



Somerset

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Neighborhood News

<http://www.somersetsubdivision.org>



Somerset Good Neighbor Award*

Do you know someone who goes the extra mile to make Somerset a more enjoyable place to live? That extra mile can take any form, such as helping a neighbor with meals, finding lost pets, volunteering for special Somerset projects/events, maintenance of common areas, etc.

We need your input!

Please send a note to info@shoa.us and let us know of any neighbor you believe is deserving of this recognition along with a reason.

**Note: Current Board members are ineligible for this award.*



Do You Know of a Neighbor Who Needs Help?

We all go thru challenging times, so why not let our neighbors lighten the load a little. The Welcome/Sunshine Committee can arrange for meals to be delivered to someone in need due to a new baby, hospitalization, extended illness, death, etc. Contact Melissa O'Shea and Leslie Goethe if you or someone you know would benefit. Really!

Your 2012 SHOA Board Members

The following people were elected/re-elected to the 2012 Somerset Homeowners' Association Board. Next time you see one of these volunteers, please be sure to thank them for their hard work and commitment to our wonderful neighborhood.

- President - Terry Porter
- Vice President - Nancy Forbes
- Secretary - Karen Sharpless
- Treasurer - Sean Barr
- Membership - Don Caldwell
- Security - Colin Schroeder
- Lake - Jamison & Heather Smith
- Landscape - Kit Boden
- Clubhouse - Edith O'Neill
- Communications - Lynda Hedley
- Tennis - Walt Helms
- Welcome/Sunshine - Melissa O'Shea & Leslie Goethe
- Social - Jennifer Garrett & Luz Stella Diaz
- Pool - Open*

**If you or someone you know is interested in chairing the Pool Committee, please contact Terry Porter immediately at 770.617.1712 or iceporter@yahoo.com. Thank you.*

A New Year... A New Look!

2012

Happy New Year Somerset! We're starting the year with a brand new look. Drop us a line at info@shoa.us and tell us what you think and what you'd like to see in future issues. All constructive criticism is welcomed and appreciated.

Save-the-Date!

The Somerset Social Committee is pleased to announce this year's social events. Please mark your calendar and check the SHOA website regularly for details and updates.

- Valentine's Day Crafts for Kids** » February 11 - 10:30 am to 12 noon, Somerset Clubhouse
- Annual Somerset Spring Garage Sale » March 31 - 9 am to 3 pm (Rain date: April 14)
- Easter Egg Hunt » April 7, 4 pm
- Progressive Dinner** » May 5
- Fourth of July Parade » July 4
- Kindergarten Meet & Greet » August 11 (tentative)
- Block Party » September 15 (tentative)
- Halloween Parade » October 31
- Chili Cook-off** » November 10

**Open to current SHOA members only.

Interested in advertising in the Somerset newsletter? Please contact Lynda Hedley at momwith2boyz@gmail.com.

Turtle Lake Update



2011 was an important year for Turtle Lake. Early in the year, the \$111,000 restoration of the lake was completed. In conjunction with the restoration project, a number of lake residents improved their lots and shorelines, enhancing the beauty of the lake for everyone that uses it.

This monumental effort was completed without any damage to the wildlife on the lake. In fact, the amount of wildlife increased upon completion of the project. The long-resident heron found a mate and another pair of herons moved in and had a pair of baby herons. Two new wood duck pairs moved in as well.

Resident use of the lake increased, with more of the good fishing SHOA residents have always enjoyed; increased use of watercraft also was seen.

An aggressive algae control program was put in place once the restoration was complete and will be continued permanently.

Turtle Lake Association (TLA) membership reached 58 members, which was helpful in funding improvements and maintenance of Turtle Lake. Thank you for your contributions in 2011 and in the future as we continue to improve the lake for the benefit of everyone in Somerset.

On November 29, the first ever TLA members meeting was held. In addition to financial and operational reports, the 2012 Turtle Lake Association Board was elected. Please see names of volunteer Board members below.

Welcome to the Neighborhood!

