



# Willow Pointe Newsletter

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## President's Message

### RAISE THE ROOF

Recently, I have noticed that several homes have shingle tabs missing from their roofs... damage left over from Hurricane Ike. I just wanted to remind Homeowners that Hurricane season is back upon us... as of June 1st, though the peak of the season is still several weeks off. I bring this up because during the storm, I watched my neighbor's roof... it looked like an old player piano with the keys moving by themselves... except these were shingle tabs. And I thought, 'Man, his roof is ruined'... and then realized mine was a well. I was missing about 40 'tabs' and had to argue with my insurance company, but they did capitulate and I got my roof. Not everyone did.

The reminder here is that only a very few tabs were actually ripped off the roof, but they were all loose. Add to this that most roofs are approaching 15 years old and have gone through a couple of Houston summers since Ike and you have a recipe for disaster. With the shingles 'weakened', it won't take much for a storm to do some serious damage to your home. I know the cost is high to re-roof, but the cost of not re-roofing might be more so.

### WHO SPEAKS FOR THE TREES?

If you live on one of the Spine Roads (Willow Crossing, Pony Express, or Trail Ridge) and have one of the Community Oak trees in the curb grass area on your Lot, please make sure it has been properly trimmed. We have gotten complaints recently about those trees being in bad shape. Several of them have branches that are hanging down blocking the sidewalk and leaning down into the street. The Association will be sending out notices to those Homeowners with trees in violation and a request that it be corrected quickly.

### GRASS IS ALWAYS GREENER...

Thanks to a resourceful and motivated neighbor... we will call him 'Frank' (because that is his name), we have permission to re-print articles about how to cultivate and maintain a healthy lawn. I will attempt to add these to the newsletter over the next few months. The author of the article is Stuart Franklin and his website is <http://lawncaresimplified.typepad.com> so check it out since there is lots of great information.



## IMPORTANT DATES

### JULY 2012

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Landscape Committee Meeting @ 6:30 pm  
POOL CLOSED

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INDEPENDENCE DAY

9

POOL CLOSED

14

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

16

POOL CLOSED

23

POOL CLOSED

30

POOL CLOSED

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.

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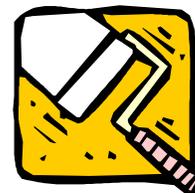
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Temp Transfer Comm Assoc M/M	\$100,000.00
Checking - Prosperity	\$ 3,743.81

### Reserves

Comm Assoc Banc	\$ 23,485.99
Prosperity M/M	\$ 13,069.85
Smith Barney	\$146,235.33
Bank of America M/M	\$ 50,728.37
Total Reserves	\$233,519.54

### Accounts Receivable

2010 Owner Assessments	\$ 1,927.17
2011 Owner Assessments	\$ 3,910.74
2012 Owner Assessments	\$ 19,518.42
A/R Collection Fees	\$ 8,633.00
A/R Late charges	\$ 799.11
A/R Legal fees	\$ 6,632.33
A/R Other	\$ 25.00
	\$ 60,812.27
Total Assets	\$424,825.37
Pre-paid insurance	\$ 1,420.49
Total other assets	\$ 1,420.49
Total Assets	\$426,245.86

### LIABILITIES AND MEMBER'S EQUITY

#### Current Liabilities

Prepaid-HOA Fees	\$ 202.00
Prepaid-Legal Fees	\$ 125.00
Total Liabilities	\$ 327.00

#### Reserves

Beginning balance	\$210,013.13
2012 Reserves	\$ 26,304.00
Interest Income	\$ 323.64
Total Reserves	\$233,519.54

#### Member Capital

Prior Years equity	\$ 74,525.47
Accrual basis equity	\$ 60,485.27
Total homeowners capital	\$135,010.74
YTD excess/deficit	\$ 57,388.55
Total member's equity	\$192,399.32

TOTAL LIABILITIES AND MEMBER'S EQUITY	\$ 426,245.86
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## Harris County Sheriff's Office Patrol Report

APRIL 2012

Category	Number
Burglary/Habitat	0
Burglary/Motor vehicle	1
Criminal Mischief	2
Disturbance/Family	0
Disturbance/Loud Noise	0
Local Alarms	7
Suspicious Person	1
Traffic stop	7
Vehicle suspicious	0

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## 3 Things You Need to Know About Grass

