



Willow Pointe Newsletter

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Deed Restrictions Enforced

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Letter from the President

As many of you know, last October we had vandals destroy the large slide at the children's play area. Replacement of the slide cost us, the Willow Pointe homeowners, nearly \$4,000. Last week it was reported that vandals had begun to break apart the tube that runs from one station to the next. It is not clear if the broken section can be replaced or if all three sections of the tube will need to be replaced. While we await a cost estimate it may be more practical to remove the tube so that no injuries occur.

To deter more vandalism a security camera will be installed at the playground. In addition a sign will be posted announcing a reward for the conviction of the vandals.

Winchester has reported similar destruction in their community and we will share our strategies with them as well.

If you live near the pool or playground, please keep a watchful eye on the activities in the area and report any suspicious individuals. I'm sure I speak for all of the homeowners when I express our sincere appreciation for your help.

I have had many requests for a reader board similar to the one near the Winchester pool. If there is a Scout troop looking for a community project or a handy-man looking for work, please let me know. The lumber and other needed supplies would be provided.

In closing I want to tell you about an upcoming gathering of Board members from the surrounding area. The Willow Pointe Board will be hosting an informal meeting with the leadership of Willow Lake, Steeplechase, Willow Bridge and Winchester for the purpose of sharing ideas and exchanging information. We are excited about what we can learn from others about how they are managing the issues within their communities.

Be sure and take time to enjoy the mild, sunny days of Spring!

Regards,

Judith Schwartz

judithschwartz@sbcglobal.net or 832-237-4992

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Reminders and Updates in 60 Seconds!

- The telephone number for **recycle bins** was incorrect in last month's newsletter. The correct number is **713-635-6666** (Customer Service).

- **Heavy hauling day** has been changed to the **FOURTH** Thursday of every month.

- We still have many homes with "**hurricane tape**" on the windows as well as plywood covering the windows. Please remove or you will receive a deed restriction violation notice. **Goof Off** is an excellent product for tape removal. It can be found at most home improvement stores in the paint department. You may need to do a little scraping with a razor blade but it will eventually come off.

- Please store your **garbage can** inside of your back yard or your garage. Failure to comply will result in a deed restriction violation notice.

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Community Calendar

March 2006

March 1	Open Board Meeting 6:30 pm Winchester Country Clubhouse
March 6	Landscape Committee 7 pm 10506 Elm Knoll Trail
March 8	Safety and Security Committee 7 pm 10102 White Oak Trail Lane
March 17	St Patrick's Day – " <i>the wearin of the green</i> "
March 27	Newsletter Committee 7 pm 10506 Elm Knoll Court
March 29	The first day of Spring
TBD –	Modification Committee & Nominating Committee Meetings

April 2006

April 2	Day Light Savings Time Begins
April 3	Landscape Committee 7pm 10506 Elm Knoll Court
April 5	Board Meeting 6:30 pm Location TBD
April 12	Safety and Security Committee 7 pm 10102 White Oak Trail Lane
April 16	Easter
April 22 & 23 rd	Semi-Annual Willow Pointe Community Garage Sale
April 24	Newsletter Committee 7pm 10506 Elm Knoll Court

Willow Pointe

Important Numbers

All Emergencies.....	911
Harris County Sheriff.....	713-221-6000
Sheriff's Department Storefront (Clay Rd.)	281-463-2648
Poison Control Center.....	800-222-1222
Animal Control	281-999-3191
Commissioner, Precinct 4	281-353-8424
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Centerpoint Energy (electric).....	713-207-2222
BFI (garbage).....	713-937-9955
BFI (recycle).....	713-653-6666
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(serving the remainder of Robert Hassell's term)

You can contact us via our community website at www.willowpointe.org if you have questions, comments or concerns. Our e-mail box can be found by clicking on the HOA Board Box.

Board Committees:

Newsletter	Landscape
Web (TBD)	Modification (ARC)
Safety & Security	Nominating

Election of New Board Members

The Annual Meeting will be held **Thursday, May 11, 2006**. At that meeting we will elect three (3) new Board members.

The Leadership attributes developed by the Nominating Committee last fall for screening future board candidates include:

- **Team player skills** – able to work interdependently and collaboratively with others and has a “service” attitude.
- **Effectively Communicates** – possesses interpersonal strengths in listening, writing and speaking and has a strong ability to foster neighbor relationships.
- **Leadership** – Is able to encourage the performance of others and forges new and creative solutions.
- **Proactive** - Takes personal ownership; solves problems.
- **Flexible** – Demonstrates tolerance for change and ambiguity.
- **Integrity** – Is above reproach. Maintains honesty; walks the talk.
- **Diplomatic** – Is cool under fire.