If you or someone you know is new to Somerset, please contact our Welcome/Sunshine Committee co-chairs, Melissa O'Shea and Leslie Goethe. See page 3 for contact information.

2012 TLA Board Members

- Dan Conaway, President
- Carolyn Lyons, Treasurer
- Luz Diaz-Porter, Secretary
- Colin Schroeder, SHOA Rep
- Jamie & Heather Smith, Lake Co-chairs to SHOA Board

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If calling a Board member,
please be respectful and do
so between 9am and 9pm.

Cobb Country Water Main Replacement

As many of you know, Somerset is undergoing a series of water main replacements. The construction activities will create temporary disturbances to traffic flow, and will involve noisy equipment and other inconveniences. The installation of the new pipelines will require excavation of trenches in the street and on the shoulder along the road frontage of homes, and oftentimes requires the removal and replacement of landscaping, driveways, fences, mailboxes, signs, and other obstructions. All work is performed by qualified and appropriately licensed and insured contractors and is managed and inspected by the Water System's Construction Services Group.



Advance notice is provided to residents that will be affected by any planned Water Main Replacement projects and on-going notices will be provided related to any necessary water outages or other special activities during the construction period.

FAQs:

- 1) *Will new water mains in my area affect the quality of my water?*
There may be temporary instances of discolored water during or just after construction activities, usually because of disturbances in water flow, but the water is still safe for all uses. You can run the water at an outside faucet for several minutes to help flush the lines.
- 2) *Will my water bill go up because new water mains are installed?*
No. The construction costs for Water Main Replacement projects are included in the Water System's Capital Improvement Program and are funded through revenues based on the existing rate structure.
- 3) *Will the service line to my house be replaced as part of a construction project?*
No. The County's water distribution system ends on the customer's side of the water meter. All components of the water supply to a home from this point (the water meter) are the sole responsibility of the homeowner.

For additional information about this project, go to <http://water.cobbcountyga.gov/Files/CTPwtrMain.html>, or contact:

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Please see page 6 for more events
in Cobb County and around town.

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Halloween in Somerset

Congratulations to all our winners and honorable mentioned in the 2011 Halloween parade!

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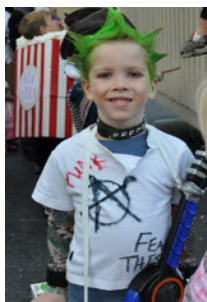
Winner: Maura & Rosie O'Farrell



Honorable Mention: Austin Conkle

3 to 5 years

Winner: Jack Stewart



Honorable Mention: Marguerite Cullom

6 to 10 years

Winner: Sam Bruton



Honorable Mention: Lainey Gaster

11 to 13 years

Winner: Pryce Hundley



Honorable Mention: Abby Cottrell

Family

Winner: The Mocklars (Mike, Laurel, Ana & Zoe)



Honorable Mention: The Garretts (Michael, Jennifer, Brynn & Addie)




Thanks to everyone who came out and enjoyed the event! We hope to see you again this October.

Please turn to page 7 and visit the SHOA website to see more pictures from the 2011 Halloween parade.

Landscape Update

Island rehab is coming this Spring! Also, a big thanks to all who have given extra money to the Somerset beautification fund. Additional contributions will give the landscape committee an opportunity to continue improving the islands. Feel free to send in whatever amount you would like, with checks made payable to SHOA, or include with your 2012 SHOA dues and membership form.



Additional 2011 Directories are still available if you'd like to purchase a second copy or need a replacement. SHOA Members in good standing can contact Nancy Forbes at 770.933.8644 or nmforbes@rocketmail.com. \$5 per extra Directory.

WANTED: Somerset Tennis Players for Spring ALTA Season

Season: Mid-March thru April



Women's Doubles

Day/Time: Sundays - 1pm
Current Level: C3
Contact: Lauren Sluben at 770.241.8964

Men's Doubles

Day/Time: Saturdays - 9am
Current Level: A7
Contact: Walt Helms at 404.285.5170 or walt.helms@comcast.net

Please contact Lauren or Walt to **sign up by January 16** or if you have questions.

