



# Willowlake Community Newsletter

[www.willowlake.siteblast.com](http://www.willowlake.siteblast.com)

December 2005

Volume 1, Issue 9

**The Official Publication of the Willowlake Homeowners Association**

## Message from the President

This message in our December newsletter was originally intended to be a recap from our 2005 Willowlake HOA Annual Meeting. But, because of some special circumstances, we made a last minute decision to postpone our meeting and the earliest we were able to reschedule it for is Thursday, December 8, 2005. By that date, and even with the holiday season well under way, I hope you will take the time to attend our Annual Meeting. Again, meeting our quorum requirements per the By-Laws is very important! If you did not return by mail your proxy form, we ask that you turn them in at the December 8th meeting at the Willowbridge Clubhouse at 9330 Willowbridge Park Blvd.

Please allow me to share one important item of concern with you in this brief message. We need more active participation within our Willowlake Homeowners Association. We currently have an open position on our HOA Board. If that sounds like more than you're able to handle, we also have a need for folks to help with updating our website ([www.willowlake.siteblast.com](http://www.willowlake.siteblast.com)) or for folks to volunteer as Block Captain on your street. If you are interested, please send me an e-mail at [bngao2003@yahoo.com](mailto:bngao2003@yahoo.com). I look forward to hearing from you.

Bob Ngao  
Willowlake HOA President



## Lawn Tip For Year Round

Want to give a small boost to your yard and kill some pesky insects at the same time without using harsh chemicals? Try this home remedy for your lawn.

- 1 cup of dish washing liquid (not for automatic dishwashers)
- 1 cup of antiseptic mouthwash and
- 1 cup of chewing tobacco tea\*

Pour all three into a hose end sprayer and spray your lawn. The soap acts as a fertilizer and helps green your lawn. The mouthwash helps rid of fungus and the tobacco tea acts as a poison for insects.

\*To make tobacco tea, place half a handful of chewing tobacco in an old nylon stocking and soak it in a gallon of hot water until the mixture is dark brown.

## Food for thought...

The real art of conversation is not only to say the right thing at the right time, but also to leave unsaid the wrong thing at the tempting moment.

**View the Willowlake  
Area Neighborhood Newsletter  
each month online at  
[www.PEELinc.com](http://www.PEELinc.com)**

# Willowlake

## Important Numbers

<b>All Emergencies</b> .....	<b>911</b>
Cypress-Fairbanks Hospital .....	281-897-3300
Harris County Sheriff.....	713-221-6000
Department of Public Safety .....	713-681-6187
Fire Department (non-emergency).....	713-466-6161
Center Point Energy- <i>Power Outages Only</i> .....	713-207-7777
ENTEX Gas .....	713-659-2111
Harris County Animal Control.....	281-999-3191
Memorial City Hospital .....	713-932-3000
MUD #11 .....	281-209-2020
Poison Control Center .....	800-222-1222
Post Office Central .....	800-275-8777
Sweetwater Pool .....	281-988-8480
Newsletter Publisher	
Peel, Inc. ....	512-989-8905
Sales Office .....	<i>advertising@PEELinc.com</i> , 512-989-8905
Adver. Donna Sommer .	<i>dsommer@Peelinc.com</i> , 832-237-4684

## Board of Directors

<b>Board's E-mail</b> .....	<b>willowlakebd@hotmail.com</b>
<b>President</b>	
Bob Ngao .....	281-249-2431
<b>Vice President</b>	
OPEN	
<b>Treasurer</b>	
Shelly Lackey .....	281-970-4671
<b>Secretary</b>	
OPEN	
<b>Director</b>	
Joe Casa .....	<i>jasas1994@sbcglobal.net</i> , 281-469-1271
<b>Director</b>	
Bill Nebeker .....	

