

June 2003 General Meeting

The next meeting of the Willow Meadows Civic Club is Tuesday, June 10th, 7:00 pm at the Willow Meadows Baptist Church Chapel. Please come to participate in the discussion regarding the proposal for the West Bellfort road extension. We will be asking for a motion on this issue during the meeting. Your voice counts!

CHANGES ARE COMING OUR WAY!

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From The President

Dear Willow Meadows Residents,

A WMCC Special Meeting was held on Tuesday, May 6th, with Houston City Council Member Mark Goldberg as the guest speaker. The meeting was called to hear the details about the proposed expansion of West Bellfort from Stella Link to Buffalo Speedway. This is an expansion that has already passed approval and been budgeted for in Houston City Council. All of this has happened despite Mark Goldberg's strenuous objections. A second purpose for this meeting was to examine our options in response. (Please see www.willowmeadows.org for the not-yet-approved minutes from this meeting for more details.)

The quickest summary of Goldberg's discussion of the West Bellfort expansion is that he is convinced that it will go through. He feels our best option is to consider how we might influence the construction and the residential dwellings built around it. A major developer will decide whether to build large, low-density, single-family construction, or high-density apartments, more similar to areas along Gulfton on the west side of town. Obviously, high-density apartments would create a very different atmosphere for the surrounding communities. As much as our homes and community have appreciated in value, both in price and in our hearts, things could very well change for the worse over the next five to ten years. I will be looking for a motion from the floor at the June General Meeting in order to decide the WMCC response to both the road expansion and residential construction. From there I hope we will all actively support that response in order to protect our homes and our neighborhood.

While at the Special Meeting, Council Member Goldberg spoke about two other issues we need to continue to monitor or work on. The first issue is the proposed toll road that the Harris County Toll Road Authority is building from Fort Bend County, through Beltway 8, and connecting to our part of town. We actually had a presentation from the HCTRA about this at our September General Meeting, as HCTRA would like the new tollway to come up South Post Oak to connect with the southwest corner of the 610 loop. Goldberg feels like it is still possible to influence either where the tollway connects to the loop (W. Main or Fannin) or at least the kind of construction and sound walls that are used if it runs along the boundary of the neighborhood.

The second additional issue was the proposal to create federally approved "Quiet Zones" along the Southern Pacific railroad track which goes through our neighborhood and several others. Please look for upcoming articles and discussion on this issue, as the number of trains going through the neighborhood is only going to increase.

I hope to see you all and hear from you soon!

Ken Ancil
WMCC President

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Political Directory

As a courtesy to our residents, we are providing you the most common "**gripe**" numbers so that you can make your voice heard on the issues of concern to you.

County Commissioner**Prec. 1, Outside the Loop**

(El Franco Lee) (713) 755-7715

Prec. 3, Inside the Loop

(Steve Radack) (713) 755-6305

Houston City Council

(Mayor Brown's Office) (713) 247-1888

(Mark Goldberg, Dist. C) (713) 247-2004

(Michael Berry, At Large) (713) 247-2006

Houston Solid Waste Mgmt (713) 837-9100

dead animals (713) 669-7900

heavy trash (713) 551-7300

Texas State Representative (512) 463-0518

(Al Edwards, Dist. 146) (713) 741-8800

Texas State Senator (512) 463-0113

(Rodney Ellis, Dist. 13) (713) 236-0306

HISD Board of Education (Dist. 5)

(Dianne Johnson) (713) 892-6121

USEFUL PHONE NUMBERS

Emergency	911
WM Security Patrol	(713) 447-0200
Animal Control	(713) 238-9600
Garbage Pickup	(713) 551-7300
Heavy Trash Pickup	(713) 551-7320
Odor Hotline	(713) 837-0600
Street/Light Maintenance	(713) 837-0600
Water/Sewer Repairs	(713) 837-0600
Weeds Blocking View	(713) 525-2525
Harris County Flood	(713) 684-4197



