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## **A Sweet Success Story**

We're thrilled to share that Logan, Olivia, and Gigi's recent lemonade and cookie stand was an incredible success! Thanks to the incredible generosity of our local community and supporters from across Georgia, the girls raised over \$300 for a wonderful cause.

After their successful day of entrepreneurship, they have chosen to donate their proceeds to The Orphan Annie Rescue, supporting animals in need of loving homes.

We're so proud of these young entrepreneurs for their hard work and giving hearts. A special thank you to everyone who stopped by and contributed to this meaningful cause!

Your support has made a real difference in our community!

## WCSA BOARD OF DIRECTORS

## **Next Board Business Meeting:** July 30th at 6:00 PM



The complete list of dates, times, and registration links for all 2025 Board business meetings is available on the Homeowner Portal (follow the QR Code) > Documents > Monthly Business Meetings > 2025 > Meeting Dates and Links.

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## WCSA BOARD OF DIRECTORS

## **President's Report**

s I write this, we are gearing up for one of our biggest events of the year, Windward's Annual 4th of July Extravaganza followed by the Patriotic Boat Parade. Many thanks to our Social Committee and the Lake Windward Yacht Club for hosting these terrific events. I hope many of us were able to attend the festival at the Sports Park and enjoy the hot dogs, watermelon and chips. Our gratitude to WARM for their help in preparing the hot dogs and watermelon. As a reminder, WCSA does not sponsor fireworks on July 4th. WCSA does host Windward's Hometown Fireworks to celebrate Labor Day. This year's fireworks show will be on Sunday, August 31. Mark your calendars and plan to attend!

We've updated the landscaping on west side of Lake Windward Drive as it crosses the lake dam. I encourage you to drive by and see the new landscaping if you haven't seen it. This is our "main street," and it's great to see this significant improvement. We have completed improvements to-cul-de-sacs at Bent Creek Manor, Compass Pointe Crossing, Fieldstone Landing, Staghound Court and Thermopylae Court. Improvements to culde-sacs at Newport Bay Fairway, Newport Bay Shore, Newport Bay Court, Newport Bay Heights, and Newport Bay Terrace are under way. On Southlake Drive, we have almost completed improvements to the 2 Schooner Ridge intersections with Southlake Drive: new landscaping and signature 3 rail fencing are in place. Next, we'll install stone pillars with the Windward logo. Thank you to the volunteers that gave of their time to make these improvements happen.

The rainy weather has had an impact on our community. The heavy rain and

utilities relocation have slowed down construction on Webb Bridge Road. The wet weather has made it challenging for our landscaping service provider to keep up with maintaining our common areas as growth accelerates and servicing time is limited. Our landscaping company will get caught up as weather normalizes. Last, the wet weather and thunderstorms have led to an increase in downed trees.

In April the Board passed a motion to split the Property Committee. The Property Committee's budget (Property Maintenance & Repairs plus Property Improvements) for 2025 is \$1,524,939, or 65% of WCSA's total expenses. With Property representing such a significant percentage of our total operating budget, it made sense to split the committee into the Property Maintenance Committee and the Property Planning and Improvements Committee. The Board also believes that this split will make the committees more effective and efficient in serving the community. The Property Maintenance Committee will focus on maintaining and preserving what we have. The Property Planning and Improvements Committee will focus on strategic planning and execution of projects funded by property improvements (from operating budget), amenities (McGinnis Ferry proceeds) carry forward funds, and funds from unassigned net reimbursements. The Property Planning and Improvements Committee will be chaired by Paul Barrow and the Property Maintenance Committee will be chaired by Cliff Cobb. Please reach out to either of the Chairs or to Georgia Barrow if you desire to serve on either committee.