## Your SCS Management Team ..... 281-463-1777

<b>Association Manager</b>	
Terri Brown .....	<i>tbrown@scsmgmt.com</i> , ext. 7121
<b>Service Manager</b>	
Debbie Spaw .....	<i>dspaw@scsmgmt.com</i> , ext. 7134
<b>Deed Restriction Coordinator</b>	
Rene Ruiz.....	<i>r Ruiz@scsmgmt.com</i> , ext. 7212
<b>Accounting Representative</b>	
Brenda Kidd.....	<i>bkidd@scsmgmt.com</i> , ext. 7130
For information on your homeowner's assessments, deed restriction violations or questions in general please contact:	
SCS Management Services	
7170 Cherry Park Drive ; Houston, Texas 77095	
281-463-1777 • www.scsmgmt.com	

Please support the businesses that advertise in your newsletter. Their advertising dollars make it possible to provide your newsletter to all the residents in your subdivision at no charge. No homeowners association dollars were used to produce this newsletter.

## Committees 2005

<b>Architectural Control Committee</b>	
Mark Lackey.....	281-970-4671
<b>Social Events</b>	
OPEN	
<b>Newsletter</b>	
OPEN	
<b>Yard of the Month</b>	
Susan Childress .....	281-955-8927
Michele Kindler	
<b>Security Chairman</b>	
Fred Flores	
<b>Block Captains</b>	
OPEN	
<b>Mom's Group</b>	
OPEN	
<b>Gazebo Rental - SCS</b>	
Debbie Spaw.....	281-463-1777
<b>Pool Chairman</b>	
Paul Ford .....	832-237-5103
<b>Park Chairman</b>	
Karla Foley	

## Bashans Painting & Home Repair

Commercial/Residential  
Free Estimates

**281-347-6702**



**281-731-3383** cell



- Interior & Exterior
- 20 Years Experience
- Hardiplank Installation
- Wood Replacement
- Pressure Washing
- Sheetrock Repair & Texturing
- Cabinet Painting
- Door Refinishing & Replacement
- Wallpaper Removal
- Custom Staining
- Fence Replacement or Repair
- Gutter Replacement or Repair

**References Available • Fully Insured**  
**NO PAYMENT UNTIL COMPLETION**

[bashanspainting@earthlink.net](mailto:bashanspainting@earthlink.net)

## CHRISTMAS DECORATING CONTEST

*Christmas will be here before you know it!!*

Awards will be given again for outstanding decorations in the following categories:

Spirit of the Season (religious theme), Winter Wonderland (tons of white lights), Holiday Magic (creative & original), and Santa's favorite (toys/children's theme).

Homes will be judged the evening of Monday, December 19, so have your lights on as soon as it gets dark. Good luck to everyone; we appreciate all your efforts in helping to make this a festive holiday season!

Contact Susan @ 281-955-8927 for more information.

**For streetlight outage:**

<http://www.centerpointenergy.com-outage>

**At no time** will any source be allowed to use the Willowlake contents, or loan said contents, to others in anyway, shape or form, nor in any media, website, print, film, e-mail, electrostatic copy, fax, or etc. for the purpose of solicitation, commercial use, or any use for profit, political campaigns, or other self amplification, under penalty of law without written or expressed permission from the Willowlake Homeowners Association and Peel, Inc. The information in the Willowlake Community Newsletter is exclusively for the private use of Willowlake residents only.

**Attention HOMEOWNERS!**

Save  
up to **20%**



**On your  
electric  
bills!**

**NO HIDDEN COSTS!**  
No Deposit  
No Switching Fees  
No Long-term Contract  
No Termination Penalty

**CONSUMER POWER**

**Office: 713-468-3600**

**Fax: 713-353-7684**



**Advent Web Solutions**

Affordable Web Solutions

Advent Web Solutions is your complete online presence provider, whether your business is looking for a simple informational website or a complete e-commerce online store, we can assist your business with fast friendly service.

Whether your business needs its first website or a redesign of your existing one, we will build you a site that is easy to navigate, engages your visitors, helps build your business image and is very easy to make simple changes by you.