TREASURER'S REPORT

by Kay Adams

**Willow Meadows Civic Club****Initial Budget vs. Actuals as of 12/31/2002 (Unaudited as of 1/31/2003)**

	Operating Budget			Capital Budget		
	Budget FY02	As of 12/31/2002	Variance	Budget FY02	As of 12/31/02	Variance
Expenses						
Bank Charges	300	609	(309)			
Deed Restriction Enforcement						
Enforcement/Support Services	5,000	2,170	2,830			
Legal Services	7,500	1,988	5,512			
Beautification						
Esplanade Project	-	-	-	5,000	4,694	306
Mowing	6,600	6,086	514			
Mosquito Spraying	4,700	3,750	950			
Security Expense	76,200	74,994	1,206	4,200	4,099	101
Postage & Mailing						
Mail/Postage Expense	2,500	2,603	(103)			
PO Box Rental	75	55	20			
Printing						
General Printing	2,500	3,115	(615)			
Security Stickers	650	556	94			
WMCC Annual Directory	1,500	1,208	292			
Charitable Donations						
Red Elementary PTO	250	250	-			
United Orthodox Synagogue	125	125	-			
Willow Meadows Baptist Church	175	175	-			
Braes Bayou Association	200	200	-			
Houston Homeowners Assoc.	50	50	-			
Miscellaneous Expenses						
Corporate/Legal Filing Fees	500	-	500			
Insurance for Board	1,400	1,088	312			
Office Supplies	425	88	337			
Neighborhood Night Out	3,000	2,741	259			
Welcome Packages	1,500	875	625			
New WMCC Signage	-	658	97	755	-	755
Web Site Hosting	1,500	1,331	169			
Other	500	831	(331)			
Total Expenses	117,150	105,545	12,360	9,955	8,792	1,163
Revenues						
Annual Assessment	117,485	120,545	3,060			
Transfer Fee Income	2,500	2,575	75			
Interest Income	3,000	2,087	(913)			
Advertising Revenue	1,000	1,350	350			
Total Revenues	123,985	126,557	2,572	-	-	-
Net (Surplus or Deficit)	6,835	21,013	14,933	(9,955)	(8,792)	1,163
Cash Balance 12/31/01		158,439				
Plus net surplus/(deficit) Oper + Cap Exp		12,220				
Cash Balance 12/31/02		170,659				

Annual Assessments Deposited in December totaled \$7,335.79. We sent out reminder letters in October 2002.

WILLOW MEADOWS NEIGHBORHOOD SCHEDULE Second Quarter, 2003



Remember.....

Trash cans and yard clippings are NOT to be placed out at the curb more than 24 hours before scheduled pick-up! Heavy trash may be placed out no earlier than 6pm the Friday before pick-up!

June 1st	Treat yard for mosquitoes
June 3rd	Heavy Trash (Outside of the Loop)
June 9th	Green-bin Recycling (Outside of the Loop)
June 10th	Green-bin Recycling (Inside of the Loop)
June 10th	General Meeting at 7:00 pm at WMBC
June 23rd	Green-bin Recycling (Outside of the Loop)
June 24th	Green-bin Recycling (Inside of the Loop)
June 26th	Heavy Trash (Inside of the Loop)
July 1st	Treat yard for mosquitoes
July 1st	Heavy Trash (Outside of the Loop)
July 7th	Green-bin Recycling (Outside of the Loop)
July 8th	Green-bin Recycling (Inside of the Loop)
July 21st	Green-bin Recycling (Outside of the Loop)
July 22nd	Green-bin Recycling (Inside of the Loop)
July 24th	Heavy Trash (Inside of the Loop)
Aug. 1st	Treat yard for mosquitoes
Aug. 4th	Green-bin Recycling (Outside of the Loop)
Aug. 5th	Green-bin Recycling (Inside of the Loop)
Aug. 5th	Heavy Trash (Outside of the Loop)
Aug. 18th	Green-bin Recycling (Outside of the Loop)
Aug. 19th	Green-bin Recycling (Inside of the Loop)
Aug. 18th	Heavy Trash (Inside of the Loop)

Outside of the Loop regular garbage pick-up day is **MONDAY**.
Inside of the Loop regular garbage pick-up is **TUESDAY**.