There has been a lot of chatter on our Windward Homeowners Facebook page regarding Windward Lake Club – specifically the condition of the grounds,

pool, docks, etc. The Board has followed these posts closely and will continue to do so. Board member Georgia Barrow and I have served as Board Liaisons, a role created to facilitate communications with the Lake Club, and one of us is on the WLC property several times a month - so we are aware of the condition of the property. The principle owner of WLC is also aware of the FB comments. Georgia has been a champion of maintaining a professional relationship with WLC and feels that this is more effective than an adversarial relationship. We also value the use of their parking lot to stage/host WCSA social events. We feel that a successful Windward Lake Club is essential for Windward and have tried diligently to work in the spirit of partnership towards that end, but to little effect. Over the last 6 years in which I have served on the Board, we have listened to all the social media comments regarding buying the facility and have explored that several times. That course of action would face several challenges that we don't have solutions to...notably, you can't buy something that's not for sale, and how are we going to pay for it. Windward Lake Club is a private business that operates in our community. They are not a member of the Association, as such they are not subject to our covenants. So, we can't serve notice or fine them for violating WCSA guidelines. Our relationship with the Lake Club, as it pertains to the marina over our lake, is governed by an easement agreement. Any modification to, or discontinuation of, the existing easement can only be executed if both WCSA and Windward Lake Club agree. The easement agreement does give us the option to "self-help" regarding the maintenance of the docks and storage racks. Per that easement:



"Should grantee fail to maintain the dry storage racks referred to in paragraph 1 hereof, the walkway referred to in paragraph 2 hereof and the dock referred to in paragraph 3 hereof, Grantor shall have the right, but not the obligation, upon 10 days written notice to Grantee, to make any payments of or take any action necessary to cure such failure, all in the name of and for the account of Grantee, and Grantee shall reimburse Grantor for all expenses incurred by the Grantor to cure such failure."

In other words, if WCSA were to spend homeowners' dues to repair the marina, WLC would be expected to, but is not guaranteed to, pay us back. WLC has presented, and I have reviewed, an extensive landscaping plan which, when executed, should significantly improve the appearance of their property along Lake Windward Parkway. The landscaping was to have been done this Spring, but WLC has now moved the work to October. I wish there were an easy solution - and the Board will continue to work diligently to explore all options to find one. WCSA has no right to review WLC's financials, so we don't know what their resources are.

On Tuesday June 23, 2025, Burton Outdoor adventures held a demonstration of an eFoil on Lake Windward, to provide the Board of Directors with an opportunity to evaluate new lake use items that may or may not be permitted on Lake Windward. I'd like to thank Jason Burton for his excellent presentation. The term eFoil is short for electric hydrofoil or electric hydrofoil surfboard. An eFoil is a watercraft that combines surfing, hydrofoiling and electric propulsion. A

surfboard-like deck is equipped with a hydrofoil below the water's surface. The hydrofoil is connected to an electric motor, usually mounted in a waterproof compartment beneath the board. This motor drives a propeller or jet at the base of the mast. The forward thrust that is created allows the rider to glide above the water's surface without the need for wind or waves. As a follow-up to the demonstration, the Board will gather data and homeowner feedback to determine if this is a device that would be appropriate to permit on our lake.

Three City Council Seats are up for election this fall. Councilman Brian Will has recently resigned in order to run for the Georgia State Senate seat recently vacated by Brandon Beach. Since Brian's term expires later this year, the City will allow the seat to remain vacant until filled by an elected candidate. Councilman Donald Mitchell's seat expires, and he will not be eligible for reelection as he will "term out". Councilman Douglas Derito's term expires this year, and he will seek re-election. With 3 seats in play, who gets elected could have an impact on Windward. The field of candidates is not yet set but I know of at least five candidates for the 3 seats. It's important that we elect officials who support Windward's interests. So, do your homework and vote for those candidates who best represent your interests and those of Windward.

## That's a wrap for this month. Enjoy your summer!

## Regards,

Harry Lampe, President, Windward Community Services Association

### WCSA LEADERSHIP COMMITTEE

## **Windward Leadership** Committee -2025 & 2026

We're updating how the Leadership Committee works. Instead of long-term roles, we'll now focus more on short-term projects through Task Forces and Ad Hoc teams. This gives more people a chance to help out (volunteer) without a big time commitment.

## **Ways You Can Help Windward**

We'd love for every owner to get involved in one or more of these ways:

## **Task Force Member**

Join a small group to help with a specific project for a short time.

