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HOMEOWNERS' ASSOCIATION



JANUARY

TWO THOUSAND EIGHT

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## Putting on the Gold!

Janine Schoudel, General Manager, rallied a group of volunteers to help revitalize the wreaths and assorted holiday decorations that were beginning to show signs of age. Board member Tony Baggiano arranged to have Ruthie Lee of *Flowers by Ruthie Lee* (334 324.2143) make all the decorative bows. Jean Mattison, Vice President of the Board of Directors, was instrumental in organizing and purchasing the gold ribbons and ornaments that were added. Carole Canale, a creative genius, helped with ideas to make the entire project a beautiful work of art. For help with the fluffing and assembling, we need to thank Lee Anne Miller, Louise Medley, Paige Morrow, Kathy Schoudel, Amy Scott, and Lynda Turner. The ladies worked on the 85 small wreaths that decorate the lamp posts along Wynlakes Blvd, Pinecrest, and Old Marsh Way. Next, they tackled the large wreaths that adorn the walls at the main entrance. Then, to top it off, the large swag for the guard house and two sconces received a much needed refurbish. The colors this year are gold and green, which are the traditional colors for Wynlakes, and make a beautiful holiday statement. We will be looking for volunteers next year so if you can help, please contact us.



## Board of Directors & Neighborhood Representatives

I wish to extend to each and every one of you my sincerest thanks for your participation in the operation of the Association in 2007. The Board Members and Neighborhood Representatives are essential to the success of any homeowners' association, and especially to ours - the best one in town.

Looking forward to 2008, I am pleased to be associated with each of you and again thank you for your contributions to the Association.

Have a safe and enjoyable New Year!

~Janine Schoudel

## Board of Directors

1.	Lewis Figh	279.6849
2.	Ed Kendall	215.3085
3.	Spencer Swan	271.2378
4.	John Chambless	260.0608
5.	Wayne Sandlin	277.8979
6.	Wally Hester	396.8735
7.	Tony Baggiano	277.1911
8.	Jean Mattison	409.0290
9.	Jerry Medley	272.4180

## Wynlakes Women's Club



(From L—R) Frances Berryman, Hostess, Faye Livings, member and assisted in decorating, Norma Moore, President, Shirley Rose, VP for Social Activities, and Anne Parramore, Secretary.

The annual Holiday Coffee was held on Dec. 6 in the home of Mrs. Frances Berryman with approximately 130 members and guests in attendance. Norma Moore, President, & the hostess greeted the guests as they arrived. Other board members assisting in welcoming attendees were President Emeritus, Faye Baggiano, VP for Programs, Tonya Rogers, VP for Social, Shirley Rose, VP for Membership, Judy Sandlin, Secretary, Anne Parramore, Treasurer, Barbara Hailes,

Historian, Judy Chipman, Newsletter, Ann Michaud, Telephone Chair, Gracie Hanchrow, & Sunshine Center Chair, Bea Walton.

The home was decorated using a theme of green, gold, and red, an abundance of glittering ribbon, ornaments, red Poinsettias, seasonal greenery of holly, ivy, pine, and magnolia. Special recognition is given to Faye Livings, WWC member, who helped decorate Frances' home. Incredible Edibles catered the coffee and provided an

expansive choice of goodies. Karen Sellers, Director of Family Sunshine Center, and Karen Fisher, Board member and also a member of the Wynlakes Women's Club, were recognized for their service to the Sunshine Center. They thanked the WWC for its unwavering financial support. Two guests, Kelli Gilliam and Sally Byrd, were invited in appreciation for their service in preparing the monthly newsletter for the Women's Club.

## Birthdays

### January

- 2 ~ Deanie Allen
- 2 ~ Linda Morgan
- 3 ~ Susan Bruchis
- 3 ~ Eliot Capouya
- 3 ~ Lindsay Ward
- 6 ~ Carolyn Brown
- 7 ~ Bennie Dukes
- 15 ~ Kelly Elliot

