



# Village Voice

Official Publication of Woodedge Village Homeowners Association

## Tax 2009 Shortfall

*Please review and share this information regarding the HOA ballot with our neighbors!*

The Woodedge Village HOA was over \$11,000 short last year! We have been negative since 2005 and have used reserve funds. Please vote YES to the ballot. Ballots not returned are counted as a vote for no. If not, we will have to reduce services to balance the books. HOA fees pay for the street/night lights, trash pick-up, mowing, sprinklers, pool and more.

Submitted by **Jason McCoy**



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## Woodedge Village Community Improvement Association Maintenance Fee Fact Sheet

Submitted by *Jim Cetrullo*

A couple of months ago, the information below was published in the Village Voice newsletter to prepare you for a vote to change the Woodedge Village maintenance fees. In this month's newsletter, you will find a ballot with a proposal that is designed to keep WVCIA financially solvent and maintain community services. Please consider the good of your community and vote "Yes" for the proposal.

You may already know that your WV Maintenance Fees pay for regular trash collection and disposal; the neighborhood street lights; and utilities and upkeep for the clubhouse, pool, playground and common areas.

You may not know:

- The WV Maintenance Fees collected for 2010 will come up short for paying for these routine expenses by about \$8000.
- The difference will have to be made up by using the WV reserve fund.
- For the past four years, the WV expenses have exceeded the income from fees.
- Because of the long term income/expense gap, it means the WV reserve funds will be exhausted by the end of 2010.
- Over the past 3 years alone, expenses have increased by about 10% even though services like mosquito spraying have been cut, pool hours have been reduced, and repairs have been delayed or performed with the aid of volunteers where possible.
- Unless maintenance fees increase for 2011, WVCIA will have to start dropping more services that are currently provided to residents beginning next year.
- Service/Cost-cutting example: It costs WV about \$15 per household per month for trash collection. If WV was forced to turn over that responsibility to the individual homeowners, homeowners would have to contract for that service themselves and the monthly cost per household would approximately double.
- Another example: Sprinklers in the common areas might be shut off to reduce utility bills resulting in dead plants and grass; not a welcome sight for visitors or potential homebuyers.

Please find your ballot now in the newsletter and complete and return as soon as possible.

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## Deed Restrictions Report September

*Submitted by Dave Casey*

4 Clean Flowerbeds  
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8 mow yards

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## 2010 BALLOT WOODEDGE VILLAGE COMMUNITY IMPROVEMENT ASSOCIATION, INC.

This ballot is for a Member (Owner) of the Association, in good standing\*, to cast a vote in favor of ratification of the maintenance assessment rate proposal below for the years 2011 and henceforth. The maximum number of votes is one (1) per Lot. Not voting is considered a "No" vote. This ballot is to be used in the event you wish to vote in favor, do not appoint a proxy, **and** will not likely be attending the special meeting to be scheduled later in 2010.

Mark the first box below to indicate you are in favor of amending Covenants and ByLaws regarding the Annual Maintenance Assessment Proposal.

[ ] I/We approve the following: a \$450.00 Annual Maintenance Assessment Rate beginning in 2011; Change of payment schedule to allow an option for monthly (or other periodic) payments of the maintenance assessment for a nominal monthly administration fee (set at \$3/mo in 2011); Beginning in 2013, a change to the maintenance assessment procedure to allow WV Board of Directors to approve a change in fees not to exceed 5% of prior year's fees without conducting a vote of the Association Membership.

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Said person duly represents himself/herself as being a person in good standing\* with the Association.

Name(s): \_\_\_\_\_ Signature(s): \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

**By October 18, 2010 Please Return Ballot to:**  
Woodedge Village Community Improvement Association  
P. O. Box 691688  
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**Or:** A Board Member or Block Captain

***\*Members in good standing are those Members whose account with the Association is paid in full.***

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## GARDEN SECRETS

November 2010

Submitted by Bill & Darlene Borrello

Well, today, with the cool weather, our air conditioned has not run and the back door is open. November and December are two of our favorite months. We have our Pinion wood and we are ready to light a fire in our fire pit.

The cool evenings in the back yard, with all the birds, hummers and butterflies, along with the late blooming plants, makes for a very relaxing end of the day. Then there is the spa, the cool weather makes a warm spa great, especially with something cooking on the grill. These are just a few of the great activities you can enjoy if you take advantage of your back yard.

My Passion Vine was really outstanding this summer and just put on a ton of new buds. There have been orange worms eating the leaves and after a few weeks beautiful orange butterflies are all over the back yard. The Passion vine didn't freeze this last winter, which really surprised us. It definitely is a keeper.

If your Pine trees are shedding needles, remember, Azaleas really love that acid. I add layers of pine needles on top of the old ones every year. First I chop the old ones into the soil and add the new layers on top. It also takes the place of mulch for your acid loving plants.

Speaking of mulch, now is a great time to add mulch around your tender plants to protect them from freezes.

If you haven't winterized your lawn, now is a good time to do so. Chop! Chop!

Those residents in Woodedge Village, that are having a hard time keeping their yard up to deed restriction code, remember the yard people do yards front and back for as little as \$25.00. Every other week and will be surprised at how nice it feels to walk in a nicely kept yard.

*Happy Halloween and happy gardening.*

## Aggie Mom's Club A Festive Holiday Social Evening

The Northwest Harris County Aggie Mom's Club invites you to join other Aggie moms for a festive social evening on Tuesday, December 14th. All current, future, and former Aggie moms are welcome to join us at 7 pm for some holiday fun in a friendly and supportive atmosphere. The event will be held at the Houston Distributing Center conveniently located near Willowbrook Mall at the corner of Cutten Road and 7100 High Life Drive. Come and learn more about Aggie student activities, purchase great Christmas gifts from the Aggie boutique, win door prizes and book money for your students, and learn about upcoming scholarship opportunities. During the December celebration, we will have an "Aggie" Christmas ornament exchange. Please bring a wrapped Aggie tree ornament to exchange with other Aggie moms.

