

WILLOW POINTE

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

By Scott Ward

Annual Meeting Notice

The Willow Pointe Annual Meeting will be Thursday, May 18th at 6:30pm. We are still working on a venue, but you can mark your calendars on the date!

Willbern Elementary Spring Carnival

Don't miss the Carnival on April 28th from 5pm to 8pm at Willbern Elementary (10811 Goodspring Dr.). A TON of parent volunteers are putting on a great carnival for the kids. They will have a rock wall, inflatables, train, games, food, and FUN. You don't have to have a child that attends Willbern to attend. Even if you are zoned to another school, please feel free to come out.

Community Garage Sale

April 21, 22, and 23

The next Community Garage Sale is only a couple of weeks away. We will post signs at both community entrances to advertise. So go into the house and find those things that at the time you HAD to have and sell them for \$\$\$\$. Good luck!

Swim Time

Sign up is April 15, 2017 at the Winchester Country Clubhouse – 9607 Rio Grande Road from 10:00 am -12:00 noon. The swim team offers FREE Guppy School (April 17-19th) for younger swimmers to learn to see if swim team is right for them. Please look in the newsletter for more Swim Team sign up information. Late registration is available. More info at: <http://winchesterhurricanes.swim-team.us/>

Willow Pointe Community Calendar

April 2017

April 3

Landscape Committee Meeting @ 6:30 pm

April 8

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

April 21-23

Community Garage Sale

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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The Hurricanes will sponsor the **FREE** Guppy School (**April 17-19th**) for younger swimmers who would like to learn from the swim team experts and see if swim team is right for them

Winchester Swim Team, Inc. serves 200+ neighborhood kids each year and is affiliated with the Northwest Aquatic League "NWAL". This activity is not related to or sponsored by Cypress-Fairbanks Independent School District.

We always need "6 and under" age swimmers – come and give it a try!

Be part of a great team sport, build community spirit

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- **Swimming** is a sport that promotes lifelong fitness and enjoyment
- **Swimmers** learn self-discipline and how to set personal goals

Registration cost is \$95 each for the first 2 swimmers, \$50 for the 3rd swimmer, and \$40 for the 4th swimmer. A refundable volunteer deposit check is required at registration. Fees include a trophy, a team t-shirt, a yard sign and the team party.

Register Online:

<http://winchesterhurricanes.swim-team.us/>

Registration: April 15, 2017

Location: Winchester County Clubhouse
9607 Rio Grande Road

Time: 10:00 am - 12:00 noon

LATE REGISTRATION

Last Day of Guppy School 4/19;
1st Day of Practice 4/24

Parent Meeting: April 19th - 6pm.

YARD OF THE MONTH

The cold and hot winter has finally given way to the warmth of spring and the impending heat of summer and these lawns are looking great already. Congratulations to the family at 10314 Cottonwood Bend Ct who received first place for the month. Also congratulations go to the family at 10839 Oak Bayou Lane who receive second place this month.



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ASSASSIN & AMBUSH BUGS



Assassin and ambush bugs are predators and are considered beneficial insects. They are generalists that attack a variety of caterpillars, flies, and other bugs. These predators either stalk their prey or wait to ambush prey when they come to a plant. Prey is stabbed with tube-like mouthparts, paralyzed with a toxin, and body fluids sucked up.

Assassin and ambush bugs have 3 segmented piercing-sucking mouthparts. These bugs come in a variety of colors with assassin bugs usually being darker in color than ambush bugs. Assassin bugs also have a more elongated head compared to ambush bugs. Ambush bugs have thickened front legs used to capture and hold prey. Immatures, or nymphs, look similar to the adults but do not have fully developed wings. Eggs are usually deposited in masses

and are cylindrical in shape.

While most assassin bugs are beneficial, the kissing bug or cone-nose bug is considered a pest. Kissing bugs feed on blood of mammals, including humans.

