

WILLOW POINTE

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

By Scott Ward

FROZEN!

With the very cold weather in January for a couple of days, it did fair damage to lots of plants in the area including the community bedding. We are going to wait until the last chance for more damage due to another freeze is over before we repair/replace them as the damaged plant material acts to insulate the living material (if any) below.

ACC APPLICATIONS

Spring is almost here and it is time to begin those projects that have been sitting on the back burner. PLEASE...Before making ANY improvements / repairs or additions to the exterior of your home or landscaping, please visit the community website at www.willowpointe.org and download a copy of the ACC application. We shoot for 2 weeks, but please allow up to 30 days for review and approval. PLEASE do not build something just because you have read the guidelines and believe it is in compliance. The WORST part of this job can be telling someone to remove or modify an unapproved structure.

ANNUAL ASSESSMENT REMINDER

All homeowners should have paid their annual assessment at this time. All assessments are due January 1st and are delinquent if not received thirty (30) days after the due date. All delinquent Owners will receive a notice requesting payment. An interest charge of ten percent (10%) will be posted to the Owners account, together with a \$35 administrative charge for the late letter, and an administrative fee of \$30 per month for each month the account remains unpaid.

As always, all homeowners who cannot pay the assessments by January 31st may setup a payment plan by contacting Randall Management and pay the assessment over a period of three months.

Willow Pointe Community Calendar

February 2017

February 6

**Landscape Committee Meeting
@ 6:30 pm**

February 11

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

February 14

Valentine's Day

February 20

**President's Day
CFISD Holiday**

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 11:00 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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Animal Control.....	281-999-3191
Commissioner, Precinct 4.....	281-353-8424
Willow Place Post Office	281-890-2392
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Harris County SHERIFF'S OFFICE Patrol Report DECEMBER 2016

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2016 CLARK W. GRISWOLD HOLIDAY LIGHT CONTEST

The Landscaping Committee would like to thank all the homes in Willow Pointe who took the time and made the effort to decorate their homes this Holiday season. There were so many great looking homes, but these homes stood out from the rest. Congratulations to the following homes, each receiving a gift card to Home Depot for their effort:

1st - 10211 Elm Bluff
2nd - 10134 White Oak Trail
3rd - 10203 White Oak Trail

Honorable Mention
10111 Sable Trail Ct.
10003 Sable Meadow Ct.
10030 Elm Meadow Trail
10726 Trail Ridge
10039 Briarpark Trail

Again, thanks for all the participation and we look forward to another great contest next year.

The graphic features a large, stylized white outline of a hand pointing upwards, set against a black background. Inside the hand's outline are various white icons representing printing and design: gears, lightbulbs, arrows, a person's head, a computer monitor, a printer, a magnifying glass, a hand holding a pen, a barcode, a thumbs up, a heart, and several CMYK color swatches. To the right of the hand, the word "Quality" is written in a large, elegant, white script font. Below it, the words "PRINTING COMPANY" are written in a smaller, white, sans-serif, all-caps font.

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CROCK POT CHICKEN CHILI DIP

INGREDIENTS

3 - 4 Chicken Breasts
1 can Cream of Mushroom soup
1 can Cream of Celery soup
1 can Cream of Chicken soup
1 can of green salsa
1 16-oz can of chili (without beans)
1 small can of green chilies
4-6 nine-inch flour (or corn) tortilla, cut to 1" square strips
1 ½ cups grated American, Cheddar, & Gouda cheeses

DIRECTIONS

Boil chicken breasts in boiling water for 25-30 minutes, or until done; let cool. Tear chicken off the bones (unless boneless) into strips, or bite-size pieces. Place into crock pot. Add all other ingredients until blended. Place crock pot on low for 1 hour to heat thoroughly.

Can be enjoyed by itself as an appetizer, or use hearty tortilla chips for a dip.

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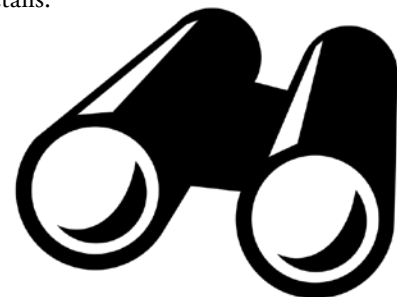
There are many different levels of bird watching from the casual observer to professionals whose goal is to see as many of the 8,850 species as possible. In North America there are approximately 800 species. Some people use nothing more than the naked eye to observe and others spend thousands of dollars on binoculars, telescopes, cameras, video and audio equipment, tripods and field guides. "Birding", as it's sometimes called, is also a competitive event and there are both national and international organizations.

