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President's Message

It's been a busy month and one of hottest I can remember! Even so, the Board has been focused on a number of important pieces of work; one being the requirement to have two trees per front yard. Last month the Board granted variances to approximately 55 residents who qualify. If you did not receive a variance letter from Randall Management and want to have your lot reassessed, please contact us via e-mail at wphoa.board@willowpointe.prg.

We continue to look at options to secure the pool parking lot. Based on feedback from surrounding neighbors, we know the lot is frequented by teenagers late at night as well as a good number of other "not so desirable" individuals. We hope to have a solution in place this month or sooner.

We are researching the potential for a more aggressive forced mow policy. It seems there are more and more yards not being cared for which is a real eye-sore for all in the community. We'll update you on our progress in the near future.

In late June we added a few extra pool hours to give you a chance to cool off during those miserably hot days. Hours between 8 and 10 p.m. were added June25, 26 and 27th. We had approximately ten individuals each evening who took advantage of the extra hours. The feedback we received was very positive. We heard a lot of interest in keeping the pool opened until 9 p.m. more often. I encourage you to take a few minutes and complete the Pool Evaluation and send in your comments.

While our collections year to date are good, the Board made a strategic decision at last months meeting regarding accounts not paid on time. After proper notification of all homeowners, we will implement a \$30 fee per month for all accounts not paid in full by the due date. Most likely this will take several months to properly implement but I wanted to give you a heads-up. We'll talk more next month about ways to avoid the late fee in 2010.

Finally, the common area and residential curbside trees have all be trimmed to allow for vehicle clearance. Upwards of 100 trees were trimmed with about half being owned by homeowners. This service was offered at no cost to them. From here forward we will require that homeowners maintain their curbside trees with no less than a 12 ft. clearance from base at all times.

We welcome your comments and hope to hear from you. - Scott

Yard of the Month



In spite of the extreme heat and no rain, the Vaughn Jorgenson family created a winning yard this month. Congratulation also goes to the T. Tran family would placed second place.

Thank you for your efforts to make Willow Pointe shine!

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IMPORTANT NUMBERS

Emergency	011
Sheriff's Department	
Sheriff's Department (Business)	281-290-2100
Fire Department (Non-Emergency)	713-466-6161
Vacation Watch	281-290-2100
Poison Control Center	800-222-1222
Animal Control	281-999-3191
Commissioner, Precinct 4	281-353-8424
Willow Place Post Office	281-890-2392
Entex gas	713-659-2111
Centerpoint Energy (Power Outages Only)	
Allied Waste Customer Service -	
Garbage &Recycle	713-635-6666
West Harris County MUD	281-873-0163
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Reminder August/September Pool Hours

AUGUST 1 – 15TH 12-8 p.m. Tuesday – Sunday Closed Monday

AUGUST 16 THROUGH SEPTEMBER 7TH Monday – Friday Closed except Labor Day Saturdays/ Sunday 12 p.m. – 8 p.m. Labor Day Open 12 p.m. – 8 p.m.

> SEPTEMBER 8TH Closed for Season



ACC Application

Before making any improvements/repairs or additions to you home, please request a copy of the ACC application form from Randall Management at 713-728-1126 or visit the website at willowpointe.org and download the form.

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Recycling Centers Quick Reference Guide

Many questions have come forward asking "where can I recycle glass?" While it's clear there is more to learn, here are a few resources who do accept glass as well as items such as tires and old computers. Please let us know if you have located a glass recycle center in our immediate area via wphoa.board@willowpointe.org and we'll publish the information.

HARRIS COUNTY RECYCLING CENTERS:

- We CAN recycle specialize in recycling glass. For more information call 832-659-0168 723 N Drennan St.
- Westpark Consumer Recycling Center 5900 Westpark (also includes tires, BOPA, and Scrap Electronics recycling)
- Environmental Service Center (South) 11500 South Post Oak (For household hazardous waste and scrap electronics recycling only)
- Kirkpatrick Depository 5565 Kirkpatrick (Tires and oil also)
- Central Street Depository 2240 Central Street (Tires and oil also)
- Sunbeam Depository 5100 Sunbeam (Tires and oil also)
- 3602 Center (newspaper, magazines, office paper; glass

food & beverage bottles and jars; #1 -5, and 7 plastics; tin & aluminum food cans; cardboard boxes-broken down) -- Open 24/7 Located off 1-10 18 miles from Willow Pointe.

