

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 6:30 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 – Very few people are represented in person so please help us out). 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 Carlos Mata at Randall Management by email at Cmata@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 and can be copied into an email and sent to wphoa.board@willowpointe.org. Thanks for your help!!

Pool Hours

The 2017 Pool Hours will be available on the Willow Pointe website (willowpointe.org). As a general rule, the pool will be open weekdays starting 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).

Seeing Spots?

The HOA is looking into repairing some of the sidewalks in the community. While technically the sidewalk repairs are the responsibility of the Homeowner whose property they lie on, we feel that it is a good gesture and benefits the community as a whole. That said, we have had a company go around and mark the areas

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Willow Pointe Community Calendar May 2017

May 1

Landscape Committee Meeting @ 6:30 pm

May 13

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

May 14

Mother's Day

May 18

Annual Meeting @ 6:30 pm @ MUD 9 Building

May 20

Community Pool OPEN (11 am-4 pm)

May 25

Last Day of School

May 27

Community Pool OPEN (9 am-9 pm)

May 28

Community Pool OPEN (11 am-9 pm)

May 29

Memorial Day

Community Pool OPEN (9 am-9 pm)

May 30

Pool Open for Summer

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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with orange dots. This does NOT mean that these are guaranteed to be repaired, but used to mark the areas for review. With this information, we will decide which areas are in the worst condition and thereby needing repairs the most urgently.

Signs, Signs, Everywhere Signs

The Board is investing in two LED marquee signs, one for each entrance for the dissemination of information. Currently, we are looking to mount these on the brick works at each entrance. Depending on how the positioning works best, we may relocate some crepe myrtles or shrubs to accommodate the signs and improve visibility.

Playground

The Board has also appropriated funds for a new playground structure. This has been a long process as unfortunately, the structures that we as a community are required to install cannot be purchased at your local home improvement store. And unfortunately, cost a bit more as well. But we are reviewing our options within our budget and should have something placed within a couple months.

Beds on the Spine Roads

The landscaped Jasmine beds are looking great and we are still filling in the last few areas most in need so you should see 1-2 more of the small ones placed this year. Again, we appreciate all the positive feedback regarding this most needed improvement. It was a gamble we took about 2 years ago and is finally paying off and has improved the overall aesthetics of the community.



**Please remember to pick
up after your pets and
"scoop the poop"**

Harris County SHERIFF'S OFFICE Patrol Report MARCH 2017

Some Helpful Tips For Reducing Stress

Category	No.
Burglary/Habitat	0
Burglary/Motor vehicle	0
Criminal Mischief	0
Disturbance/Family	0
Disturbance/Loud Noise	0
Local Alarms	9
Suspicious Person	2
Traffic stop	6
Vehicle suspicious	0

1. Before going to bed, set out breakfast items and lay out everything you'll need for work or school so you simply pick-up-'n-go in the morning.
2. Get up 20 minutes earlier so you can have a non-rushed breakfast. (if you need an alarm clock to wake you up in the morning, you aren't going to bed on time, say sleep experts).
3. Walk whenever possible (take the stairs instead of the elevator, hand-deliver work papers, etc.)
4. Plan grocery shopping, banking, and post office visits so you hit the non-chaotic times (e.g. don't grocery shop on Saturday afternoon, don't go to the bank on Friday afternoon, and don't try to mail a package on Monday morning).
5. Go to the bathroom before leaving home or work (simple, but amazing stress reducer.)
6. Look for the humor in every situation. Humor allows you to jump out of the picture so you can get a grip on things.
7. Get an answering machine so you can accept phone calls on your schedule, not other people's

YARD OF THE MONTH

Add equal parts rain, sun and love and you get lawns that look this good! Congratulations to the family at 10214 Sable Trail Lane who received first place for the month. Also congratulations go to the family at 10110 Bayou Trail Court who receive second place this month.



FIRECRACKER RUBBED PORK LOIN

INGREDIENTS

- 1 tbsp. fresh sage leaves, finely chopped
- 2 tsp. garlic powder
- 2 tsp. onion powder
- 2 tsp. salt
- 2 tsp. ground black pepper
- 2 tsp. dry mustard
- 2 tsp. paprika
- 1/2 tsp. ground red pepper
- 1 (4 to 5 lb) boneless pork loin, not rolled or tied

DIRECTIONS

1. Mix herbs and spices in small bowl; rub over all surfaces of pork. Wrap in plastic wrap and refrigerate overnight (can be stored up to 2 days).
2. Prepare grill with a banked medium-hot fire. Unwrap pork and place over indirect heat. Grill for 1 to 1-1/2 hours or until thermometer registers 150F to 155F. Remove from grill; let rest 10 minutes before slicing.

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Mosquito Repellents

As mosquito season is ramping up, everyone is (hopefully) aware of possible disease transmission by mosquitoes. It is important that you protect yourself when spending time outside.

