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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

GETTING ON BOARD (the MUD Board)

By Scott Ward

These past few months, I have been learning about our municipal utility district by attending the monthly board of directors meetings. Our neighborhoods water district, West Harris County Municipal Utility District #10 (WHC M.U.D. #10), serves 3 different neighborhoods... Willow Pointe, part of Winchester Country, and Winchester Village. The M.U.D. has the primary responsibility of maintaining the water system that delivers clean water to our homes. Additionally, our M.U.D. maintains the trash collection contract to get us the best trash service for the best rate. West Harris County M.U.D. #10 also provides funds to our HOA's for security which we use to increase our patrol officer coverage in Willow Pointe.

As a WPHOA Board member, it has been extremely useful to be on top of the information gathered from the M.U.D. Meeting as it so directly affects our neighborhood. This includes changes to the trash collection, potential water restrictions, or even the break in a major line that affects Willow Pointe Homes.

One of our Willow Pointe HOA Board Members, Steve Mueller, has served on the Board for M.U.D. #10 for a couple of years now. Along with Jane Godwin of Randall Management, Steve was also instrumental in giving me a guilt trip for not attending a MUD meeting at least once. It was attending this meeting that allowed me to see how being in touch with this information could benefit Willow Pointe by providing relevant community information rapidly. If the information was urgent or the community could benefit by not waiting until the newsletter, I could pass on using the One Call Now Service...hint hint.

Last November, a vacancy on the M.U.D. Board arose and I said that I would be willing to fill the vacated position. So, at the December Meeting, I am pleased to announce I was appointed to the Board. I look forward to working hard to keep things running smoothly both here in Willow Pointe and in M.U.D. #10.

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Willow Pointe COMMUNITY CALENDAR

FEBRUARY 2014

FEBRUARY 3

Landscape Committee Meeting
@ 6:30 pm

FEBRUARY 8

Walk the bayou and pick up trash
*meet Paul at the Willow Crossing
Bridge @ 8 am*

FEBRUARY 14

Valentine's Day

FEBRUARY 17

President's Day
CFISD Holiday

All meetings are held in the pool meeting room. All Homeowners are welcome to attend any of the above meetings. Please call Randall Management to be placed on the agenda if you would like to address the Board at the meeting.

MUD Meeting Information – The normal date/time is 11:30 am the first Thursday of the month at the offices of Attorneys Young and Brooks. The address is 10000 Memorial Drive, Suite 260.

Willow Pointe

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Sheriff's Department.....	713-221-6000
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Centerpoint Energy (Power Outages Only)	713-207-2222
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West Harris County MUD.....	281-807-9500
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BOARD OF DIRECTORS

President	Scott Ward	2011 - 2014
Vice President	Craig Perez	2012 - 2015
Secretary	Brenda Jackson	2012 - 2015
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Director	Angie Wilson	2011 - 2014

Please contact us at wphoa.board@willowpointe.org if you have questions, comments or concerns.

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Harris County Sheriff's Office Patrol Report

Category	No.
Burglary/Habitat	1
Burglary/Motor vehicle	0
Criminal Mischief	0
Disturbance/Family	1
Disturbance/Loud Noise	0
Local Alarms	12
Suspicious Person	1
Traffic Stop.....	10
Vehicle Suspicious	2



President's Message (*Continued from Cover*)

ACC Applications

Spring is almost here and it is time to begin those projects that have been sitting on the back burner. PLEASE... Before making ANY improvements / repairs or additions to the exterior of your home or landscaping, please visit the community website at www.willowpointe.org and download a copy of the ACC application. We shoot for 2 weeks, but please allow up to 30 days for review and approval. PLEASE do not build something just because you have read the guidelines and believe it is in compliance. The WORST part of this job can be telling someone to remove or modify an unapproved structure.



Yard of the Month

Spring is only a short jump from here and these lawns are ahead of the game. Congratulations to the family at 9515 Willow Crossing Drive who received first place for the month. Also congratulations go to the family at 9831 Willow Crossing Drive who receive second place this month.



