



# A Time of Transition

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## 2008 Board Members

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#### *Pool Activities*

John Box

#### *Liaison to Vinings Area*

#### *Political and Social Orgs.*

Mary Lou Oppenheimer

## Welcome

The Courtyard's welcomes Mary Lou and Stewart Bruce and their son born August 18th. They live at the top of the hill at you enter the Courtyards. Mary Lou and Stewart are not yet in the directory, but Mary Lou Oppenheimer tells me you can reach them at 540-312-0837. Welcome Y'all.

Also welcome Tom and Paula Smith who became new neighbors on Markham over the summer

## Sad News

After a long bout with cancer Phil Kelley passed away. Our heartfelt sympathy and prayers go out to his wife, Rody, and family.

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## What Lies Ahead

A lot was accomplished this year. The major undertaking of bringing the bylaws and covenants in compliance with current law and regulations has been completed. Also under the legal theme, steps have been taken to diversify Courtyard bank accounts and CDs to reduce exposure.

Spring and fall plantings have been carefully planned to deal with our current drought situation. Our front entrance is much improved and the maintenance of our common space is ongoing and under discussion. With several homes for sale it is important our community look fresh. Given current watering restrictions the feasibility and practicality of drilling our own well for common area watering is being studied.

In the years ahead we need to address resurfacing our roads again. Since the power company will be replacing their high line towers, timing may revolve around their schedule and potential reimbursement for damage resulting from their access. Additionally, sewer lines will also be examined to determine any tree root incursion, resulting from the drought

As their terms of office end, special thanks to John Arnold for his strong hands on leadership, Bill Beach for his steadfast protection of our treasury, Bob Rice for his accurate and detailed recording of events and to his wife Linda for her typing.

Also, high praise for Mary Carroll, whose research, suggestions, insight and cooperation greatly facilitated the Board's business in a year faced with legal redrafting, watering restrictions, high gas prices and inflation.

## The Vinings Corner

Everyone who toured the new fire-house last month was impressed. They appear to be well equipped to handle both fire and medical emergencies.

**Mambo Italiano** is now open in the former Atlanta Bread Co. location. You can learn more about the menu and theme by going to their website, [www.Mamboitaliano.net](http://www.Mamboitaliano.net). They seem anxious to please, the staff is courteous and those dining there have given positive reviews.

**Le Neighbor**, the former **La Madeleine**, is going through yet another change. I'm told this week the restaurant will be closed for three days to enhance the bar/lounge area. The new bar stools will have red cushions to match the new name, **Café Rouge**. The transformation will take more than three days, but the remaining work will take place at night. Hours will also change and there is a possibility that those who miss Starbucks may find a haven at the new **Café Rouge**. The target market is 40s and up rather than the 20s crowd.

The recent Sip and Dip merriment was heightened by the drawing of door prizes. Thanks to John Box several area restaurants provided gift certificates for the event.

## Dates

The official date of the pool closing is Monday October 13th. However, for social activities by poolside, it is still recreation as usual.

Annual Meeting: Thursday, November 20th at the Church on Paces Mill.