- Vista Fibers
 1200 Brittmoore
- 1245 Judiway (Glass only) Located off 1-610/N Loop Fwy W 15 miles from Willow Pointe
 - Kingwood Park & Ride 3210 W. Lake Houston Parkway (2nd and 4th weekends of the month)
 - Ellington Field (Clear Lake Area) Highway 3 at Dixie Farm Road -- Open 24/7 Appliance recycling 7240 Wynnpark Dr. 77008





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Part II - Annual Meeting Open Forum Comments

As promised, here are the remaining comments/concerns which were voiced at the Annual Meeting in late May.

Issue	Homeowner	Board Response
MUD 10 Resolution	P. Morgan	This is a MUD 10 issue and should be directed/dealt with by the MUD Board.
Currently the community is split with some (kids) going to Cook vs. Campbell. Homeowner would like to see more Board involvement in this area.	M. Stewart	Homeowner will be invited to the September Board meeting to discuss.
What can be done about the fence debris dumped in the pipeline easement beyond Round-Up and off Willow Crossing?	P. Burgess	Board member met with homeowners and encouraged them to contact Reliant as the area in question is outside the scope of the Boards authority.
Can anything to done about the speeding cars near Round- Up and Willow Crossing?	Mr. Henry	The Board has directed this issue to the newly forming Safety Awareness Committee.
Can we please restart the "lost pets" section on the website and newsletter.	T. Johnson	A Lost Pets section has been added to the website. The newsletter would not be the best vehicle to post these notices since it is a monthly newsletter.



Willow Pointe Pool Evaluation Summer 2009

As the 2009 Swim Season is winding down, we want to gather information about your experience. Our goal is to assure homeowners have a pleasant experience while using the community pool. To help us make future decisions and plans, please take a take a few minutes and provide us with your comments.

How You Would Rate the Following:

1. Pool Maintenance

	Excellent	Good	Fair	Poor
a. Cleanliness and clarity of water				
b. Overall cleanliness of pool				
c. Cleanliness of furniture				
d. Clean and stocked restrooms				

2. Pool Management

	Excellent	Good	Fair	Poor
a. The quality of the life guard staff				
b. Staff attitude/helpfulness				
c. Communication				
d. Pool pass check				
e. Sign in check				

3. Pool Access

	Excellent	Good	Fair	Poor
a. Hours Open				
b. Opening/closing dates				

Overall Evaluation:

Comments/Suggestion/Questions:

Please return to your evaluation to Judith Schwartz @ 10506 Elm Knoll Court or wphoa.board@willowpointe.org. Thank You.

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Water Conservation Tips

Submitted by Greg Decker

Use these simple ways to conserve water, and you can save as much as 20 to 30 percent on your monthly water bill and can possibly save more during the summer months. All of the low water use devices mentioned can be purchased at your local hardware store.

SEVEN EASY WAYS TO CONSERVE WATER AND SAVE MONEY AT HOME:

- 1. Install water saving showerheads An effective water saving showerhead should have a flow rate of 3 gallons or less a minute. Standard showerheads use from 5 to 10 gallons a minute.
- 2. Displacement devices in the toilet Several types of displacement devices can be used in toilets, but they should not be used in the newer, lower water use toilets that use less than 3.5 gallons per flush.
- Install faucet aerators The standard faucet flow rate is 5 gallons a minute. A low flow aerator can reduce this flow to approximately
 2.5 gallons a minute while still providing adequate water for washing and rinsing.
- 4. Change water use patterns The washing machine and dishwasher should only be used when fully loaded.
- 5. Examine personal water use habits Simply change water use habits for tooth brushing, shaving, washing hands or taking a shower. Instead of allowing the tap water to run continuously, run the tap only when rinsing.
- 6. Find and repair water leaks Leaks can easily account for 10% of your water bill. Toilets are notorious for hidden or silent leaks because leaks are seldom noticed unless the toilet "runs" after each flush.
- 7. Use efficient outside watering practices Plant native vegetation. Water grass only when needed - if grass springs up after being walked on it does not need water. When watering, water slowly and deeply. Water during early morning hours to minimize water loss by evaporation and discourage disease. Use sprinklers that produce droplets instead of mist and that have a low trajectory. During the summer keep the grass about 2" - 3" high in order to shade the roots. Use drip irrigation systems for shrubs, and flower beds. Do not water streets and sidewalks.