GARBAGE STICKERS ARE AVAILABLE AT SELLERS BROS. ON STELLA LINK. 713-666-4417 (CALL AHEAD TO CHECK FOR AVAILABILITY)

SECURITY REPORT

by Philip Vivier



In comparing this past quarter's statistics to last quarter, we are fortunate in that the numbers are once again down in our neighborhood. I think the visibility of our police officers is largely the reason. The disturbing statistic for the beat, though, is the large increase in drug offenses. Last quarter, the number was just above 10. These last three months, the number is 38!

In addition to the two police cars that we have, we have also developed software for the police officers to use when on patrol. They will have a laptop in the care and we believe this technology will enhance the reports and communication between officers and the security chair.

As always, remember to request a vacation watch on your home when you are away.
Be safe...

(note: Beat 15E30 is defined by the Houston Police Department as having the following boundaries: North-Bellaire, East-South Main, South-South Main, West-South Post Oak. Neighborhoods included in this beat are Willow Meadows, Post Oak Manor, Westwood, Willowbend, Willowbrook, Linkwood, and others.)

	JAN		FEB		MAR		TOTAL	
OFFENSE	BEAT 15E30	WM	BEAT 15E30	WM	BEAT 15E30	WM	BEAT 15E30	WM
Rape	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	0
Robbery	6	0	7	0	4	0	17	0
Aggra- vated As- sault	1	0	5	2	5	0	11	2
Burglary	22	4	16	0	29	1	67	10
Burglary of Motor Vehicle	19	1	10	0	15	0	44	1
Auto Theft	14	0	7	0	12	0	33	0
Narcotic Drug Laws	17	0	11	0	10	0	38	0
DWI	1	0	0	0	1	0	2	0
TOTALS	81	5	56	2	76	1	213	13

WILLOW MEADOWS SECURITY PATROL
713-447-0200
OR 911 For Emergency Calls

MAINTENANCE & BEAUTIFICATION

by Kay Adams



- ◆ At the general meeting in June, we will vote on the final rendition of the new primary and secondary entrance sign designs. We will also share pricing and a timeline for build-out with those present at the meeting.
- ◆ Mosquito spraying began on Friday, April 18 and will continue through the end of the summer. Remember to get rid of any standing water on your property!
- ◆ Gold Rose company continues to mow and maintain our three esplanade areas.

CONGRATULATIONS
YARD OF
THE MONTH
WINNERS!

APRIL -
4318 O'MEARA

MAY -
4301 SARONG

Advertising

We would like to remind you that the Willow Meadows newsletter will accept advertising to help defray the costs of printing and other civic club expenses. If you have a local business or provide a service useful to our neighbors, you may want tell about it. To encourage participation, we have kept our prices low, as indicated below.

- ◆ Full page: \$150 each edition
- ◆ Half page: \$75 each edition
- ◆ Quarter page: \$40 each edition
- ◆ Eighth page: \$20 each edition

Willow Meadows 2003 General Meeting Schedule

March 11th 7:00 pm
June 10th 7:00 pm
September 9th 7:00 pm
December 9th 7:00 pm

All meetings held at the
Willow Meadows
Baptist Church

AROUND THE NEIGHBORHOOD

Did you know?

If you are refinancing or selling your home, your WMCC contact is the Treasurer, currently Kay Adams. Your title company can contact the Treasurer by telephone at 713-729-9669, by email at treasurer@willowmeadows.org, or by fax at 713-723-7592. The current deed restrictions and by-laws should be downloaded from our website.

Curious?

I've gotten some emails with questions about the Meyer Park property at the corner of South Loop West and Meyer Forest. I have discovered that the land is being cleared to make way for a public storage facility. If you'd like more information, you can contact MC Management Company at 713-668-2369.

Looking for an opportunity to give back to your community?

There are several volunteer positions available for Block Captains in the South section of our neighborhood. First, and foremost, with the passing of Dick Wright, we have an urgent need for a new volunteer for his section of McDermed, 4302-4414 (a total of 23 houses).