- » Help a Committee Chair or the Board with a focused project.
- » Some possible projects include:
- » Improving our shared spaces
- » Reviewing landscaping ideas
- » Helping neighbors get their yard certified as a Wildlife Habitat
- » Other projects that may come up

## Resident Advisor (RA)

- » Send your bio to the Leadership **Committee Chairs**
- » The WCSA Board will choose who becomes an RA
- » Try to attend Board meetings when you can
- » Offer suggestions on how things can be improved
- » RAs must sign a confidentiality agreement and follow our Code of Ethics

## **Leadership Committee Member**

- » Find volunteers to help in the community
- » Help committees write up their goals, if needed
- » Set up and run Task Force projects
- » Improve the RA program and train new RAs

## Thanks for thinking about joining in!

If you're interested in helping out in 2025 or 2026, please email your choice to:

georgia.windward@gmail.com

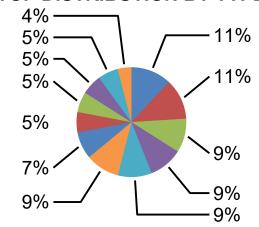


## **MAY ARC REPORT**

	Dead Tree /Shrub Removal- Level 1	1
	Deck - Change Footprint - Level 2	1
	Door Alteration/Replacement- Level 1	4
	Gutters- Level 1	1
	Landscape-Level 1	2
	Landscaping- Level 2	2
	Lighting- Level 2	1
	Other - Level 1	3
	Other - Level 2	2
	Painting - Level 2	1
	Painting- Level 1	2
	Recreational Equipment- Level 2	1
	Roof - Level 1	3
	Tree Removal-Level 1	1
	Windows- Level 2	2
Co	mplete - Approved with Condition(s)	11
	Dead Tree /Shrub Removal- Level 1	1
	Deck- Same Footprint - Level 1	1
	Other - Level 1	1
	Painting- Level 1	2
	Tree Removal-Level 1	4

Tree Removal-Level 2	2
Complete - Denied  Deck- Same Footprint - Level 1	<b>4</b>
Door Alteration/Replacement- Level 1	1
Landscape-Level 1	1
Windows- Level 2	1
Complete - More Info Needed/Denied  Dead Tree /Shrub Removal- Level 1	<b>14</b>
Deck- Same Footprint - Level 1 Fence- Level 2	1 1
Landscape-Level 1	2
Landscaping- Level 2	1
Painting- Level 1 Roof - Level 1	1
Tree Removal-Level 1	1
Tree Removal-Level 2	1
Total	56

## TOP DISTRIBUTION BY TYPE





Door Alteration/Replacement- Level 1

Dead Tree /Shrub Removal- Level 1 📘 Landscape-Level 1

Painting- Level 1 Other - Level 1 Landscaping- Level 2

Tree Removal-Level 2 Windows- Level 2

Deck- Same Footprint - Level 1 Other - Level 2



WCSA COVENANTS COMMITTEE
+ MODIFICATIONS COMMITTEE

## How are we doing?

**Drop us a line and let us know:** august\_windward@yahoo.com

## **HOMEOWNERS, PLEASE NOTE:**

Before making any changes to the exterior of your property (home and/or landscaping), YOU THE HOMEOWNER are responsible for submitting a MODIFICATIONS REVIEW FORM by visiting the Homeowner Portal at windwardhomeowners.com > Requests > Submit a Request > ARC Request. Contractors are not authorized to submit requests on your behalf. If you have any questions about the application process, please call Access Management Group at 770-802-8360.

## The summary of modification letters sent in May:

- 27 Approved
- 11 Approved with conditions
- 4 Denied
- 14 Denied More Info Needed
- A total of 56 applications were processed.

Average processing time = 7 days

## % of Homes Compliant or with Repairs Underway

**Architectural: 98.9%** e.g. roofs, windows

Landscape : 96.7%

e.g. lawn, mulch, shrubs

Maintenance: 95.7%
e.g. paint, wood repair

**Miscellaneous: 99.1%** e.g. trash cans, driveways

**Overall: 99.4%** 

## **Summer focus items:**

dead plants, pruning, edging



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## August 2025

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1	2
3	4	5	6 Lake Committee 12pm-1:30pm	7	8	9
10	Modifications Committee 4-5pm	Board of Directors Working Session 10:00am - Noon	13	14	15	16
17	18	19	Covenants Committee, 4-5pm	21 Property Committee 4-6pm	22	23
Hometown Celebration 7-10pm 31	25	26	Monthly Board Meeting 6-9pm	28	29	30

W C S A C O M M U N I C A T I O N S C O M M I T T E E

## VOLUNTEER SPOTLIGHT:

## **Dan Carson**

y wife of 63 years, Sally, and I moved into Windward in March of 1984. We were perhaps the sixth family to buy a home. We are one of the four or five original owners still living in the same house.