One of the main goals of the Aggie Mom's Club is to give scholarships to Aggie students. The NWHC Aggie Mom's Club is now accepting Scholarship Applications for the 2010-2011 school year. Complete applications and eligibility requirements are available at [www.nwhcaggiemoms.com](http://www.nwhcaggiemoms.com) and also at the general meetings. The application must be postmarked no later than Monday, Feb 7th, 2011. Last year 6 scholarships totaling \$6750 were awarded to area Aggie students.

Please contact Vickie Hamley at 713-466-4494 or check out our website for more information!

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## Yard of the Month

*Submitted by Sharon Day*

Carmela & Horacio Degante at 11911 Carriage Ridge are our October yard of the month winners. The Degante's moved to Woodedge from Chicago 2 ½ years ago. Their yard is lovely and the home is well maintained with a beautiful border of red begonias lining the flower bed. The Degante's have two sons. Horacio is a chef at Sullivan's Steak House on Westheimer and Carmela is a teacher at the Montessori School near by. Let's keep our eye out for any new flowers that may appear at the Degante's as they cash in on their \$15.00 gift certificate from RCW Nursery.

And remember, keep those yards looking great, yours could be our November yard of the month winner.



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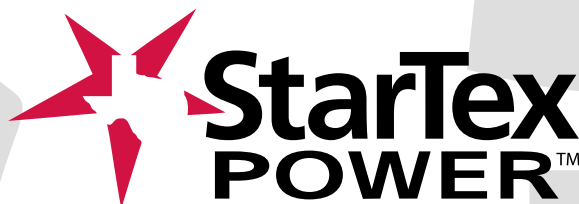


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## It's Only Natural...

*Submitted by Mechele Beaty*

In the August issue, I mentioned the benefits of making healthier choices about the water we drink. This month I'd like to talk about healthy options in other types of beverages. I am far from being an expert on the subject of wine but since it's been known to have more health benefits, I usually choose to drink red wine. It contains more resveratrol (an antioxidant) than white wine because it ferments longer with the skins of the grapes. Resveratrol may help the body fight heart disease, cancer, diabetes, allergies and more. Out of all the red wines, my favorite, Pinot Noir, contains the highest amount of resveratrol. The pinot noir grapes are very delicate, so they produce more resveratrol to protect themselves from pathogens.

Aside from selecting a wine that's full of antioxidants for your health, you must also avoid those that have harmful chemicals in them. In California, the grape growers use a pesticide called cryolite. This pesticide causes the wines that are made from these grapes to have an increased level of fluoride in them. However, the Europeans have much stricter regulations regarding the use of cryolite. That is why I always steer away from California wines and choose an organic or imported European wine instead.

If you like tea, there are plenty of health-boosting teas to choose from. They are loaded with heart healthy, cancer-fighting antioxidants and may also help lower cholesterol and blood pressure. White tea, Green tea, Oolong and Black, just to name a few, are all great choices. When using a sweetener in them, try the healthier options like agave nectar, honey, or stevia, a healthy sweetener that's extracted from the leaves of the stevia plant. I prefer to use organic or raw sugar instead of the regular processed sugar.

When choosing juices, be sure to avoid "juice drinks" since they contain a lot of added sugar, artificial flavors and colors. Make sure that it's organic or has "100% Juice" on the label. Also, dark-colored juices are very rich in antioxidants.

I love sodas and they are definitely a weakness of mine, however, since they are not the healthiest of beverages, I limit the amount that I drink. When I go out to eat, I allow myself to indulge in a regular cola, but when I buy soft drinks for my family to have at home, I always buy all natural soda. My favorite is Blue Sky Cola. It's all natural and is made with real sugar instead of high fructose corn syrup. Although I've never been one to drink diet soda, a very good tasting and healthier choice is Zevia Diet Soda. It's an all natural "0 calorie" soda that is sweetened with stevia. It does not contain any harmful artificial sweeteners like aspartame, saccharin or Splenda.

So remember, the next time you go to quench your thirst, choose wisely and choose all natural!

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## Northwest Area Dog Park

*Submitted by Tiffany Moore*

An event was held recently to raise funds for a northwest area dog park. Dubbed "The 1st Annual 1960 Barkinglot Pawty", and held on October 2nd, the nearby dog friendly event was a barking success. Host Barks 5th Avenue Doggie Daycare and sponsor Houston Dog Park Association are working together to develop a dog park in the Willowbrook/Champions area. A dog park is a safely fenced area for people to exercise, socialize and play with their dogs while their dogs are legally off leash. Resident Tiffany Moore, owner of Angel Pets of Northwest Houston, had a booth at the event to promote her new mobile pet sitting and grooming business. Tiffany also provided face painting to help raise money for the dog park. Chrissie Decesare of Paw It Forward Dog Training hosted a free dog training seminar related to behavior of dogs in dog parks. There were 12 other fun doggy vendors and rescue groups set up in the parking lot along with a dog wash station staffed by local Girl Scouts. Some rescues at the event had dogs for adoption including Houston Sheltie Rescue, Safe Haven Rescue, and Pup Squad. The event raised \$1200 that will be earmarked for a future northwest area public dog park when a suitable location has been designated. The park land could come from a private donation (of land or of money to purchase land), or a county or city land acquisition slated for park development. Last year the association raised an additional \$900 for the future northwest area dog park. You can make a donation to help bring a dog park to our area. Learn more at [www.houstondogpark.org](http://www.houstondogpark.org).

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