The role of the Nominating Committee is to review all of the interested candidates and to interview them. They will then endorse candidates that meet the selection criteria.

It is not mandatory that you go through the Nominating Committee process but you do need to notify us in advance of your interest in running for the Board.

In addition we will need to add to our existing Nominating committee by the end of March. Our current members are Bill Brune, Mark Sappington and Ericka Williams. We are sad to be losing Tracey Eckerson who will soon be moving from the neighborhood.

Please consider running for the Board or serving on the Nominating committee. Contact the Board @ www.willowpointe.org or call 832-237-4992 and let us know of your interest.

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Reminders - (Continued from Cover Page)

- All **curb repairs**, except those of driveway aprons/transitions to street are the responsibility of Harris County Precinct 4 Road Maintenance. Driveways are the responsibility of individual homeowners along with the sidewalk in front/side of your home. Please report any broken curbs with the specific address directly to Harris County Precinct 4 at (281) 353-8424 or via <http://www.cp4.nctx.net>.
- A good number of **pool tags** were found at the pool last week. They have all been returned to their owners except two. If you had pool tag numbered 1769 or 0160, please contact Judith Schwartz @ 832-237-4992.
- The **semi-Annual Willow Point Community garage sale** is slated for the week-end following Easter (April 22 & 23rd) This is a great time to clean out the garage and those closets!!
- Homeowners adjacent to the brick walls that run throughout the community "own" the property outside of the brick wall. (Take a look at your plats from closing). Please water, fertilize and tend to the trees in those areas.
- Before you get that spring project started (shed, play structure, patio cover etc) **YOU must submit an ARC request**. The ARC form can be found on line @ www.willowpointe.org or by calling SCS Mgmt Services @ 281-463-1777.
- You might notice the lighting at the pool has been changed. Some are now "motion detection" fixtures.

!!!! ATTENTION ATTENTION ATTENTION !!!!



The Willow Pointe Safety and Security Committee would like to inform you that we are attempting to establish the Willow Pointe Neighborhood Watch Program. We would like for your participation in this effort to help keep our community safe. In the upcoming weeks, The Willow Pointe Safety and Security Committee will be canvassing the neighborhood passing out information on this initiative and asking for your support and participation.



!!!! HELP US HELP YOU KEEP OUR COMMUNITY A SAFE AND ATTRACTIVE LOCATION TO LIVE !!!!

Thanks in advance for your participation!!!!
The Willow Pointe Safety & Security Committee

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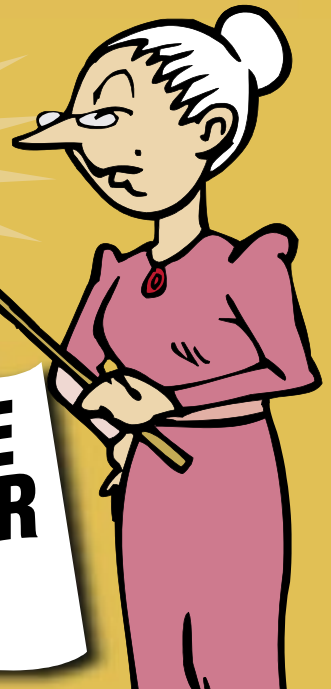
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Balance Sheet

January 31, 2006

ASSETS

Cash		
Checking	Sterling Bank	\$151,880.95
Savings	Sterling Bank	\$73,476.79
Petty Cash	Sterling Bank	<u>\$684.76</u>
Total Cash		\$226,006.50
Accounts Receivable		<u>\$157,988.99</u>
Total Accounts Receivable		\$157,988.99
Other Assets		
Total Other Assets		<u>0.00</u>
Total Assets		<u>\$383,995.49</u>

LIABILITIES AND CAPITAL

Current Liabilities

Uncollected Assessments	<u>\$157,988.99</u>	
Total Current Liabilities		\$157,988.99
Total Liabilities		<u>\$157,988.99</u>

Capital

Fund Balance	\$69,593.50	
Increase/(Decrease) Summary	\$156,413.00	
Total Capital		<u>\$226,006.50</u>
Total Liabilities & Capital		<u>\$383,995.49</u>

Sick Pine Trees

Submitted by the Landscape Committee

There are 27 pine trees situated at the Jones Road entrance. Four are suffering from high soil salt and are distressed due to irrigation issues.** It is most likely they will not recover and should be removed.

