



Willowbend Civic Club

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NATIONAL NIGHT OUT

Tuesday, October 3, 2023
6:30 P.M. - 8:30 P.M.

VOLUNTEER!
BE THE NATIONAL NIGHT OUT HOST FOR YOUR BLOCK!



Happy 70th Anniversary Willowbend! We are celebrating our neighborhood's 70th Anniversary during National Night Out (NNO). This is our time to shine! You can volunteer to host, or co-host, a NNO party for your block with a creative celebration idea for your block party. It is an exciting occasion!

NNO is an annual community-building campaign that promotes police-community partnerships and neighborhood camaraderie to make our neighborhoods safer.

For years Willowbend neighbors have been gathering in "host" driveways on the first Tuesday of October for NNO. It's a fun night out to meet your neighbors! We also share crime prevention ideas and safety information. The more we know and practice, the safer our neighborhood will be for all.

HOST A NNO BLOCK PARTY.

Hosting a party is easy! All you need to do is set up a couple of tables, chairs and provide some drinks and snacks. Willowbend Civic Club will provide you with invitations that you can pass on to your neighbors, and other materials to host. Invite your neighbors to bring a dish to share, a lawn chair, drinks, and you can even invite them to co-host with you. **If you would like to host or co-host a party, please contact us at NNOWillowbend@gmail.com, or info@WillowbendCivicClub.org, or call Angela Ritchey at 832-930-3227. The deadline to let us know if you would like to be a host is Wednesday, September 13.**

ATTEND A NNO BLOCK PARTY.

If your block has a volunteer host, you will receive an invitation a week before the event. Your block party host may ask you to bring refreshments, a dish to share and a lawn chair. Please be sure to attend and meet your neighbors. It's a lot of fun and you'll be glad you did!

Willowbend Civic Club would like to see a NNO party in every block. Your participation in NNO is one of the best ways to make our neighborhood safer.

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

HAPPY 70TH ANNIVERSARY, WILLOWBEND!

By, Cliff Haehl, WBCC Board Member



It's a particularly exciting time for our lovely Willowbend subdivision! As you can see from our celebratory logo, Willowbend is 70 years old! Here's a bit of history:

In 1953, Houston could still be considered a 'medium-size' city, but in response to the rapidly growing oil & gas industry, the area was booming. Developers were buying up "suburban" land for new residential neighborhoods. In fact, Willowbend wasn't even in the City of Houston then...it was still part of Harris County. Soon incorporated, we became part of HISD and SC Red Elementary was opened in 1957...without air conditioning, of course!

In the beginning, South Post Oak was only paved a little way south of Willowbend Blvd. There were very few trees, as the area had been covered with ranch land and rice fields, and – like much of Houston - criss-crossed with oil & gas transmission pipelines. You can still see evidence of those operating lines today, marked by signs and standpipes, mostly following the CenterPoint utility easements and the Willow Waterhole "creek" that leads to Brays Bayou.

As Willowbend homes were built, new owners planted trees. The fastest-growing turned out to be Green and Arizona Ash, and the invasive Chinese Tallow. Thankfully, Live oaks, Water oaks and Willow oaks were part of the mix, because the Ash trees had a shorter life span. Today, we have a beautiful variety of mature trees...it's hard to imagine this was ever a prairie!

In the coming issues of the WCC Newsletter, we'll discuss the subdivision's history in more detail. In the meantime, Happy 70th to our beloved Willowbend!

WILLOWBEND YARD OF THE MONTH

MAY YARDS	JUNE YARDS
4622 Stillbrooke, Kurk Claus and Maureen Maillette	4502 Briarbend, Kody Milburn and Stacy Siuivan
4517 Tonawanda, Brian Dupnick	4618 Briarbend, Unlisted
4850 Creekbend, Debra Bittick	4811 Creekbend, P. N. Moore and K. A. Svetaka
4321 Briarbend, Andrew and Kelly Necker	4430 Hazelton, Michael Seckman and Xiaoping Zhang
4509 Willowbend, Unlisted	4806 Hazelton, James and Brandy Andreatos
10908 Willowisp, Unlisted	4517 Stillbrooke, Earl and Jenni Fairbanks
4718 Waycross, Gloria Pereira and Robert Park	4321 Waycross, Kenneth Hunter and Charles Turner
4701 Briarbend, Sally Parish	4306 Willowbend, Unlisted
	10914 Willowisp, Unlisted
JULY YARDS	AUGUST YARDS
4813 Briarbend, Kari and Joan Blomquist	4314 Briarbend, Keith Blair
4827 Stillbrooke, Angela and Adam Ritchey	4406 Creekbend, George Mayall
4418 Creekbend, Gerasimos and Kitty Vallatos	4850 Briarbend, Nina Maxwell
10509 Willowisp, Donna Harkness	4306 Waycross, George and Linda Kursk
10509 Willowgrove, Ragini and Ran Basu	4318 Tonawanda, Briant Boutwell and Lana Peralta
4505 Hazelton, Phuong Dao	4421 Hazelton, Jessican and Baraquiel Reyna

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

YOUR CIVIC CLUB

OFFICERS AND DIRECTORS, FY 2023-2024

On Tuesday, May 16 the Civic Club held our annual General Meeting and the following board members were voted to serve this upcoming fiscal year, June 1, 2023 – May 31, 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:

NEW DIRECTORS	DIRECTORS SECOND TERM - NOT UP FOR ELECTION
Alexandria Hodge	Tim Shanahan
Olympia Martinez	Mary Beckner
Djuana Fomby	Terry Brandhorst
Cliff Haehl	Shannon Deese
Oscar Martinez	Buddy Bell

NEW FISCAL YEAR

The beginning of the Civic Club fiscal year is **June 1, 2023 through May 31, 2024**. Statements were mailed the first week in June. A reminder statement will be mailed out the first week in October to those residents who have not paid their dues. Please be on the lookout for that statement.

There are two options to pay: via 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)

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Scan. Pay. Go.

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!

HELPFUL INFORMATION

WILLOW WATERHOLE NEWS

MUSIC FEST – SAVE THE DATE

Saturday, October 28. 11:00 AM – 7:00 PM

For more information: <https://www.willowwaterhole.org/musicfest>

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, starting October, meeting is at 8:00 AM

APP OF THE MONTH!

Have you taken advantage of the City of Houston's "3-1-1" Help & Info line? **Houston 311** is a centralized call center providing free, 24-hour service for all non-emergency City of Houston inquiries and services.

Tell them of your concern or need, and they'll contact the right City department for you, to take action!



Now, as an option to dial 3-1-1, you can just use the app (below). The Houston 311 mobile app features an easy-to-use interface:

- Create service requests on the go.
- Submit cases with pictures and details.
- Cases are routed to a team, instead of an individual.
- Set up your own "watch areas".
- Receive notifications about your reported issues as well as issues in your community.



Use your phone's camera to scan this QR Code and download the app today!

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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