22~ Jennifer Van Arcken

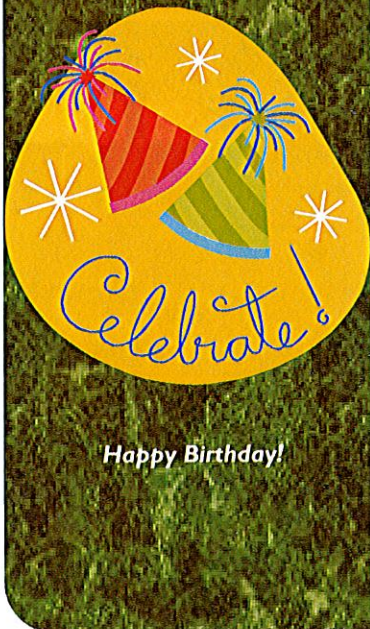
- 22 ~ Shirley Rose
- 26 ~ Catherine Cowden

### February

- 13 ~ Jonathan Capouya
- 23 ~ Cater Elliot
- 28 ~ Elizabeth Arabian
- 28 ~ Rick Neal

### March

- 1 ~ Sally Allen
- 2 ~ Kelly Capouya
- 3 ~ Jean Mattison
- 6 ~ Frances Berryman
- 15 ~ Linda Harruff
- 15 ~ Ed Kendall
- 31 ~ Larry Schoudel



To submit a birthday or special occasion— send an email to [wynlakeshoa@yahoo.com](mailto:wynlakeshoa@yahoo.com)

## 2008 Assessments

The HOA Board has announced that dues for the next year will be increased by \$60.00. The budget passed at the November Neighborhood Representatives meeting. This nominal \$5.00 per month will help to make sure that we take in more money than we spend and that we have enough money to fully fund our reserve. Payment is due by January 1st; late fees will apply after January 31st.



## Pets



**Are you a responsible pet owner??**

them, and making sure to walk them on a leash.

Many of our homeowners have installed invisible fences. Although they do ensure your pet is not running free, we ask that you remove the white flags in a timely manner.

Also, please be aware if your pet is charging the fence. Many residents become concerned when they are walking and a dog rushes toward them or their pet.

If these rules are followed, we will surely see a decrease in the number of pet complaints, and more pets will be viewed as a positive addition to those that live around you.

As pet owners, we need to always remember certain responsibilities when caring for our pets.

One responsibility is having your pet trained so it will be a welcome addition to the neighborhood.

Other responsibilities include not allowing them to bark excessively, picking up after



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## Let's Talk Trash!

Sanitation Department  
Schedule  
New Years - Jan 1

Garbage - Tues & Fri  
routes - worked on **WED & FRI**

Martin Luther King Jr.  
Holiday - Jan 21

Garbage - Tues & Fri  
routes - no change

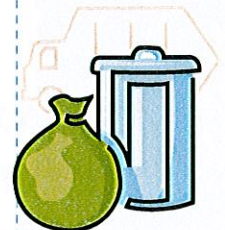
Contact the Montgomery  
Sanitation Dept at 241.2753  
for more info.

The guidelines for curbside pickup: Items should be placed on the **CURB** – not on the street. Curbside pickup is **Wednesday**. Place items at curbside no longer than necessary before scheduled pickup day.



### Paint disposal-

To safely dispose of paint cans, please put them in a separate box with paint lids securely on, and place the box either on or next to the trash can. This will prevent paint spills on our streets.



**Please be courteous  
to your neighbors.**

# Concerned Citizens Should Take Action

by Sandra Nickel

Most people are concerned about crime in their neighborhoods. They should be. But they can't expect the problem to be solved with a policeman on every corner or a new jail that would rival the RSA Tower in height to lock up everyone involved in crime.

The only real solution will come from the neighborhoods themselves. Neighbors need to become part of the team that watches out for one another. Neighbors should not be afraid to speak up when we see possible crime taking place. That's why the city maintains a secret witness line. As neighbors, we should be willing to step forward when called upon without fear of retribution.

We can do this better by participating in neighborhood associations and especially by getting to know everyone on our block. Don't wait for someone else to come knocking, let's initiate the introduction ourselves. It isn't a matter of where we live, how many new stores are near by, or how high our fences are. It does matter whether we share a vision for a safe and secure neighborhood, and commit to not accepting that failure is an acceptable standard.

As neighbors, we need to set an example, too. If we don't keep our own yards picked up, lawns kept up and houses fixed up, we are in essence saying, "we don't care." Criminals see that attitude, too. They know the residents will allow things to take place there because they aren't asked to leave.