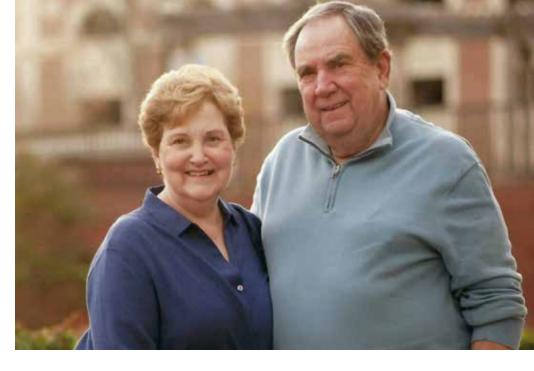
I was on the train to the airport and overheard a conversation about a new subdivision in North Fulton. They were saying it was really well-planned and very nice, but it was so far from downtown Atlanta.

The following weekend, I visited Windward and knew that this was where I wanted to make our home. Alpharetta wasn't much of a town back then. As I remember, there was only one grocery store, a dry cleaner, the police station, the library, and Alpha Soda—a drugstore with a lunch counter where the locals all congregated—all located in the City Hall on the corner of Academy and Main Street.

There wasn't much going on, but 40 years later, whether due to luck or good management, the town has turned into a place where everyone wants to live. Perhaps there has been a little too much growth, but it's still a great place with plenty of amenities.

Windward was not always a successful development. There were two groups who failed before Mobil took it over and completed it. Growth was slow due to the perception that it was just too far north. It eventually caught on, and Windward boomed. Enough of a history lesson.

The few lake homes that were available when we first came were in the range of \$235,000, and those not on the lake were about \$165,000.



I am not the volunteer type, perhaps because of being in the military early on and learning that you never volunteer!

I had called August Casey, chair of the Modification Committee, to ask a question about a modification I planned on making. He said he walked by my house daily and would stop by to pick up the paperwork. He came by and asked if I would consider volunteering. I told him I had no interest. He explained the job, and I told him I didn't want to tell someone they couldn't paint their house a certain color or change their shingles.

August had noticed my yard and commented that I obviously knew my way around landscaping. He asked if I would at least agree to do some landscape consulting. I told him I had no formal training and that my abilities stemmed from the fact that I'd probably killed every shrub out there in the last 50 years. He continued his sales pitch (very smooth) and convinced me to do landscape consulting on a limited basis.

I had been doing this for a couple of months when, during one of our monthly Zoom meetings, August indicated that we were a bit short on volunteers and asked if I could work with the MODS Committee to help move things forward. Twenty-two years later, here I am—working 15–20 hours a week, visiting homes, and actually enjoying myself.

Knowing that I am helping make the "hated" HOA no longer the bad guy has been rewarding. My goal has been to turn the approval process into a less stressful experience for homeowners while ensuring the guidelines are followed, the resident is happy, and there is a quick turnaround.

The HOA gets beat up a lot, and you only hear about the bad experiences—there will always be some—but the majority of the applications are approved in an average of four days. I have not worked with any committee member or management company representative who would not go out of his or her way to make your project a pleasant experience.

I don't know how many volunteers work for WCSA, but I know that if everyone were being paid, our dues would need to increase dramatically.

Volunteering is not for everyone, as it does require a commitment of several hours a week and a desire to improve the process.

There are many different types of volunteer positions available. Pick the one that will best suit you and one where you can be successful. Make a commitment of at least a year, treat it as a part-time job, and do your best to keep our community a desirable place to live.



