



Willowbend Civic Club

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Greetings, Willowbend Neighbors,

It is with great anticipation, as your newly elected president, that I am looking forward to the coming year. I am excited to volunteer and continue the work that this great Civic Club has conducted in years past. On the next page, please note the names of the board members currently volunteering to serve in the Civic Club. I am grateful for their service and their support.

With the summer in full swing, we have a few events in the works, such as a special neighborhood meeting with an HPD officer from the Auto Theft Division who will be speaking to us about the Catalytic Converter thefts happening in our city. We are also working to organize the National Night Out parties on October 4. If you would like to volunteer and host a party in your driveway, please send us an email. More details on these two events below.

By now you should have received a dues payment reminder via mail. If you made your dues/patrol payment already, thank you! If you have not, please consider this a friendly reminder to send in your payment. Note on this newsletter a QR code for payments made via PayPal. Otherwise, visit our website, www.WillowbendCivicClub.org for more information on how to mail-in your payment. Additionally, you can send us an email, info@WillowbendCivicClub.org and we can send you a dues form in the mail.

Thank you for your commitment to our neighborhood. I look forward to serving you as your new Civic Club president and hope to meet you in person soon.

Warm Regards,

Mary Tyson

WILLOWBEND CIVIC CLUB SPECIAL MEETING

Sgt. Hicks and our very own Officer Thompson from HPD will be talking to residents about the ongoing CATALYTIC CONVERTER thefts and how to protect ourselves.

Tuesday, August 9 | 7:30 – 9:00 P.M.
Willow Meadows Baptist Church

In our own neighborhood, two different cars were observed in connection to these thefts: One was a white 1993 CRV and the other was a light silver/gray Ford focus sedan with paper license plate. "This is a real criminal enterprise. We are dealing with serious organized crime," said Senator John Whitmire. He and local lawmakers held a hearing to discuss how to stop these thefts once and for all. We hope you can join us!

WILLOWBEND CIVIC CLUB
NEW OFFICERS AND DIRECTORS, FY 2022-2023

OFFICERS:		
President	Mary Tysor	4517 Briarbend
Vice President	Tim Shanahan	4701 Tonawanda
Treasurer	Earl Fairbanks	4517 Stillbrooke
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Corresponding Sec.	Mary Beckner	10609 Willowisp
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DIRECTORS:		
	Russ Williams	4846 Briarbend
	Shane Poteet	4510 Stillbrooke
	Buddy Bell	4606 Stillbrooke
	Shannon Deese	4629 Willowbend
	Kathy Mays	10517 Willowgrove
	Charles Turner	4321 Waycross
	Rich Farley	4617 Creekbend
	Ron Kammerman	4318 Hazelton
	Terry Brandhorst	10610 Willowisp
	Angela Ritchey	4827 Stillbrooke
	Erik Nelson	10610 Willowisp

NATIONAL NIGHT OUT 2022 -- NEED PARTY HOSTS!

October 4, 2022 | 6:30 – 9:00 P.M.

NNO is a cohesive effort to promote crime prevention, police-community partnerships, and neighborhood unity.

If you would like to host a party in your driveway for your block, please send us an email at:
info@WillowbendCivicClub.org.

We will provide you with a welcome packet. All you have to do is set up a couple of tables!
 Thank you, Angela Ritchey and Denise Yamal for organizing WBCC parties!

WILLOWBEND YARD OF THE MONTH

JUNE		JULY	
4614 Creekbend	Don & June Hernandez	4518 Creekbend	Bob Glazier & Troy Payne
4858 Creekbend	Maggie & Mc Quiggan	4430 Briarbend	Lynda Burnside
4529 Tonawanda	Jessica Neeley	4853 Briarbend	Alyssa Lemkuil
10713 Greenwillow	Denise & Milton Mosk III	4517 Stillbrooke	Earl & Jenni Fairbanks
10806 Willowisp	Javier Lopez Jr.	4318 Waycross	Oscar & Olympia Martinez
10920 Willowisp	Jason & Vanessa Smith	4529 Waycross	Resident

Thank you to yard judges, De' Von and Shannon Deese

Willowbend Blvd. neighbors, please ask your landscaping crew NOT to park on the esplanade or block the turn-around areas. Additionally, please remind them NOT to blow grass trimmings and debris to the boulevard.

WBCC SECURITY PROGRAM

By: Alexandria Hodge

Security is an important topic when it comes to living in any community. Of course, you want to feel safe and protected and have a keen sense of security in your home. But, equally important is to know your neighbors and to put a face to the name of the men and women who commit to serving the city and our community specifically to help protect and keep our community safe.

Officer Craig Thompson, a Houston native, has serviced our community, patrolling, and providing security for over 23 years. Officer Thompson grew up in Southeast Houston, graduating from Jones High School with a football scholarship to the University of Missouri. He graduated from the University of North Texas and went into law enforcement, serving the Dallas and Houston metropolitan areas. Officer Thompson is a proud husband and father who stays active in his professional and personal activities.

