

# WILLOW POINTE

Official Publication of the Willow Pointe Homeowners Association, Inc.

## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

*Scott Ward*

### One Call Now Service

Did you know that there is a way to keep up with the events going on in Willow Pointe? From crime in the area to community events, we use the services of "One Call Now" to pass this information on to Homeowners. We currently have over 150 homes signed on to this service that allows us to fulfill our responsibility of protecting, informing, and engaging you in matters that involve our Community.

If you want to be added to the list, here is what we need is:

Your name...First and Last

Your Address

ONE phone number

Email the above information to [wphoa.board@willowpointe.org](mailto:wphoa.board@willowpointe.org). We will email you back when registration is done and how to complete the process.

### Willbern Elementary Spring Carnival

Don't miss the Carnival on Saturday, April 9th from 10am to 3pm at Willbern Elementary (10811 Goodspring Dr.). A TON of parent volunteers are putting on a great carnival for the kids. They will have a rock wall, inflatables, cake walk, train rides, face painting, games, food, and FUN. You don't have to have a child that attends Willbern to attend. Tickets are sold at the door...and even if you are zoned to another school, please come on out!!

### Swim Team Time

Sign up is April 16, 2016 at the Winchester Country Clubhouse – 9607 Rio Grande Road from 10:00 am -12:00 noon. The swim team offers FREE Guppy School (April 25-28) for younger swimmers to learn to see if swim team is right for them. Please look in the newsletter for more Swim Team sign up information. Late registration is available. Info at: [www.winchesterhurricanes.com](http://www.winchesterhurricanes.com)

## Water Conservation Tips

*by Ronald Palencia, PMP*

Water is a central component of Houston's economy, culture and everyday life, but ensuring that we have enough water for our homes and businesses can be a challenge. Here's what you can do to help.

First, the obvious: Check your home for water leaks. Approximately 10 gallons is lost in every home per day to water leaks. Not only does it create a drain on Houston's freshwater supply, it's costing you hundreds of dollars per year!

Adjust the water you use around the house. Over one-fifth of domestic water is used for laundry, so look for water efficient washers the next time you purchase a washer and dryer. In the meantime, make sure you're doing full loads of laundry and/or changing the settings to match your laundry load size.

Replace your fixtures too. If you can't replace your fixtures, consider adding a brick to your toilet tank to reduce the gallons per flush closer to what a newer, efficient toilet might use.

Save the dishwashing for the dishwasher. A dishwasher uses between 4 and 6 gallons of water per load- only about a quarter of what it takes to hand wash dishes!

Consider planting local species in the garden this year. Native plants are generally used to surviving whatever the Texas summer throws at them. That means less watering and less worrying for you!

Invest in a rain barrel. Not only will a rain barrel save you money on your water bill, rain barrels can be fitted with soaker hoses to help water your plants for you!

And now, the less obvious.

Try to reduce the amount of pavement and impervious surfaces around your house. The more water that goes into the ground rather than the sewers, the more water available to replenish local streams, ponds and waterways.

Consider starting a compost pile. The compost material is extremely efficient at holding water in your garden and lawn, so you don't have to water as often.

Discard water such as pasta water and old water from pet bowls in the yard rather than down the drain (just make sure the pasta water is cool first!).

Adjust your lawn mower height to around 2 inches. Grass roots will be shaded longer and less water will evaporate.

# Willow Pointe

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Vacation Watch .....	281-290-2100
Poison Control Center .....	800-222-1222
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Commissioner, Precinct 4.....	281-353-8424
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## Willow Pointe Community Calendar March 2016

March 1 .....	Landscape Committee Meeting @ 6:30 pm
March 2 .....	Texas Independence Day
March 12 .....	Walk the bayou and pick up trash ..... Meet @ the Willow Crossing Bridge @ 8 am
March 13 .....	Day Light Savings Time (Spring Forward)
March 14-18 .....	CFISD Holiday
March 15 .....	Board Meeting @ 6:30 pm
March 17 .....	St. Patrick's Day

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 third Thursday of the month at the offices of Attorneys Young and Brooks. The address is 10000 Memorial Drive, Suite 260.