Clubhouse Rentals

The Somerset Clubhouse is always available for parties, showers, and any other social events. Visit the Somerset website to check availability.

Usage Rates (per 4 hours):

- SHOA P/T Member - \$75
- SHOA-only Member - \$125
- Somerset non-SHOA Member - \$250

For reservations, contact Edith O'Neill at 770.980.9681 or oneillbrianc@bellsouth.net.

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Families!
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Recipe Corner



Welcome to Somerset's new recipe corner! If you have a recipe you'd like to share with your neighbors, please submit it to momwith2boyz@gmail.com for consideration. Feel free to

include what you like about the recipe and any comments/suggestions you may have on preparing or serving the dish. Bon Appétit!

BLACK BEAN, YELLOW PEPPER AND CUMIN CHILI

6 tbl olive oil
1 12-oz onion, coarsely chopped (~ 3 c.)
1 large yellow bell pepper, chopped
1½ tbl cumin seeds
4 tsp minced canned chipotle chilies
3 15-oz cans black beans, well drained
2 14½ oz cans diced tomatoes with roasted garlic
2 c. vegetable broth

Heat oil in heavy large pot over medium-high heat. Add onion, bell pepper, and cumin seeds; saute until onion is soft and golden, stirring frequently, about 10 minutes. Add chipotle chilies and stir 30 seconds. Add black beans, diced tomatoes with juices, and vegetable broth; bring to a boil. Reduce heat to medium. Simmer uncovered until liquid is reduced by half, stirring occasionally, about 30 minutes. Transfer 2 cups chili to processor. Blend to coarse paste; return to pot. Simmer chili to thicken, if desired. Season to taste with salt and pepper. (Can be made 1 day ahead. Refrigerate uncovered until cold, then cover and keep refrigerated. Rewarm over medium-low heat before serving.)

Makes 6 servings.

Top chili with chopped cilantro and green onions, and serve sides of corn bread and spinach salad. For dessert, try lemon sherbet with sugar cookies.

Submitted by Lynda Hedley » Bon Appétit, December 2002 » Found on Epicurious.com



ATTN: Somerset Kids!
(especially 3 - 10 year olds)

Come in out of the cold and join us for some Valentine's Day sweets and treats. We'll have hot chocolate to warm your hands and tummies, cookies to decorate, and fun crafts so you can make something special for someone special.

If you're new to Somerset, this is a great way to meet new people and, who knows!, you may make a new friend.

Hurry! Space is limited!!

Please RSVP by February 5 to Jennifer Garrett at jennifergarrett@yahoo.com.
Event open to current SHOA members only.

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Around Town

Farmers Mkt on the Square

This popular city market takes place **every Saturday** thru March 31 - rain or shine. 9:00 am to 12 noon, Glover Park, Marietta Square

Free Crafts for Kids!

Join the Lakeshore Learning store **every Saturday** for free crafts for kids. Ages 3+. 11:00 am to 3:00 pm, www.lakeshorelearning.com



Ain't Misbehavin'

A Tony Award-winning celebration of the music of Thomas "Fats" Waller. **Feb. 17 thru Mar. 4**, The Earl Smith Strand Theatre. For tickets, go to <http://atlantalyrictheatre.com/>.

Oscar Night® America - ATL

Entertainment's biggest show is back in 2012 with all the energy, glamour and excitement of Hollywood. The dress code is "Red Carpet chic." **Feb. 26**, Cobb Energy Performing Arts Center, <http://www.atlantaredcarpet.com/>. Benefiting the Center for Family Resources.



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Annual Plant Sale

Cobb County 4-H is having its annual plant sale and largest fundraiser of the year. The 2012 assortment includes blackberries, blueberries, raspberries, figs, Admiral Semmes azalea, crape myrtles, edgeworthia, hellebores, heuchera and loropetalum. Prepaid orders will be accepted until **March 2**. The order form is available at cobbextension.com or by calling 770-528-4076.



