



# Willow Pointe Newsletter

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## President's Message

*By Scott Ward*

### ANNUAL MEETING NOTICE

The Willow Pointe Annual Meeting will be Thursday, May 15th at 6:30 pm in the MUD #9 building located at 9431 Rio Grande Dr. We need 10% of the community represented in person or by proxy...this is 58 people. (FYI - Last year, we had fewer than 15 people represented in person). A copy of the proxy will be mailed out in early May with the annual mailer. If you are NOT planning to attend the meeting, please sign and return the proxy so that we have 10% of our community represented. Proxies can be signed, scanned, and sent to Miguel Trevino at Randall Management by email at [mtrevino@randallmanagement.com](mailto:mtrevino@randallmanagement.com) or by fax at 713-728-5015.

Each year, the Board members knock on doors trying to gather up the necessary Proxies for the meeting. Thankfully, the Texas Legislature has decided that Electronic Proxies are now acceptable...a copy of the required verbiage can be found on our website at [www.willowpointe.org](http://www.willowpointe.org) and can be copied into an email and sent to [wphoa.board@willowpointe.org](mailto:wphoa.board@willowpointe.org). Thanks for your help!!

### POOL HOURS

A copy of the 2014 Pool Hours will be available on the Willow Pointe website ([willowpointe.org](http://willowpointe.org)). As a general rule, the pool will be open weekdays after June 6th from 3pm-9pm. On weekends, the pool will open from 9am-9pm Saturday and 11am-9pm on Sunday. Once school resumes, the pool will close at 8pm on any day preceding a school day. We will also have special hours for Memorial Day (9am-8pm), Independence Day (9am-9pm) and Labor Day (9am-8pm).



## Willow Pointe COMMUNITY CALENDAR

MAY 2014

### MAY 5TH

Landscape Committee Meeting @ 6:30 pm

### MAY 10TH

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

### MAY 11TH

Mother's Day

### MAY 15TH

Annual Meeting @ 6:30pm @ MUD 9 Building

### MAY 24TH

Community Pool OPEN (9am-9pm)  
POOL OPENING PARTY (11am-1pm)

### MAY 25TH

Community Pool OPEN (11am-9pm)

### MAY 26TH

Memorial Day - CFISD Holiday  
Community Pool OPEN (9am-8pm)

### MAY 31ST

Community Pool OPEN (9am-9pm)

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 third Thursday of the month at the offices of Attorneys Young and Brooks. The address is 10000 Memorial Drive, Suite 260.

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Director	Angie Wilson	2011 - 2014

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## Harris County Sheriff's Office Patrol Report

MARCH 2014

Category	No.
Burglary/Habitat .....	0
Burglary/Motor vehicle .....	1
Criminal Mischief.....	0
Disturbance/Family.....	0
Disturbance/Loud Noise .....	1
Local Alarms .....	5
Suspicious Person .....	1
Traffic Stop.....	7
Vehicle Suspicious .....	0

VOTE FOR

**PAUL  
MORGAN**

DIRECTOR

W. HARRIS COUNTY MUD 10

ELECTION MAY 10

- 17 YEAR RESIDENT
- ATTENDED MUD MEETINGS FOR LAST FIVE YEARS
- WANTS TO ADD WALKING TRAILS AND MOVE MEETINGS TO DISTRICT

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## YARD OF THE MONTH

The green grass is everywhere... and these homes have the greenest. Congratulations to the family at 10010 Hickory Trail Lane who received first place for the month. Also congratulations go to the family at 10827 Oak Bayou Lane who receive second place this month.



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## WILLOW POINTE HOA, INC BALANCE SHEET MARCH 31, 2014

### ASSETS

Checking Comm Assoc Banc	\$ 33,317.25
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<i>Reserves</i>	
Comm Assoc Banc	\$126,615.25
M.Stanley/S. Barney	\$146,069.65
Total Reserves	\$272,684.90
<i>Accounts Receivable</i>	
2011 Owner Assessments	\$ 448.00
2012 Owner Assessments	\$ 2,841.00
2013 Owner Assessments	\$ 7,807.94
2014 Owner Assessments	\$ 37,360.67
A/R Collection Fees	\$ 15,835.48
A/R Lawn Fees	\$ 280.00
A/R Late charges	\$ 1,368.88
A/R Legal fees	\$ 10,439.90
A/R Opening Balance	\$ 19,391.50
A/R Other	\$ 25.00
	\$ 95,798.37
Total Assets	\$501,800.73
Pre-paid insurance	\$ 3,340.58
Total other assets	\$ 3,340.58
Total Assets	\$505,141.31

### LIABILITIES AND MEMBER'S EQUITY

<i>Current Liabilities</i>	
Prepaid-HOA Fees	\$ 448.00
Total Liabilities	\$ 448.00
<i>Reserves</i>	
Beginning balance	\$ 259,989.59
2013 Reserves	\$ 16,428.00
Interest Income	\$ 76.84
Capital Expenses	\$ -3,809.53
Total Reserves	\$ 272,684.90
<i>Member Capital</i>	
Prior Years equity	\$ 57,499.33
Accrual basis equity	\$ 95,350.37
Total homeowners capital	\$152,849.70
YTD excess/deficit	\$ 79,158.71
Total member's equity	\$232,008.41

**TOTAL LIABILITIES AND MEMBER'S EQUITY**  
**TOTAL \$ 505,141.31**



## POOL PARTY

The Community Pool opens Saturday, May 24th for the 2014 pool season at 9 AM. To kick off summer, the Board has planned a pool party from 11 until 1pm. Bring your family and pool passes and come enjoy an American fare of hot dogs, Frito pie, and cool drinks. The last few years have made this event a huge success and we look forward to another one this year. This will be a hot event so come and chill with your neighbors.

