



Early Summer News

SAFETY: School is out soon and children will be all around the neighborhood. Please slow down and watch for children on foot, on bikes and in golf carts. The speed limit is 25 MPH, and children are unpredictable. Drive responsibly.

WEED PATROL: Thanks to both Brian Diehl and Steve Watson for spraying all our curbs for weeds though out Horsemen's Run. While they were spraying, they spotted a copperhead down by our pool – to the left of the entrance in the landscaping outside of the fence. In this gorgeous spring weather comes snake season. Everyone needs to be mindful they are out and about.

SNAKES: The following is from an AJC article:

Complete article at URL <https://www.ajc.com/lifestyles/the-season-for-snakes-when-should-you-worry/u2bpkvEYxFMkJ3ROiUP9zH/> along with referenced photos

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Underfoot and overhead, snakes are on the move again. They're the flash of scales in monkey grass, the dark shadow arrowing across your garden. But relax. Show some common sense, say the experts, and you can coexist with our legless neighbors. You may even grow to appreciate them. Atlantans have little to fear from snakes, said Georgia's chief herpetologist, John Jensen. He wrote the [book](#) on snakes — literally — and has some advice for snake-a-phobes. "If it's a

big snake, nine times out of 10 it's a rat snake," he said.» **RELATED: Snakes are most attracted to these kinds of Atlanta homes**

That's a good snake. Rat snakes are agile, black and like to hang out where humans do — no surprise, considering their main delicacy, rats, also stick close to people. Other good snakes that hang out around these parts: corn snakes and the common king snake. If you see one, relax; **it does not want to bite you**. If it's a small snake? Nine times out of 10, it is not a baby. It's probably a brown snake, and it's not likely to get longer than 10-12 inches long. They eat snails, slugs and the occasional earthworm. In all of recorded history, brown snakes have killed no one. Still, people get shakes over snakes, said Matthew Field. The founder of **All Wildlife Control of Roswell**, he fields about 300 snake calls yearly. Nearly all the callers, he said, are certain they've got a copperhead in their midst. "Everybody who calls thinks it's something that's going to kill them," he said.