In an interview with Officer Thompson, I had the pleasure of getting to know him and how we, as a community of neighbors, can support him and each other in keeping our neighborhood safe. Through our Civic Club dues that are encouraged for each neighbor to contribute, we are allowed to have Officer Thompson coordinate the patrol hours for five officers. The five officers rotate their schedules each week, seven days a week, and divide the hours to patrol the neighborhood looking for any suspicious activity, deter any criminal activity, and have a visible presence in the community.

I asked Officer Thompson a few questions to help us learn more about the crime in the neighborhood and how we can work together to keep our community safe.

Me: What are the key highlights you have witnessed that our neighborhood is doing well?

Officer Thompson: Your neighborhood is doing a great job in hosting events like National Night Out, inviting me to speak and meet the neighbors at the Civic Club meetings, and neighbors being watchful of other neighbors. Citizen interaction is critical.

Me: What are some of the challenges you see we can do better as a neighborhood?

Officer Thompson: It's essential not to let your guard down and keep practicing and doing the things that protect you against crime. I have often seen that just because you do not see or experience crime, you are entirely safe from it and then, in turn, start letting your guard down. For example, you must always lock your car doors and the doors to your house. This is 80% of what protects you from crime. If you see any suspicious activity or witness a crime, report it. It can be the simplest thing. Call 311 and report the crime to have a record of it.

Me: Can you provide three important messages when talking about security and a part of neighborhood security?

Officer Thompson: The three main messages are: you see something, say something, know your neighbors, and report what you always see or encounter.

Me: What have been the significant pain points of crime in our area?

Officer Thompson: To be honest, we do not have a point in crime. If I had to say, some concerning things are petty theft and stealing catalytic converters.

Me: Who should we call, and what steps should we take if we see a criminal act?

Officer Thompson: Dial 911 if someone is getting robbed or any criminal activity is happening, and you are witnessing it. For non-violent incidents after the perpetrator is gone, call 311 to make a report and notify your Civic Club (info@WillowbendCivicClub.org), and they will alert me.

Me: What resources can you offer for us to learn more about neighborhood patrolling, criminal activity stats within our neighborhood and surrounding areas, and helpful tools on how we as a community can help safeguard our neighborhood.

Officer Thompson: The best resource is the HPD site www.houstontx.gov/police/cs/index-2.htm. You can enter your zip code and find out the crime statistics. Continue to be active and get to know your neighbors.

Security is a priority to maintain the integrity and security of our neighborhood. If you want to see a patrolling increase in our community, please consider paying the Civic Club dues to help extend the number of hours we can pay for the officers to patrol. Our willingness to be involved and vigilant helps keep our families and neighborhood safe.

Have ideas for us? Contact us at Info@WillowbendCivicClub.org, or visit the website, www.WillowbendCivicClub.org

HELPFUL INFORMATION

POLITICAL SIGNS

The Deed Restrictions (DR) for Willowbend subdivisions, Section 1 through 4 prohibit signs of any kind, with the exception of For Sale/Lease signs. You are encouraged to consult your applicable Section DR on the Willowbend website: www.WillowbendCivicClub.org for exact information. If you are unsure which Section DR apply to you, please see the WBCS Section map beneath the DR links.

With the approaching November election, there has been an increase in the number of political signs on display. Recently, WBCS received a complaint from a resident about such political signs in Section 1 citing violations of the DR against such signs.

While WBCS does not seek restrictions on any kind of free and inoffensive personal expression, we do ask that residents adhere to the example of the minimum standards regarding the display of political signage as described in the Texas Election Code 259.002 which prohibits restrictions on such signs 90 days before an election, or 10 days after.

Want to Pay Your Dues or Make a Donation?

Use this convenient QR code to pay!

The dues & patrol amount is \$130.00, which includes a \$5 service fee from PayPal.

Visit our website: www.WillowbendCivicClub.org for more information.

(WBCS fiscal year: June 1 – May 31)

 PayPal



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We would like to build a service page for our neighborhood, Landscapers, Plumbers, Construction, Realtors, etc. Want to advertise with us? Contact us at, WillowbendCivicClub@gmail.com for advertising fees.



Kind Baking HTX is a Willowbend home bakery here to bake your favorites!

Check out our menu on our website, FB, or Instagram.

You'll find cookies, cakes, scones and more. It's simple...Place your order and I'll get back with you to coordinate a time for you to pick up your goodies.

I can't wait to bake for you! ❤️ Rachel (Your Willowbend Baker)

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YOUR AD CAN GO HERE!

Ad size options:

Business Card Size, ¼ Page, ½ Page & Full Page

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Estate Sale Coming to Willowbend

August 4th, 5th, 6th

Home of 96-year-old Mother

Everything must go - **NO EARLY SALES**

Chrystal, from Germany and Ireland

Typical Estate Sale items, featuring a midcentury dining room set

Mom was a crafter and has many crafting supplies,

Vintage Quilts, Refrigerator, washer and dryer, bedroom furniture,

nice toolbox full of tools, sewing machine, some Depression glass bakeware, patio table and chairs.

All Priced to move...

Watch for Address, pictures, and time in Estatesale.com - Estatesale.net - Greensheet - and neighborhood signage

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