

WILLOW POINTE

Official Publication of the Willow Pointe Homeowners Association, Inc.

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

By Scott Ward

2017 ASSESSMENT

At the September meeting, the Board will review over our 2016 expenses to date and began budgeting for 2017. I don't expect at this time that our assessment will increase from the current rate of \$488.

You should expect to receive your Assessment from Randall Management in November. And don't forget, you can now pay on-line...and if you use an e-check, there is no additional cost!!! All assessments not received within 30 days of the January 1st due date will result in late fees.

FALL COMMUNITY GARAGE SALE

Don't forget the Fall Community Garage Sale has moved from September to October. To avoid the heat in early September, 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.

HALLOWEEN DECORATING CONTEST

So for those of you who like to go all out for Halloween or Fall decorations, now is your chance. The top seven decorated homes will receive a \$25 Home Depot Gift card. So get out there and have fun! The judging will be late October.



Willow Pointe Community Calendar OCTOBER 2016

- October 3.....Landscape Committee Meeting @ 6:30 pm
- October 4..... Texas National Night Out
- October 8..... Walk the bayou and pick up trash – meet @ the Willow Crossing Bridge @ 8 am
- October 7-9 Fall Community Garage Sale
- October 10.....CFISD Student Holiday
- 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 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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| Sheriff's Department..... | 713-221-6000 |
| Sheriff's Department (Business)..... | 281-290-2100 |
| Fire Department (Non-Emergency)..... | 713-466-6161 |
| Vacation Watch | 281-290-2100 |
| Poison Control Center | 800-222-1222 |
| Animal Control..... | 281-999-3191 |
| Commissioner, Precinct 4..... | 281-353-8424 |
| Willow Place Post Office | 281-890-2392 |
| Entex Gas..... | 713-659-2111 |
| Centerpoint Energy (Power Outages Only) | 713-207-2222 |
| WCA - | |
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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). 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!!

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Harris County SHERIFF'S OFFICE Patrol Report AUGUST 2016

| Category | No. |
|--------------------------|-----|
| Burglary/Habitat | 0 |
| Criminal Mischief | 0 |
| Disturbance/Family | 0 |
| Local Alarms | 2 |
| Suspicious Person | 2 |
| Traffic stop | 10 |
| Vehicle suspicious | 1 |

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HALLOWEEN TIPS

- 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 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



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AUGUST 31ST, 2016

ASSETS

Checking

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| Comm Assoc Banc | \$34,518.12 |
| CAB M/M - Temp Xfer..... | \$5,000.00 |

Reserves

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| Comm Assoc Banc | \$115,710.89 |
| M.Stanley/S. Barney..... | \$145,920.14 |
| Total Reserves..... | \$261,631.03 |

Accounts Receivable

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|--|--------------|
| 2011 Owner Assessments | \$ 20.00 |
| 2012 Owner Assessments | \$ 448.00 |
| 2013 Owner Assessments | \$1,491.08 |
| 2014 Owner Assessments | \$3,575.00 |
| 2015 Owner Assessments | \$5,125.76 |
| 2016 Owner Assessments | \$10,999.00 |
| A/R Collection Fees..... | \$16,566.50 |
| A/R Lawn Fees | \$310.00 |
| A/R Late charges | \$1,865.79 |
| A/R Legal fees | \$18,296.90 |
| A/R Opening Balance..... | \$19,391.50 |
| A/R Other..... | \$325.00 |
| | \$78,414.53 |
| Total Assets | \$379,563.68 |
| Other Assets – Prepaid Insurance | \$11,033.00 |
| Total Assets | \$390,596.68 |

LIABILITIES AND MEMBER'S EQUITY

Current Liabilities

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| Prepaid-HOA Fees | \$1,176.00 |
| Total Liabilities | \$1,176.00 |

Reserves

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| Beginning balance..... | \$245,947.13 |
| 2016 Reserves | \$25,416.00 |
| Interest Income..... | \$254.87 |
| Capital Expenses..... | \$- 9,986.97 |
| Total Reserves..... | \$261,631.03 |

Member Capital

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|--------------------------------|--------------|
| Prior Years equity..... | \$68,641.16 |
| Accrual basis equity | \$77,238.53 |
| Total homeowners capital | \$145,879.69 |
| YTD excess/deficit..... | \$-18,090.04 |
| Total member's equity | \$127,789.65 |

TOTAL LIABILITIES AND MEMBER'S EQUITY

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| | \$390,596.68 |
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4 Spices with Surprising Health Benefits

When it comes to adding flavor to your favorite meals, there's more to seasoning than salt and pepper alone. There's a whole world of spices out there that can take your cooking game to the next level and offer some surprising health benefits along the way.