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## Voting in the upcoming MUD election is important

*By Steve Mueller, President  
West Harris County MUD 10*

We have an opportunity to vote for who our representatives will be for West Harris County MUD # 10 on Saturday, May 10, 2014.

Who we elect to our MUD is important. I have had the honor to serve on the MUD board since 2011 and I can tell you firsthand that the three candidates I am supporting have the highest level of integrity and will serve you with honest intentions.

As President of the MUD, I know how important it is to have experienced and knowledgeable Directors. I am voting for:

**Bonnie Gunther**  
**Ron Palencia**  
**Scott Ward**

Bonnie and Scott are currently MUD Directors and a much needed asset to the Board. When working with them you realize they know that their goal is to keep your taxes and water rates low and provide the best service to our residents. They take all of these responsibilities seriously and do a great job for the District. It is a real pleasure serving with them.

Ron Palencia is recently retired after 34 years in the Oil industry. Ron holds Project Management Professional certifications and has many years of experience running large IT projects with multiple oil refineries across North America. He will be new to the Board but he has taken an active interest in learning what it takes to run an efficient MUD. He would be a great addition to our team.

I would be remiss if I didn't mention one negative point in this election. There is another individual running for a place on the MUD who, in my opinion, would NOT be a good fit. He is a political party activist and perennial candidate. He seems to be more interested in getting elected than in doing the important work of a MUD director. He has taken contributions from Democratic Political Action Committees (PAC's) and then denied it when questioned (the Texas Ethics Commission has the documentation online which proves he accepted these donations). This is not the type of individual you want serving your interests on your MUD. These positions are not stepping stones for ambitious candidates with further political aspirations. Like I said previously, NOT a good match.

I hope you will join me and vote for Bonnie Gunther, Ron Palencia and Scott Ward for Directors of our Municipal Utility District (MUD) on May 10th.

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## Water Conservation Tips

by: Ronald Palencia, PMP

Water is a central component of Houston's economy, culture and everyday life, but ensuring that we have enough water for our homes and businesses can be a challenge. Here's what you can do to help.

First, the obvious: Check your home for water leaks. Approximately 10 gallons is lost in every home per day to water leaks. Not only does it create a drain on Houston's freshwater supply, it's costing you hundreds of dollars per year!

Adjust the water you use around the house. Over one-fifth of domestic water is used for laundry, so look for water efficient washers the next time you purchase a washer and dryer. In the meantime, make sure you're doing full loads of laundry and/or changing the settings to match your laundry load size.

Replace your fixtures too. If you can't replace your fixtures, consider adding a brick to your toilet tank to reduce the gallons per flush closer to what a newer, efficient toilet might use.

Save the dishwashing for the dishwasher. A dishwasher uses between 4 and 6 gallons of water per load- only about a quarter of what it takes to hand wash dishes!

Consider planting local species in the garden this year. Native plants are generally used to surviving whatever the Texas summer throws at them. That means less watering and less worrying for you!

Invest in a rain barrel. Not only will a rain barrel save you money on your water bill, rain barrels can be fitted with soaker hoses to help water your plants for you!

And now, the less obvious.

Try to reduce the amount of pavement and impervious surfaces around your house. The more water that goes into the ground rather than the sewers, the more water available to replenish local streams, ponds and waterways.

Consider starting a compost pile. The compost material is extremely efficient at holding water in your garden and lawn, so you don't have to water as often.

Discard water such as pasta water and old water from pet bowls in the yard rather than down the drain (just make sure the pasta water is cool first!).

Adjust your lawn mower height to around 2 inches. Grass roots will be shaded longer and less water will evaporate.

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With college basketball's March Madness comes plenty of dribbling and dunking – both on the court and on the couch or at the local sports bar. But following a few tips from Dr. Wagar Qureshi, associate professor of medicine and chief of endoscopy at Baylor College of Medicine, means basketball fans won't have to worry about heartburn and can concentrate instead on those all-important brackets.

-Sit up. Lying down or reclining after a meal makes it easier for stomach acid to move up into the esophagus, causing heartburn.

-Eat in moderation. If you can't give up cheesy nachos, then say no to hot wings, or else eat smaller portions.

-If you know a particular food triggers heartburn, Qureshi suggests avoiding it altogether.

-Wear loose-fitting garb.

-Take an over-the-counter antacid for fast relief.

If you find yourself taking antacids three or more times a week, your heartburn is more than just game-related. Frequent symptoms could signal chronic Gastroesophageal Reflux Disease (GERD), which afflicts more than 7 million Americans annually.

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