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President's Message

Future Pool Hours

So, this is the first year my kids and I have been able to go to the pool on a regular basis. We were going about 2-3 times a week and I started to notice something...we were the first (and only) ones almost every time. The problem was the pool opened at noon and we were not getting there until 4pm. Even then, most people did not show up until after 5pm. I know when I ran a pool company, the trend was the same...nobody came until the heat of the day was over and people got home from work. On one evening, my kids were misbehaving, we used not going to the pool as a punishment...they cleaned their act up and we went at 6:30pm. There were about 25 people there on a Wednesday night...it was great...and we all had to leave at 8pm.

So I asked the guards about hours that other pools kept and was told that Greater Houston Pool Management has some pools opened until 10pm. So that got me thinking, which is always dangerous. Why is our pool open 12-8? I remember Judith Schwartz telling me years ago when I joined the Board that it was just easier for people to remember one time period for every day.

But, it makes no sense to pay guards for sitting bored for 4 hours 4 weekdays a week...16 hours of next to no usage. So, I made a spreadsheet and broke down the hours...opening at 3 or 4 pm and closing an hour later at 9pm. This would be Tuesday - Friday. On weekends (and Labor day/Memorial day), I would propose opening early...like 9am or 10am and closing at 9pm. When the numbers are crunched, we are only at a difference of about plus 6 hours, but I think we are open more times when people are likely to show up.

But I would like your input. I made a mailbox pool@willowpointe.org where I would ask people to send me their thoughts on this topic. I have learned that people want the pool open when they want to swim...I just need to know when that is to appease as many as possible.



Board meeting moving for October

Because of National Night Out (NNO), the Board will move the Tuesday, October 2nd meeting to Thursday, October 4th at 6:30 at the pool. We will be taking some time to look over pool options for next year and deciding on whether to raise the annual Assessment. I also want to look into what options exist for fixing the yard waste problem that we have been getting complaints about... people leaving rotting bags of grass out for several days for the entire world to see and smell. We have the capacity to fine residents for removal, but I want to see what other options might exist first.

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BALANCE SHEET - AUGUST 31, 2012
ASSETS

Checking	Comm Assoc Banc	\$ 4,443.81
Temp Transfer	Comm Assoc M/M	\$ 60,000.00
Checking	Prosperity	\$ 3,743.81
Reserves		
Comm Assoc Banc		\$ 81,904.81
Prosperity M/M		\$ 3,071.64
M.Stanley/S. Barney		\$146,238.97
Total Reserves		\$231,215.42
Accounts Receivable		
2010 Owner Assessments		\$ 1,773.19
2011 Owner Assessments		\$ 3,280.24
2012 Owner Assessments		\$ 12,214.64
A/R Collection Fees		\$ 9,366.60
A/R Lawn Fees		\$ 235.00
A/R Late charges		\$ 929.64
A/R Legal fees		\$ 7,855.33
A/R Opening Balance		\$ 19,391.50
A/R Other		\$ 125.00
		\$ 55,081.14
Total Assets		\$354,484.35
Pre-paid insurance		\$ 7,858.62
Total other assets		\$ 7,858.62
Total Assets		\$362,342.97

LIABILITIES AND MEMBER'S EQUITY

Current Liabilities		
Prepaid-HOA Fees	\$ 217.00	
Prepaid-Legal Fees	\$ 125.00	
Total Liabilities	\$ 342.00	
Reserves		
Beginning balance	\$ 210,013.13	
2012 Reserves	\$ 26,304.00	
Interest Income	\$ 419.52	
Capital Expenses	\$ -5,521.23	
Total Reserves	\$231,215.42	
Member Capital		
Prior Years equity	\$ 74,525.47	
Accrual basis equity	\$ 54,739.14	
Total homeowners capital	\$ 129,264.61	
YTD excess/deficit	\$ 1,520.94	
Total member's equity	\$ 130,785.55	
Total Liabilities & Member's Equity	\$362,342.97	

Harris County Sheriff's Office Patrol Report

AUGUST 2012

Category	Number
Burglary/Habitat	0
Burglary/Motor vehicle	1
Criminal Mischief	1
Disturbance/Family	0
Disturbance/Loud Noise	0
Local Alarms	10
Suspicious Person	2
Traffic stop	8
Vehicle suspicious	0

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Fall Community Garage Sale

October 12-14th

It is time to clean out the closets and make room for all those upcoming holiday presents coming in December. Don't forget the Fall Community Garage Sale has moved from September to the second weekend in October. October 12-14th this year. Don't forget that each Homeowner may still have a garage sale outside of the two hosted by the Community if you have a lot of stuff to divest yourself of.



Mark your calendar – Tuesday, October 2nd 2012. The nation outside of Texas holds NNO celebrations the first week of August. Please take this chance to come outside and get together with your neighbors... or even better, get together with your neighbors and organize a Block Party. The Board has offered to sponsor up \$100 per party (excluding alcohol). Please email the Board at wphoa.board@willowpointe.org to let us know of your interest in participating...and plan to take lots of photos for the newsletter!!