Seminars on Healthy Living

Cobb Library System staff is launching an informative healthy living campaign this year called "Discover Your Health at the Library." The goal is to provide opportunities for Cobb residents to learn how they can have healthier lifestyles. According to Cobb and Douglas Public Health, a higher percentage of Cobb residents reported being overweight and binge drinking than other Georgia residents. Georgia also has a higher percentage of obese children than other states in the nation.

"The health challenges facing Cobb are mainly preventable, and we'd like to highlight the resources available to help residents make healthy choices in 2012," Helen Poyer, library director, said. "Our 'Discover Your Health at the Library' campaign is designed to do that."

The campaign will include several components, including monthly presentations and integration of healthy living tips on the library's social media networks. The second seminar (the first one was Jan. 7) on healthy eating will be held Saturday, Feb. 4, at East Cobb Library and Saturday, March 3, at Mountain View Regional Library. All presentations are free and open to the public. For more information, visit cobbcat.org/health.

Security Alert



Open garage doors are a security risk. You may have seen news reports a couple months ago on a home invasion robbery in Princeton Mill subdivision about 2 miles NW of Somerset. The perpetrator exited through, and may have gained entry through, the open garage door. There have also been numerous instances of theft of alcohol and tools from open garages in the area during the summer months. Please keep your garage doors closed when you are not in or near the garage, or otherwise able to see activity in/around it.

Cobb Police report a scam that may be operating in the area, **targeting elderly homeowners for burglary.** Two white males claiming to be home improvement contractors distract the homeowner with a fake "sales pitch", while an unknown third individual sneaks in and steals items. In the incident reported on Dec. 28th, one man rang the doorbell and then walked in and explained that he was opening a "home improvement store" in a couple of weeks and would be distributing linoleum flooring. He introduced the other man as his "uncle", who entered the residence carrying a large roll of linoleum flooring and the two began a sales pitch to distract the homeowner.

They unrolled the linoleum across his entire living room from the door to the hallway but kept it in an upright, tall, position, effectively blocking the view of the elderly homeowner. It appears that a third person then sneaked in behind the linoleum and entered the bedroom, stealing jewelry and cash.

The following descriptions were provided. There is no description of their vehicle.

- White male, approx. 55 years old, 5'8"-5'9", 120 lbs. with short hair. He was clean cut and well dressed.
- White male, 30-40 years old, 6', 180-190 lbs. with dark hair. He was also clean cut and well dressed.

Information available indicates that this scam has occurred in neighboring states and specifically targets the elderly.

Help Keep Somerset Beautiful

To All Somerset Residents:

Recently the Turtle Lake Spillway was cleaned by one of our involved Somerset residents. Items found during this cleanup included big and small logs, tennis balls, plastic cups, and bottles, among numerous others.

We are aware that some trash cannot be avoided because it comes from nearby subdivisions but we can control the trash we get into the Lake. We would like to remind everyone that even if you don't live on the lake, this is a piece of nature inside our community and we should take good care of it by not adding trash, logs, etc.

We appreciate all your support and care before, and hope it continues in 2012.

Turtle Lake Association



Newsletter Contributors

We are always looking for people to contribute to the Somerset Newsletter. If you would like to write an article, be on the distribution team, or help in another capacity, please contact Lynda Hedley at 404.358.1795 or momwith2boyz@gmail.com.



Marietta Named One of Best Places to Retire in US



CNN Money has named Marietta one of the top 25 places to retire. Judges liked the Square, community events, farmers market, theater productions, boutiques, restaurants, art galleries, and museums. "I think Marietta has such great quality of life that it attracts both visitors and new citizens alike," Marietta Welcome Center executive director Theresa Jenkins said. "I can only see more attractions and events wanting to be a part of this dynamic community," she said. "Anytime you are ranked as a 'best place,' it attracts people to find out more about you and visit." Marietta was the only city in Georgia to win.

9/15/11—To read full article, go to <http://www.mariettaga.gov/news/readarticle.aspx?id=1643>.

More 2011 Halloween Fun in Somerset...



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Year?