Call the police non-emergency at 241-2651 when we see or suspect suspicious activity taking place. They may not respond as fast as we want, but they won't know if we don't call. And like a squeaky hinge, our repeated calls will get their attention. If an area where suspected criminals hang out is dark, call the non-emergency number and ask for a light replacement or for brighter lights to be installed. When a house is vacant and deteriorating, or the yard isn't being maintained, let's call housing codes and report it. If a crowd gathers and is violating the noise ordinance, we should call non-emergency. If a neighborhood is fortunate to be among those that have hired private security patrols, we should participate by paying our fair share, and getting to know the patrol men and women who drive by our houses 24/7. Help them be an additional set of eyes on our house and our neighborhood.

**Looking for answers** The answer isn't moving away, but it is found in moving in—into setting a good or neighborly example. When criminals realize we don't care, they won't either.

Neighborliness describes and defines age-old patterns of human interaction. These patterns are the building blocks of a healthy, functioning neighborhood.

Trash, vandalism and errant behavior are displayed everywhere. Yet, if such a thing happened in a village in West Africa, I'm told the reaction of the village elders would be severe. They'd be greatly concerned because the rule of community would have been broken.

Every neighborhood needs some leaders who are willing to stand up and help set and monitor the standards. Every neighborhood needs residents who are willing to step up and call a wrong, wrong. That may mean one of us.

When not done, it isn't a sign that civilization as we know it is unraveling, but it does show that the neighborhood isn't sure what message it should be sending, because I believe those doing the vandalizing are welcomed to the neighborhood by local residents and often businesses who simply don't ask them to leave.

A community leader in another city wrote on this subject. She said there would always be people "who will ignore standards of conduct and even codified norms or laws because they feel such standards do not apply to them or it is inconvenient that they obey these standards." She added, "a united neighborhood should be able to pick up the slack."

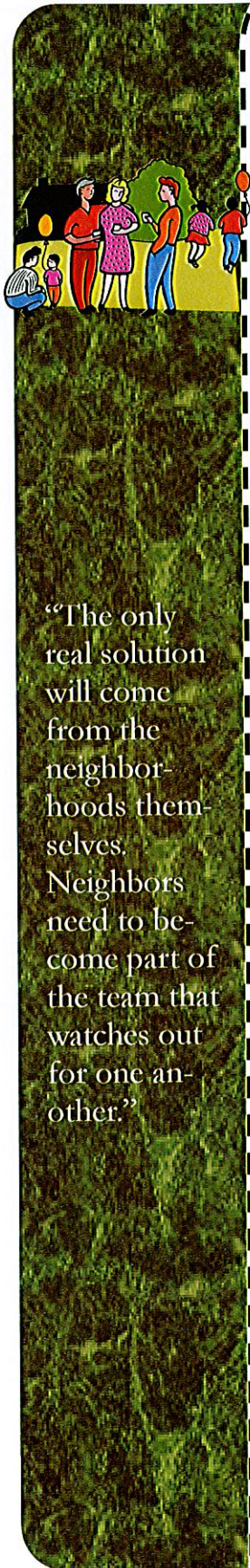
Paraphrasing what she said, picking up the slack is difficult unless the entire neighborhood is aware of and devoted to its responsibilities to neighborliness.

My challenge to all of us is to become more neighborly.

Sandra Nickel is a Montgomery Realtor, who is also active in various area charitable causes, which make Montgomery a better place to live.



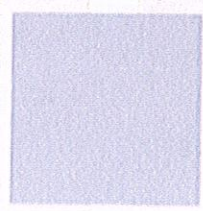
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## The View from Dixie

I have served as your representative on the Board of Trustees of Dixie Electric Cooperative since September 2006. I am currently Secretary/Treasurer of the Board. My district covers Wynlakes, EastChase, and part of Chantilly Parkway.

At all of the meetings I have attended; eight National Rural Electric Cooperative Association (NRECA), the NRECA national convention and the Alabama Rural Electric Association (AREA) convention, fifteen meetings of the Board of Trustees of Dixie Electric Cooperative and six committee meetings, I have witnessed commitment to and concern for the cooperative members being served. Please remember that Dixie Electric Cooperative is owned by you the members. Dixie Electric Cooperative's mission is to provide its members the most reliable service possible at the most economical cost possible. Dixie Electric is not in business to make a profit per se, but to maintain only sufficient equity through operating margins to be able to accomplish its mission.

