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2006 HOMEOWNER'S ASSOCIATION MEETING SET FOR MARCH 6, 2006

Have you been looking for an opportunity to meet your neighbors and share your ideas for the future of Willow Park Greens? Have you ever considered a seat on the neighborhood board? You are in luck. The 2006 Willow Park Greens Homeowner's Association meeting is scheduled for March 6th, at the Cinco Ranch Library at 7 p.m. This annual public meeting provides residents with an opportunity to review the current homeowner's association budget and to hear reports


on the status of current neighborhood projects. Residents will also be given the opportunity, during a portion of the meeting, to ask questions and voice any concerns about our neighborhood. New board members will also be elected at this year's meeting. All Willow Park Greens residents are invited. Please plan to attend on the 6th to meet your neighbors and share ideas for the future of our community.

See you there!

SAVE THE DATE

**WPG HOA
MEETING**

March 6th, 7PM



Cinco Ranch Library
(Across from Cinco Ranch High School)

MAKE EASTER FUN FOR WPG!

Do you throw terrific parties that people won't stop talking about? Are you gifted in special event planning? Do you have great ideas to make this neighborhood better? Then we need your help...



Willow Park Greens needs a few fun neighbors to help plan an Easter Egg Hunt for our neighborhood. Let's put a smile on the faces of all the WPG kids, young and old! If you are interested in helping out or if you have a great idea, please email Tami at t.northrop@sbcglobal.net

Together the families of Willow Park Greens CAN build a community of safe, fun and happy neighbors. Please consider helping out and sharing your ideas today!

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The WPG Neighbors who
decorated for the
holidays!



You made our
neighborhood so warm
and festive!!!

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www.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

January 2006:

- 24 Remove Trash Can from public view
- 12 Weed Flower Beds
- 10 mow/edge the lawn
- 2 Treat Lawn for weeds

WEED IT AND REAP

“One year’s weeds bring seven years seeds.” Weeds in your lawn usually indicate a poor lawn management program. They take water, nutrients, sunlight and space away from your grass. Proper watering, fertilizing and mowing with a little help from herbicides, ensures a strong and healthy lawn.

Improper watering is one of the major causes of lawn diseases and insect problems in North America. Deep watering will encourage strong, deep root growth to help lawns resist heat and drought stress. For St. Augustine grass, one deep watering, (4” – 6”) every five to seven days, is better than frequent shallow watering. This allows the soil to become nearly dry between watering. Unfortunately, with clay soil, one long, deep watering usually runs off and ends up in our sewer system, taking fertilizers and herbicides with it. To determine the best way to give your lawn a good soaking, set out some shallow, flat containers (like tuna cans) around your lawn and turn on your sprinklers. Check them at 15 minute intervals to measure the time it takes to collect one inch of water in the containers. If it takes twenty minutes to collect an inch of water, then you need to water your lawn for one hour and twenty minutes to two hours. Since you can’t water continuously for that length of

time, you need to break up the watering time over the course of the day, allowing sufficient time for the water to soak in between watering to ensure that the water remains in your lawn and not in our sewer system. If possible, adjusting the flow or rate of water to 1/2 inch of water per hour may reduce runoff for longer watering times. Watering early in the day will reduce the amount of water lost to evaporation, especially in the hot summer weather and it will reduce diseases that grow in the cooler, moist night temperatures.

Fertilize only in the warm months when your lawn is actively growing (late spring to early fall). More fertilizer is NOT better than less fertilizer. Read the labels carefully and follow the directions.

Disease and weed problems can be caused by improper mowing. Keep your mower blades sharp and don’t mow too close to the ground. About 3” is recommended for warm season grasses like St. Augustine. Change your mowing patterns regularly to avoid compaction of the soil under the lawn. Let the grass grow at least one inch before mowing again to give the grass time to recover from the previous mowing. Leave the clippings on your lawn (unless they are diseased). This is excellent natural compost for your grass plants and a good source of

nitrogen.



Crabgrass, goose grass and sandbur are annual weeds that emerge from seeds each spring. To control these, apply a pre-emergent herbicide in early spring.



Dallisgrass is a perennial that recovers from rhizomes in the spring, but it also provides seeds. Spot treat it with a contact herbicide.



St. Augustine grass effectively competes with and crowds out nut grass unless the lawn has been damaged by insects or diseases. When pulling by hand, always dig up the entire weed including the root system. The small bulblike root of nut grass must be removed or it will quickly regenerate itself.



Dandelion, chickweed, henbit, clover, dock and mustards are broadleaf weeds. Apply selective post-emergent herbicides to control these.

Read all labels carefully. If you have St. Augustine grass use only materials recommended for St. Augustine grass to prevent any possible damage to your lawn. “An ounce of prevention is worth a pound of cure.” Proper lawn management is the best means of crowding out and controlling weeds.

GHOSTS AND GOBLINS IN THE ‘GREENS

On the evening of Saturday, October 29, 2005, Stableview Court was transformed into a “Haunted Haven of Horrors” to the delight of the young and the young at heart. Thanks to the imagination and hard work of local residents, Teresa Johnson, Stacy Nelson, Laura Savage and Nichol Salinas, children and adults dressed in outrageous costumes, bounced in the Moon Walk, braved the “Haunted House,” made new acquaintances and got to know one another a little better.