Currently the South section is being handled by many people from other areas, including several Board members. Here are the areas of need:

- ◆ 10002—10218 Cliffwood (25 houses)
- ◆ 4302—4414 McDermed (23 houses)
- ◆ 4415—4515 McDermed (17 houses)
- ◆ 4302—4327 Silverwood (14 houses)

Our neighborhood civic association depends entirely on volunteers. Even if you can serve for a limited time (for ex., one year) we would appreciate your service. The Block Captain approach was originally conceived as a way for a resident to help hand out and oversee the needs of his/her block. It is the quickest way to get the newsletter to each resident. Many have served in these positions for years. In the south, however, we have had a great deal of turnover. While it is not a requirement that you live on the block where you deliver, it is preferred.

Please contact Charles Rusciano at 713-721-3136 if you are interested in helping out. It is a great way to get to know your neighbors! Thanks so much.

In Memory of Dick Wright

By Charles Rusciano

Long-time Willow Meadows resident, and tireless civic worker, Richard ("Dick") Wright died on March 26th of this year. Dick could always be seen as a volunteer at the Red Elementary election location, and regularly attended civic club meetings. Dick was a block captain for McDermed, and faithfully took care of his 23 houses for many, many years.

I take this time to let the neighborhood know we have lost a very special person. His dry sense of humor, and his dedication to his family and to his community, were strengths that make his passing sad for those of us who knew him.

Dick was in the Army Air Corps in World War II. He functioned as a bombardier on a B-24 Liberator. On June 14, 1944, Dick was forced to parachute out of his airplane, which was hit by enemy anti-aircraft fire over Nazi-occupied Belgium. He broke his ankle upon impact. He was found and befriended by anti-Nazi villagers, who helped him recuperate in hiding. He was then disguised as a deaf mute out in the fields, working with the local farmers, for he did not speak French. That kept him from being discovered and kept him alive. When Belgium was liberated, Dick returned to the U.S. He was married to his wife Rosie at that time, as he was through the remainder of his life (59 years). She could not know where he was or how he was, but refused to believe he was dead. She was right. He was awarded the Purple Heart by the Army.

Dick graduated from Lehigh University in Bethlehem, PA, with a degree in engineering. After moving to Houston, Dick became a homebuilder.

I had the privilege of getting to know him as an avid Little League fan of his grandson, Justin Wright. (Justin and my son played at Braes Bayou for many years.) Dick and Rosie seldom missed seeing Justin play baseball.

We have lost a man of great character and wonderful constitution. He was 80 years old when he passed away. Dick came to this neighborhood ready, willing and able to report for duty, and has served this community well throughout the years. Dick, I (and we all) will miss you. Thanks for all you have done to contribute to our freedom and our community. Rosie, God bless you.

WILLOW WATERHOLE GREENSPACE CONSERVANCY (WWGC)

Election of 2003 WWGC officers was the first item of business on the May 8, 2003, General meeting agenda. Delegates to the meeting elected the following officers: **President, Howard Sacks** (Maplewood South/North), **Vice President, Dabney Kennedy** (Westbury), **Recording Secretary, Robert Schwartz** (Marilyn Estates), **Corresponding Secretary, Judith Jones** (Precinct 287 Civic Association), and **Treasurer, Ed O'Rourke** (Braeswood Place).

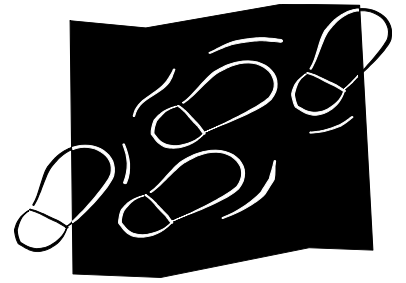
Mr. David Goldberg (HCFCD) provided a comprehensive update on the Willow Waterhole Greenway Project and on Project Brays. The Willow Waterhole Greenway Project, Phase 1, has been moved to acreage west of South Post Oak Road. A Texas Parks and Wildlife grant of \$750,000, an integral part of Phase I, must be utilized immediately. The original acreage for Phase 1, located east of South Post Oak Road, is still in the condemnation process and unavailable for grant usage.

Mr. Bill Lawson (HISD), Southwest District Superintendent, reviewed plans for the "new" Westbury High School. He announced that the school should be ready for students in January, 2004.

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