The remainder can be treated with tree stakes and drenching the area in and around each of these trees with a solution of soil acidifier, chelated iron and water. This needs to be applied in a drenching manor as to modify and change the soil pH in and around the trees. There needs to be 1000+ gallons of solution drenched on the surface around these trees.

Houston Landscape would use a hydro seeding machine to apply this solution for proper application.

Cost estimate less than \$1,350* plus tax. * for all 27 pine trees but as stated earlier 4 most likely will not recover and would not benefit from treatment.

Note: The solution should be applied annually.

Houston Landscape believes inadequate watering in this area has further distressed the trees.

Board moved to approve the bid for tree treatment on 2/1/2006.

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Letter to the Editor

I am a six year member of the Willow Pointe Community and have had the same yardman during this time. His name is Domingo Resendiz and his crew of three or four have been with him a long time also. Domingo does a very good job on my lawn and will not hesitate to do most anything I ask of him. This month his helper cut the branches off of my trees in the backyard and it looks much better. I would not hesitate to recommend him to anyone contemplating hiring a new lawn-keeper. Of course, his fees would be on a confidential basis but I have always found them to be reasonable. If anyone is interested in talking with Domingo, you can call me, Lois Conwell at 218-807-4462 and I will be glad to talk with you and or refer your number to Domingo. Believe me, he does a good job.

Sincerely,

Lois N. Conwell, 281-807-4462

Dear Letter to the Editor,

I just walked around the neighborhood today and noted that 35 homes in my immediate neighborhood have mold on the siding; not just a little but a lot! Why don't homeowners take responsibility and take care of the problem? At this rate our community is going to look like any other run down neighborhood in Houston.

Take a good look at your home and see if you have a problem and then do something about it.

Sincerely,

A Concerned Homeowner

Each month space will be allocated for neighbors to submit a "letter to the editor". It must be a question, comment or concern specific to our community. You may also send a question directly to the Board. Please indicate if you are expecting a response from the Board and sign your letter. You are encouraged to take advantage of this new feature. You may submit your "letter to the editor" to judithschwartz@sbcglobal.net. Or by mail 10506 Elm Knoll Court.

SCS Management Services Deed Restriction

Inspection Report

Open Violation Summary

Report Dated 1/31/2006

Inspection Date: Monday, January 16, 2006

One of the services that the Management Company performs for Willow Pointe is periodic inspection of the neighborhood to check for deed restriction violations. The Deed Restrictions (Covenant) are designed to help maintain the appearance, property values and quality of life within the neighborhood. Following is a summary of last the violations logged during the month of October.

Type of Violation	Number of Violations
ACC (Architectural Control)	7
Clean-up	17
Lawns	39
Repairs	2
Vehicles	8
Miscellaneous	6
TOTAL	79

Captain's Corner

Submitted by Gretchen Overstreet

The Safety & Security Committee met with Harris County Crime Prevention on January 18th, to discuss forming a Neighborhood Crime Watch. It was a very informative meeting and now the Committee is fired up and ready to roll.

Some of the topics discussed were as follows:

- 1) What does it take to have a Neighborhood Watch in Willow Pointe? First, BLOCK CAPTAINS. Second, we need as many homeowners as possible to sign up (all we need is name and phone number, email is possible).
- 2) What will be required of me if I sign up? All you need to do is keep your eyes and ears open to what's going on around our neighborhood. For instance, you should make it a point to know who your neighbors are – this way if you see someone strange wandering the street, you can contact the Sheriff's Dept., tell them to contact our contract deputy to let him know of a suspicious person or whatever.
- 3) How much time will be required of me? Virtually none, because you will be using your eyes and ears on an every day basis. The Safety and Security Committee will be meeting once a month, 2nd Tuesday of each month at 10102 White Oak Trail Lane, 7:00 p.m. and everyone is welcome. Block Captains should try to attend the monthly meeting to keep abreast of the latest news.

In the coming weekends, the Safety & Security Committee will be walking the neighborhood to introduce ourselves and sign up anyone wanting to participate. The Committee will have on name tags so don't think were trying to solicit anything. If we miss you, please feel free to email us at gretcoverst@aol.com.