Willow Pointe COMMUNITY CALENDAR

September 2012

OCTOBER 1

Landscape Committee Meeting @ 6:30 pm

OCTOBER 2

Texas National Night Out

OCTOBER 4

Board Meeting @ 6:30 pm

OCTOBER 12-14

Community Garage Sale

OCTOBER 13

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

OCTOBER 31

Halloween

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.





Yard of the Month

October has brought our first taste of fall and some nice lawns to boot.

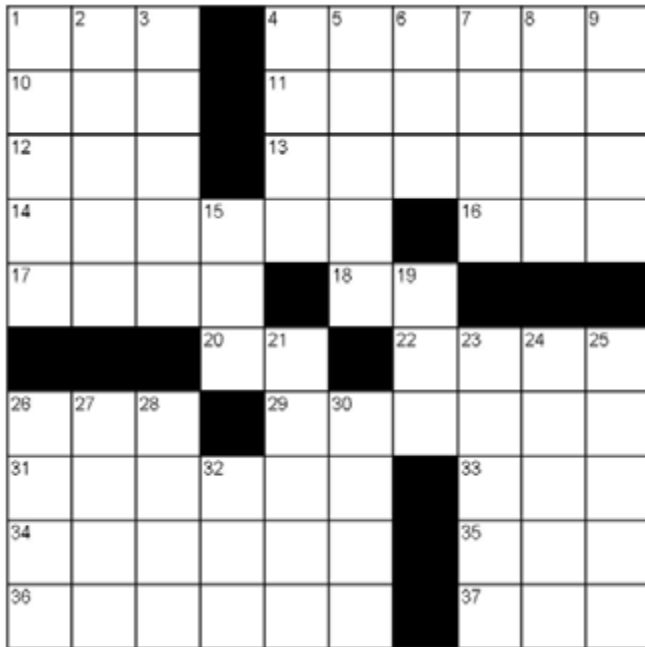
Congratulations to the family at 10827 Oak Bayou Lane who received first place for the month.

Also congratulations go to the family at 10814 9210 Willow Crossing Drive who receive second place this month..



Halloween Tips

CROSSWORD PUZZLE



ACROSS

1. Legume
4. Rolled up paper
10. Carry
11. Irrational fear
12. Wing
13. Animal disease
14. Gentle breeze
16. Eastern Time
17. Region
18. Military policeman (abbr.)
20. Deutschmark (abbr.)
22. Meat alternative
26. Slumber
29. Bayer's competitor
31. Pilot
33. Pull
34. Seed remover
35. East northeast
36. Gully
37. Little bit

DOWN

1. Shopping mall
2. Swiss mathematician
3. Open
4. Energetic
5. Amulet
6. Fleece
7. Off-Broadway award
8. Fish stories
9. Endure
15. Held
19. School group
21. Nautical "friend"
23. Eight
24. Female singer ___ Apple
25. Single
26. Space ship builders
27. Declare positively
28. Landing
30. Roman emperor
32. Hoopla

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PORCH LIGHTS - a porch light on means fair game for Trick-Or-Treating. If you are not distributing candy or are done for the evening, please turn your lights off. And Trick-Or-Treaters...if you see a porch light off, be respectful and move on to the next illuminated house.

HELLO? - Knock or ring the bell no more than twice. If the door isn't answered within a minute despite the porch light being on, assume you've gotten one of those folks who didn't read Tip 1.

FRIGHTENING LIMITS - If you are the person who wants to jump out of the coffin tucked in the corner of your front porch, please make sure that the age of the 'victim' is appropriate. While pee will wash off concrete, you might ruin the night for a dressed up 2 year-old princess.

WALKING - Stay on sidewalks or pathways. Don't take short cuts through lawns or flowerbeds.

Manners matter - Saying "Trick-or-Treat" before and "Thank You" afterward is a small price for collecting free candy on Halloween.

GAME OVER - Don't Trick-or-Treat after 9pm. Families with children or older people may well be in bed after that.

TRAFFICKING - Vehicles: drive extra slow and look for kids. Chaperones/Kids: Stay off roads as much as possible.

BLINDED BY THE LIGHT - Glow sticks, reflectors, flashlights - all are good to make your kids visible to anyone who fails at Tip 6.

FLAME OFF!! - Jack-o-lanterns/candles set a spooky mood, but open flames near dangling costume sleeves and flammable accessories is dangerous. Consider battery-powered tea lights.

THANKS... - If you're going to give out goodies to Trick-or-Treaters, buy individually wrapped treats. Save special homemade goodies and fresh fruit as presents for the folks you know rather than strangers who are coming to your door Trick-or-Treating.

R-E-S-P-E-C-T - Not everyone celebrates the holiday, or celebrates it in the same way you do. We live in a community with diverse beliefs and views. Please show respect as you yourself would want to be respected.

