

WILLOW POINTE

Official Publication of the Willow Pointe Homeowners Association, Inc.

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

By Scott Ward

GOODBYE MONA...HELLO CYNTHIA

Sadly, Mona Shires left our little community and has moved to other pastures. Happily, we are fortunate to have Cynthia McDonald join our ranks on the Board. Cynthia and her husband Scott have lived in Willow Pointe since October of 1999. She has a son who currently attends Hofstra University in New York...and has filled the house back up with three dogs! Also a huge perk, Cynthia has experience the Community Impact Newsletter...so I am WAY looking forward to her help with this one!!!

TEXAS NATIONAL NIGHT OUT (TXNNO)

Mark your calendar – Tuesday, October 4th, 2016 is Texas National Night Out. The nation outside of Texas holds NNO celebrations the first week of August, but we wait until the temperature outside cools a bit in October. 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). Before holding a party, please email the Board at wphoa.board@willowpointe.org to let us know of your interest in participating...and then plan to take lots of photos for the newsletter!!

FALL COMMUNITY GARAGE SALE

Don't forget the Fall Community Garage Sale is the second weekend in October...October 7-9th this year. And don't forget each Homeowner may have a garage sale outside of the two hosted by the Community. Best of luck...get hunting for stuff to sell!!!



Willow Pointe Community Calendar

September 2016

September 3	Pool Open (9am-9pm)
September 4	Pool Open (11am-9pm)
September 5	Pool Open (9am-8pm)
September 6	POOL CLOSED FOR SUMMER
September 10	Walk the bayou and pick up trash Willow Crossing Bridge @ 8am
September 12	Landscape Committee Meeting @ 6:30pm
September 20	Board Meeting @ 6:30pm

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.

Willow Pointe

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Fire Department (Non-Emergency).....	713-466-6161
Vacation Watch	281-290-2100
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Animal Control.....	281-999-3191
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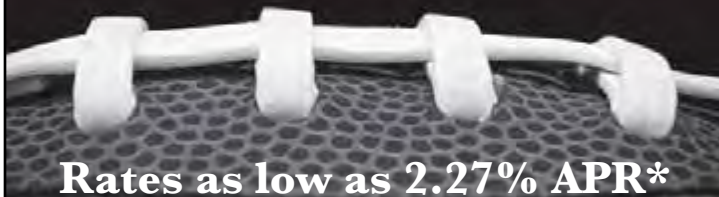
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Category	No.
Burglary/Habitat	1
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Local Alarms	9
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Yard OF THE Month

The temperatures are finally beginning to drop and we can start to come out of our homes to see these beautiful lawns. Congratulations to the family at 10035 Elm Meadow Trail who received first place for the month. Also congratulations go to the family at 10918 Trail Ridge who receive second place this month.



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WILLOW POINTE HOA, INC BALANCE SHEET JULY 31ST, 2016

ASSETS

Checking

Comm Assoc Banc \$75,561.24

Reserves

Comm Assoc Banc\$116,755.52

M.Stanley/S. Barney.....\$145,920.14

Total Reserves..... \$262,675.66

Accounts Receivable

2011 Owner Assessments\$ 20.00

2012 Owner Assessments\$ 448.00

2013 Owner Assessments\$ 1,606.08

2014 Owner Assessments\$ 3,575.00

2015 Owner Assessments\$ 5,125.76

2016 Owner Assessments\$12,642.42

A/R Collection Fees.....\$ 16,818.50

A/R Lawn Fees\$ 385.00

A/R Late charges\$ 1,814.01

A/R Legal fees\$ 17,996.46

A/R Opening Balance.....\$ 19,391.50

A/R Other.....\$ 300.00

..... \$ 80,122.73

Total Assets.....\$418,359.63

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LIABILITIES AND MEMBER'S EQUITY

Current Liabilities

Prepaid-HOA Fees\$ 1,176.00

Total Liabilities \$ 1,176.00

Reserves

Beginning balance.....\$ 245,947.13

2016 Reserves\$ 25,416.00

Interest Income.....\$ 233.24

Capital Expenses\$ - 8,920.71

Total Reserves.....\$262,675.66

Member Capital

Prior Years equity.....\$ 68,641.16

Accrual basis equity\$ 78,946.73

Total homeowners capital\$ 147,587.89

YTD excess/deficit.....\$ 6,920.08

Total member's equity\$ 154,507.97

TOTAL LIABILITIES AND MEMBER'S EQUITY

.....\$ 418,359.63

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Crickets

Field crickets are a common sight around homes in late summer into autumn. These insects are about 1" long when fully grown. Crickets are dark brown to black with large hind legs used for jumping. They also have two cerci, or appendages that come off the tip of the abdomen. Female crickets have a large sword-like structure, the ovipositor, protruding from the tip of the abdomen. The ovipositor is used to deposit eggs into soil.

Crickets feed on plant material as well as other insects. They are able to cause damage to seedlings and sometimes large populations can be destructive. Large masses of dead crickets around doorways or other areas can be distasteful to view and cause a foul odor.

Field crickets are primarily outdoor insects, but may occasionally venture indoors. When crickets do come indoors, they may bother residents with their chirping. Males chirp to attract a mate creating the sound by rubbing their forewings together.

Cricket management is more easily accomplished in the summer when nymphs, who cannot fly, are present. Unfortunately, this usually isn't when large populations of crickets are discovered.