The Committee urges each and every one of you to participate in this endeavor to help make Willow Pointe safer and more secure. It only takes a little of your time for such a good cause.

One of the other programs we are working on is the Safe House Program. Unfortunately, this program has some liability to it and we are still chasing information. Houston Police and Harris County Sheriff's Dept. do not sponsor this program due to the "liability" issue so we have gone outside our neighborhood, so to speak, to find out more on this program. Stay tuned.

Thanks, Safety & Security Committee

Car Stickers

If you need additional car stickers please contact SCS Management Services at 281-463-1777 and ask for Susan Thorn or Jovanne Quintero.

Classified Ads

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Texas Events - March

1-12—HOUSTON: *An Infinite Ache* Taking its title from a Pablo Neruda poem, this play chronicles a love that spans 60 years. www.stagetheatre.com 713/527-0123

1-19—HOUSTON: Houston Livestock Show & Rodeo Combines world-class livestock and horse shows with action-packed rodeo and star-studded entertainment. Kicks off with the rodeo parade. All 20 championship rodeo competitions are concluded with entertainment by music superstars. Reliant Park. www.rodeohouston.com 832/667-1000 or 713/629-3700

1-Apr. 23—HOUSTON: *Eva Hesse Drawing* The exhibition features about 100 of the artist's finished drawings, as well as examples of her early drawings, major examples of Hesse's reliefs of 1965, a group of sculptural works and several "test pieces." The Menil Collection. www.menil.org 713/525-9400

1-May 7—CLEAR LAKE AREA: *Robots & Us* Meet the lifelike, intelligent machines known as robots — passionately created to maintain and extend human capabilities. Space Center Houston, 1601 NASA Road. www.spacecenter.org 281/244-2100

2—GALVESTON: *Broadway Jr.* Combining entertainment and education in one production, this performance introduces Volume One of Music Theatre International's condensed versions of genuine Broadway classics. Begins at 7 p.m. The Grand 1894 Opera House. www.thegrand.com 800/821-1894 or 409/765-1894

3-4—ALVIN: AYLAA Youth Rodeo Begins at 7:30 p.m. AYLAA Arena, off FM 517 on CR 351. www.aylaa.org 281/388-1129

3-5, 9-11—VICTORIA: *Deathtrap* Shows are 8 p.m. plus a 2 p.m. Sunday matinee. Leo J. Welder Center for Performing Arts. www.theatre victoria.org 361/576-6277

4—ALVIN: Museum Gala & Silent Auction Hours are 6:30 to 9:30 p.m. St. John the Baptist Catholic Church Parish Hall. 281/331-5559

4—ALVIN: Phi Theta Kappa Arts & Crafts Show Hours are 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Alvin Community College, 3110 Mustang Road. 281/756-3784

4—GALVESTON: Horton Foote's *The Trip to Bountiful* Carrie Watts revisits her hometown in the low farmland of the Texas coast where she makes some discoveries. Begins at 8 p.m. The Grand 1894 Opera House. www.thegrand.com 800/821-1894

4—HOUSTON: Go Wild Enrichment Day Enjoy a rare opportunity to see a variety of environmental enrichment and training activities. Hours are 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Houston Zoo. www.houstonzoo.org 713/533-6500

4—MANVEL: Naked Rib Smokehouse Car Show Hours are 6 to 10 p.m. 19405 Hwy. 6. 281/489-1000

4, 7, 10, 12, 16, 18, 24, 26—HOUSTON: *Send (Who are you? I love you) & La Voix Humaine (The Human Voice)* Houston Grand Opera showcases the operatic and Houston debut of four-time Tony winner Audra McDonald. Wortham Theater Center's Cullen Theater. www.houstongrandopera.org 713/228-6737 or 800/626-7372

9, 11-12, 17-19—HOUSTON: Dance the World Round Includes a world premiere by Houston Ballet Associate Choreographer Christopher Bruce, Western Symphony choreographed by George Balanchine and Stanton Welch's Indigo. Wortham Theater Center.

www.houstonballet.org 713/227-2787

10-12—HOUSTON: River Oaks Garden Club Azalea Trail Features four private homes and gardens, as well as Bayou Bend, Rienzi and the River Oaks Garden Club Forum of Civics Building and Gardens. Hours are 11 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. www.riveroaksgardenclub.org 713/523-2483

10-Apr. 23—HOUSTON: FotoFest 2006 Includes photography exhibitions, art installations, film and video, portfolio reviews for artists, fine print auction, workshops and forums. E-mail: info@fotofest.org • www.fotofest.org 713/223-5522 ext. 19