For assassin bugs that are feeding on insects, control is not required. For more information on kissing bugs see this site kissingbug.tamu.edu

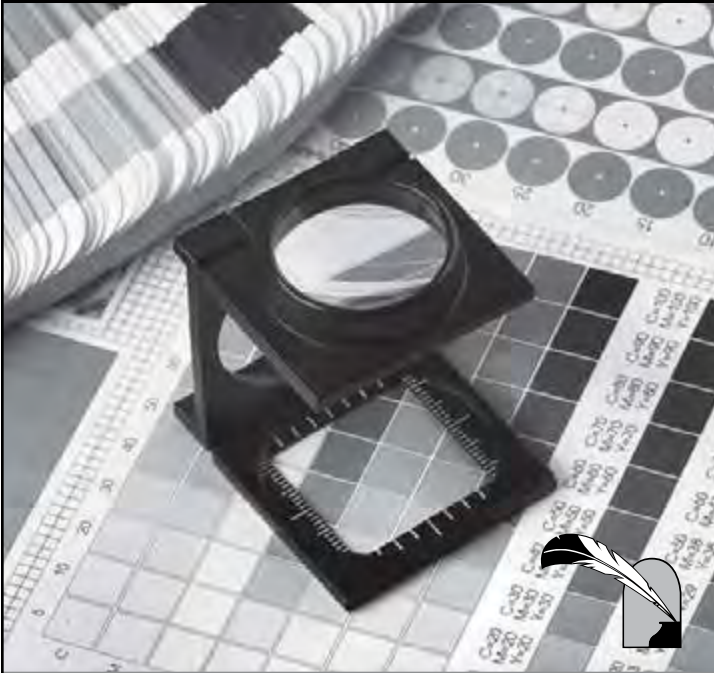
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TALKING TRASH Paper or Plastic?

The single-use plastic bag was invented in Sweden in 1962. The first application was the shopping bag. Over 1/3 of all plastic production is for packaging designed for short-term use. Plastic bags are made from natural gas or petroleum that formed over millions of years, yet they are often used for mere minutes before being discarded to make their way to dumps or incinerators, if they don't blow away and end up as litter first. In landfills and waterways, plastic is persistent, lasting for hundreds of years, breaking into smaller pieces and leaching out chemical components as it ages, but never fully disappearing. Animals confuse the bags with food and they can end up entangled, injured or dead. Studies have shown that plastic from discarded bags actually soak up additional pollutants like pesticides and industrial waste that are in the ocean and delivers it to sea life. The harmful substance can then move up the food chain to the food people eat. Plastics and the various additives that they contain have been tied to a number of human health concerns, including disruption of the endocrine and reproductive systems, infertility and a possible link to some cancers.

In 2014 it was said that 100 billion plastic bags pass through the hands of consumers every year, almost 1 bag per person, each day, laid end-to-end they could circle the equator 1,330 times. Many cities are looking for ways to reduce the plastic litter that blights landscapes and clogs sewers and streams. Single use plastics (bags, soda/water/juice bottles, etc.) are damaging our environment and threatening the value of our communities. To discourage use, some larger cities have instituted a bag charge to discourage single use plastics. Some are even discouraging the use of paper bags and rewarding customers that bring their own reusable bags. We can save taxpayer dollars by committing to using reusable bags at grocery stores and even when shopping in the mall.

Several Texas cities have either instituted a charge/reward system or declined to not "ban the bag" and instead create recycling programs. Of note, Brownsville, Corpus Christi, El Paso, Freer, Fort Stockton, Kermit, Laguna Vista, Laredo, Midland, Odessa, Port Aransas, South Padre Island and Waco. Galveston has postponed a vote to sometime this year. Governor Greg Abbott has ruled against some of the miscellaneous ordinances, but it appears to affect those passed for solid waste management purposes only. Most cities have passed ordinances for other purposes, such as Ft. Stockton...to protect cattle and horses (they eat then die) and coastal wildlife. San Antonio District Council member, Chris Medina, said it best, "If we could just stop using them, we could clean up our environment, protect waterways and wildlife, reduce maintenance costs and reserve our taxpayer dollars for better uses like street improvements or education".

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