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HELP !!

The Board of Directors and all members of the Willow Pointe Home Owners Association could use everyone's help because we have a problem. It is a problem that affects our society and the image of our neighborhood. It is a problem that we continue to ignore but that will no longer be the case. That problem is vandalism.

Vandalism takes many forms. It can cover many sins. But when I write of vandalism, I am referring to the blatant, deliberate and willful destruction and defacing of public property. We must no longer tolerate this arbitrary destruction of our property through acts of impulse. The real question is this: Why do individuals destroy or deface public property which they share in common with our society and from which they all benefit directly or indirectly? Why?

Recently there have been a number of incidents of vandalism at our Playground and Pool areas. Some playground equipment has been damaged and our pool has taken a pretty good hit also. The cost to repair these acts of vandalism will be felt by everyone of the Association. It is now time to stop these wanton acts of vandalism perpetrated by a few and we need everyone's help to do this.

Your Board of Director's has installed a security camera for the playground area and there will soon be another installed for the pool area. But it is mainly the responsibility of the Association to help curtail these incidents. We must be proactive. We must prove ourselves to be mature and responsible citizens. We cannot absolve ourselves of our responsibility in preventing such acts. We must all play our part to discourage and safeguard communal property.

If you live around the pool/playground area or might be driving by late one evening and there are a few late night visitors to our pool area when we all know the pool is closed, PLEASE, make that telephone call. Our security patrol is there for just these incidents. The deputy on duty will talk to these individuals and if it's past their curfew he will deal with them accordingly. If there is no pliable reason for them being there, he will then ask them to leave.

Your help with this matter will make our common areas a little more safe and secure and in the end everyone will reap the rewards.

Steve Mueller, Director

September Yard of the Month

The yard of the month for September is owned by Tim and Shelly McKee and their two sons, Colton and Cody. The McKee Family has lived in Willow Pointe for seven years.

Tim, formerly in the heating and a/c business, is currently an automobile salesman with Beck & Matson. For fun, Tim plays baseball and coaches kids in USSA baseball. Contact Tim if you need a new car or want to know more about USSA sports.

Tim is very proud of his yard – front and back. He has spent a lot of time and money on landscaping his property. Tim fertilizes his yard six times a year, applying most of that during the growing season. He applies weed and feed in October or November.

Drive by 10827 Oak Bayou Lane to see the September yard of the month.

Runner up for September is 9915 Elm Meadow Trail.



10827 Oak Bayou Lane

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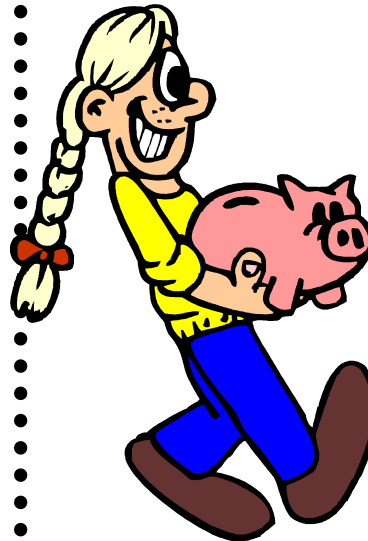
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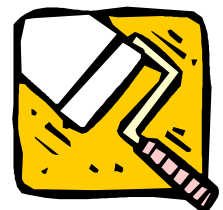
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Homeowners....

The Willow Pointe Homeowners Association is in dire need of volunteers to help support our many committees that have been established for the passing of information on to its members, beautification of our common areas, security of the whole neighborhood, and overall well being of our homes. At the last General Meeting back in May we had many enthusiastic volunteers step up to the plate and volunteer their time and effort in establishing these committees. But that commitment has become pretty tough to maintain and recently has waned a little. We could use your help now on the:

Newsletter Committee
Landscape Committee

Security Committee
Website Committee

Everyone that lives here in Willow Pointe loves this neighborhood. You would have not decided to raise your family here, bought your home here, or even walked the safe streets on a warm evening. We all know that the times are a little tough right now and since vacations and Saturday night movies have been reduced because of the economy, now would be the perfect time to get a little more involved in making your investment a little more personal.

The Board of Directors and all those on the different committees could use your help and input in making Willow Pointe an even better place to live. If you have about an hour and a half each month, please contact the WPHOA on the website, www.willowpointe.org, and volunteer an hour or so each month to help the many residents that we share this beautiful neighborhood with. Consider this your way of giving back to the community that which it has given you.