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## WINCHESTER HURRICANES Swim Team

The Road to Rio begins on Rio Grande - Come Join  
*Your Neighborhood team!*



**Registration: April 16, 2016**

**Location:** Winchester Country Clubhouse –  
9607 Rio Grande Road

**Time:** 10:00 am -12:00 noon

**LATE REGISTRATIONS:** Last Day of Guppy  
School 4/28 ; 1<sup>st</sup> Day of Practice 5/2.

Calling all swimmers between ages of 4 and 18

The Hurricanes will sponsor the **FREE** Guppy School (**April 25-28**) for younger swimmers who would like to learn from the swim team experts and see if swim team is right for them

**We always need “6 and under” age swimmers – come and give it a try!**

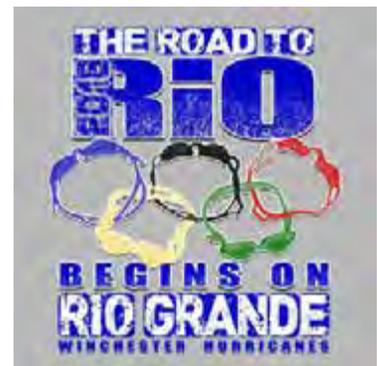
Be part of a great team sport, build community spirit

- **Swimming** enhances children's natural flexibility and promotes muscular development
- **Swimming** is the most injury free of all children's sports
- **Swimming** is a sport that promotes lifelong fitness and enjoyment
- **Swimmers** learn self-discipline and how to set personal goals

Registration cost is \$95 each for the first 2 swimmers, \$50 for the 3<sup>rd</sup> swimmer, and \$40 for the 4<sup>th</sup> swimmer. A refundable volunteer deposit check is required at registration. **Fees include a trophy, a team t-shirt, a yard sign and the team party.**

Register Online:

<http://winchesterhurricanes.swim-team.us/>



Winchester Swim Team, Inc. serves 200+ neighborhood kids each year and is affiliated with the Northwest Aquatic League "NWAL". This activity is not related to or sponsored by Cypress-Fairbanks Independent School District.

## Harris County SHERIFF'S OFFICE Patrol Report JANUARY 2016

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Burglary/Habitat .....	0
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Criminal Mischief .....	1
Disturbance/Family .....	0
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The incubation period of Zika virus is thought to be a few days to a week, but is still unknown. Symptoms include fever, skin rash, conjunctivitis, muscle and joint pain, and headache. Symptoms tend to be mild and last from 2-7 days. Zika virus can be contracted through the bite of an infected mosquito, through blood transfusions, through sexual contact, and from mother to child during pregnancy.

The mosquitoes that are able to transmit Zika virus are also able to transmit dengue and Chikungunya viruses. These mosquitoes are daytime biters, but can also bite at night. Aedes mosquitoes lay their eggs in standing water- buckets, tires, tree holes, animal water dishes, etc.

To protect yourself from mosquito bites, wear light-colored clothing that covers as much skin as possible, use insect repellent (read and follow label instructions), use screening on doors and windows, use mosquito netting (if needed) while sleeping, and reduce standing water areas.

For more information on Zika virus, please see the CDC website here <http://www.cdc.gov/zika/index.html>

For more information or help with identification, contact Wizzie Brown, Texas AgriLife Extension Service Program Specialist at 512.854.9600. Check out my blog at [www.urban-ipm.blogspot.com](http://www.urban-ipm.blogspot.com)

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## YARD OF THE MONTH

Spring is in the air as what was 'winter' in Houston has passed. Congratulations to the family at 10111 Bayou Trail Court received first place for the month. Also congratulations go to the family at 9930 Elm Meadow Trail who receive second place this month.