Some of the best bird watching, perhaps in the world, is in the Houston area. Approximately 570 types of birds either call this area home and are permanent residents or are migratory and just pass through on their way to some other destination.

The Cornell Lab of Ornithology is a great resource for anyone interested in birds. If you ever have a problem identifying a bird, their free Merlin Bird ID app is a must-have. According to Cornell, "If you can snap a bird photo with your phone—or even take a photo of another photo—chances are Merlin can help you ID it."

Birds face the same threat as almost all other wild animals and that is habitat loss. Trees, brush and grasslands are being destroyed to make way for roads and buildings. The best way to help our feathered friends is to replace some of what has been lost. Plant trees and shrubs using native plants, minimize pesticide use, set up nest boxes, provide water and keep your cats indoors. Leave some dying and/or dead trees on your property. Many species depend on cavities in these trees for nest sites. Next to habitat loss, the next highest cause of bird deaths is collisions with windows. Covering windows with screening or applying decals or tape to windows can help significantly. Make sure to check the web for instructions on how to apply these safeguards.

TWRC Wildlife Center is gearing up for another busy spring. If you'd like to help us feed and care for orphaned baby birds, details will be available soon on our website at www.twrcwildlifecenter.org or you can call 713-468-TWRC for more details.



TEXAS A&M AGRI LIFE EXTENSION

Common Structural Termites

There are three main types of termites that can cause problems for homeowners in Texas- native subterranean termites, formosan subterranean termites and drywood termites.

Native subterranean termites have nests in the soil and must maintain contact with soil or an above-ground moisture source to survive. If native subterranean termites move to areas above ground they make shelter (mud) tubes of fecal material, saliva and soil to protect themselves.



Native subterranean termite workers and soldiers.

Formosan termites are a more voracious type of subterranean termite. These termites have been spread throughout Texas through transport of infested material or soil. Formosan termites build carton nests that allow them to survive above ground without contact with the soil. Nests are often located in hollow spaces, such as wall voids.



Formosan subterranean termite workers and soldiers.

Formosan termites feed on a wider variety of cellulose than other subterranean termites, including live plants (and can be found living and feeding on trees), consuming both spring and summer growth wood whereas native subterranean termites feed only on spring growth. Formosan termites have also been known to chew through non-cellulose materials such as soft metals, plaster or plastic.

Drywood termites do not need contact with soil and reside in sound, dry wood. These termites obtain moisture from the wood they digest. Drywood termites create a dry fecal pellet that can be used as an identifying characteristic. They have smaller colonies-around 1,000 termites- than subterranean termites; they also do not build shelter tubes.



Drywood termite fecal pellets.

If you are concerned that you may have termites, call a pest management professional to inspect your home for termites.

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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SMART TALK ABOUT HOME REMODELING

The temperatures feel like Spring already and the time of year that you start looking at your home and thinking about remodeling is almost here. You may have noticed that the outside of your home needs a little work or you may be looking at putting your home on the market. When it comes to remodeling, where do you start?

Every year, "Remodeling" magazine looks at the average costs of home remodeling projects with the value of those projects retain at resale in over 100 U.S. cities. The smartest investment that you can make when remodeling may surprise you. Many homeowners go to the time honored update of the kitchen and bathrooms to garner the best price per square foot at resale.

However, "Remodeling" magazine ranks "re-siding with fiber cement as the #1 return on investment when compared to other mid-size remodeling projects" for the fourth year in a row. Compared to adding a bathroom, re-siding your house with fiber cement nets a 25 percent higher return on investment. Re-siding with fiber cement will also increase your return by 11 percent over vinyl windows and a whopping 24 percent greater than a major kitchen remodel or roof replacement.

The next question in remodeling is who to trust with your home remodeling project. Choose a company with a good reputation that offers solutions for your remodeling needs. Ask trusted friends for recommendations, check out the company's BBB rating and know that the cheapest estimate may not always be the best. Michael Berry, KTRH 740AM personality and host of the Michael Berry Show, endorses Houston Siding. Berry states, "I have spoken for Houston Siding Company for 10 years and have never had a complaint."