By

Stuart Franklin is President of Nature's Lawn & Garden, Inc.  
<http://lawncaresimplified.typepad.com>

A lawn is simply an area of land covered by one or more types of grass plants. There are about a million individual grass plants on a 1000 sf area. If you really want to know how to care for a lawn, you need to focus in, and learn something about the individual grass plants that comprise it. I've broken it down into three parts:

1. How grass grows.
2. How grass spreads (Next Month)
3. How grass gets its food (The month after that)

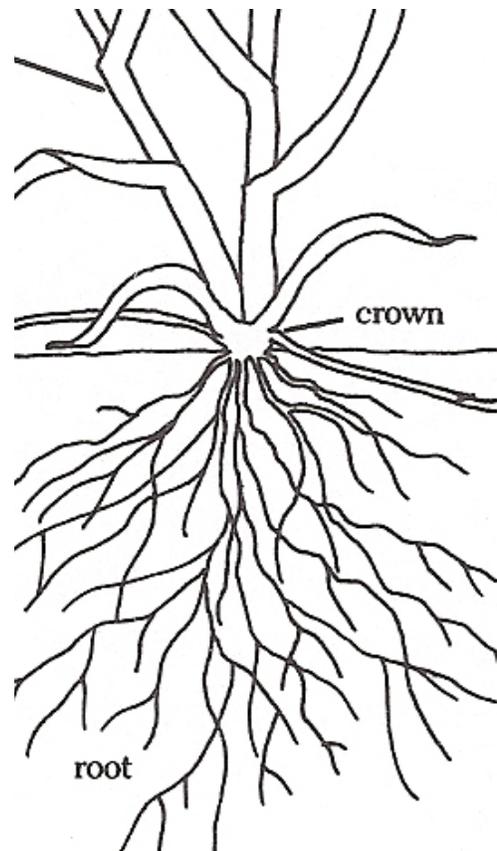
### PART I HOW GRASS GROWS

Q. Why is it that you can cut off a third or a half or even more of a grass plant, and do it regularly throughout the growing season, and yet the grass survives? If you did that to any of your other plants in the yard or house they probably would die within a season.

A. Because grass grows differently from most of your other plants.

Other plants, whether shrubs, trees, tomatoes or vines, keep adding on new growth to stems or branches that already have formed. New growth is always occurring at the extremities, far from the base of the plant. Not so with grass. Though some growth occurs on the leaf blades, the key growth point for grass is the crown.

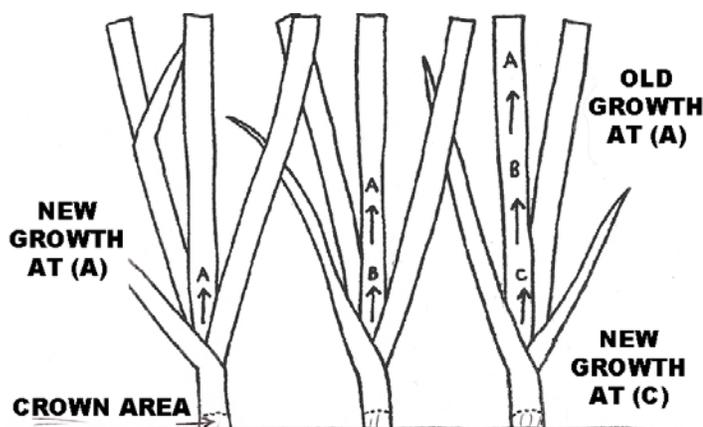
If you look at the illustration you will see that the crown sits at the soil line and it is also where the shoot section and the root section of the grass meet. The crown is a highly active growing point that pushes stems (and the leaf blades that form around them) upward. Aside from the growth that can occur on the grass blades themselves, we find that essentially, the old growth of the grass is at the top of the plant while the new growth is at the bottom.



### ROOT GROWTH.

The crown is also responsible for initiating the roots, but the roots then grow in a more typical fashion. New growth cells form at the tips of the roots instead of the crown. The roots elongate in search of water and nutrients and form a very extensive and fibrous network, most of it being invisible to the naked eye.

According to a lawn site at Purdue, one researcher, who examined the root system of Kentucky bluegrass, found that in one cubic inch of soil there were 2,000 roots with 1,000,000 roots hairs. Poor root growth, for whatever reason, means a grass plant that suffers from poor water and nutrient absorption. Much more about this later.



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