Activity times for mosquitoes can vary. Most people are familiar with the four D's- DRAIN (standing water), DEET (wear some repellent), DUSK & DAWN (stay indoors during dusk and dawn to avoid peak populations) and DRESS (wear long sleeves and long pants). While this is still good advice, it may be a good idea to spread the dress and repellent advice for anytime you spend time outdoors.

When outside, wear long pants and a long sleeved shirt in light colors to reduce the number of mosquitoes that can reach your skin. Repellent should only be applied to clothing and exposed skin. Do not apply repellent underneath clothing! If you want to apply repellent to your face, spray your hands with repellent and rub it onto your face. Do not spray repellent directly into your face or near eyes or mouth. Make sure to apply repellent outdoors. Do not allow children to handle repellents. Wash hands before eating, smoking or using the restroom.

The Center for Disease Control (CDC) recommends using a product registered with the EPA (Environmental Protection Agency) containing one of the following active ingredients: DEET, picaridin, IR3535 and some of the products containing oil of lemon eucalyptus.

DEET, also known N,N-diethyl-m-toluamide or N,N-dimethylbenzamide, was developed by the U.S. Army in 1946 to protect soldiers in insect-infested areas. Pesticides containing DEET have been used by the general public since 1957. Products containing DEET should not be used on children younger than 2 months of age (read the label and check with your pediatrician if you have questions). DEET has a slight odor and may have a greasy feel to some people. It may damage plastic, rubber, vinyl or synthetic fabrics. DEET may be irritating to the eyes and skin for some people. DEET comes in a wide variety of concentrations, so choose the one that will work best for your situation.

Picaridin was first made in the 1980's and resembles a natural compound called piperine (which is found in plants used to produce black pepper). Picaridin has been used in Europe and Australia for many years, but has only been in the U.S. since 2005. Picaridin is non-greasy and is odorless.

IR-3535, or 3-[N-Butyl-N- acetyl]-aminopropionic acid, ethyl ester, was developed in the mid- 1970's and became registered for use in the U.S. in 1999. It is registered as a biopesticide by the EPA because it is functionally identical to a naturally occurring substance (an amino-acid). It may dissolve or damage plastics and may be irritating to the eyes.

Oil of lemon eucalyptus (OLE) or PMD (para-menthane-3,8-diol) are essentially the same thing; PMD is the synthesized (lab created) version of oil of lemon eucalyptus. "Pure" or "essential" oil of lemon eucalyptus is not labeled as a repellent and has not undergone testing and should not be used as a repellent product. OLE/PMD has been on the market in the U.S. since 2002. OLE/PMD should not be used on children younger than 3 years of age. The natural product (OLE) has known allergens within it while the synthetic version (PMD) has less of a risk to allergens. This product is classified as a biopesticide. OLE/PMD has a varying range of residual, some offering about 20 minutes of protection while other products may last up to two hours.

Many factors play into how long a repellent will last for a person. Some of these are:

- The concentration (or percent of active ingredient) of the product. You can find the percentage on the product label.
- Person's attractiveness. Some people are more attractive to mosquitoes than others (and no scientific research has proven that it is because of eating garlic, taking vitamin B, using tobacco products, etc.). A person's genetic code plays a large part on what makes a person so attractive to mosquitoes.
- Frequency and uniformity of application. In other words, how often is the repellent applied and how good of coverage did you get?
- Activity level of the person. The more active the person is, the more sweat they produce which can cause the repellent to wash off the surface of the skin.

As a word of caution, there are products that combine sunscreen and insect repellent. The CDC recommends that if you need sunscreen and repellent, that you choose two separate products. Sunscreen should be applied more often than repellents.

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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Hurricane Season Travel Tips

By: Travel Guard Insurance

Being aware of hurricane season and what that means for your travel plans is important. Hurricane season is almost here again, running from June 1st to November 30th in the Atlantic, and from May 15th to November 30th in the Eastern Pacific. To help prepare yourself during storm season (hurricane, tornado, severe thunderstorms), what precautions should you take when planning your summer travels?

PLAN AHEAD

Review your resort/hotel/vacation home's evacuation procedure and know where you need to go and how to get there in the event of a tropical storm, severe weather or tornado.

MONITOR WEATHER CONDITIONS

Pay attention to the daily weather forecast. Is there a tropical storm or severe weather brewing? If the words "evacuation" or "take cover" are mentioned, take it seriously and get to a shelter. If you have time to evacuate before a forecasted storm hits, or need assistance departing as soon as possible in the aftermath of a storm, call Travel Guard for assistance in getting home safely.

CONTACT FAMILY

If you are evacuated to an emergency shelter, contact family or friends at home to let them know your status/location and what's going on. Chances are your loved ones have heard about the inclement weather and are wondering if you are ok. It is likely that cell phone networks will be overloaded with people trying to reach family members but a text message may get through if you're having trouble making a call.

GET UPDATES

Bring a small radio or smart phone with you to the shelter or basement to listen for weather updates or when the "all clear" is given. You may want to purchase a battery-operated charger so you can keep your phone charged even if the power goes out. These potentially life-saving apps might be worth downloading before you go, too.