Spice up your meals with these top picks that are as healthy as they are versatile.

1) Oregano

Fun fact: One teaspoon of oregano has the same amount of antioxidants as three cups of spinach. This healthy herb also contains potassium, zinc, iron, protein, calcium, magnesium, and fiber.

Try it: Add a few pinches of oregano to a dish of melted butter. Brush it on fresh-baked dinner rolls for a flavorful finish.

2) Cinnamon

Sure, it's a tasty addition to all-things sugary and sweet, but did you know that cinnamon can help reduce blood sugar levels? Plus, it's been shown to help improve brain function, promote better heart health, and even protect against diabetes.

Try it: Top baked sweet potatoes with a dash of cinnamon and nutmeg. These two spices pair well together and their woody aromas make them top picks for holiday dishes.

3) Nutmeg

Speaking of nutmeg, did you know that this spice can help prevent cavities? It can also naturally detox the body, improve digestive health, and reduce inflammation and pain.

Try it: Sprinkle a pinch of nutmeg onto your morning bowl of oatmeal and pair it with your favorite fresh fruits.

4) Cumin

One tablespoon of this spice contains 20% of your daily iron, which plays a big role in carrying oxygen to all of your cells. It can also boost your brainpower and keep your immune system in tip-top shape.

Try it: Add a dash of cumin to your next batch of chili. It will add a hint of spice without turning up the heat.

Donna Kelly-Konopka

Willow Pointe

YARD OF THE MONTH

As the first cool breezes make their way here as a reprieve from the summer heat, these Homeowners have been hard at work making these lawns look beautiful. Congratulations to the family at 10918 Trail Ridge Drive who received first place for the month. Also congratulations go to the family at 9847 Willow Crossing Drive who receive second place this month.



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Before the holiday travel season begins, it is wise to know what to look for when traveling so you do not bring home unwanted guests. Bed bugs are small, dark brown to reddish colored insects with no wings. Their bodies are oval and the color and size often depends on if the insect is engorged with blood. Immatures, or nymphs, resemble the adults but are smaller and lighter in color. Usually adults are about the size of a watermelon seed.

Most feeding occurs at night when bed bugs pierce skin while people sleep. The bugs inject a fluid while feeding that can cause some people (about 50%) to have an allergic response. The allergic response causes the skin to become irritated and itchy at the bite location.

After feeding (it takes about 12-15 minutes for a bed bug to become fully engorged), bed bugs crawl away into hidden areas- mattress seams, headboards, nightstands, behind baseboards as well as other locations. They prefer to hide in locations that are close to where they feed, but they will crawl several feet to get to a meal. Bed bugs hide in their chosen location for about 3 days while they digest the blood meal. Over time, congregation areas become marked with blood, fecal material, hatched eggs and cast skins of molted bugs.

When travelling, always inspect rooms thoroughly for bed bugs before moving luggage into the room. Luggage should be placed until the bathtub until the room has been inspected. Make sure to carry a small flashlight with for to help with inspection. When you return home, place clothing in the dryer (before washing) on high heat for about an hour.

Tips on inspection:

- Look in sleeping areas (bed, pull-out couches)
- Inspect linens as they are removed from the bed
- Check mattress and box spring seams, bottom of the box spring and near the mattress tag
- Inspect the dust ruffle
- If possible, lift the boxspring and inspect the bed frame
- If possible, pull out or remove the headboard to inspect behind it

- Check bedside tables and everything on them, including opening all drawers

If you find bed bugs, go to the front desk to inform them of what you found and request a different room. Do not get a room that is adjacent, above, below or across from the infested room (bed bugs can travel through wall voids to adjacent areas).

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 www.urban-ipm.blogspot.com

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