- **Affordable Website Design and Redesign**
- **Fast, Reliable Web Hosting – Compare Our Pricing Plans and Transfer Your Service To Us**
- **Domain Name Registration and Transfer**

**Adventware.com**

G. Michael Peterson

Your Willowbridge Neighbor Since 1993

**Professionally Designed Custom Business  
Websites Starting @ \$695**

Toll Free: 1-888-693-6393

e-mail: [Mike@Adventware.com](mailto:Mike@Adventware.com)



**A WHOLE NEW MEANING TO  
HOME FIELD ADVANTAGE**

**HOME EQUITY  
LINE OF CREDIT**

9155 W. Sam Houston Pkwy. N.  
Houston, TX 77064  
281-970-9636

**4.75% APR / Prime\***  
FOR SIX MONTHS AS LOW AS THEREAFTER



\*The APR is a variable rate based on the Prime Rate as published in the Wall Street Journal. The advertised APR is discounted and is based on Prime minus 2.00%. The advertised APR will remain in effect for six months after loan origination. After this the APR in TX will range from Prime to Prime + 1%. As of Oct. 17, 2005, the non-discounted APR ranges from 6.75 to 7.75%. The APR may increase but will not exceed 18% in TX. Property insurance is required. Some additional fees and restrictions may apply. This offer applies to new applications received at the Beltway branch on or before November 30, 2005 and is subject to credit approval. Maximum loan to value is 80%. Equal Housing Lender. Member FDIC.

# Willowlake

## Fire Works Safety

According to the National Fire Protection Association, the majority of fireworks injuries involves victims under 15 years of age. Caution and common-sense work hand in hand to protect children, prevent injury and safeguard property while celebrating with fireworks.

- Never use illegal fireworks.
- Store products in a cool, dry place.
- Keep spectators back a safe distance.
- Read and follow label directions carefully.
- Wear safety glasses or goggles when igniting fireworks.
- Do not re-light "duds" or malfunctioning fireworks.
- Keep a hose or water bucket nearby.
- Light sparklers in an open area on a smooth hard surface, away from dried brush or other ignitable material.
- Attend a public fireworks display handled by professionals

## Advertising Information

Please support the businesses that advertise in the Willowlake Community Newsletter. Their advertising dollars make it possible for all Willowlake residents to receive the monthly newsletter at no charge. No homeowners association funds are used to produce or mail the newsletters. If you would like to support the Willowlake Community Newsletter by advertising, please contact our Sales Office at 512-989-8905, advertising@PEELinc.com or sales representative, Donna Sommer @ 832-237-4684 or dsommer@PEELinc.com. The advertising deadline is the 10th of each month for the following month's newsletter.

## START SOMETHING

Catch up or get ahead this holiday season!

Take a mini-mester course and sign up for spring semester now!  
Phone, online and on campus registration under way for mini-mester and spring semester.

**Mini-mester classes begin Dec. 19**  
**Spring semester classes begin Jan. 17**



Cy-Fair College • 9191 Barker Cypress Road • Cypress, Texas 77433 • 281.290.3200  
Fairbanks Center • 14955 Northwest Freeway • Houston, Texas 77040 • 832.782.5000  
www.cy-faircollege.com

Affirmative Action/EEO College

## Holiday Tips

### Tip: How to Care for Live Christmas Trees

Here's a simple tip. When you buy a cut Christmas tree for your Christmas celebrations, you need to check it for firmness. Gently grab a handful of needles and see if any fall off. If they do, then you need to water the tree. Cut off an inch or so from the bottom and make sure that the tree is suspended in a suitable container of water. Also, when the season is over, take it to a recycling center, cut it up for firewood, or find another way to dispose of it properly.

### Tip: Shopping for an Artificial Pre-Lit Christmas Tree

Here are a few tips when considering your tree:

Number of lights

Number of tips

Pole and branch system—the weight of the branches is distributed to the strongest part of the tree, the support pole.

Pole- the interior pole locking system is designed for superior stability increasing the ease of storage and installation.

Foliage- lifelike foliage, made of fake and crush resistant PVC needles, the dense foliage appears fresh cut.

