



Willow Park Greens Community Newsletter

Summer 2005

SAVE THE DATE

July 4th, 7ish

21407 Willow Glade Drive



4th of July

Finger Food Potluck!

Bring a lawn chair and your favorite finger food.

Join your neighbors to celebrate and socialize!

SPRING PICNIC-A HUGE SUCCESS

Sunday, April 24, 2005 was a beautiful day. The weather was ideal and there was an atmosphere of sociability in the neighborhood. Approximately 40 families contributed delicious food and enthusiastic friendliness to make our first community party this year, a resounding success. Children played games and adults chatted as we listened to the lovely singing voice of Dena Hart (Waller). Dena spent the afternoon entertaining us with familiar country and western tunes as well as

her own original work. We have some very talented resi-

Jan Anderson for hosting such a triumphant event. New friendships were formed and existing friendships were strengthened as we passed a very pleasant afternoon.



Note: Jan would like to remind anyone who accidentally returned home with extra serving utensils that they can be returned to

21407 Willow Glade Drive. Since the picnic, her flatware set is missing six serving spoons.

dents in our neighborhood! We would like to extend our heartfelt thanks to Bob and

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AND THE WINNER IS...

We are pleased to announce the winners of Willow Park Green's first Yard of the Month Contest. Paul and Cindy Jordan of Willow Glade Drive, received a \$50.00 Lowe's gift certificate and a lawn sign announcing their achievement, for their horticultural handy work. The judges were looking for manicured lawns and shrubs, neat flower beds and tidy sidewalks. Paul and Cindy do their own yard work and Paul credits their success to "lots of water and fertilizer!"

be looking for seasonal color as well as tidy, manicured lawns and shrubbery. We encourage everyone to sharpen their garden spades and dig in. As we improve our yards and our neighborhood, we're all winners!



In addition to the grand winners, we have two runners-up. Sharon Dickinson of Willow Glade Drive and Harry Allen also of Willow Glade Drive were second and third respectively. Honorable mention also goes to 3019 Willow Fork and 2814 Stableview. Our heartiest congratulations to all of the winners! The next contest dates will be July 16, 2005 and August 20, 2005. At the next judging, officials will



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Best Wishes

to WPG's latest newlyweds...
Stacy Baker and Cliff Nelson
 wed on May 20th
 in Richmond, Texas

CONGRATULATIONS!



NAME THE NEWSLETTER UPDATE!

Due to a lack of response, the "Name The Newsletter" contest has been extended to July 31st. Please submit your ideas to newsletter@willowparkgreens.org or call Tami at 281-646-9288



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 April/May 2005:

2	store trash cans out of public view
1	clean garage door
33	mow/edge the lawn
2	relocate satellite dish to

HELP YOUR GARDENS TAKE THE HEAT

Summer has arrived. The weather is hot and our plants are wilting and shriveling in the oppressive south Texas heat. Fortunately, there are simple things you can do to provide them with some relief.

- Begin with good soil. Mixing lots of good quality compost into raised beds or containers before planting will help them retain moisture, increase air circulation and feed your plants slowly over the season.
- A good quality fertilizer applied in the spring and again in the summer (according to the instructions on the container label,) will keep plants healthier and help prevent disease and insect damage aggravated by heat stress and poor plant nutrition.
- Mulch applied to a depth of 2" to 4" reduces watering needs by up to 25%, prevents excessive soil temperatures that slow plant growth and helps control weeds while it creates a tidy appearance. Native variety ground covers around trees and in shady areas also helps reduce water requirements.
- Stepping stones at regular intervals in your garden helps reduce impaction as you work. Treading on the earth around plants packs the ground and reduces the amount of water the soil can absorb. Stepping stones, like garden sculpture, add interest and don't need

water to keep them looking good!

- Water early in the morning so the water has a greater chance to absorb into the soil before the weather gets too hot. Watering at dusk increases the risk of mold and mildew encouraged by cooler evening temperatures.
- Subscribe to local publications or read regional books and guides that provide specific gardening information for our exacting growing conditions.



- Grow a mixture of perennials and annuals. Choose only plant varieties that are native to this area or have proven to thrive in our climate. A local nursery can recommend the best choices for your site requirements as well as valuable cultivation information.

For people with little time for gardening, consider shrubs instead of flowers. Shrubs are hardy, require less care, prevent soil erosion and create a finished look.