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WCSA COMMUNICATIONS COMMITTEE

## **Summertime at** the Spinnakers

Each summer the board of the Spinnakers has a boating event for all the owners. This year we had BBQ on Lake Windward. Everyone loves Jim & Nicks and all the food made the evening on the water even better. Neighbors enjoying each other and new neighbors meet all that attended. It was the best way to renew friendships and be on the water too.

What is your neighborhood doing this Summer? Send along pictures for The Breeze to michellelamarche@msn.com.



WINDWARD SOCIAL GROUP

Windward Area Retired Men

## CALLING ALL WINDWARD **VETERANS**

s preparations begin for Windward's 2025 Veterans Celebration we are seeking to find names of Windward Veterans that recently moved into Windward, or veterans we were not aware of, so a Veterans Display can be made to honor them this year. If you are, or know of, a:

- » Windward Veteran
- » Widow/Widower of a Windward Veteran

for which there was not a Display last year, please forward your/their name as desired to be displayed and Branch of Service to edunger@comcast.net .

Windward's 2024 Veterans Celebration had Displays placed across the Lake Windward dam honoring over 200 Windward Veterans. We seek your help to ensure all Windward Veterans are recognized at this year's Celebration. Closer to November more details will be forthcoming regarding Windward's November 8, 2025 Veterans Celebration Event.

Thank you Windward Veterans for your service to our great Country.

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11:00 AM DAM IS CLOSED TO ALL TRAFFIC, CAR + FOOT

7:00 PM 9:00 PM

PRE-SHOW FESTIVITIES IN THE SPORTS PARK. FAMILIES, YOU DON'T WANT TO MISS IT!

9:00 PM (APPROX.)

FIREWORKS SHOW BEGINS!

## FAQ'S...

## WHAT WILL THE PRE-SHOW FESTIVITIES IN THE SPORTS PARK HAVE?



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A LIVE DJ WILL BE ON SITE TO GET THE PARTY STARTED! EXPECT YOUR FAVORITE TUNES DURING THE PRE-SHOW, FOLLOWED BY A PATRIOTIC AUDITORY TRIBUTE DURING THE FIREWORKS.





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ANYTHING RESIDENTS VIEWING BY BOAT SHOULD KNOW?

YES, PLEASE DO NOT APPROACH THE DAM AND CROSS THE BUOY BARRIER.

ENJOY THE SHOW!!







## WCSA PROPERTY COMMITTEE

## **Lake Windward** Drive

The Property Committee has been busy improving the area along Lake Windward Drive. The west side of the dam, once overgrown with junipers, has been cleared, and new landscaping was added in late June. This work showcases the design, planning, and budgeting behind the scenes to ensure your dollars are used wisely to keep our community looking beautiful.

If anyone has an interesting in serving on the Property Committee, please reach out to Georgia Barrow at Georgia. Windward@gmail.com



## THESE INDEPENDENT, PRIVATELY-**OWNED AMENITIES WITHIN** WINDWARD ARE OPTIONAL. CONTACT EACH DIRECTLY FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION.



## **Burton Outdoor Adventures** 678-828-8119

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## WINDWARD COMMUNITY GARDEN

The transformation in the community garden is truly remarkable after just eight weeks. Vibrant plants and colorful flowers now fill the previous barren space. This thriving environment is a testament to the dedication of all our gardeners involved.

Their hard work and consistent tender care for the plants have certainly paid off. We can all appreciate the beauty of a garden that flourishes with dedication.





e recognize that Lake Windward is our greatest amenity, setting us apart as a premier community in the North Fulton area. But did you know that it also serves as a huge retention pond for the east Alpharetta area? When construction occurs nearby, whether it's residential or commercial development, road expansion, or infrastructure projects, the natural flow of sediment can be disrupted. Sediment, primarily silt, and floating debris (logs, trash, etc.) is easily washed into nearby water bodies during rain events, carried by runoff through creeks and streams and into our lake.

## Siltation poses several threats including:

- » Water Quality Degradation: Excessive silt can cloud the water, reducing sunlight penetration and hampering aquatic plant
- » Habitat Alteration: Accumulated silt can smother bottom-dwelling organisms and disrupt aquatic habitats.
- » Navigational Issues: Silt buildup can decrease water depths, making boating and recreation more difficult.