Before turning to pesticides to manage your cricket problems, try these ideas:

- Turn off outside lights at night or use bulbs that are less attractive to insects
- Seal cracks & crevices where insects can enter with sealant
- Remove debris stacked near the structure
- Keep lawn & surrounding areas mowed
- Stuff weep holes with copper mesh

For more information or help with identification, contact Wizzie Brown, Texas AgriLife Extension Service Program Specialist at 512.854.9600. Check out my blog at <http://www.urban-ipm.blogspot.com>

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Overnight Coffee Cake



Recipe provided by Sherry Watson. The original source is unknown (cut from an old magazine many years ago). This recipe is unbelievably simple, but it makes a beautiful presentation at the table.

1 pkg. frozen cloverleaf roll dough (about 25 rolls)
1 pkg. (four-serving size) vanilla pudding mix (not instant)

½ cup brown sugar

½ cup pecans, chopped

1 stick butter, melted

Separate frozen roll dough into pieces (each cloverleaf makes three pieces). Other rolls will work, but with larger pieces of dough, use only 20; more may be too many for your pan.

Combine dry pudding mix with brown sugar and pecans.

Melt butter.

Place pieces of frozen roll dough in a well-buttered Bundt pan. (Do not use angel food pan; butter leaks out!) Pour melted butter over frozen dough and sprinkle with pudding mixture.

Leave cake pan out overnight; the dough rises beautifully by morning. Bake at 350 degrees for 30 minutes. Invert on serving plate to serve. Sticky – but good!

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Everyone wants a safe place to call home, and our association strives to make all residents feel secure. While we're diligent in our efforts to reduce possible dangers in our community, we can't do it alone. It's up to everyone to pitch in to keep crime rates down. Thankfully, taking a few simple steps can go a long way in keeping theft, vandalism and other felonies and misdemeanors out of the association.

Know Your Neighbors. And not just the neighbors on your block, but also the neighbors from all parts of the association. At the very least, you'll get a better idea of who actually lives (and in turn, who belongs) here. Talking with your neighbors will also give you the chance to find out if there have noticed any crimes or suspicious activity in the association recently so that you can be on the lookout as well. Consider creating and distributing a block list with everyone's contact information on your block so that you and your neighbors can alert each other of any problems that arise.

Leave The Light On. A good way to deter felons from breaking into your home is to make sure your front porch light stays on all night, even when you're out of town. Not only does it signal that someone's home, it also makes it harder for vandals to hide among the shadows. If you're worried that you'll either forget to turn the light on at night or off in the morning, you can purchase an inexpensive timer that will automatically do that for you every day. Also, if you see any street lights around the association that are burnt out, please contact <https://slo.centerpointenergy.com/> or let the clubhouse know as soon as possible so that we can replace them for everyone's safety.

Lock Up. If you want to keep unwanted guests out, don't make your home inviting. Even when you're around, it's best to keep all gates, doors and garages locked at all times. It's also a good idea to keep your windows closed and locked when possible, especially if they're on the ground floor.

Put On Your Walking Shoes. Taking a stroll around the association isn't just good exercise. You can casually patrol the community for anything suspicious or usual, as well as swap notes about criminal activity in the area with other neighbors who are out and about. Also, when more residents regularly walk around the association, it can help scare off hooligans who are afraid of getting caught in the act.

Clean It Up. Picking up litter, removing graffiti and keeping trees, bushes and lawns trimmed not only makes the association look better, but also sends the message that our residents are diligent about keeping the neighborhood a respectable place to live. This can help discourage troublemakers from hanging around our community and encourage responsible and involved people to move to the association.

See Something, Say Something. If you notice a crime or a suspicious activity, regardless of how small the incident may seem, notify your local precinct or notify 911. Keep in mind that our local precinct is already in our area. List this number under A911 on your phone for easy access.

We all have a responsibility to our community to help keep it safe, and incorporating even a few of these tips can go a long way. Volunteer for our Crime Watch committee; do your part to make our association a place you're happy to call home.



Cloudy with a Chance of Technology

We all know about the clouds that shade the sun and carry rain. Now it's time to get to know the other cloud—the one that delivers computing power, handy applications, and the ability to share information with others wherever and whenever you need. Like the atmospheric mass that provides its name, the technological phenomenon impacts our daily lives.

Cloud computing sounds mysterious and untrustworthy, but chances are you're already working, playing and surfing in the cloud. If you've purchased an iPhone, Kindle, or any smartphone, tablet or computer recently, you're probably taking advantage of its benefits. If you've downloaded a song from the Internet, chatted on Skype or purchased something from Amazon.com, you've used the cloud.

So, what does the cloud mean to you, and how can you harness its power?

It means you can pay your assessments online. You can access association documents and board meeting minutes from wherever you are. It might also mean, for the owners of second homes, that you can tune in to board meetings from the other side of the country.

It means you can work from a remote office without losing a beat. You can collaborate with others on a document without having to e-mail the file back and forth. You can store photos, music and files online without taking up precious space on your computer.

The cloud offers cheaper, stress-free alternatives to expensive hardware and maintenance. All you really need to take advantage of the cloud is reliable Internet access, but you should carefully consider security, privacy, the provider's reliability and contract terms first.

How secure is your data and information on the cloud? What privacy rules are you subject to? Some cloud services include clauses that allow providers to access and use a customer's data—often for marketing purposes—and can retain that data long after you're done using the service.

What if the company providing the cloud service goes out of business? What happens to all your information? Do contract terms lock you into one program or application?

These are important questions to ask. And though the cloud is relatively new, it's here to stay and will become even more prevalent over time. To see a list of cloud computing providers, visit <http://cloud-computing.findthebest.com>.



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