The following is a list of plants

that are successful in Katy:

A= annual, P= perennial, E= evergreen, D= deciduous

<i>Antique Roses</i>	varies	
	P	
<i>Asian Star Jasmine</i>		
	fs/ps	E
<i>Begonias</i>		
	part sun	A
<i>Butterfly vine</i>		pt shade D
<i>Caladium</i>		
	shade	P
<i>Coleus</i>	pt	
	shade	A
<i>Crossvine</i>		
	full sun	E
<i>Day lilies</i>		full sun
	P	
<i>Dusty Miller</i>		full sun
	A	
<i>English Ivy</i>		
	shade	E
<i>Honeysuckle</i>		full sun E
<i>Impatiens</i>		
	shade	A
<i>Lantana</i>		full sun
	P	
<i>Marigolds</i>		
	full sun	A
<i>Petunias</i>		full sun
	A	
<i>Salvia</i>		
	full sun	A
<i>Star of Texas</i>		full sun
	P	
<i>Verbena</i>		full sun
	P	
<i>Vinca</i>		

NEIGHBORHOOD VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Special Events Committee

Due to the recent 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.


LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

The following is the expressed opinion of a local resident and does not reflect the opinions of WPG or the newsletter committee.

Who let the dogs out?

 Dog urine and feces can be a frustrating lawn care problem resulting in lawn burn or dead patches.

 Homeowners making the extra effort to have a green lawn may be quite discouraged by their neighbor's dog damage or their own pet's potty residue.

 Walking the dog to a park or field away from the house is a simple remedy to this. The time can be well spent since exercise has physical and emotional benefits for both dogs and their

owners. Homeowners are encouraged to choose an appropriate destination and not create problem lawns elsewhere that may affect the overall aesthetics of the neighborhood.

Neighboring Suggestion...

Millie Bush Bark Park - just five minutes away from Willow

Park Greens!

Location: West Houston, near Hwy 6 and Westheimer in George Bush Park at 16756 Westheimer Parkway.

Utilize your residence only for maintaining your pet's needs.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

We would be happy to publish comments or questions from residents concerning issues you think would be of interest to our community.

Email your editorial to
newsletter@willowparkgreens.org
 or call Tami at 281.646.9288

Letters we receive are considered property of the community newsletter. Letters chosen for publication may be edited as necessary for length and clarity.



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Shweta Singh...Age 24
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TIPS ON ALLERGY-PROOFING YOUR YARD

This article can be found at www.allabouthome.com by ServiceMaster

Getting those red itchy eyes and runny noses again? Sinuses clogged? Sneezing all the time? Maybe it's those awful allergies. Pollen is the cause of that and some plants are worse than others about spreading the stuff around. Here are some tips for allergy-proofing your yard and allergy-smart gardening.

- Plants with bright pretty flowers cause less allergy problems because they rely on insects to transfer the pollen.



amounts of pollen.

- Rain helps to wash pollen out of the air, but it also breeds mold, mildew and weeds. If you are allergic to mold, avoid gardening after a good rain.

- Keep your garden well weeded and keep the grass cut short.
 - Wear a mask when gardening or doing lawn work.
 - Wear long-sleeved shirts and long pants and wash them when you're finished.
 - Avoid gardening in the early morning or at sundown when pollen counts are highest.
 - Keep the yard and garden free of weeds such as ragweed, dock, English plantain and lamsquarters.
 - Protect your eyes with glasses or sunglasses.
 - Take a shower when you come in from the yard.
- Plants to watch out for:**
- Male junipers
 - Fruitless mulberries
 - Seedless ashes
 - Cottonless cottonwoods
 - Elm, sycamore, olive, oak, walnut, maple, birch, ash, willow and pecan trees
 - Cypress and privet

hedges

- Bermuda grass
- Bluegrass
- Artemisia
- Amaranth
- Sorrel

Plants that won't aggravate allergies:

- Fruited mulberry, pear, silk, magnolia, palm, redbud, yew and fir trees
- Azalea, oleander, yucca, pyracantha and hibiscus shrubs
- Cacti
- Lilies
- Iris
- Tulips
- Crocus
- Hyacinths
- Daffodils
- Chrysanthemums
- Roses
- Bougainvillea
- Ferns
- Orchids
- Gladiolas



SCHOOL CORNER

Important Dates for Katy ISD

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First Day of School

Aug. 10th

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