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—By Stephen Horne

WPHA President

Whew! Where did 2004 go? Do you remember all the excitement over the year 2000 coming? Hard to believe that it's been 5 years since possible computer meltdown.

My family and I have enjoyed being part of the neighborhood this last year and look forward to many more years here. Years ago neighborhoods and communities were safe, friendly places to live. Neighbors knew each other and watched out for each other's well being. Children were safe because everyone knew whose they were and where they lived. It's nice to know that Waverly Park is still that kind of neighborhood.

With only 90 homes we have a small, intimate, friendly,

If you're new to the

neighborhood...

We need You,

If you've lived here

awhile but have never

been on a committee...

We need You.

If you've served before...

We could use You again!

safe community to live in but that also means that we need everyone's help to keep the neighborhood going. A flyer will be put out soon that will list all the committees available. Please seriously con-

sider where you could be of help.

The more people involved means the easier it is for everyone involved.

This next year the board hopes to do some major renovations to our pool and walking trail. We'll have another pool opening workday, an

> end of the summer picnic, a garage sale (in cooler weather this time) and another Christmas light contest. We also hope to maybe have a few more neighborhood happenings.

ideas or can use your abilities to help on any of the committees, please give me a call

If you have any

at 770-345-4090 or stop by 605 Ashley Trail for a visit.

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# Homestead Exemption Applications Due

New homeowners should file for homestead exemptions from January 3 to June 1.

Homestead exemptions are filed with the Tax Assessors office in Canton. The office is currently located on the ground floor of the old court house, 100 North Street, Suite G20.

Homestead exemptions allow for a reduction in the taxable value of homes. A regular exemptions is granted to applicants who own and reside on the property on or before January 1 of the current tax year. Other exemptions may be granted for elderly, limited income, disability and disabled veterans.



#### About Waverly Park Press...

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### **Current and Upcoming Events**

Time/Date	Event	Location	Contact
Year-round beginning May 28, 2004	Mandatory Outdoor Watering Restrictions: Odd number address water on Tue, Thu, Sun; Even number, no number on Mon, Wed, Sat	Statewide. Personal food gardens are exempt from restrictions.	GA Environmental Protection Division & Cherokee County Water Authority
October 1, 2004 – April 30, 2005	Outdoor Burning OK with daily permit	Online permit: www.gfc.state.ga.us/Services/ FireRelated/OnlinePermits/ index.cfm	Georgia Forestry Commission
January 1 – June 1	New Homeowners File for Homestead Exemption	100 North Street, Suite G20, Canton	County Tax Assessor 678-493-6120
January 16	Board of Directors Meeting	TBD	Any director
February 28	Annual WPHA Assessments Due		Homeowner Notices mailed in January
April 7, 2005 7:30 p.m.	Annual WPHA Members Meeting	WP Pool	Homeowner Notices mailed in March
May 27	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

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

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.

See the Architectural Guide, available on the website, for more information.

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. Decisions require a majority vote of the AC.

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

In addition to AC approval, projects should comply with any applicable

county ordinances and zoning regulations and may require county permits.

#### Recent Actions:

• 873 Oxford Drive: renew backyard fence application; approved.



## **Directory Update**

Please make these changes to your *Waverly Park Directory* dated June 1, 2004.

Add:

**AC Members** 

Jonathan Blake

Steve Dillon

Larry Lindberg

Hamp Reid

Email:

wpha-ac@mindspring.com

Harris, Lynn 729 Habersham Place Cole and Caleb 678-493-1710



#### **Sunshine Committee**

-By Heather Vence

We want to keep our neighborhood as warm and friendly as possible.

To do that there is our sunshine committee. We welcome new babies and neighbors, congratulate new graduates and help out in times of sorrow and suffering.

Since our committee is small in num-

bers we need your help. If you know of anything around the neighborhood that would be good to celebrate or someone going through a rough life experience, please contact one of the committee members.

Thank you for helping us spread the sunshine around!



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#### Neighborhood Looked Awesome

—This article is reprinted from an earlier WPP Extra

(December 20, 2004) Thank you to everyone who was able to help by putting up lights and decorations. It was very difficult to choose one winner with so many beautifully decorated homes. Our grand prize in the light contest this year goes to the Dillon Family, 848 Oxford Drive. A big thank you to Mrs. Sandra Walters, art teacher at Home School University, her daughters and her friend Lee for being the judges and making the difficult decision.

If you haven't toured the neighborhood yet, here is just some of what you can see:

- Big and little reindeer 410 Westchester Way
- Camels 394 Westchester Way
- Manger scenes 394 & 386 Westchester Way

- Decorated vehicle 386 Westchester Way
- Tallest Christmas tree –434 Westchester Way
- Beautiful Crosses 405 Westchester Way & 721 Habersham Drive
- Candy Canes, Christmas trees and decorated fence – 604 Ashley Trail
- Wreaths and candles 712 Habersham Place
- Lights on Swing set– 700 Habersham Place
- Flashing stars 704 Habersham
   Place
- Luminaries 731 Habersham Place
- Lots of wreaths and red bows 865
   Oxford Drive
- Friendly snowman 817 Oxford

#### Drive

- Pretty in color 800 Oxford Drive
- Graceful penguins 837 Oxford Drive
- Elegant in white lights 853 Oxford Drive
- Beautiful tree in the window 860
   Oxford Drive
- Snowman in the window 828 Oxford Drive
- Lots of icicle lights and pretty porches

There are many more homes each beautiful in their own way so take time to enjoy them all with your family.

We hope you have a joyous, blessed Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

-- The Waverly Park Board of Directors

# County Deeds Available Online

The Cherokee County Clerk of Courts department now offers deeds information on the county website at

deeds.cherokeega.com

In the past, getting deed information required a visit to the clerk's office in the county courthouse in Canton. Because of the fast-paced building in Cherokee County, the clerk's office was taking from six to nine months to file new deeds. Since the implementation of a computer filing system, deed information current through the end of September is now available online.

Plans call for deed information to be available as soon as the day a deed is received for filing in the clerk's office.