This issue has sparked a debate over who should bear the financial burden of removing silt and floating debris that enters the lake. Ethically, the principle of "polluter pays" often guides discussions. Those responsible for causing environmental damage, directly or indirectly, should bear the costs associated with mitigating that damage. Paraphrasing from the US Environmental Protection Agency's "Region 4 Guidelines for Reconciling Storm Water Management and Water Quality and Resource Protection Issues (06/02/04)":

- » Stormwater is considered a pollutant
- Stormwater runoff shall be controlled, but if not, compensatory mitigation applies for the remaining impacts
- Stormwater management should be evaluated on a watershed basis

Currently, Windward is paying 100% of the cost to clean massive volumes of silt and floating debris that enter Lake Windward from Alpharetta, Johns Creek and Forsyth County, and delivers clean, debris free water to downstream communities.

Representatives of the Windward Community have held meetings with officials from Alpharetta, Johns Creek, and Forsyth to discuss the situation and are pursuing appropriate restitution and/or remedies from the upstream entities. In a recent development, Todd Jones (Georgia House Representative for District 25) spearheaded an effort to install a filtration system on Caney Creek at the intersection with McGinnis Ferry as part of the McGinnis Ferry road widening project. The filtration system is designed to capture and remove silt and debris versus passing it downstream to Lake Windward. The cost of installation and annual silt removal will be funded by the State. At 70% efficiency, the filtration system could potentially cut the silt entering the island area of Lake Windward by half, enhancing navigability around the island and reducing future dredging expenses for our community. The road widening and filtration system installation is estimated to occur in 2027.

What else can we do as a community? Ultimately, shared responsibility and proactive planning are essential to safeguarding our lake for future generations. By working together, stakeholders can achieve sustainable solutions that preserve the beauty and ecological integrity of Lake Windward while fairly addressing the costs of silt removal.

## **IMPORTANT SAFETY MESSAGE** FROM THE LAKE COMMITTEE

Due to higher-than-normal bacteria levels detected in the area, please do not swim in the eastern end of the lake near the island at this time.



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## **Lake Windward Yacht Club**

## A Perfect Evening Afloat: Lake Windward's "No Theme Raft Up" **Delivers Laughter and Lake Fun**

n Saturday, May 31, 2025, the Lake Windward Yacht Club hosted its first raft up for the season. The "No Theme Raft Up" was a laid-back, laughter-filled social gathering that brought together members and friends for a spectacular evening on the water.

True to its name, the event had no official theme. but that didn't stop the fun. Fifteen boats were tied together on the peaceful waters of Lake Windward, creating a floating party of about 32 attendees. As the sun began to dip below the horizon, the lake glowed with golden reflections and the sound of cheerful conversation carried across the water.

The beauty of the evening wasn't just in the weather—which was perfect—but in the spontaneous, easygoing energy that defined the event. With no formal agenda, guests were free to mingle boat-to-boat, share food and drinks, and simply enjoy the company of fellow Windward neighbors. Music played softly in the background, laughter echoed across the water, and friendships—old and new—were celebrated under the open sky.

The "No Theme Raft Up" reminded everyone that sometimes, the best events are the ones where the only plan is to relax and have fun.

Special thanks to Carolynn/John Heimlich and Fraser/Amy Lynn for all their help iin making the evening a success.

## Mark you calendars for more exciting gatherings:

- » Red, White, & Blue Raft Up on July 12th
- » No Theme Raft Up & Float Up on August 9th
- » Windward Newcomers Boat Tour on September
- » Pirate Night Raft Up on September 20th
- » Oktoberfest Land Event on October 11th
- » Witches of Windward on October 19
- » Football Tailgate Land Event on November 8th
- » Holiday Boat Parade on December 7th
- » Holiday Party & Gift Exchange on December 13

















## Women of Windward

## WOMEN OF WINDWARD'S MISSION

OW's goal is to provide women, approaching 50 and beyond, social activities that encourage participation, continuous learning, enjoyment, and the option of WOW assistance in times of need, for the purpose of building & supporting lasting friendships in the community of Windward.

A yearly \$10 membership fee ensures that you receive all communications and invitations.