10-May 7—HOUSTON: *David Levinthal: Blackface* Taking hundreds of photographs of objects, Levinthal has explored the many facades and characteristics of black memorabilia, creating a useful tool for researching, composing and rethinking the image of blacks in America. The Menil Collection. www.menil.org 713/525-9400

14-26—HOUSTON: Disney's *Beauty & the Beast* Hobby Center for the Performing Arts, 800 Bagby. www.tuts.com 713/558-TUTS or 888/558-3882

17—CLEAR LAKE AREA: Gulf Greyhound Park — Irish Stakes Race The best "Irish" greyhounds in Texas race during a daylong St. Patrick's celebration. www.gulfgreyhound.com 800/275-2946

18-19—HOUSTON: 17th Annual Auto Swap Meet Features more than 800 dealers with more than 1 million car parts and accessories, plus all types of classic and antique cars and trucks on display. Traders Village. www.tradersvillage.com 281/890-5500

24—ALVIN: Seventh Annual Men Who Cook Begins at 6 p.m. Joe's Banquet Center. 281/331-5559

24-26—HOUSTON: Bayou City Art Festival This juried fine art event transforms Memorial Park into a magical gallery of 300 acclaimed artists from around the world. Enjoy music, entertainment and a variety of artistic media. Hours are 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Memorial Park. E-mail: bayoucityartfest@aol.com • www.bayoucityartfestival.com 713/521-0133

25-26—GALVESTON: *Thoroughly Modern Millie* The Grand 1894 Opera House. www.thegrand.com 409/765-1894

25-26—HOUSTON: Woodland Heights Home Tour Woodland Heights is one of the oldest neighborhoods in Houston, and it celebrates its 99th birthday in March 2006. The home tour focuses on the original bungalow-type homes and remodeling efforts. 832/814-9808

31-Apr. 1—GALVESTON: Missoula Children's Theatre — *Robin Hood* Casting 50-60 local area youth, MCT shapes the young talent into an original musical adaptation sure to please kids of all ages. The Grand 1894 Opera House, 2020 Postoffice St. www.thegrand.com 409/765-1894

31-Apr. 2—BAYTOWN: *Sordid Lives* Baytown Little Theater. E-mail: ellenbradj@aol.com 281/424-7617

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Swim Lessons at the Willow Pointe Pool Summer 2006 (Second Notice)

Submitted by Cris Koenigs

We are currently assessing whether or not we have enough interest to offer swimming lessons at our pool in the months of June and July. Please take a moment to answer the following questions and email your feedback too: Cris Koenigs - koenigsfamily@att.net

1. Would a member of your family be interested in swimming lessons? (*You do not have to be a resident of Willow Pointe to participate! Please pass this around to other friends in the area).
2. What day of the week works best for you?
3. What time of day works best for you?
4. Would you be interested in private - or small group lessons (no more than 4 children)?
5. What age is your child/children?
6. What level is your child/children currently swimming at? Mom & Me? Never attended lessons? Some lessons? Advanced swimmer?
7. Would you be interested in Water Aerobics in the evening if it were offered?

Thank you for your feedback. Please keep a look out for more information in the newsletter and on our website.

Only a few have responded to the first article. *If there is not enough interest, lessons/classes will not be offered.*

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Fast Creamy Herb Pork Chops

Submitted by Angela Hrapchak

- 4 pork chops
- 1 Tbsp. Extra Virgin Olive Oil (can substitute margarine, butter, etc.)
- 1 cup finely chopped carrots
- 2 Tbsp. parsley
- 1 tsp. dried basil
- 2 tsp. flour (more for thicker gravy)
- ½ tsp. pepper
- ½ tsp. beef bouillon granules
- 1 cup milk (more or less depending on how much gravy you want)
- 2 Tbsp. dry white wine or water

Season chops with salt and pepper. Cook chops in oil over medium heat for about 5 minutes. Turn chops, add carrots, and cook for another 5 minutes or until no longer pink.

Remove chops, reserving drippings and carrot. Mix herbs, flour, pepper, and beef bouillon. Stir this mixture into drippings. Add milk. Cook and stir until gravy thickens. Add wine (or water). Return chops and heat through.

