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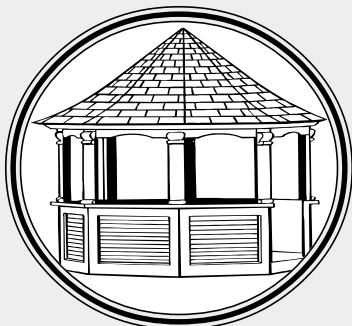
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Bob Ngao 281-249-2431



Temporary Pool/Park Chairman

Bob Manz has agreed to chair this committee temporarily. If you would like to assist him, contact Bob at 281-469-7316.



Semi Annual Chat Session, June 26th

By Larry Starratt – HOA President

As promised, we have made every reasonable attempt to improve our communications this year, through our website, newsletters, e-mail, and now by a previously never attempted fireside chat. The goal was to dialogue with interested residents about whatever was on our minds. We held our first "Semi Annual Chat Session", June 26th at the Willowbridge Clubhouse. Many thanks to Willowbridge for the use of this outstanding facility.

We had about 26 residents attend, and some good discussions resulted about the pool, police, recycling, easement maintenance and some other challenging issues. It was highlighted by a presentation by our Security Patrol staff – including officers and management. Fred Adams, our security chairman introduced them and the discussion was very enlightening.

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Recycling Committee Needs Chairperson

The Recycling Committee is in need of a Chairperson to investigate the costs of recycling in our community. Anyone interested please contact Shelly Lackey at 281-970-4671.

New Residents and Deed Restrictions

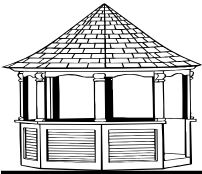
By Willowlake HOA Board of Directors

Willowlake wants to welcome all of the new families moving into our community. We hope you enjoy living here as much as we do.

We would like to bring something to your attention that might have been overlooked. Customarily, it has been the practice that all new homeowners be given a copy of their Willowlake deed restrictions upon closing. Unfortunately, this is not always the case when a family is a second time buyer. A good idea would be to inquire of the seller if they have a copy of the deed restrictions, and if so, ask to keep them.

The Board and Principal Management Group want to remind everyone that it is the homeowner's responsibility to ask for and abide by all deed restrictions, and not having a copy of Willowlake's deed restrictions does not excuse anyone from this responsibility. Therefore, if you do not have a copy, please contact Dawn Crawford at Principal Management Group, and she will make sure you receive a copy.

For those residents who have already received a copy of the Deed Restrictions, please read the information carefully and abide by its contents. Thank you for your cooperation in this matter.



Association News

Committees 2003

Architectural Control

Committee

Mark Lackey 281-970-4671

Social Events

Kelly Niles 281-890-6670

Newsletter

Rich Witmer 281-894-9504

Yard of the Month

Paul Ford 832-237-5103

Security

Fred Adams Pager 713-764-7207

Block Captains

Dia'n Larkos Hertel 281-894-8331

Mom's Group

Monica Ward 281-890-4804

Gazebo Rental

Dawn Crawford, PMG

281-497-3150 ext. 11

Pool and Park

BobManz 281-469-7316



Important Dates to Remember

★August 11th

Board Meeting

★August 13th

First Day of School

★August 20th

WRCPA Town Hall Meeting

Safety First

By Larry Starratt, HOA President

Please report any suspicious activity to the Sheriff's Office at 713-221-6000 or call 911 in the event of any emergency. For prevention, please keep your garage doors closed when not in use.

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Some shared discussion focused on:

Speeders, stop sign violators and ridiculous parking habits will be targets for enforcement. Parking is a huge topic. We have some parkers who are using our parking areas both by the playground and the Gazebo's for "snacking, snuggling, and very intimate sessions." We also have parkers who care little about others, and feel it's their right to park wherever and however they wish. Neither of these will be tolerated.

Common sense was a paramount requisite with the officers. As an example, if a resident parks a vehicle in a driveway, but extends across the sidewalk, a disabled individual would have no way to use the sidewalk for what it's intended. The worst of these would be the one who also covers the vehicle in a dustcover for an extended period of time. This is an obvious storage state – an absolute violation of our deed restrictions.

Further, if residents on opposite sides choose to park their vehicles on the street, what was a two-lane road now becomes a ½ lane, and is impassable by emergency vehicles. If you had a loved one waiting for an ambulance or paramedics, and they couldn't pass through the parked vehicles how would that make you feel? I think the point's well made here... The streets are to be clear of obstacles. That means cars and trashcans.

On a more comforting feature:

Our interim Pool and Park Chairman, Bobby Manz advised that our pool, as a major investment, is being trimmed and polished, with repairs and equipment to improve the functionality and the quality of support for all our users. These users are RESIDENTS only. A "reasonable number" of guests are allowed when accompanied by a resident in good standing. Abuse, of this privilege will not be overlooked any longer. We also had to aggressively attack the ants and implement some procedural steps – some obvious, and some not so obvious.

So happy sun and surf to everyone – enjoy your summer.

