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Happy New Year!

Each new year begins full of promise and hope, and this year is no exception. We have all intentions to eat better, exercise, and perhaps not spend too much time on our electronic devices. I know, for me, it is difficult to stay focused or have the time to accomplish all that I set out to do in the beginning of the year. I am hopeful that in 2024 our goals and dreams will come true, and that we find the time to fulfill our new year's resolutions.

Your Civic Club board members are dedicated this year to continuing to work hard for our neighborhood. Having a safe neighborhood is our top priority. I encourage you to get to know your neighbors, pay attention to your surroundings and do all that you can to be vigilant about our security. We will continue to work closely with our HPD officers who patrol our neighborhood. To report a crime, please contact 911 for emergencies, or the HPD non-emergency number: 713-884-3131. After you file your report, please email us as soon as possible at Info@WillowbendCivicClub.org and let us know your report number. We will have our HPD officer Thompson follow-up.

I encourage you to visit our website, www.WillowbendCivicClub.org and visit the tab "Civic Club Information" to become more familiar with our Deed Restrictions. On that same page, there's a subdivision map that indicates which section you live in. If you are planning new construction, additions, or remodeling, please read the Deed Restrictions corresponding to your section or contact us with any questions. Additionally, the City of Houston has useful information and where to report violations: www.houstontx.gov/codes/ or www.houstontx.gov/legal/dr-proving.html

Wishing you a year filled with laughter, good health, and the fulfillment of your dreams!

Sincerely,

Mary Tysor, President

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!

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

OUR WILLOWBEND NEIGHBORHOOD

RESOLVE TO BE A BETTER NEIGHBOR

By: DJ Fomby

The year has turned, 2024 has arrived and for most of us this means making our resolutions for the coming year. While we generally focus on changes within ourselves, consider the behaviors you take in your yard, our streets and the neighborhood at-large. Your actions can detract from or protect the Common Good. You, Neighbor, do indeed impact the practice of civility in our community. Check out the suggestions below- is there something you could improve on or undertake? Resolve to do it this year!

- ❖ Maintain your home's curb appeal as best you can
- ❖ Be a mindful pet owner; minimize the nuisance of your barking dog or trespassing cats and pickup after your pooch when dog walking
- ❖ Know your property lines and keep your projects within your own space
- ❖ Follow community rules: our Willowbend neighborhood has deed restrictions and they should be abided by
- ❖ Take part in volunteering for beautification and other initiatives coming soon from your WBCC!
- ❖ Fence Etiquette: pls search Google as it has several definitions
- ❖ Be a mindful party host: keep the noise down to a dull roar, quiet down by 10PM, park your guests thoughtfully, clean up any litter and maybe even invite your neighbors to the festivities
- ❖ Be Kind. Be helpful, if it is welcomed. In tragedy, reach out. In times of need, distress or mishap, lend a helping hand. If you have been helped, do reciprocate
- ❖ Try to maintain a positive attitude toward your neighbors though it may be hard at times. No one is perfect, including you. Assume no ill-will or malicious intent. Communicate courteously and clearly to resolve issues. A friendly demeanor does wonders for collaboration and de-escalation of tensions

WILLOWBEND *HOLIDAY* YARD OF THE MONTH

BROOKBEND, N. OF WILLOWBEND: ALL the beautifully decorated houses.

THANK YOU for continuing this tradition!

4501 TONAWANDA – Jeff Pollock and Kevin Zahradnik

4517 TONAWANDA – Brian Dupnick

4862 CREEKBEND – Lauren and Jerod Aragon

4801 BRIARBEND – John and Delia Mannon

4306 TONAWANDA – Michael and Brandie Trioli

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HONORABLE MENTION TO: Lower Tonawanda – 4302 through 4322

To EVERYONE who decorated this year! Willowbend truly looked Merry and Bright!!

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

**BE SURE THAT YOUR HOME ADDRESS NUMBER IS VISIBLE FROM THE STREET.
THIS IS HELPFUL FOR OUR YOM JUDGES AS WELL AS EMS AND PATROL.**

HELPFUL INFORMATION

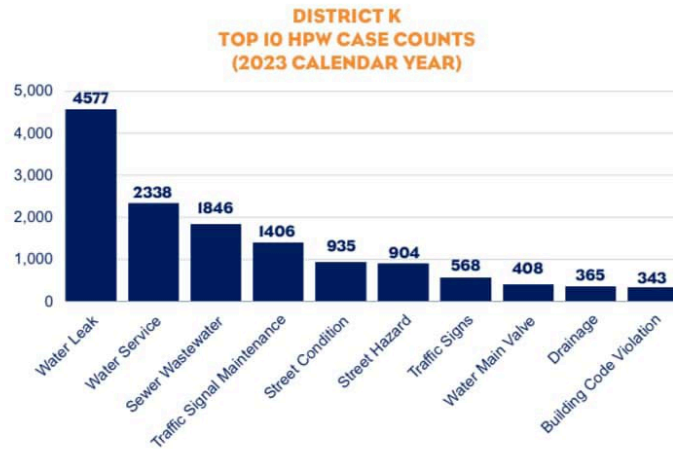
FROM THE OFFICE OF DISTRICT K COUNCIL MEMBER MARTHA CASTEX-TATUM

HPW 311 Calls District K



Houston Public Works relies on the community to report issues to 311 and request city services. In 2023, there were more than **194,000 service request cases** created for Houston Public Works throughout the City of Houston area.

Below is a graph showing the breakdown of the top 10 Houston Public Works calls that were made within **Council District K** for calendar year 2023.



With **16,784** Houston Public Works service request cases, **District K** ranked the **6th** highest amongst all 11 council districts in total number of Houston Public Works service request cases.

In all council districts, the average was **17,705**; the median was **16,784**; and the mode was **19,000** (rounded to nearest thousand).

311 is available to us all to report city issues in our community. Here is call data from District K for 2023 of the top 10 types of calls reported to Houston Public Works. As we work to address your community concerns with public works, continue to call 311 and get the service request number. Call District K office (832-393-3016 – districtK@houston.tx.gov) and report your concern to us with your service request number so we can follow up on your issue until resolved. Your District K Team is prepared to help whenever you need assistance. Let's make 2024 our best year together, yet!



COMING SOON! Dr. Shannon Walker Library

On Dec. 16, 2023, a ceremony was held to preview the new state-of-the-art neighborhood library and community gathering. The new library is located in the heart of Southwest Houston at 5505 Belrose Drive, 77035

WILLOW WATERHOLE NEWS

UPDATE: The project is 10% complete. Trail construction has begun on the south shore of Prairie Lake and some of the trail is already complete with concrete. The contractor is focusing their efforts also on the parking lot off of Gasmer, close to S. Post Oak. The Windwood St. trailhead will be constructed toward the end of the project. The contractor and the engineer's on-site representative have reported that many residents have been walking through the site. Please remember that this is a live construction site and hard hats are required.



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