DON'T SCARE THE LITTLE ONES TOO BADLY! - If you've got a really creepy costume to answer the door, or you decorate your house from sidewalk to front porch in graveyard chic - remember that what can be delightfully frightening to older kids and adults can terrify toddlers and young kids. Before jumping out of bushes, screaming when you open doors or leaping out of fake coffins at Trick-or-Treaters, take a quick glance to make sure they're of an appropriate age-group to enjoy such a scare. Save the best frights for those who can really appreciate them. You'll have more fun, and the parents of the little kids will be grateful. Having to take home a hysterical Trick-or-Treater who has been scared witless on their first time out is no fun for anyone.



Bullying: What To Watch

*Helping Parents
Understand the Signs*

Has your child suddenly had declining grades or unexplained injuries? Have they purposely been trying to avoid school? They could be the victims of bullying.

“Bullying is a widespread problem among children, especially teenagers,” says Beth Nauert, M.D., a Texas pediatrician. “Bullying should always be taken very seriously by parents, educators, and the authorities.”

BULLYING SIGNS

Children who are bullied are repeatedly exposed to aggressive, negative actions on the part of one or more other persons, and have difficulty defending themselves, says Dr. Nauert.

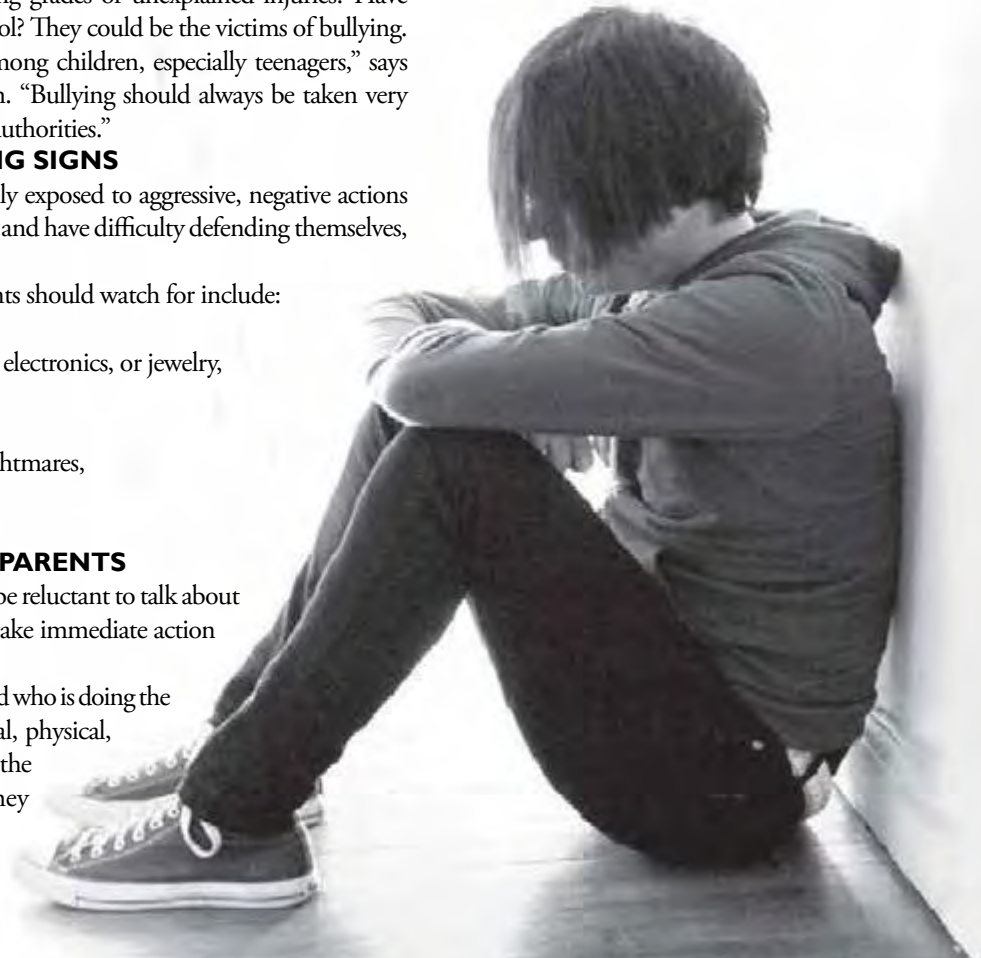
Some clear signs of bullying that parents should watch for include:

- unexplainable injuries,
- lost or destroyed clothing, books, electronics, or jewelry,
- feeling sick or faking illness,
- changes in eating habit,
- difficulty sleeping or frequent nightmares,
- not wanting to go to school,
- running away from home.

ACTION PLAN FOR PARENTS

Because children who are bullied may be reluctant to talk about it, parents who suspect bullying should take immediate action to help their children, says Dr. Nauert.

“Parents need to find out from their child who is doing the bullying, whether the bullying was verbal, physical, or cyberbullying, and where and when the bullying is happening,” she says. “They should then speak with their teacher, principal, school administrators, or local law enforcement.”



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