



Mark Your Calendar:

Mon., July 1: Monthly Board Meeting @ 7 p.m. in Pool House

Thu., July 4: Cookout on Independence Day @ Noon at Pool House

Sat., Aug. 3: Outdoor Movie Night @ Dusk on Lawn near the Pool

Mon., Sept. 2: Cookout on Labor Day

Sat., Sept. 7: Tailgating Game on Big Screen

Sat., Sept. 21: Outdoor Movie Night (pool lawn)

Sat., Oct. 26: Inaugural Adult Halloween Party
Location: TBD

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How energy efficient is your home?

Ten *green* tips to help you save the environment ... and some *green*!

1. Insulate your home.

Adding new or additional insulation to your ceilings, attic and walls, along with using caulking or weather stripping, can help to prevent drafts and air leaks. The same works to keep the heat out this summer.

2. Revamp your windows.*

Replace aluminum frames with vinyl frames, which are much more resistant to heat transfer. Tint windows in the back to keep the heat out. Get multiple panes to keep the heat in and the cold out. Turn off the lights, open the blinds and let the sunshine in. After all, sunlight is 100% FREE!

3. Replace old appliances.

When buying new kitchen appliances, washers, dryers, water heaters or furnaces, look for "Energy Star Certified" labels. High-efficiency, on-demand water heaters only fire when you need hot water. Low-flow toilets, shower heads and washing machines also save water.

4. Use appliances efficiently.

Study the operator's manual for each appliance so you're familiar with the proper operating methods. Do full loads of clothes and dishes each time. Turn the temperature of your refrigerator to the "energy-efficient" setting (if indicated on your temperature control) or to 37 degrees (3 degrees for your freezer).

5. Keep your water heater warm.

The "warm" range (120 to 140 degrees) is fine. In fact, newer water heaters will turn the temperature down to 140 if you turn it up past that. It just doesn't need to be that hot.

6. Fix the furnace.

Get a high-efficiency furnace. Change air filters and seal ducts to make your furnace work less. Add a programmable thermostat so your furnace won't come on until just before you return home. Close vents in rooms you use less (guest bedrooms).

7. Switch from incandescent to fluorescent.

Fluorescent light bulbs cost more, but last eight to twelve times longer than incandescent bulbs. Even using a mix can save energy.

8. Add solar panels.

They cut down on energy costs by helping you produce a little bit of your own electricity.

9. Plant a tree.*

We're already surrounded by trees. But are they on the side of your house that gets the most intense sun during the summer months? And in winter, a bare tree would allow warm sunshine in.

10. Take advantage of tax incentives.

The Federal Government allows for up to 30% of the cost of home improvements — like new windows, insulation, heating or air conditioning — to an existing home to a maximum of \$1,500.

Read this original article at: www.wikihow.com/Make-Your-Home-Energy-Efficient

*Remember: ACC must approve any modification to your home's exterior!

Community News: Winning Streak!

Winning Teams ...

Congratulations to all of the **Milford Chase tennis teams!**



The **B-8 men's team**, led by **Dennis Jones**, finished the regular season in first place, but suffered an unfortunate loss in the first round of playoffs.

The **C-1 men's team**, led by **Christopher Hyde**, also finished the season in first place, though lost in the third round of playoffs.

The **B-7 ladies team**, led by **Diane Jones**, came in second place, but were NOT down and out. They had a great run in the playoffs.

On May 26, they played in the ALTA City Championships at Dekalb Tennis Center and **WON!**

Way to go, ladies and men!



Winning School ...

A huge congratulations goes out to the **Birney Elementary Ruffin Reading Bowl Team** for taking first place at the state competition in Athens, Georgia, on March 9!



After taking first place on January 19, the Birney team defeated others from throughout northwest Georgia at the West Regional Reading Bowl on February 2. They traveled to University of West Georgia in Carrollton, Georgia, for the bowl, where they scored 430 points and won first place, qualifying them for the Divisional competition on February 23.

Birney was the first Cobb Area 2 school to advance to this stage of the Ruffin Reading Bowl.



Congrats also to the **Milford Chase Marlins!** Coach **Erica Moon** and her awesome coaching staff led them to

finish the season with a 3-2 winning record! Head Coordinator **Angie Edge** and her team did a great job coordinating the logistics and two home meets. Twelve swimmers will go on to the Patti Wilder State Qualifying Swim Meet in mid-July!

Winning Yards ...



On Sat., May 17, we presented awards to our Curb Appeal Program (CAP) winners. Congrats to the following

residents: First place (\$200 Home Dept gift card): **1475 Milford Court South** went to **Jon Lentz** for nice use of color and architectural elements, including widow boxes and décor, as well as appropriate use of shrubs and planting bed. Second place (\$100 Home Depot gift card): **1765 North Milford Creek Lane** went to **John & Kimberly Nelson** for well-maintained, great use of color. A dry riverbed in a difficult area to grow plants is a great idea. Honorable mentions went to: **1630 North Milford Creek Lane** and **2960 Milford Trail**. Gigantic kudos to ACC members for strolling the whole neighborhood to pick nominees. And a special thank you to the Selecting Committee, **Hobie Pileski** and **Carol Bray**, for choosing the winners.