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Landscape Committee 2006 Goals & Strategies

Members: Chris Stewart, Paul Morgan, Carolyn Brune, Jill Gregory, Deb Decker, Jesse Wall and Judith Schwartz

1. Reduce the landscape costs by eliminating the quarterly "color" program.
 - a. Plant perennial flowers in existing landscape of each entrance.
Note: Savings of \$3000 quarterly.
2. Remedy the existing appearance of the Jones Rd. entrance.
 - a. Either through plantings or a metal fence, tie the brick cubes together to improve appearance/aesthetics.
 - b. Promote Community and Board approval of a plan.
- Note: Cost range from \$2,835 to \$7,250. Will discuss with community at the Special Meeting or Annual Meeting.
3. Reduce the cost of irrigating the common areas.
 - a. Water utilization will be monitored every month.
 - b. Support initiatives focused on water management technology.Annual Budget for water/sewer = \$15,086. Goal: Reduce by 10%.
4. Create a sense of partnership with the contracted landscape service.
 - a. Participate in the selection process of the 2006 service.
 - b. Define aspects of a collaborative working relationship.

On hold - Notion of a Spring Clean up day due to cost of dumpsters. Other activities could still be developed with lower costs involved. (i.e. planting perennials)

Texas' Curfew

Spring is rapidly approaching and now is a good time to refresh our memory about the Texas Curfew.

The curfew includes all areas located in unincorporated Harris County. Juveniles under the age of 17 are subject to the Juvenile Curfew order. The curfew is enforced seven days a week. The hours of enforcement are 12 midnight to 6 a.m. in the morning.

If the Juvenile is taken into custody he/she is transported to the processing center. While there, the juvenile's parents, guardian or custodian can not pick up the juvenile. They will be transported to the Chimney Rock Center operated by Children's Protective Service.

The parent of guardian or custodian may also be issued a citation if they knowingly allow the juvenile to violate curfew.

- The fine listed by the county ranges between \$155 and \$500.
- The following are exceptions to curfew law.
- Accompanied by a parent, guardian or custodian
- Engaged in lawful employment or traveling to and from employment.
- Participating or traveling to or from school or church affiliated activities, recreational activities supervised by adults and sponsored by non-profit organization or similar entity that takes responsibility for the juveniles.
- On sidewalks of juvenile's residence or sidewalk of next door neighbor as long as neighbor does not complain.
- Involved in an emergency situation.

This ordinance is in place as a means to deter juvenile crime, reduce the number of juvenile crime victims, reduce injury from accidents involving juveniles and assists parts in the supervision of their children.

Ms Green Thumb

Submitted by Kim Goldberg

When to fertilize- Our first fertilizing opportunity is coming up!

Late February-March. Apply a NON-slow-release 15-5-10 fertilizer for a quick early green-up. If you apply an herbicide to your lawn three times a year, then you will never need to use a weed-and-feed product during this time

Late March-Early April - Apply a slow-release 3-1-2 ratio fertilizer. The experts recommend any of the following formulations:

- 19-4-10 Nitro Phos Super Turf
- 18-4-6 Fertilome Southwest Greenmaker
- 18-0-6 Fertilome's Zero Phosphate Formula
- 15-5-9 Southwest Fertilizer Premium Gold
- 19-5-9 Easy Gro Premium
- 21-5-10 Mr. C's (Cornelius brand)

Late June-Early July - Apply slow-release 3-1-2 ratio fertilizers
Recommended formulations 19-5-9, 19-4-10, 18-4-6, and 15-5-10.

October-November - Apply winterize formulas for winter hardiness.

Ratio's vary, but make sure they are "winter" or "fall" formulas designed for *southern grass*. (Examples: 18-6-12, 8-12-16, 10-5-14) Any of these formulas will render your lawn winter hardy.

The specific time of day that you choose to fertilize your lawn should always depend on weather conditions – some fertilizers should not be applied if rain is in the forecast for 24 hours. Others need to be watered in. You should ALWAYS read the directions on the back of every product carefully before applying any fertilizer to your lawn.



Family Events in the Greater Houston Area!

Robots + Us - www.spacecenter.org

February 18, 2006 to May 7, 2006

"Robots + Us," at Space Center Houston, will take visitors on an amazing fun-filled journey to meet the lifelike intelligent machines known as robots. This 5,000 square foot exhibit explores the history of Robots, the many factors that go into the creation of a robot including artificial intelligence, vision, hearing, locomotion, and communication.