Safety- the tree should be made from flame retardant materials

### Tip: Keep Wrap from Unrolling

To keep wrap from unrolling and getting crumpled, save empty toilet paper or paper towel rolls. Cut it open with scissors and slide this around the tube of wrapping paper. The paper won't unroll anymore and you just slide the cardboard toilet paper cuff off when it is time to use the wrapping paper.

### Tip: What to do with the "broken ornaments"

Tree ornaments that are missing hooks or caps can be put together in a glass bowl and used for a center piece.

### Tip: How to store little ornaments

Use egg cartons to store your small ornaments safely.

### Tip: Gourmet Coffee

Make your own gourmet coffee by adding a few drops of almond, mint, chocolate, cinnamon, or other tasty flavoring to the coffee grounds.

# DoublePlay

A Unique Family Entertainment Center complete with **Glow Golf**, **Lazer Tag**, Video Arcade and Party Rooms.

**281-469-9880**

Connected to DoubleDave's

*We have group rates to accommodate:*

Birthdays - Team Parties - Church Groups  
Day Care Field Trips - Corporate Events

# FREE

Buy 1 Unlimited  
**Glow Golf**  
Get 1 Free

Exp. 01/31/06

LARGE 1 TOPPING PIZZA

**\$7.99**

NOT VALID WITH ANY OTHER  
OFFER EXPIRES 01/31/06  
Good at Fallbrook location only

# DOUBLE DAVE'S Pizzaworks

*Call for Delivery*

• **281-469-9800** •

10535 Jones Rd  
One Block South of 1960

# Life CAN Be Beautiful!



With our laser, kids don't have to worry about shots or drills, because our laser can be used to remove decay without the need for anesthetics in most cases. That means kids, as well as adults, can usually enjoy visiting our office.



## Minh Nguyen, D. D. S., P.A.

Family & Cosmetic Dentistry

### NEW LOCATION

10028 West Rd. #108

Houston, Texas 77064

281-807-6111

[www.softdental.com](http://www.softdental.com)

## Patient Testimonials

I can honestly state that my 12 year old twins truly enjoy their visits to the dentist. Dr. Nguyen is a wonderful dentist and has the nicest staff. He is very intelligent, patient and has state of the art equipment. We have been coming to his office for over 5 years and have always received nothing but the best in service. I have and will continue to recommend Dr. Nguyen to other family members and friends.

Olga Salazar - Houston, TX USA

Dr. Nguyen is the most hitech-savvy dentist I have ever met. I have been a patient of Dr. Nguyen for 7 years. His ability and knowledge to utilize computerized equipment and hi-tech (laser etc.) equipment have amazed me. Dr. Nguyen works hard and do the best for his patients. I highly recommend Dr. Nguyen to be your dentist.

Jason Wong - Houston, TX USA

**\$45<sup>00</sup>**

**OFF**

initial X-Ray  
with cleaning

Free Teeth  
Cleaning with  
invisable braces

**invisalign**

Free  
Evaluation

Call to schedule an  
appointment.

## Overweight and Your Environment

For years, people fighting overweight have been told that it's simple: limit the calories, increase the exercise, and the weight will come off. Well, it's simple all right, but not easy, and in trying to explain this perplexing difficulty, people have come up with a variety of theories to explain why a person becomes and stays overweight, from simple laziness, to addiction or genetics. In other words, many of the explanations lay the blame on the person. In some cases, these internal explanations may be accurate, but as recent research has explained, there may be other, environmental, factors involved.

### Be aware of your environment

Your neighborhood is one example of an environment. A paper published in the British Medical Journal reports on a surprising relationship between obesity in adults with graffiti and greenery. We have all seen neighborhoods where there are more "incivilities" than in other neighborhoods. These incivilities (like pet messes, litter, graffiti, and the lack of trees and other plants) are factors that make life less pleasant. What the researchers found is that the more of these unpleasant factors in a neighborhood, the more likely its residents are to be obese or less physically active. In fact, in neighborhoods with high levels of incivilities, residents are 50 percent less likely to be physically active and about 50 percent more likely to be overweight or obese.