STEP UP TO
THE PLATE AND
VOLUNTEER.....

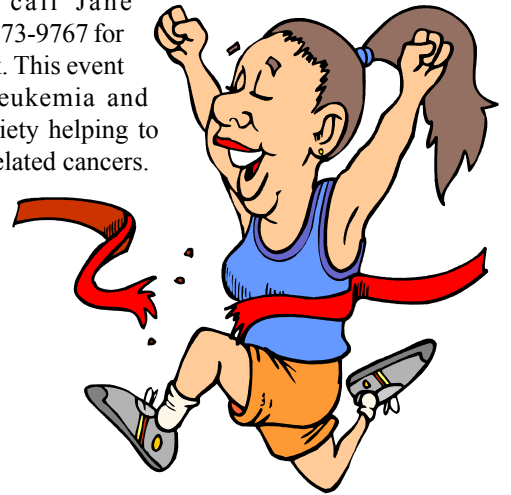
Steve Mueller
Director



The Date is Set!

Saturday morning, October 28, 2006 is the date for the 5th Fairfield 5K for Life Fun Run/Walk benefiting the Leukemia & Lymphoma Society.

Plan on joining us at the Fairfield Athletic Club early Saturday morning for a jaunt through Fairfield's beautiful hike and bike trails. There will be medals and prizes raffled off. Look for details and entry forms in next month's newsletter. For sponsorship information, call Jane Lakatos at 281-373-9767 for the fun run/walk. This event benefits the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society helping to cure all blood-related cancers.



Speed Limit Reduction Initiative

A new bill has recently passed in the Texas Senate. Senate Bill 540 gives the Harris County Commissioner's Court the authority to declare a lower speed limit of not less than 20 miles per hour in residential neighborhoods throughout Harris County.

In order to move this initiative forward, Paul Morgan, Willow Pointe resident, is circulating a petition which must be signed by 51% of the homeowners residing in Willow Pointe. If you are interested in supporting this initiative, please contact Paul at 281-807-9118.

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Are you pleased with your progress toward healthful nutrition and fitness habits but frustrated with your children's?

Do you suspect that the lunches you send to school are traded or thrown away? Do you shudder at the sight of your pantry shelves displaying high-fat snacks and sugary cereals that you vowed you would never buy? Can you really win the battle against advertising, peer pressure and kids' love affairs with sugar and fat?

The bad news and the good news

Kids today are fatter and less fit than previous generations. Between the mid-1960s and the late 1970s, obesity increased 54 percent among young children (ages six to 11) and 39 percent among adolescents (ages 12 to 17). Recent studies show that obesity has continued to increase into the '90s.

Food companies spend millions of dollars on television advertising to convince children that high-fat, high-sugar, processed foods are worth eating. Food is consumed because it's cool, fun or comes with a free toy rather than for its impact on health or even for its taste! So what's a parent to do? Eat your words! The fact is that parents who have adopted a lifestyle that includes healthful foods and regular exercise are living role models for their children.

We know that the behaviors children see most often at home are the ones they will be most likely to adopt for themselves and parents' efforts to promote healthy food habits do make a difference.

The first step is to stop battling with your kids about food. You may need to slow the rate of change in your children's food choices and offer reasonable alternatives as you gradually reduce those high-fat, high-sugar foods. Be sure to include some of their favorite foods in daily meals.

Stack the deck

Much of nutrition is common sense. For instance, stock the kitchen with a majority of healthy items, keeping in mind that kids want some of their favorite foods, which may be sweet and/or salty.

Buy pretzels, which are low in fat, instead of greasy chips. Keep cut-up vegetables and ready-to-eat mini-carrots in the refrigerator. Sprinkle air-popped popcorn with grated parmesan cheese instead of butter.

A good way to get kids involved and committed to healthy eating habits is to involve them with the food shopping and preparation.

There are lots of children's cookbooks on the market; select one that emphasizes ways to modify many favorite foods rather than eliminate them. Children who feel competent to select and prepare food will make more intelligent food choices.

Balance is everything

The key to keeping kids happy and healthy is to strike a balance between foods that are good for you and those that just taste good, between leisure or TV time and physical activity.

Which brings us to the other side of the healthy living equation. The most obvious impact of inactivity on kids is the strong association between the number of hours spent watching TV and the level of obesity among youngsters.

