



Willow Park Greens Community Newsletter

Fall 2005

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NOTES FROM THE BOARD

THE GATE

What Happened...

As many of you know, the gate was hit by a school bus as well as a FedEx truck well over a month ago. The damage includes the gate itself in addition to the controlling box unit.

What is Taking So Long...

Insurance requires two independent estimates. WPG is attempting to follow warranty guidelines and therefore are waiting for an estimate from Gateman Inc. (the company that installed the new system). After several calls and correspondence attempts,

Gateman Inc. finally submitted the bids over the weekend.

What Happens Next...

The board will now turn in the estimates to the two insurance companies and hopefully move forward with repairing the gates. The board assures us that we will have working gates again shortly.

The community newsletter would love to hear from you...if you have questions or concerns regarding this topic or others please email us at newsletter@willowparkgreens.org

YARD OF THE MONTH

The winners of July's Yard of

the Month contest:

 Khan and Chau of Stableview Court - \$50.00 gift card from Lowe's

 Allen Curtis - \$25.00 gift card from Ace Hardware

 Don and Theresa Pier - \$25.00 gift card from Cornelius Nursery

The winner of August's Yard of the month contest:

 Marilyn McPhail of Twisted Willow Lane - \$50.00 gift card from Ace Hardware

Congratulations to the winners and to everyone who participated.

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EARLY FALL LANDSCAPE TIPS

By Bob Anderson

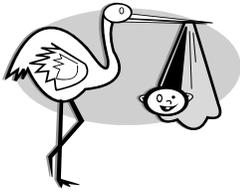
Make your Crepe Myrtle blooms last all season! Cut back the seed pods on your Crepe Myrtles after they have bloomed out to get an extra bloom cycle. You can do this in early summer to late fall. If you are lucky, you can get 3-4 bloom cycles instead of just one.

Chinch bugs or Grubs?

Most people start to get Chinch bugs in late May or June, but they can show up all summer during hot, dry periods. If you have a Chinch bug infestation they are easy to spot. Usually you will see dozens of them crawling on the surface of your lawn or all over your sidewalk or drive-way! If you are unsure, take some soapy water and soak the area affected and watch the critters come crawling out. Many people mistake grub damage for Chinch bugs. If you can grab your St. Augustine sod with your hands and pull it up like a carpet, that's a telling sign that you

have grubs. If this is the case, take a spade and dig up an area and you should find your grubs. Some insecticides will kill both, but some of the more effective treatments for grubs aren't labeled for Chinch bugs, so be sure and read your labels when purchasing any product.

Brown Patch! If you have a healthy St. Augustine lawn and live in the Houston area chances are you will get the ever persistent fungus we call Brown Patch. Almost without fail the last week in September, we will get a couple of cool, wet nights into the low 50's and rain. When that happens, chances are you've already got Brown Patch. Be prepared to treat your lawn preventively around that last week of September. Watch your labels of the products you buy as some will last only 7-10 days and others can last up to a month.



Welcome To The World!

Garner Lawson

CHEERS To proud parents,
Jason & Laurel Lawson and
big sister, Meredith



**Welcome New
Neighbors!**

**Chris, Christina and
Christopher Henry**
on Twisted Willow Lane.

If you have something to announce or share with
the neighborhood...let us know today! Email your
FREE listing to newsletter@willowparkgreens.org



Deed Restrictions Letters

Each month, a Principal Management Group representative tours Willow Park Greens to make note of any deed restrictions violations. A friendly request to correct any problems is then mailed to residents with violations. Below is a tally and description of letters mailed to residents in

August/September 2005:

- 4** Exterior Maintenance/
Mildew
- 6** Landscaping
- 53** mow/edge the lawn
- 1** Debris
- 1** Boat

LOOKING FOR COMMUNITY INPUT

As our community becomes more established, we are developing neighborhood priorities and some important issues are coming to light. As we begin to consider the next Homeowners Association Meeting, the Board and the Newsletter Committee would like to hear your concerns so they may be presented and addressed at our next meeting

Some residents have expressed concern about resolving the gate issues in a more timely manner. The Board would like to highlight issues associated with compliance to regulations within the neighborhood. Community committees will be looking for volunteers to lend a hand with social aspects in the neighborhood to help them run more smoothly. And what about recycling or the basketball hoop issue? If any of these issues are of concern to you, then we'd like to hear from you.

There is currently a proposal to build...

"a new Family Entertainment Center, slated to open in Spring 2006. The entertainment venue will feature mini-golf, batting cages and

bumper boats in addition to the busy 80-acre Great Southwest Equestrian Center's year-round schedule of horse shows, festivals and events.

Phase I will include a 16,500 square-foot building housing high-end inflatables and other special features to accommodate birthdays and other milestone events. The parking lot will feature covered oversized parking spaces to facilitate an easy loading and unloading area for parents.

Phase II, slated to open later in 2006, will feature a 36-hole miniature golf course, bumper boats, batting cages and the Party Center Building.

Phase III of the 5.5 acre tract remains undefined and will be used for future development, but could include a possible indoor baseball training center, go-cart track and other family entertainment attractions. Work in this area is scheduled to be completed in the 2007/2008 time period. In keeping with the family interaction theme, the complex will not include video games, paintball or encourage teenagers to use

the location as a "hangout." For more information on the Inflatable Zone, go to inflatablezone-katy.com"

We may want to investigate the impact that this type of facility will have on the residents whose property is adjacent to the Equestrian Center as well as the residents of the community as a whole in terms of noise intensity and increase in traffic levels, etc.