DRIVE SAFELY

If you are going on a road trip be sure to know what to do if you encounter severe weather. Don't try to out-drive a tornado; seek shelter in the nearest building. If there is no building nearby get out of the car and lie in a ditch. If you encounter flooding while driving, don't try to drive through the flooded roadways – turn around and find another path. Knowing how to react to severe weather is imperative. More severe weather driving safety tips are available here.

PACK TRAVEL INSURANCE

Remember to pack a travel insurance plan through Travel Guard for 24/7 travel assistance in re-booking flights out of an area or for other types of emergency travel assistance. Travel insurance plans can also provide coverage for medical expenses and emergency medical evacuations, as well as reimbursement for your pre-paid, non-refundable trip costs in the event that inclement weather causes the cancellation or interruption of your travel.

Always read the terms of your policy before purchasing to make sure the plan you've selected includes the weather coverage you're seeking, as coverage varies by plan. (Need assistance? Call our World Service Center anytime at 800.851.0048; they'll be glad to help you.)



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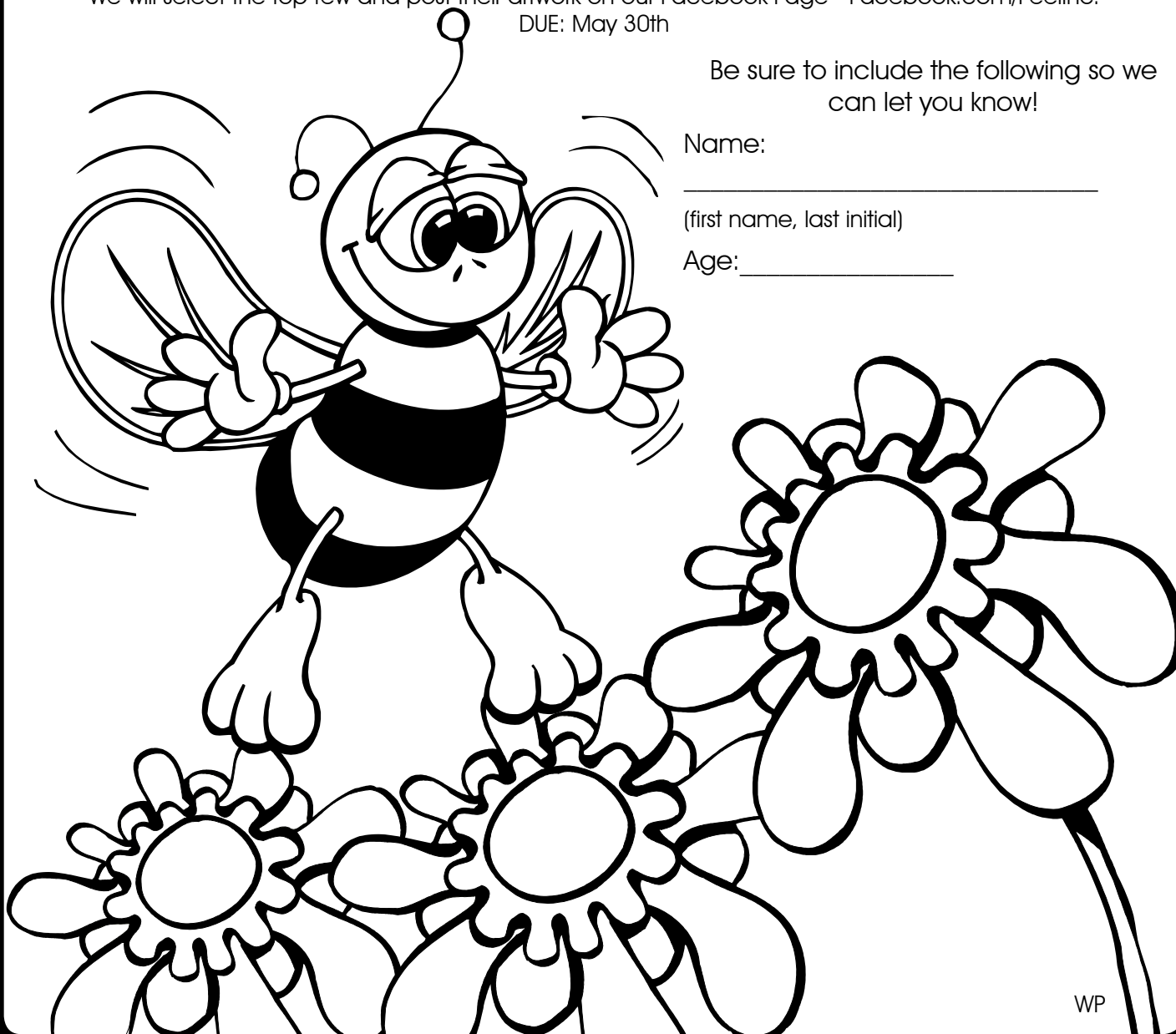
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