Other "Cool" School News: This summer, Birney Elementary is getting all new HVAC systems via SPLOST III funds. The funds will also pay for a new sewer system, playground equipment, kitchen ceil-



ing tiles, classroom marker boards, outdoor canopies, water coolers, fire alarm/sprinkler systems, retrofit lighting and restroom hand dryers. *How cool is that?!*

About Cobb: News You Can Use

The Burning Question



Did you know that the Georgia Department of Natural Resources has issued a ban on open burning from May 1 to September 30 of each year? Fifty-four counties in Georgia (including Cobb County) are affected. Cobb County Fire and Emergency Services are responsible for the enforcement of this state-issued burning ban in unincorporated Cobb County, and the cities of Acworth, Kennewick, and Powder Springs. **What does this mean to MC residents?** From May 1 to September 30, you may not burn leaves, tree limbs, or other yard waste, forest land, or use air curtain destructors for commercial burning. For more information on

Covenant Corner

Refresher on our Trash Rules

Trash and garbage containers shall not be permitted to remain in public view except on days of trash collection. No incinerator shall be kept or maintained upon any portion of the Property. Garbage, trash and other refuse shall be placed in covered containers. No rubbish or debris of any kind shall be dumped, placed or permitted to accumulate upon any portion of an Owner's Lot so as to render the same unsanitary, unsightly or offensive. No nuisance shall be permitted to exist upon any portion of the Property. (*Milford Chase Rules & Regs*, page 4) All rubbish, trash, and garbage shall be regularly removed from the Lot and shall not be allowed to accumulate therein. No garbage or trash shall be placed on the



the Open Burn Ban, visit the [Cobb County Fire & Emergency Services](#) website.

The Road Ahead



Cobb County is evaluating and forming recommendations for a comprehensive evaluation of the entire **Austell Road** corridor from South Cobb Drive to the city limits of Austell. The evaluation seeks to concentrate a higher intensity of development in the area surrounding Wellstar Cobb Hospital, while making more appropriate transitions in scale in other sectors of the corridor. For more information on when and how you can become involved in this process, visit the [Community Development Agency's](#) website via [cobbcountyga.gov](#).



Common Property, and **trash cans shall not be kept in public view [visible from the street]**, temporarily or otherwise, except as provided by the Board. Rubbish, trash, and garbage shall be disposed of in appropriate sealed bags and placed in proper trash receptacles for collection. (*Milford Chase Covenants*, page 19)

Who Let the Dogs Out?



Please remember: Pets may not be left unattended outdoors. Dogs and cats must be kept on a leash and be under the physical control of a responsible person at all times while outdoors in unfenced areas. (*Milford Chase Covenants*, page 18) **To report animals unleashed or any (cats, raccoons, etc.) hit by a car, please call Cobb County Animal Control at 770.499.4136 to remove them.**

Milford Chase Community Connection



There are many ways you can connect with your neighbors, board members, and community. Use these resources to keep up with current news and happenings in the neighborhood.

Neighborhood Website:

milfordchase.com

Milford Mommy Blog:

milfordmoms.blogspot.com/

Facebook:

facebook.com/milfordchase

Twitter:

twitter.com/MilfordChase

POA Board Email:

TheBoard@milfordchase.com

ACC Email:

ACC@milfordchase.com

Board Members:

David May, President

Brian Ellyson, Vice President

Jon Bornholm, Secretary

Darrell Pugh, Treasurer

Tim Hairston, ACC

Jane Beasley, Homeside Properties

Quarterly Questions

We welcome your feedback and ideas for the *Fox Tales* newsletter as well as social event suggestions!

Just send us an email:

newsletter@milfordchase.com

Full of engaging ideas? Help bring them to life by volunteering for the **Social Committee!** Email:

nalex1999@yahoo.com



Wills Sanitation, Inc.

1931 Braswell Mountain Road ♦ Dallas, GA 30132 ♦ 770-443-2010

Dear Homeowner,

Wills Sanitation would like to become a partner in your community to keep your Subdivision a clean and safe environment. The following are some things we feel you should know about our company:

- We are a locally owned and operated business with 20 years of experience servicing Cobb County and surrounding counties.
- We know how important it is to not only offer competitive rates, but also first-class, dependable service.
- We strive to treat each of our customers as a customer, not a number.
- We've been proud supporters of the Milford Chase Swim team for the last two years.
- We pick up the Activities Center and/or Pool Area at "no charge."

Being a family-owned business, we believe in protecting the investment your family has worked so hard for as well as your family members. We know having one garbage company service this entire community can achieve these goals. One garbage truck will ensure less noise, traffic, and the safety of the neighborhood streets, but most important, the homeowners and their children.

SPECIAL OFFER: A two-year service agreement at \$39.00 per quarter for all "NEW" customer accounts. We will provide a 95-gal. cart and a weekly pickup on Monday.

Our goal is to provide an honest and dependable service to your community. We know that if we all work together, we can accomplish great things. We look forward to many more years of servicing your community.

Thank you, Troy & Karen Chance

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