Texas has its own set of challenges with temperatures in the highs and lows as well as high humidity and storm potential. With a familiar slogan in Texas being "if you don't like the temperature just wait a few minutes," you should look for products that are durable as well as suited for the climate.

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As Spring time approaches and remodeling projects start, you want to ensure that you're using the best possible products and company for your next remodeling project.

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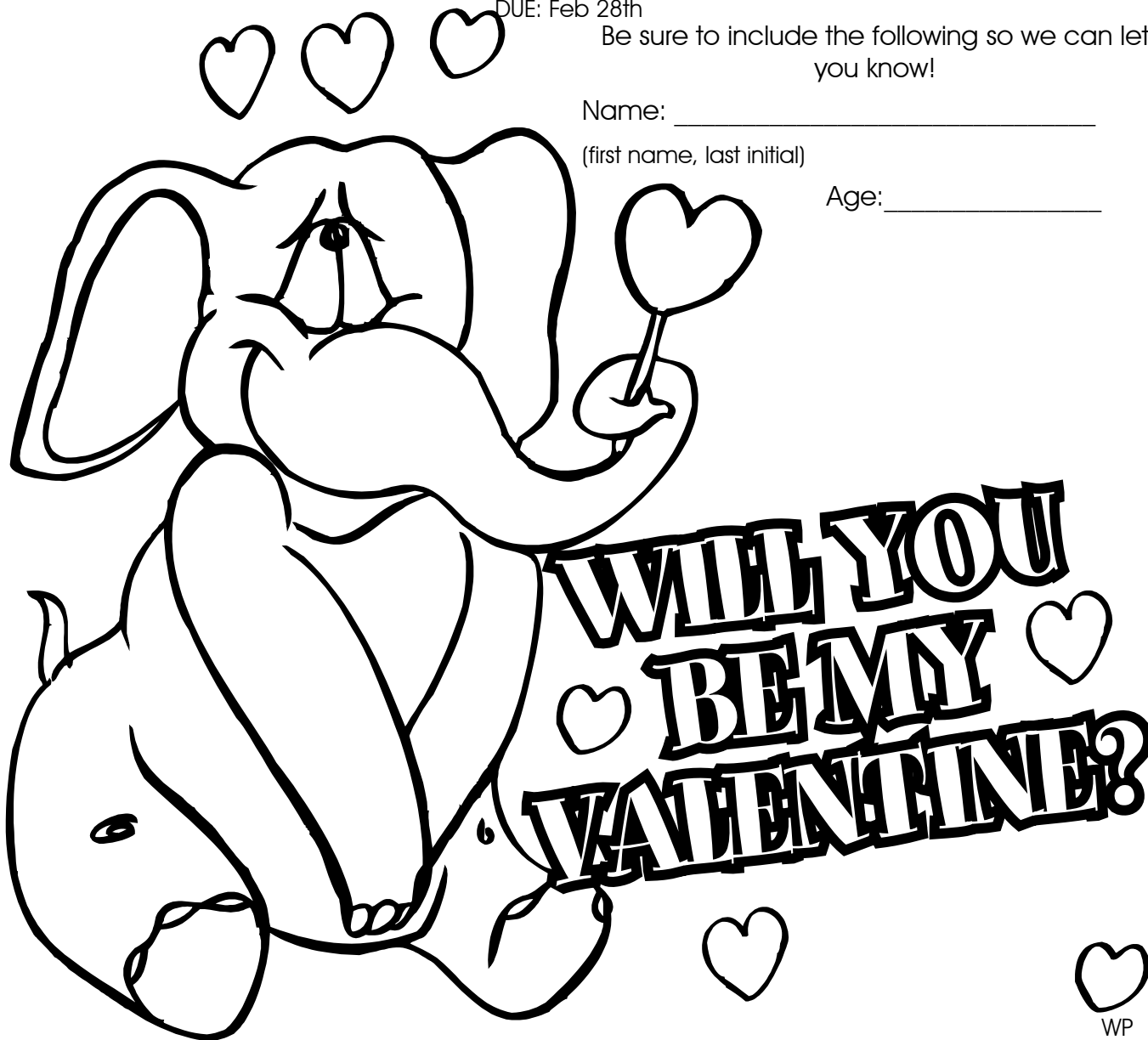
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