Another environment is your dining area, which for many folks includes a television. Many studies have noted a strong relationship

between television watching and overweight, including watching TV during meals. Several explanations have been offered for this, including that the more hours a person spends in front of a TV, the less active that person usually is; that watching TV during meals often continues beyond mealtime and expands the time spent sitting in front of a TV; and that TV advertising and programming encourages viewers to eat unhealthful foods. It's also been suggested that watching TV while you're eating distracts you from your body's signals telling you that you're full. Whatever the reason, the best strategy may be to turn off the TV during meals or even get rid of it.

An even smaller scale environment is your plate. A study on food intake by adults, this one published in The American Journal of Clinical Nutrition, shows that the more food there is on your plate, the more you're likely to eat, even if you stop being hungry. This suggests that if you're trying to control your food intake, the best approach is to decide what and how much you should eat, put that on your plate in the kitchen, and then take your plate to the table, leaving the serving bowls and platters behind.

This means also that eating out can be a particular challenge because you don't have as much control over the portions served on your plate. Eating at other people's houses, as many will do during the holidays, can be difficult for the same reason. In a restaurant, it's

*(Continued on Page 7)*

## Compare Our CD Rates

Bank-issued, FDIC-insured to \$100,000

**1-year 4.45% APY\* Minimum Deposit \$5,000**

**3-year 4.70% APY\* Minimum Deposit \$5,000**

**5-year 4.90% APY\* Minimum Deposit \$5,000**

\* Annual Percentage Yield (APY) - Interest cannot remain on deposit; periodic payout of interest is required. Early withdrawal is not permitted. Effective 11/14/05. Subject to availability and price change. The amount received from a sale of a CD at current market value may be less than the amount initially invested.

**Call or stop by today.**

**Deane M. Hafling**  
8807 W Sam Houston Pkwy  
(281) 469-4342

[www.edwardjones.com](http://www.edwardjones.com)

**Edward Jones**  
Serving Individual Investors Since 1871

# Atrium

salon & day spa

9516 Jones Rd Suite H [www.atriumspa.com](http://www.atriumspa.com)  
by the 1-800-flowers Center

**Happy Holidays!**

***We've Moved!***  
**to Jones @ West Rd**  
**281-897-9518**

*Come see our New  
Beautiful facility!*

Hours  
Tues.-Fri. 9am-7pm  
Sat. 8am-5pm

**FREE Cut  
w/ Color or  
Highlight**

w/ coupon - New Clients  
Only - one coupon per client  
exp. 01/31/06 - not valid on  
gift certificate purchase

**\$5<sup>00</sup> OFF  
Haircut or  
Nail Services**

w/ coupon - one coupon per  
client - exp. 01/31/06  
not valid on gift  
certificate purchase

**\$10<sup>00</sup> OFF  
Facial or 1 hr.  
Massage**

w/ coupon - one coupon per  
client - exp. 01/31/06  
not valid on gift  
certificate purchase

## Overweight - (Continued from Page 6)

a bit easier, because you can ask the server to reduce the portions or simply not bring you the foods you've decided not to eat.

### Recognize the situation

So many of us have been brought up with the notion that whatever goes wrong is due to a character flaw or other fault within individuals. This fallacy, called the Fundamental Attribution Error, has stopped many from recognizing the power of a person's surroundings to affect behavior. But once you recognize it, you can take action to protect yourself and better your health.

**DISCLAIMER:** Articles and ads in this newsletter express the opinions of their authors and do not necessarily reflect the opinions of Peel, Inc. or its employees. Peel, Inc. is not responsible for the accuracy of any facts stated in articles submitted by others. The publisher also assumes no responsibility for the advertising content with this publication. All warranties and representations made in the advertising content are solely that of the advertiser and any such claims regarding its content should be taken up with the advertiser.

\* The publisher assumes no liability with regard to its advertisers for misprints or failure to place advertising in this publication except for the actual cost of such advertising.

\* Although every effort is taken to avoid mistakes and/or misprints, the publisher assumes no responsibility for any errors of information or typographical mistakes, except as limited to the cost of advertising as stated above or in the case of misinformation, a printed retraction/correction.