According to Stacy, the mothers were chatting on Thursday evening and decided “to do something for the kids for Halloween.” They met and organized on Friday morning and by Saturday evening the party was in full swing. By word of mouth and a sign by the front gate to invite everyone, approximately 40 people, young and old, turned out and had a great time. Our heartfelt thanks go out to these dedicated, creative people and to everyone who helped them make this event a success and our

neighborhood a fun place to live.



LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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

Oh my, I have received a letter from the property management company that my basketball goal has to go. It is destroying the appeal of our little community and (gasp) might even drive down property values. Move it or we will take further action they say.



As a volunteer coach in the Katy area youth sports leagues I see the result of our children sitting in front of their video games. Children that should be able to run for hours at a time cannot even complete a simple wind sprint without gasping for air. Children that should be limber, quick and agile can barely move without tripping over their own two feet. It is sad to see. It is even more disturbing that our neighborhood has a problem allowing our children to enjoy something as simple as a game of basketball in the driveway. Do you remember when you were a

child? I know that some of my fondest childhood memories are of the games we played late into the night on a basketball goal attached to our house.

Let's look at the facts. Some say it destroys the value of our property. I say it is the opposite. Our neighborhood looks cold and uninviting when compared to other neighborhoods in the area. It almost appears sterile. I have sold five homes in the past 25 years. Two sold in 72 hours or less. Both had basketball goals in the front yard.

Our governing board says the rules can never be changed to allow basketball goals. I understand the bylaws to require only

a simple majority vote to change the rules. If the rules are being misrepresented by the board our chance to correct that problem is only a few short days away. It is time to correct this shameful situation and remember why we moved into this neighborhood in the first place. I know that there are more of you out there that share my views on this problem. Together we can change this and make our neighborhood what it should be. A place where our children can enjoy their time outdoors in a safe and inviting atmosphere.

Michael Britt
2803 Twisted Willow Ct.

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.

CHANGES IN OUR NEIGHBORHOOD

Grace Fellowship United Methodist Church on Mason Road is negotiating for the acquisition of 16 acres from The Great Southwest Equestrian Center including the mansion and the arena directly behind it. The Equestrian Center will retain 66 acres.

In a telephone interview with Jim Leggett, the Senior Pastor of Grace Fellowship Church, we learned that there are plans to move the administration offices of the church into the mansion to accommodate the expansion of their youth facilities and a larger campus in their main building for young adults. The existing arena behind the mansion will house a 1500 seat worship auditorium. The purchase will allow Grace Fellowship room to grow in the future.

This transaction will have an impact on the Equestrian Center as well. Ken McCain, the Center's Vice President of Marketing, outlined proposed changes and improvements. Much of the road that runs along the south side of the property will be converted into a parking lot by the church and a new entrance to the Equestrian Center will be constructed to enter off Westheimer Parkway by McMeans Middle School.

The Equestrian Center will retain the office park housing the Katy Chamber of Commerce, the Katy Visual & Performing Arts Center, and several local businesses. It will expand the office park from 25,000 square feet to a

60,000 square foot facility housing additional new businesses. The Artful Home will relocate from the mansion to this new facility as well.

The Equestrian Center's administration offices will be housed in a new building closer to the main arena. There are plans to build a new covered arena and stall barns to accommodate the Center's busy exhibition schedule and to complement the new outdoor arenas already constructed. The administration of the Equestrian Center is very excited about the changes. They anticipate a more efficient, attractive and exciting location and encourage residents to take full advantage of the free events throughout the year.



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

Maria Victoria Tsoi...Age 39
281-829-1794

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

281-579-8277

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No Classes Feb. 27th
Spring Break March 13th-17th
Easter Holiday Apr. 13th & 14th
Last Day of School May 24th

Exley Elementary

281.237.8400

McMeans Jr. High

281.237.8000

Cinco Ranch High School

281.237.7000

For more information on local schools visit the Katy ISD website at www.katyisd.org

CLASSIFIED ADS

If you have something to announce or share with the neighborhood...let us know today! Email your FREE listing to newsletter@willowparkgreens.org or call Tami at 281.646.9288



Katy Area Parents of Multiples

GARAGE SALE

Sat. March 18th
7am -11am

Crosspoint Community Church
700 S. Westgreen Blvd.
(Kingsland & Westgreen)



NEIGHBORLY REMINDERS

Be On Alert...Although nothing was missing...a car alarm was activated at 5am recently in the neighborhood.

PLEASE Dispose of your cigarette butts in a trash can. The wind storms are depositing these eyesores throughout the neighborhood.

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
281-492-8592
www.hcpl.lib.tx.us/index.htm

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Book Club - 2nd Monday of each month

All Katy area ladies welcome for luncheons, fun & fellowship. Contact Mary Anne 281-646-0244 for details

Katy Visual & Performing Arts Center

KVPAC is a non-profit organization that provides arts education to people of all ages through Theatre, Visual Arts & Music. Located at:

The Great Southwest Equestrian Center
2501 S. Mason Road, Katy
281-829-2787
www.KVPAC.org

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www.fbmng.com

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