Houston Livestock Show & Rodeo - www.hlsr.com

February 28, 2006 to March 19, 2006

Rodeo time is a tradition in Houston, and the three-week extravaganza at Reliant Park consumes the city. The kickoff for the Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo is the Rodeo Parade, after trail riders ride into town and set up camp in Memorial Park. All 20 championship rodeo competitions are concluded with entertainment by music superstars.

Chick-fil-A Go Wild Day - www.houstonzoo.org

March 4, 2006

Have you ever seen a sea lion paint or watch a tropical bird catch its dinner in midair? You can see all that and more when the Houston Zoo, the city's only naturally wild family experience, opens its spring season with Chick-fil-A Go Wild Day from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. During

Chick-fil-a© Go Wild Day, Zoo guests will enjoy a rare opportunity to see a wide variety of environmental enrichment and training activities from painting raccoons and sea lions to birds catching bugs in midair.

Second Annual Children's Day - www.ricegallery.org

March 4, 2006

Celebrate spring during the second Annual Children's Day - an afternoon of art and fun. Rice University Art Gallery

Dinosaurs: Ancient Fossils, New Discoveries www.hmns.org

March 10, 2006 to July 30, 2006

In striking contradiction to long-held conceptions of dinosaurs as giant lizards, the latest scientific findings indicate that they were more closely related to birds. In fact, many dinosaurs had feathers. The new special exhibition Dinosaurs: Ancient Fossils, New Discoveries shatters preconceived notions of these ancient beasts and introduces a dynamic new vision of dinosaurs.

Pokemon Ten-Ten - www.spacecenter.org

March 10, 2006 to May 14, 2006 "Pokemon Ten-Ten" is Space Center Houston's massive "ten-days/ten-weeks" celebration of Pokemon's tenth anniversary and features everything Pokemon! Including new games, live character appearances, trading card events, Pokemon movies four stories tall on Space Center Houston's Giant Screen Theater and lot's, lot's more!.



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SCHEDULED PERFORMER/S

DAY/DATE

George Strait	Tuesday, 2/28
Trisha Yearwood	Wednesday, 3/1
Sheryl Crow	Thursday, 3/2
Maze (feat. Frankie Beverly) and Raven	Friday, 3/3
Martina McBride	Saturday, 3/4
Clay Walker	Sunday, 3/5
Robert Earl Keen and Cross Canadian Ragweed	Monday, 3/6
John Fogerty	Tuesday, 3/7
Toby Keith	Wednesday, 3/8
Maroon 5	Thursday, 3/9
Pat Green	Friday, 3/10
Lee Ann Womack	Saturday, 3/11
Ramon Ayala and Jay Perez	Sunday, 3/12
Leann Rimes	Monday, 3/13
Larry the Cable Guy and Cory Morrow	Tuesday, 3/14
Alan Jackson	Wednesday, 3/15
Hilary Duff	Thursday, 3/16
Lonestar	Friday, 3/17
Brooks & Dunn	Saturday, 3/18
Gretchen Wilson	Sunday, 3/19

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Willow Pointe

Yard of the Month

The Yard of the Month program (YOM) will begin in March, 2006. The program is sponsored by the Landscape Committee. The goal is to spark a little friendly competition between neighbors and the benefit will be a great looking community! Each month anonymous judges will choose "the best" yard in Willow Pointe. The winner will be asked to display the "Yard of the Month" sign for the month. If you would like to nominate your neighbor or a nearby resident, please contact Judith Schwartz@ 832-237-4992 and the information will be passed on to the judges.

Babysitters Needed and Wanted

Submitted by Angela Hrapchak

Any Willow Pointe residents interested in babysitting in Willow Pointe can submit their name, age, phone number, lists of references and any certifications to Angela Hrapchak at hrapchaks@netzero.net. If you are under the age of 18, parental consent is required.

For security reasons your information will NOT be published in the Willow Pointe newsletter as it is now available online and accessible to anyone who visits our website.

In an effort to protect all of our children and babysitters, the list of babysitters will only be available to residents of Willow Pointe. If you need a babysitter, please contact Angela Hrapchak at hrapchaks@netzero.net.

School Update:

Submitted by Cris Koenigs

CFISD Spring Break, March 6 – 10

Preregistration for 2006-2007 kindergarten classes will be held in all elementary school on Wednesday, April 12, 2006 from 9 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. and 1 p.m. to 3 p.m. To be eligible for this program, a child must be 5 years of age on or before September 1, 2006. No exceptions are made. To register, parents must provide the school with the following information.