Contact Membership: Martie Jones, 404-435-7890 c or martiejones2@gmail.com

## **WOW LEADERSHIP TEAM**

## Communications – Evites

Liz Hayob, 713-851-1017

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Martie Jones, 404-435-7890

## **WOW Assists and Sunshine**

co-chairs: Bebe Nicholson, 404-290-2470 2470 & Margi Urquhart, 678-234-0580

## **Birthday & Sunshine emails:**

Susan Terfler, 260-417-1894

### **Treasurer**

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## **WOW ADVISORY BOARD**

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## **MESSAGE FROM: KAREN POOLE, DIRECTOR**

Join us this summer for some outdoor adventures. We will meet at the Painted Horse for a wine or beverage tasting and some music in July. In August, we will stroll through the Dahlonega Butterfly Garden. We will close out the summer months with our Ladies Night Out.

Our quarterly planning session will be 3:30 on August 8th at Windward Tavern. Please join us and share your ideas.

**Please note:** An updated directory was sent to all members at the end of June. Please let us know if any of your information needs to be changed.

Watch for Evites for these Events and contact us if you are not receiving them as we may need to update your information. Looking forward to seeing you.

### LUNCH ON THE LAKE EVENT

On June 12th, WOW planned to board pontoon boats and enjoy lunch on Lake Windward. Instead, due to the uncooperative June weather, we made a quick change to a land-based Event. We shared our lunches and a lake view at the home of Julia Woodward. Members ordered lunch through a local caterer, Apple Spice, or brought their own. Beverages were BYOB but water was available, and Julia provided coffee after lunch. Everyone approved of their Apple Spice box lunch orders. Sue Unger provided information about the neighborhood, the wildlife, and the lake. She rewarded members with Starbucks gift cards for correct answers to her quizzes.

I want to give a special shout out to our boat captain volunteers - Sherry Alford, Mary Ann Hill-Meehan, Karen Poole, Sue Unger, and Julia Woodward. Although their services and their boats were not required, we appreciate their willingness to prepare for and support this Event.

We certainly hope to try this again.















## **WOW KNITWITS**

A few of the KnitWits took a summer field trip to EAT SLEEP KNIT in Dallas. The store had a fantastic selection of yarn and we had a great day out.



## **WOW'S ONGOING ACTIVITIES:**

Evites will be sent to ALL members for only these 3 Ongoing Activities:

WOW QUARTERLY LADIES' NIGHT OUT- Our next LNO is scheduled for August 21st at Windward Tavern from 6-8pm. Leaders: Lynn Sickeler (404-405-0863 or lynnsickeler@comcast.net) or Coleen Kelly (770-313-3738 or coleen.kelly@comcast.net)

WOW OCCASIONAL MOVIE OUTING (MATINEE & EVENING) - Tuesday, September 16th at Regal Avalon -Matinee or Evening. Showings of "Downton Abbey 3: The Grand Finale." Hosts: Matinee - Shirley Davis and Evening - Linda Hempelman.

Be sure to mark your calendars for "Wicked: Part 2" on Tuesday, November 25.

As always, let our hosts know if there is an upcoming movie of interest to you and we'll get busy planning our next outing. Contact leaders if interested: Linda Hempleman (770-500-5043) or hempwasl@gmail.com) or Shirley Davis (770-595-6746 or shirleydavis@comcast.net)

WOW THEATRE OUTINGS - We will be watching for an opportunity for our next theater outing in the Fall. Let our hosts know if there is an upcoming movie of interest to you and we'll get busy planning.

## The leaders of these groups will contact their members directly. Please contact the leaders of these groups directly if you are interested.

### **WOW ASSISTS & SUNSHINE**

When we are notified of a member's need, a call will go out to the volunteer group to provide any WOW member, living in Windward, temporary assistance for those experiencing a health or support need.

Contact leaders: Bebe Nicholson (404-290-2470 or bknicholson@att.net) or Margi Urquhart (678-234-0580 or margiurg@aol.com)

## **WOW BOOK CLUB - MORNING**

1st Tuesday - 9am at The Original Pancake House, 5530 Windward Pkwy, Ste 120a, Alpharetta, GA 30004

Co-leaders: Sue White (770-772-4667 or whitebassets@bellsouth.net), Mel Lundberg (770-891-7995 or lundbergmel@gmail.com) and Susan Terfler (260-417-1894 or sterfler@comcast.net).