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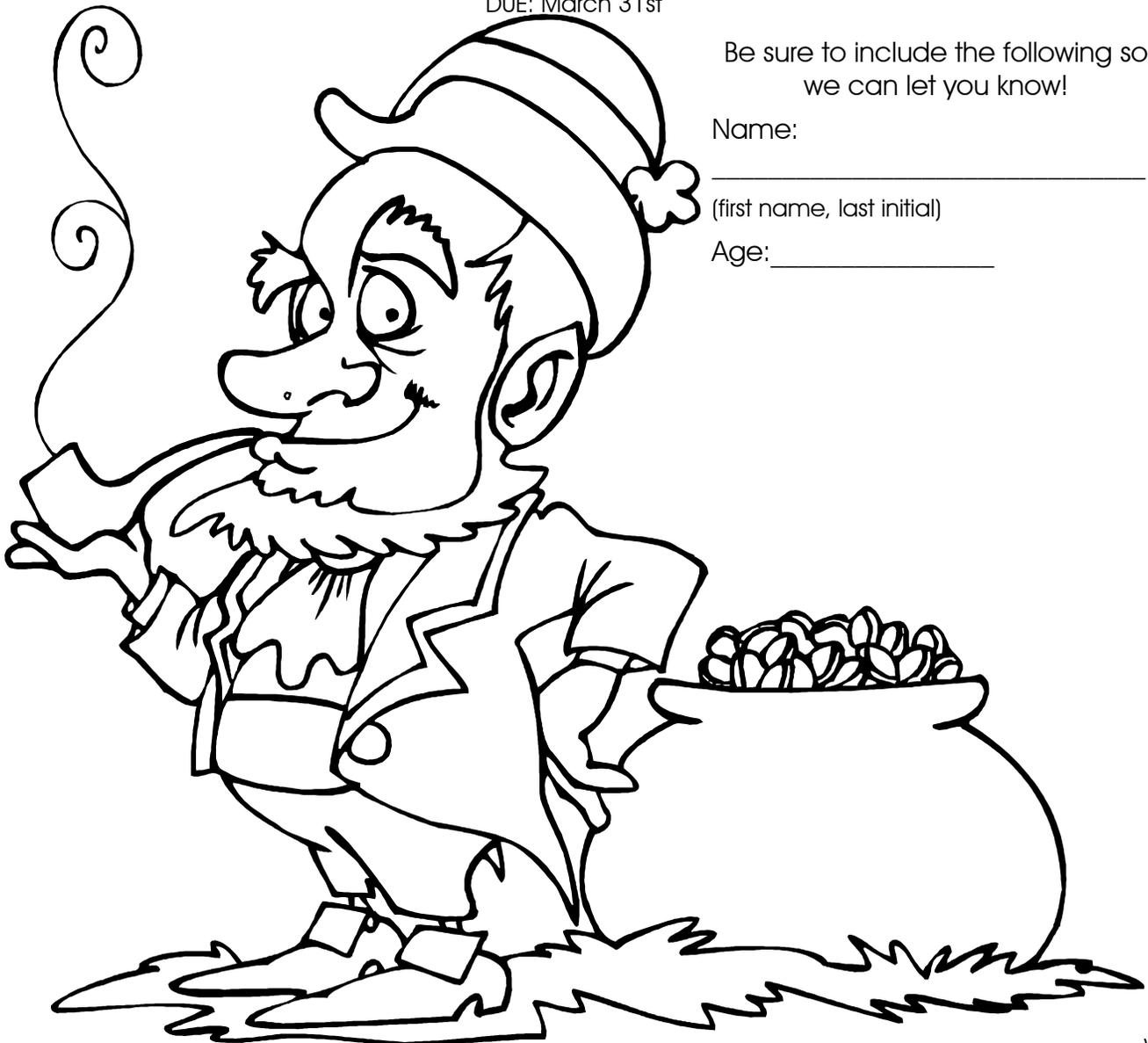
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