\* Under no circumstances shall the publisher be held liable for incidental or consequential damages, inconvenience, loss of business or services, or any other liabilities from failure to publish, or from failure to publish in a timely manner, except as limited to liabilities stated above.

## HEAR YE-HEAR YE!

### THE PRINCE IS GIVING A BALL!

The Classic Rodgers & Hammerstein Fairytale, CINDERELLA will be presented by the Fine Arts Department of Cypress Community Christian School on December 2, 3, & 4

Cypress Community Christian School's Choir, Art and Drama programs are proud to announce their first joint production since Scrooge. With an all-star cast and beloved score by Rodgers and Hammerstein, Cinderella promises to be an unforgettable experience for the entire family. Well known songs include: "Impossible," "Ten Minutes Ago," and "In My Own Little Corner."

Don't miss this outstanding musical to be held at Cook Junior High Theater located at 9111 Wheatland off of West Rd. between Jones & Beltway 8. Performances will be held on Friday, December 2 @ 7 p.m., Saturday, December 3 @ 2p.m. and Sunday, December 4 @ 3 p.m.

To purchase advance tickets, contact Mrs. Lisa Matranga in our Drama Department at [lmatranga@cccs-hou.org](mailto:lmatranga@cccs-hou.org) or 281-469-8829 ext. 456. In addition, tickets may be purchased at the door! Also, you may access information on the school web site at [www.cccs-hou.org](http://www.cccs-hou.org) - Upcoming Events Section.

# HARDIPLANK®

**Alcoa Vinyl Siding  
& Replacement Windows**

**FREE ESTIMATES**

**20% Off**  
with this ad

*Call Fred*  
**Allied Siding & Windows**  
**281-357-8801**  
Over 20 years experience

 

**Fully Insured • References • Financing Available**

## Income Tax Time

- **Income Tax Preparation**
- **e-file (Free With Paid Preparation)**
- **Rapid Refund (Most Within 24 Hours)**
- **Same Day Refund For Those Who Qualify (Up to \$1,000.00)**

We provide affordable professional tax service to individuals and small businesses at prices lower than the national tax service chains. We know tax laws, not just tax software and work to get you every penny you should have refunded to you. Give us a call today to find out more about our services.

### B&J Bookkeeping

10850 West Rd. Ste. 105  
Houston, TX 77064

**281 894-6494**

*Se Habla Espanol*

**\$10 OFF**

any tax preparation service

Offer Exp. March 15, 2006

**\$15 OFF**

tax preparation  
when you choose a rapid refund

Offer Exp. March 15, 2006

# WILLOWLAKE MARKET REPORT

Courtesy of "DAVID FLORY"

*This market information report is provided to keep you informed of resale market activity in your subdivision*

	May 05	Jun 05	Jul 05	Aug 05	Sept 05	Oct 05
\$170,000 +	1	3	1	1	1	1
\$150,000-169,999	1	0	2	0	1	0
\$140,000-149,999	0	0	0	2	0	0
\$130,000-139,999	1	0	0	0	1	1
\$110,000-129,999	0	2	0	0	0	0
\$110,000 -	0	0	0	0	0	0
<b>TOTAL</b>	3	5	3	3	3	2
<b>Highest \$/SqFt</b>	76.57	85.71	77.96	71.50	85.19	67.41

## #1 Selling Agent in Willowlake!



**David Flory**  
Broker Associate

- **#3 Realtor in HOUSTON out of over 17,000!**
- **David SOLD Over 480 Homes in 2004**
- **Over 96% of David's Listings Result in a Sale!**
- **David SOLD One Home Every 1.5 Days!**

**HIGHEST PRICE PER SQ.FT. resale homes  
sold in Willowlake: \$88.12**



**Direct Line: 281-477-0345**

**Peel, Inc.**

P.O. Box 886  
Littlefield, Texas 79339

Presorted Standard  
U.S. Postage  
**PAID**  
Littlefield, Texas 79339  
Permit #59

☎ **Voice 512-989-8905**

💻 **www.PEELinc.com**