead exemption.   | 100 North Street, Canton | County Tax Assessor<br>770-479-0433  |
| February 28, 2004                   | Annual Assessments Due  | WPHA Treasurer           | Homeowner Notices mailed in January  |
| April 1, 2004, 7:30 p.m.            | Annual WPHA Members Meeting   | Pool                     | Homeowner Notices mailed 15 days or more before  |
| May 21, 2004                        | Last Day of School  |                          |  |

## Architectural Committee Update

If you plan to add a structure including a fence, change the exterior of your home or lot, or the use of your lot, you

Plans must include dimensions of the project, its location on the lot and materials and colors to be used. A letter explaining your plans is needed.

sions require a majority vote of the AC.

**AC Members**  
 Jonathan Blake  
 Steve Dillon  
 Rex Jones  
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 Hamp Reid  
 -  
 Email:  
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See the Architectural Guide, available on the website, for more information.

Please give your plans to Hamp at 613 Ashley Trail or e-mail them to the address at left.

must submit plans to the Architectural Committee (AC) for approval.

The covenants give the AC up to 60 days to review plans; however, reviews are currently taking about two weeks from the time the AC receives useable plans. Deci-

In addition to AC approval, projects should comply with any applicable county ordinances and zoning regulations and may require county permits.

**Reminder**

Covenant restrictions will be uniformly enforced beginning on January 1, 2004 for:

- Trash can storage
- Approved vehicle parking spaces
- Commercial vehicles

See the Architectural Guide on the website for details.

## Sunshine Committee

—By Heather Vence

The sunshine committee could use the neighborhood's help. We aren't always aware of

- graduations
- Hospitalizations

information in the newsletters so everyone can share in the excitement of new babies or celebrate a graduation with you.

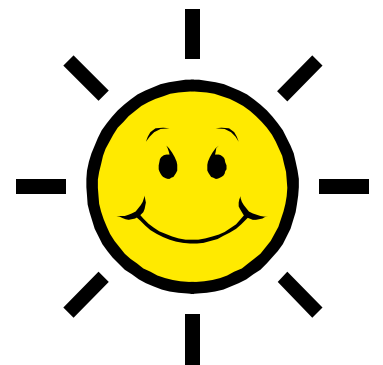
- births
- new neighbors
- deaths

Please contact one of the committee members via e-mail or phone to help us spread sunshine around the neighborhood.

Thank you for helping us out!

We also want to include the

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## Auto Insurance Information Cards No Longer Acceptable

—From GA Department of Motor Vehicle Safety

Effective January 1, 2004, insurance information cards will no longer be acceptable proof of auto liability insurance coverage in Georgia.

Acceptable proof of liability insurance coverage will be a **valid** insurance coverage indicator on your vehicle's tag record on the Department of Motor Vehicle Safety's tag and title database, GRATIS (Georgia Registration and Title Information System).

Commercial vehicles registered in this state under the International Registration Plan (IRP), self-insured vehicles and fleet vehicles require Georgia liability insurance coverage but are exempt from the GEICS reporting requirements.

Check the DMVS website for what is acceptable proof of liability insurance coverage for these vehicles and for recently purchased or acquired vehicles.

### Are Insurance Cards No Longer Needed?

Insurers must continue issuing insurance information cards to their policyholders even when insurance information has or will be electronically transmitted to the GEICS insurance database.

Your insurance information card must be carried in your vehicle at all times even after December 31, 2003.

These cards may be needed in the following situations:

- When traveling in another state where they may not recognize the information on our database.
- If you are involved in an accident, your insurance information card can be used to easily exchange insurance information (i.e. Insurance company's name, policy number, agent's name and telephone number, etc.).
- A self-insured insurance information card and a certificate of self-insurance issued by the Georgia Insurance and Safety Fire Commissioner's office (ICO) is

acceptable proof of liability insurance coverage for a self-insured vehicle now and after December 31, 2003 when both are issued in the registered owner(s)' name(s).

- Other situations related to commercial and fleet vehicles can be found on the DMVS website.



More insurance information is available at [www.dmv.ga.gov/motor/insurance/insurancereq.asp](http://www.dmv.ga.gov/motor/insurance/insurancereq.asp)

**Check Vehicle Insurance Status**

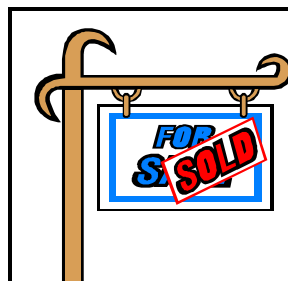
<https://online.dmv.ga.gov/vincheck/VinCheck.aspx>

Enter the vehicle ID number (VIN) and Title Number from the vehicle's registration card.

## Recent Neighborhood Sales in Waverly Park And Waverly Hills

—By Cyndi Chandler

618 Ashley Trail in Waverly Park sold recently for \$152,900 with \$5000 paid by the seller towards closing cost and was on the market approximately 180 days.



With the new year coming sales are picking up with rates in the 5% range. If you're thinking about making a move call your **RESIDENT REALTOR** for a **"FREE" MARKET ANALYSIS TODAY**  
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