## **WOW BOOK CLUB - EVENING**

3rd Monday - 6 pm - Leader: Heidi Sowder (678-777-7810 or hsatlanta@bellsouth.com) at Tara Humata Mexican Grill & Tequila Bar, 6195 Windward Pkwy Ste 100, Alpharetta, GA







## **WOW KNIT WITS**

2nd Monday - Any interested members can join us for coffee and community. No experience required. Contact leader if interested: Gerry Murphy (404-402-2340 or gerrymurphy8246@gmail.com

### **WOW BRIDGE GROUPS**

Please contact leaders if interested in joining or subbing. 1st Wednesday at Windward Tavern -Contact leader if interested: Debbie Brown (770-329-9702 or debbie.brown303@gmail.com)

3rd Wednesday - Contact leader if interested: Gloria Miller (678-549-2660 or tgmiller305@comcast.net)

t4h Wednesday - Contact leader if interested: Lynn Sickeler (404-405-0863 or lynnsickeler@comcast.net)

### **WOW MAH JONGG**

Tuesdays at 12:30pm - WOW members join other weekly players at the Preston Ridge Community Center. 3655 Preston Ridge Road Suite 100. Alpharetta, 30005. Beginners welcome. Individuals must bring the Official Standard Hands and Rules www.nationalmahjonggleague.org. Contact Karen Poole (404-808-1417 or poolekr@gmail.com)

## **WOW PICKLEBALL TEAM**

Webb Bridge Park (weather permitting), Mondays 9am-12 pm. Subs needed when regular players are unavailable. Contact leaders if interested: Marsha Small (404-664-8966 or msmall@homefields.com) or Lori Rausch (770-815-4082 or lorirausch1130@gmail.

## **WOW WALKERS**

Monday mornings at 9am. Location varies and is announced the week before. Contact leaders if interested: Susan Terfler (260-417-1894 or sterfler@ comcast.net) or Sandy Reedy (678-313-9032 or sandyreedy123@gmail.com)



## Check your email for EVITES on these upcoming **EVENTS & ONGOING ACTIVITIES**

**THURSDAY, JULY 17TH - PAINTED** HORSE WINERY 4-6 pm at 13762 Hopewell Road, Milton, GA 30004

Painted Horse will offer a flight of three wines. \$25 per person. Single glasses of wine or nonalcoholic beverages are also available for purchase. Stay and relax for live music starting at 5.

## THURSDAY AUGUST 14TH -**DAHLONEGA BUTTERFLY FARM**

10am - 2pm We will take a tour of the butterfly flight house, butterfly feeding, a self-guided garden stroll, and gnome hunt. \$9 per person. Beverages and food will be available for purchase.

## TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 9TH -**HOUSE WATERCOLOR PAINTING**

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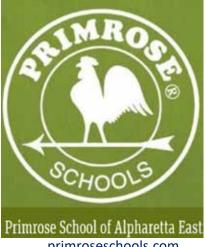
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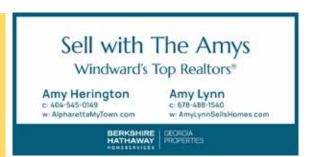
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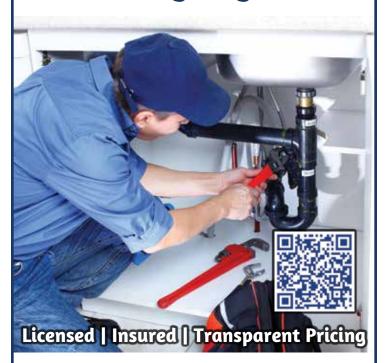
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## WINDWARD MARKET UPDATE

38 Homes Sold YTD



24
Avg. Days
on Market

100% Avg. List to Sale Price



\*FMLS Data as of June 2025

## **RECENT WINDWARD SALES**

 1050 Carnoustie Lane
 \$3,480,000

 1050 Signal Pointe
 \$1,370,525

 840 Stonehaven Lane
 \$1,195,000

 400 Fieldstone Landing
 \$875,000

 110 Westchester Way
 \$840,000

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