Make physical activity a family affair. Go for walks, fly kites, rollerblade around the neighborhood, play miniature golf or other sports. Anything that gets you moving together will no doubt be good for you, too.

Family Goal Chart				
	Mom	Dad	Billy	Sally
Exercise				
M	*	*	*	*
T			*	*
W	*	*	*	*
T		*		*
F	*		*	
S	*	*	*	*
S				
Good food				
M	*	*	*	*
T	*	*		
W	*	*	*	
T			*	*
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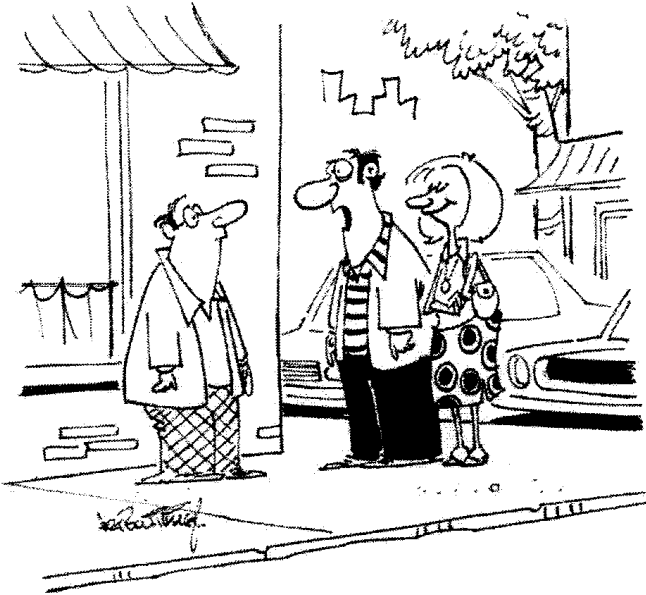
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"I married 'Miss Right'. I just didn't know her first name was 'Always'."

Sudoku

The goal is to fill in the grid so that every row, every column, and every 3x3 box contains the digits 1 through 9. Each digit may appear only once in each row, each column, and each 3x3 box.

8		7			2		4	9
			3			7	1	
				6				
5				1		2		
			5		7			
	6							8
	7						8	
4				3	5			
	2	1			8			

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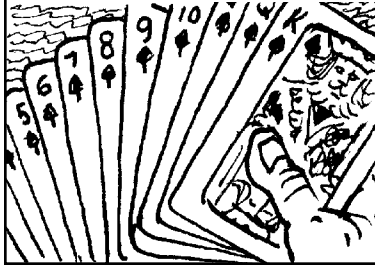


Sudoku Solution

8	3	7	1	5	2	6	4	9
6	9	2	3	8	4	7	1	5
1	5	4	7	6	9	8	2	3
5	4	3	8	1	6	2	9	7
2	1	8	5	9	7	4	3	6
7	6	9	4	2	3	1	5	8
9	7	5	6	4	1	3	8	2
4	8	6	2	3	5	9	7	1
3	2	1	9	7	8	5	6	4

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Did You Know?



The odds against a bridge player getting all 13 cards in the same suit in one deal are about 158,753,389,899 to one.

Do you have an article for the newsletter?

If you would like to submit an article or any information for the Willow Pointe Homeowners Newsletter, you may do so by sending the information in Word format to stevenlewis@sbcglobal.net. Please include your name and a means to contact you. All information is due no later than the 5th of the month and is subject to editorial approval as well as available space.

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Community Calendar September, 2006

- September 2,3,4 Pool Open
- September 4 Student Holiday
- September 4 NO GARBAGE PICK UP
- September 5 Pool closed for the season
- September 6 Board Meeting 6:30 p.m. Pool*
- September 11 Landscape Committee 7 p.m. Pool*
- September 12 Safety & Security Committee 7 p.m. Pool*
- September 25 Newsletter Committee 7 p.m. Pool*

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	Feb 06	Mar 06	Apr 06	May 06	Jun 06	July 06
\$180,000 Above	1	1	1	2	0	0
\$160,000-179,999	0	0	0	0	1	1
\$150,000-159,999	1	1	0	0	1	1
\$140,000-149,999	0	0	0	0	0	2
\$120,000-139,999	0	0	0	0	0	1
\$120,000 Below	0	0	0	0	1	0
TOTAL	2	2	1	2	3	5
Highest \$/Sq Ft	68.75	72.48	63.20	57.78	85.04	80.54

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