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2013 Clark W. Griswold Holiday Light Contest

The Landscaping Committee would like to thank all the homes in Willow Pointe who took the time and made the effort to decorate their homes this Holiday season. There were so many great looking homes, but three homes stood out from the rest. Congratulations to the following homes, each receiving a gift card to Home Depot for their effort:



1ST PLACE
10211 Elm Bluff Court

2ND PLACE
10203 Elm Bluff Court

3RD PLACE
10327 N. Laurel Branch Drive

Runners-Up
10030 Elm Meadow Trail
10003 Sable Meadow Court
10230 N. Laurel Branch Drive
10311 N. Laurel Branch Drive

Again, thanks for all the participation and we look forward to another great contest next year.

Annual Assessment Reminder

All homeowners should have paid their annual assessment at this time. All assessments are delinquent after January 31st. All delinquent Owners will receive a notice requesting payment. An interest charge of ten percent (10%) will be posted to the Owners account, together with a \$35 administrative charge for the late letter, and an administrative fee of \$30 per month for each month the account remains unpaid.

As always, all homeowners who cannot pay the assessments by January 31st may setup a payment plan by contacting Randall Management and pay the assessment over a period of three months.

*Do You Have Reason
to Celebrate?*

We want to hear from you! Email wphoa.board@willowpointe.org to let the community know!

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- Kids Stuff -

Section for Kids with news, puzzles, games and more!



The Story on Scars

Holly loved nothing more than riding her bike. But one day, she missed a curb and hit the pavement - splat! Now her knee was scraped and her elbow was cut. Her brother Darren helped Holly up and used his T-shirt to dab at the blood on her elbow. "Wow," he said, "You're probably going to have a huge scar."

WHAT EXACTLY IS A SCAR?

A scar is the pale pink, brown, or silvery patch of skin that grows in the place where you once had a cut, scrape, or sore. A scar is your skin's way of repairing itself from injury. Look at your skin. You probably have one or two scars already. Most people do. Why? Because a lot of things leave behind scars - from falls, like the one Holly had, to surgeries.

Scars are part of life and they show what you've been through. For some people, scars are special. A kid in your class might have a scar on his chest because he had heart surgery as a baby. Or you might have a scar from the chicken pox. Centuries ago, warriors showed off their scars as symbols of their bravery and to impress their friends with the exciting tales about how each one happened. Do any of your scars have a story?

HOW DO I GET A SCAR?

No matter what caused your scar, here's how your skin repaired the open wound. The skin sent a bunch of collagen (say: ka-leh-jen) - tough, white protein fibers that act like bridges - to reconnect the broken tissue. As the body did its healing work, a dry, temporary crust formed over the wound. This crust is called a scab.

The scab's job is to protect the wound as the damaged skin heals underneath. Eventually, a scab dries up and falls off on its own, leaving behind the repaired skin and, often, a scar.

A scar isn't always a sure thing, though. "It's not so much how deep or severe a wound is that determines whether a scar will form, but rather the location of the wound and that person's genetic [inherited] tendency to form scars," says Brian Flyer, a doctor from California.

In other words, certain people tend to get scars more easily, and scars are more likely to form after wounds on certain parts of the body.

HOW DO I PREVENT A SCAR?

Of course, the best way to prevent scars is to prevent wounds! You can reduce your chances of getting hurt by wearing kneepads, helmets, and other protective gear when you play sports, ride your bike, or go in-line skating. But even with protective gear, a person can still get hurt once in a while. If this happens, you can take steps to prevent or reduce scarring. You can help your skin heal itself by treating it well during the healing process.

How do you do that? Keep the wound covered as it heals so you can keep out bacteria and germs. Avoid picking at the scab because it tears at the collagen and could introduce germs into the wound. Some doctors say vitamin C (found in oranges and other citrus fruits) helps by speeding up the creation of new skin cells and the shedding of old ones. Also, some people believe rubbing vitamin E on the wound after the scab begins forming can aid the healing process. Your parent can talk to your doctor about whether you should try this.

SO LONG, SCARS!

Some scars fade over time. If yours doesn't and it bothers you, there are treatments that can make a scar less noticeable, such as skin-smoothing medicated creams, waterproof makeup, or even minor surgery. Talk to your parent and doctor to find out if any of these treatments would be right for you.

Sometimes the best medicine might just be to talk. Tell your parent or doctor what's bothering you about your scar and how you feel on the inside. Because when the inside feels good, the outside always seems to look better!

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