There are many difficulties to be faced by all cooperatives including Dixie in the coming years. These difficulties and the solution will no doubt affect the cost of electric service. I will attempt in future HOA newsletters to acquaint you with some of the problems to be faced and to better acquaint you with your electric cooperative.

John Livings ~ Mid Pines Drive

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**EastChase Apartments** — A letter, signed by the Developer- Miles Hill; Wynlakes BOD President -Wally Hester, and Coventry BOD President- Sam Mitchell was presented to the Planning Commission December 13, will protect both communities and their property values. As a result of cooperative efforts, an addendum to the original proposal includes: minimum 190' of existing tree zones, landscape buffers, apartments closest to us will not exceed two stories, office building will be limited to 1 1/2 stories, etc. The Board of Directors would like to thank the many people who invested hours in working out an acceptable solution for all involved.



A Landscape Committee has been formed consisting of John Brantner, John Chambless, Wally Hester, Ed Kendall, Brent Krause, Janine Schoudel, George Wakefield, and Dennis Weber. The Committee has met twice so far and issued a Request for Proposal (Thanks John Chambless!) to three firms that expressed interest: Goodwyn, Mills, and Cawood in Montgomery, Nimrod Long and Associates in Birmingham, and Site Solutions in Atlanta. The firms must turn in their qualifications before January 17. The Committee will review and set up interviews to be completed by February 12. At that time, we will negotiate the needed scope of work— maintenance plan, plant materials, signage, irrigation, lighting, and the phasing.



Wednesday 5 — 9 PM

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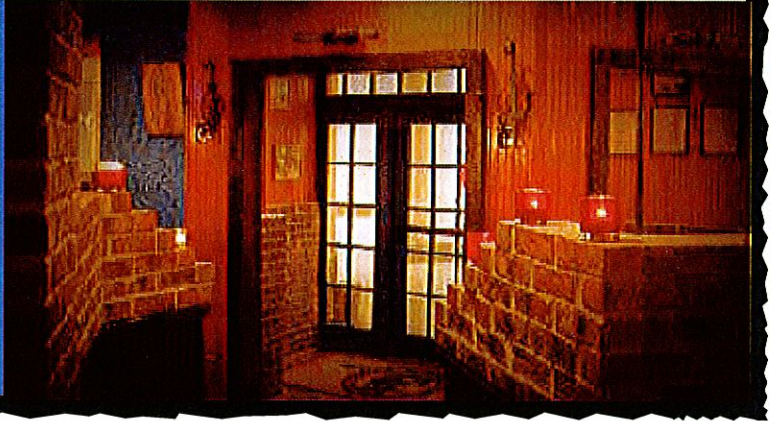
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### Champagne v. Sparkling Wine

Although the effervescent wines are commonly referred to as champagne, true champagne must come from the Champagne region of France. Nevertheless, both champagne and sparkling wines are made using similar techniques and grape varieties. Nearly all champagne is made using Chardonnay, Pinot Noir, and Pinot Meunier, and is often a blend of these varieties. It is important to note that other countries produce excellent sparkling wines as well. In Spain, for example, they are called Cava, and range anywhere from dry to sweet. Italian bubbly is called Spumante, and is often sweet and lower in alcohol, such as the popular Asti Spumante.

When choosing your wine, it is important to pick one with the desired sweetness. Here are some terms you will find on labels to indicate sweetness level:

Extra Brut: very dry

Extra Dry: slightly sweeter than brut

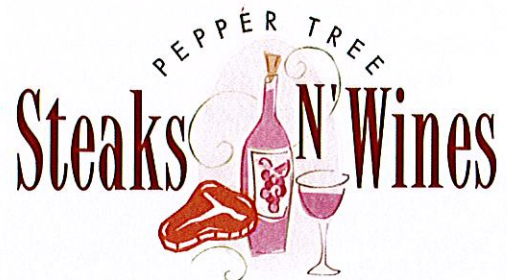
Brut: dry

Demi-Sec: the sweetest



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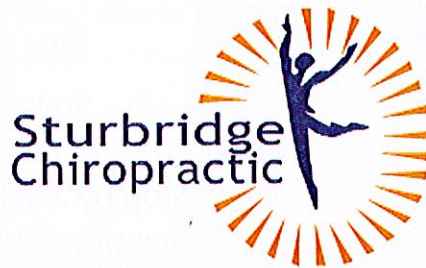
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