Do You Have An Article For The Newsletter?

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.*

Recycle Collection Day Change PLEASE READ

Effective the week of June 29, our collection day will move to **Thursday**. Our first pick-up day will be Thursday, July 2nd.

Willow Pointe residents are way ahead of other communities in the area as it relates to recycling. We have increased the number of homes recycling from 14% in early spring to 25%.

If you want a recycle bin, give Judith Schwartz a call at 832-237-4992 or check for a supply at the pool.

Please remember that **grocery bags, glass and plastic coated cups and plates** are NOT to be placed in the recycle bin. Grocery bags can be recycled at your local grocery store.

Message to all Pet Owners

Over the past several months there have been many complaints regarding loose dogs and cats in the neighborhood as well as excessive dog barking.

Nothing is more annoying than a barking dog! Please make sure your dog(s) is not left outside unattended during the day and is brought inside at night if they are barkers. Excessive barking is very disruptive to the neighborhood so please be considerate.

Please be aware that the Harris County Animal Control Ordinance requires that dogs and cats be physically restrained at all times, without access to the sidewalks and streets and most important, your neighbors yard and garden. Violations need to be reported to HCPHES Rabies and Animal Control at 281-999-3191. For

more information about the Harris Country Lease

Law and other regulations go to http://www.hcphes.org/vph/ Laws/regulation/htm.



Website New Feature Added

A new section is being added to our website! It will contain space for items **Lost and Found including animals**. To submit either lost or found notice, please contact Judith Schwartz @ judithschwartz@sbcglobal.net. Include your name and address and a picture of the item/animal if you have one available. Your listing will run for one month.

Community Calendar *August*

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August 3	Landscape Committee meets @ 6:30 p.m
	Pool Closed
August 5	Board Meeting @ 6:30 p.m.
August 8	Walk the bayou and pick up trash – meet
	Paul @ the Willow Crossing Bridge @ 8 am
August 10	Pool Closed
August 17	Pool Closed except for week-end and
	Labor Day
August 24	Back to School!
September 12	Community Garage Sale
*Mee	ting Location – Pool Meeting Room

ALL HOMEOWNERS ARE WELCOME TO ATTEND ANY OF THE ABOVE MEETINGS.

It's always a good idea to confirm the meeting date as they can change periodically. Call Randall Management or go on-line wphoa.board@willowpointe.org.



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Harris County Sheriff's Office Patrol Report

June, 2009

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Note: The report represents all calls that were handled/ worked by the officer.

Mark Your Calendar Semi-Annual Community Garage Sale

The Semi-Annual Community Garage sale is scheduled for the week-end of September 12th. Be sure and mark your calendar and start making plans now!

Car Safety

Submitted by Larry Bunge

Sometimes we in the midst of I think most that taking out of your than worth to thousands you'll end up your car is Always remove from your includes purses,

phones, GPS devices,

all need a reminder our busy lives. would agree thirty seconds life is more the hundreds of dollars paying after burglarized. loose valuables vehicle. This wallets, cellular

laptop computers, and

briefcases. A car burglar loves to see items that can be grabbed easily and carried away without much effort. A rock through the window is all it takes to gain access to those loose items.

Burglars will take anything they think they can sell. Most breakins occur because the burglar needs money, so he's going to take your items and sell them to the local pawn shop or to friends. They will also take money of any kind. If desperate enough, they'll break out your \$200 dollar window for the dollar of change you left in the ash tray.

At home it is best to park your car in the garage. Otherwise you should park for visibility. Park in a busy, well-lit area, and avoid concealment from larger vehicles, fences, or foliage. Check the lot to see if there are cameras, under surveillance cameras is a plus.

Try not to make several trips to your vehicle to drop stuff off so you can do more shopping. When they're watching the lot, they're going to see you put that big Best Buy bag into your trunk. If you are making multiple stops, put items in the trunk before you drive to your next destination, not after you arrive.

Most car burglars are familiar to the neighborhoods they "shop" in. So if you've got the big kickin' system that you like to thump, turn it down before you get to your neighborhood.

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