- ◆ A certified copy of the child's birth certificate from the Bureau of Vital Statistics
- ◆ A current immunization record
- ◆ Proof of residency (example: lease agreements or utility bill)
- ◆ A Social Security Card, if available.

If you need additional information regarding where to register your child, please contact your neighborhood school or call the kindergarten hot line @ 281-517-2645 or visit their website @ www.cfisd.net

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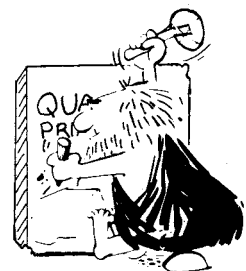
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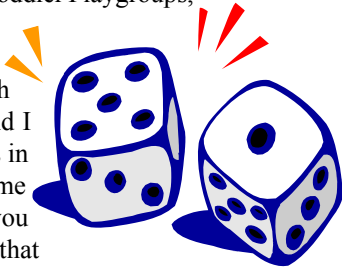
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Basketball, Bridge, Bunko

Submitted by Angela Hrapchak

If you are interested in joining a social group such as these, send an email to hrapchaks@netzero.net. Some suggestions we have include groups for Seniors, Baby/Toddler Playgroups, Walking/Running, Basketball, Bridge, Bunko, Ladies'/Men's Night Out. Let me know which group(s) you might like to join and I will try to connect you with others in the neighborhood that have the same interests. If there is an activity you enjoy that is not on this list, send that as well.



Article Submissions

If you would like to submit an article or any information for the Willow Pointe Homeowners Newsletter, you may do so by sending the information in Word format to judithschwartz@sbcglobal.net. Please include your name and a means to contact you. *All information is due no later than the 5th of the month and is subject to editorial approval as well as available space.*

Daily Survival Kit

Submitted by a Willow Pointe Resident

Items Needed:

Mint, Candy Kiss, Tea Bag, Eraser, Rubber Band, Toothpick, Chewing Gum, Band Aid, Pencil

Why?

- Toothpick – to remind you to pick out the good qualities in others.
- Rubber Band – to remind you to be flexible. Things might not always go the way you want, but it will work out.
- Band Aid – to remind you to heal hurt feelings, yours or someone else's.
- Pencil – to remind you to list your blessings everyday.
- Eraser – to remind you that everyone makes mistakes and it's okay.
- Chewing Gum – to remind you to stick with it and you can accomplish anything.
- Mint – to remind you that you are worth a mint.
- Candy Kiss – to remind you that everyone needs a kiss or hug everyday.
- Tea Bag – to remind you to relax daily and go over your list of blessings.

Classifieds

Willow Pointe resident looking for neighbors to start a small, friendly group to discuss local and national politics. Call Paul at 281-807- 9118 or 713- 956- 2737

Speed Limit Reduction Initiative

A new bill has recently passed in the Texas Senate. Senate Bill 540 gives the Harris County Commissioner's Court the authority to declare a lower speed limit of not less than 20 miles per hour in residential neighborhoods throughout Harris County.

In order to move this initiative forward, Arthur Marroquin, Willow Pointe resident, is circulating a petition which must be signed by 51% of the homeowners residing in Willow Pointe.

If you are interested in supporting this initiative, please contact Arthur at amarroquin@coldwellbankerunited.com.

Do you want to Recycle?

To request a recycle bin please call 713-635-6666 (Customer Service). It usually takes about 10 days to have one delivered.

What can be recycled?

- ◆ Pizza Boxes
- ◆ Milk Cartons
- ◆ Magazines
- ◆ Plastic – shampoo bottles, etc, must have a recycle symbol of the bottom of the plastic bottles.
- ◆ Cans
- ◆ Newspaper
- ◆ Light cardboard boxes

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WILLOW POINTE MARKET REPORT

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This market information report is provided to keep you informed of resale market activity in your subdivision.

	Aug 05	Sept 05	Oct 05	Nov 05	Dec 05	Jan 06
\$180,000 Above	0	0	2	1	1	0
\$160,000-179,999	1	1	0	0	0	0
\$150,000-159,999	0	0	0	2	1	1
\$140,000-149,999	0	0	2	1	2	0
\$120,000-139,999	0	1	0	0	0	0
\$120,000 Below	0	0	0	0	0	0
TOTAL	1	2	4	4	4	1
Highest \$/Sq Ft	67.62	73.02	65.52	65.30	74.06	70.76

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