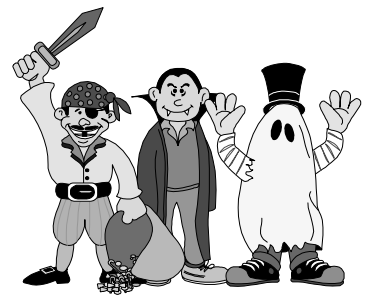


Social Committee Report for August 2003

By Kelly Niles

Mark your calendars for the Willowlake Halloween party coming up on October 25th from 2-4pm at the gazebo. There will be lots of fun activities for the kids, as well as a costume parade and contest.

There will be plenty of treats and drinks as well. The social committee is looking for lots of volunteers to help with the activities. If you have an idea for a fun Halloween activity, or if you are available to help with an activity, please contact Kelly Niles at 281-890-6670 or tpn1018@swbell.net. We will meet in late August/early September to make plans for the party.

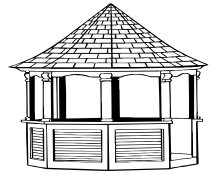


Scholastic Books

For preschoolers, homeschoolers, and anyone who enjoys Scholastic books: I will be happy to provide you with monthly flyers and orders throughout the school year. Please call Lynn Podraza at 281-897-8999 for more information.



Community News



West Road Association Needs Our Help! Community Park Planned.

In the months since Wal-Mart decided not to build a Supercenter adjacent to Willowlake, the West Road Community Preservation Association (WRCPA) has been diligently pursuing the purchase of this land. Thanks to your generous contributions and support we are able to continue negotiating the purchase of a parcel of land and begin building a community park for many generations to enjoy.

While the WRCPA originally intended to purchase the entire 35-acre site, the current landowners are negotiating 16 acres with another developer. This apartment developer would build on the property behind Kroger. Our intention is to purchase the remaining 19 acres of land nearest Willowlake Park Drive and

transform it into a scenic space that will be beautiful as well as recreational. We have signed a letter of intent with the property owners and have mapped our financial structure over the next year.

While we have made significant progress with the property owners in negotiating the purchase of the land, the hardest part is yet to come. ***We are seeking serious financial aid to provide the funds we need to buy the land.*** In short, we need \$1.1 million, in addition to the \$2 million donated by Commissioner Eversole, by November 1, 2003. Our most pressing deadline is to secure \$40,000 by July 31, 2003. We have been pursuing various avenues, and continue to do so, but we need your help.

If the company you work for has a donation matching program or if you know of a benefactor who would like to donate a large sum, please contact us. We will provide an information packet explaining who we are, our history and our goals. If you as a community resident would like to donate money or time, please contact us immediately by email at us@westroadalliance.org or visit us online at www.westroadcpa.org.

We will host an **open town hall meeting at Gleason Elementary on August 20th at 7:00 PM** to answer questions and discuss the future of the property on West Road. Our next fundraiser will take place in October and is currently in the planning stages.

Security and Common Sense

By Fred Adams – Security Committee Chairman

Hey guys, another month has passed us by and crime is up a bit. Much of it is kiddy stuff being stolen from yards or garages. Solar yard lights seem to be a hot item along with yard decorations. These items are hit and miss. A few houses have been broken into. The police believe they have an idea of who may be involved and are actively watching this group. Speeding, loud music, running stop signs and the dreaded skateboarders are still issues we are fighting.

Please help yourself to fight crime. If you leave home close your garage doors and lock your homes. Open garage doors are easy pickings for the people that ride around on trash days and look through our trash for items to sell at garage sales. If your garage is open, your bikes and tools are easy to steal.

Please use common sense to protect yourself. Do not approach cars or people breaking rules at the park or gazebo. Call me or the Sheriff's department ASAP. We pay for protection and will get it. Please note the names of the people you speak with for further reference and if the Sheriff's Department responds. If they do not, or you have problems please report them to me or a board member and we will get this fixed.

Skateboarders in the gazebo will be picked up and taken home the first time only if they live in Willowlake. Second offenders - Mom or Dad will have to go downtown and post bail for trespassing or criminal mischief. If the skateboarders are not from Willowlake they go to jail for trespassing. Should you like to discuss any security issues further, want to report skateboarders or any other crimes, or if your children use the gazebo to skate and you would like to know why they cannot please page me, Fred Adams at 713-764-7207. I will be glad to help.

Thanks again and have a great summer. Fred Adams pager: 713-764-7207 Sheriff's dispatch: 713-221-6000

Harris County Public Library

The Harris County Public Library Northwest Branch, offers many FREE classes and activities for the whole family. For more information or to register for a class please call **281-890-2665**.



IMPORTANT NUMBERS

Emergencies 911
 Cypress-Fairbanks Hospital 281-897-3300
 Harris County Sheriff 713-221-6000
 Dept. of Public Safety 713-681-6187
 Fire Department 911
 or 713-466-6161
 CenterPoint Energy (Power Outages Only) 713-207-7777
 ENTEX 713-659-2111
 Harris County Animal Control 281-999-3191
 Memorial City Hospital 713-932-3000
 MUD #11 281-209-2020
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Congratulations!

Angie and Paul Ford of Autumn Way Drive were wed on 6/28/03 at the Houston First Church of the Nazarene. The beautiful ceremony united Angie, Paul, Katie (8) and Amber (4).



Rich and Nancy Witmer of Big Willow Lane had a baby boy, Jack Mitchell on May 1, 2003. Sisters Meghan (6) and Rachel (4) are ecstatic.

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