



Willowbend Civic Club

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MAY 2023

Dear Residents,

The month of May brings us to the annual general meeting for the Civic Club. Vice Mayor Pro Tem Martha Castex-Tatum will be our guest speaker. We will also hold an election for new board members. The meeting will take place on Tuesday, May 16, 2023, at 7:30 – 9:00 P.M., at Willow Meadows Baptist Church. On the next page please see the list of the candidates who have volunteered to serve our Civic Club, and who have been nominated by the Nominating Committee. I am hoping that you can attend the meeting.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank those board members who are rolling out of the board this May. Thank you for your love and service to our Civic Club. Your work is invaluable, and you have done it with grace and expecting nothing in return. We are all grateful for your service.

The summer is upon us, and though we have enjoyed cool temperatures, we know what's ahead. Please be watchful for your elderly neighbor who may be struggling to run errands, do some work around the house or have other needs. Please introduce yourself and let's all try to be neighborly.

I am hoping that this summertime brings you travel, outings and all good things with your family. Stay safe and hydrate.

Please read the rest of this newsletter for more information on happenings around the neighborhood and surroundings.

All my best,

Mary Tysor
President

WILLOW PARK TENNIS COURTS RIBBON CUTTING

**** NEW DATE ****



Due to inclement weather, the ribbon cutting for the Willow Park Tennis Courts was postponed. The new date is Thursday, May 11 at 5:30 PM.

The Willow Meadows Civic Club has invited the Willowbend Civic Club residents to the unveiling of the new and remodeled Tennis Courts at Willow Park. Vice Mayor Pro Tem, Martha Castex-Tatum will be in attendance to do the ribbon cutting.

We are hoping that you are able to attend and be part of this celebration. Refreshments will be served. Hope to see you there!

GENERAL MEETING AND ELECTION
TUESDAY, MAY 16
7:30 - 9:00 P.M.
WILLOW MEADOWS BAPTIST CHURCH

[Vice Mayor Pro Tem Martha Castex-Tatum](#) is our guest speaker. She will talk to us about updates from the City as well as issues that concern our neighborhood. You will have an opportunity to ask her questions.

Additionally, Officer Thompson will be on hand to give us an update on security. We will hold the election for board members who have volunteered to serve in the Civic Club this upcoming fiscal year, June 1, 2023 – May 31, 2024. Please find here below the list of candidates that the WBCC Nominating Committee have proposed:

PROPOSED SLATE OF OFFICERS AND DIRECTORS, FY 2023-2024

EXECUTIVE OFFICERS:

President	Mary Tysor
Vice-President	Russ Williams
Treasurer	Earl Fairbanks
Corresponding Secretary	Kathy Mays
Recording Secretary	Angela Ritchey
Immediate Past President	Viveca Sonberg

DIRECTORS:

Alexandria Hodge
Olympia Martinez
Djuana Fomby
Cliff Haehl
Oscar Martinez

(The following Directors will complete their second term, therefore not up for election. Noted here for your information)

Tim Shanahan
Mary Beckner
Terry Brandhorst
Shannon Deese
Buddy Bell

THE CIVIC CLUB IS LOOKING FOR VOLUNTEERS

If you would like to serve, please send us an email at: Info@WillowbendCivicClub.org
There are many opportunities to serve, please contact us.

We have an immediate need for a resident to serve as patrol liaison between WBCC and PCT 287 Civic Association, with whom we share patrol. This person will be responsible for gathering crime and incidents information in our neighborhood, attend patrol meetings 2-3 times a year, and present this data to the board and be published in this newsletter.

Please email us at: info@WillowbendCivicClub.org and share your email address. We are hoping to collect most residents' email addresses to communicate more directly with you. Please know that your email address will not be shared with ANYONE!

WILLOWBEND YARD OF THE MONTH

APRIL YARDS	
4713 Waycross	Roland and Katherine Moore
10609 Greenwillow	Ann Crider
4417 Tonawanda	Samantha Martinez – Christy Lange
4501 Tonawanda	Jeffrey Pollock – Kevin Zahradnik
4406 Hazelton	Zachary & Callye Emmons
4622 Willowbend	Kurtis & Lauren Lobaugh
4326 Briarbend	Kevin Macicek
4326 Stillbrooke	Marc & Paige Ingram
4310 Creekbend	Dan & Kathy Nguyen

Yard of the Month Selection Criteria:

The purpose of the Yard of the Month designation is to recognize neighbors who demonstrate above-average efforts in maintaining their property, thereby contributing to the overall appearance of the community at large. The following criteria is taken into consideration when selecting a yard:

Healthy lawn, neatly mowed and edged - Pruned and trimmed shrubs and trees - Healthy plants - Fresh plantings - Yard free of debris and clutter.

**** If you would like to nominate a yard for Yard-of-the-Month, send us an email: info@WillowbendCivicClub.org ****

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

YOUR CIVIC CLUB

The beginning of the Civic Club fiscal year is fast approaching – **June 1, 2023 through May 31, 2024**. Please be on the lookout in your mail for your Dues Statement. Statements will be mailed out the first week in June.

There are two options to pay: check or via PayPal. When paying via PayPal, **please be sure to include in the notes the address that you are paying for**. This gives us the ability to credit your payment to the correct address.

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.

(WBCC fiscal year: June 1 – May 31)

 PayPal



Scan. Pay. Go.

Have ideas for us, or would like to volunteer?

Contact us at Info@WillowbendCivicClub.org, or visit the website, www.WillowbendCivicClub.org

AROUND THE NEIGHBORHOOD

NEWS FROM WILLOW WATERHOLE CONSERVANCY

The Willow Waterhole Conservancy is pleased to announce that our long-awaited Westbury Lake Pier is now complete and ready for your enjoyment. Located behind the Westbury Little League field, the lake will soon be accessible by an ADA-compliant concrete trail leading from the top of the hill down to the water's edge. We hope that you are able to visit soon!

For more news, please visit our website: www.willowwaterhole.org

WILLOW WATERHOLE BIRD SURVEY

The Willow Waterhole conducts a bird survey every month year-round. Join this lively group and explore the wild side of our backyard. Meetings take place on the third Saturday of each month.

Meeting is at the Gathering Place, 5310 S. Willow Drive at 7:00 AM.

PARAKEETS IN OUR BACKYARD



As you drive through W. Belfort and the railroad tracks, I am sure that you have noticed over the years the number of parakeets that have lived in this very elaborate nest that they have built. After consulting our very own bird expert in our neighborhood, I found out that they are Monk Parakeets native of Argentina. Here are some fun facts about them:

- Monk Parakeets are the only member of the parrot family to build stick nests and to nest colonially. Their bulky nests provide year-round home for the colony. The insulation these nests provide may be one reason why Monk Parakeets are able to survive cold winters. A single nest structure typically contains up to 20 nest chambers, and in extreme cases can house more than 200 nests.
- Monk Parakeets kept in captivity can learn to mimic human speech.
- Monk Parakeets can live 6 years or more in the wild, and in captivity often live as long as 15 years.

They are great to see as we drive by!

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

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