If you have suggestions or concerns for our next meeting, please contact our community website at newsletter@willowparkgreens.org or get in touch with one of the members listed on the website www.willowparkgreens.com/contactUs.htm as soon as possible so we can present a complete and orderly agenda and keep our community running as smoothly as possible.

NEIGHBORHOOD VOLUNTEERS STILL NEEDED

Special Events Committee

Due to the success of our Spring Picnic, we would like to create a formal WPG Special Events Committee. The time commitment would not be significant if we had several capable people who could provide their imagination and enthusiasm to make our neighborhood festivities memorable and fun for everyone. The continued success of our local events depends upon this valuable contribution. If you would like to donate a little of your time

and some of your brilliant ideas to this worthy endeavor, kindly e-mail your community website at newsletter@willowparkgreens.org or call Jan at 281-578-6945. Any involvement will be greatly appreciated.

Orientation Committee

To encourage friendliness in our community right from the start, we would like to create a WPG Orientation Committee to greet new residents moving into our neighborhood. Unlike commercial organizations, this committee would not be promoting

local businesses or selling anything. They would simply greet new residents and answer any questions they might have about the neighborhood and surrounding area. Help us put our best foot forward by contacting your community website at newsletter@willowparkgreens.org or Robin at 281-578-7208.

HOW TO RID YOUR YARD OF DOG URINE SPOTS

An excerpt from www.ehow.com

When nature calls, dogs do what they must, where they must (after all, a pristine green lawn is a human invention, far beyond the comprehension of the canine brain). The brown spots caused by urine are simply the result of too much of a good thing—namely, an overconcentration of nitrogen, which burns the grass.

Steps:

1. Consider the kind of maintenance your lawn gets. The soil beneath a highly fertilized lawn already contains large concentrations of nitrogen—and a little more, courtesy of a dog doing his duty,

is enough to push the grass over the edge. (Female-dog urine is not more potent than that of males. It causes more trouble simply because females tend to urinate all at once in one spot.)



2. Turn on the hose and flood the spot if the deed has just been done. Even within a few days, a thorough flushing should head off any damage, and be-

fore long the grass will grow back as good as new.

3. In cases where the damage has been in place for a while, dig out the damaged turf and flush the soil with plenty of water to dilute the excess nitrogen.

4. Reseed or re-sod the spot.

Overall Tips:

Urine damage has nothing to do with acid, so canine dietary supplements that alter the urine's pH have no effect on the "burn" spots.



AUTUMN IN YOUR YARD AND GARDEN

Autumn in Katy rewards us for suffering through the merciless heat of another south Texas summer. The cooler weather is kind to our plants and the pleasant temperatures make working outside in our yards and gardens an absolute delight.

It's time to plant or divide perennials such as irises, daisies and day lilies. For best results, be careful not to bury bulbs too deeply and ensure that they're planted in well-drained soil with plenty of organic matter added. Choose varieties that are specifically recommended for our climate zone.

Because they require cool temperatures for germination, plant spring flowering perennials and wildflowers now. Evening primrose, bluebonnets, coneflowers, and black-eyed Susans are hardy choices that require little maintenance. Petunias and pansies planted in full sun or light shade provide a merry

burst of autumn color.

Portulaca, alyssum, verbena, nasturtiums, mums and snapdragons are a cheerful addition to any traditional flower bed. For interesting texture try using exotic lettuces, parsley, Swiss chard or beets as border plants. If you use organic fertilizers, you can eat them, too!

Lightly prune and fertilize heat-stressed begonias and geraniums to give them an end of season boost. You can prune dead or diseased wood out of trees and shrubs, but hold off on major pruning until mid-winter when they're dormant. Pruning now will stimulate new growth which may suffer damage in the event of an early frost. Fall, however, is an excellent time to plant new shrubs and trees.

Fertilize your lawn to enhance it one last time before the cooler winter temperatures set in. It's also time to treat for

brown patch and to spread fire ant bait to reduce ant populations for next spring.

Finally, take your family for a leisurely, early evening walk around our community to enjoy the wonderful weather and to admire the lovely landscapes that your neighbors have worked so attentively to create. Smile and wave when you see us out digging in the dirt.



BABYSITTERS

Shweta Singh...Age 24
281-398-2817

Dimitri Zamalis...Age 13
(kids 2-10, pet sitting)

713-591-2255—Cell
281-398-9168 - Home

Linda Seldel...Age 20
281-398-5971 or 832-212-0120

Suzanne Kovar...Age 62
(previously owned an in-home daycare)

281-579-8277

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November 21st-25th

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281.237.8400

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NEIGHBORLY REMINDERS

Please do not throw trash in, on or around the Mailboxes. The areas are becoming littered with various trash.

Please do not leave trash bags out overnight. This is attracting some new critters to our neighborhood as well as being a violation to our neighborhood deed restrictions.

WEBWORMS are back again! The green caterpillars love to eat your Oak trees. They spread fast and can damage or kill your trees.

PLACES TO VISIT & COMING EVENTS

Fort Bend County Library
Cinco Ranch Branch
2620 Commercial Center Blvd
Katy, Texas, 77494
281-395-1311

www.fortbend.lib.tx.us
Harris County Public Library
Maud Smith Marks Branch
1815 Westgreen Blvd.
Katy, Texas, 77450
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