

## March 2011 General Meeting

The next General Meeting of the Willow Meadows Civic Club will be held at 7:00 p.m., Tuesday, March 8, in the Chapel of Willow Meadows Baptist Church. Please join us.

# Willow Meadows News

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## Mark Your Calendar



Your civic club dues are payable by April 15.

## President's Letter

This new year of 2011 brought not only an exciting Super Bowl but also frigid temperatures not seen in Houston for many years. As I write this, the temperature is 28 degrees and there is visible ice outside on our plants. I hope your three P's—pipes, plants and pets—survived the many days of freezing temperatures. After such a chilly winter I am looking forward to the warmth of spring and more comfortable walks around our beautiful neighborhood.

As your new incoming 2011 President I want say how impressed I am with the Willow Meadows Board of Directors. I personally want to take thank each of them for all they have done and are doing for our neighborhood. I appreciate their tireless efforts to improve our neighborhood and our quality of life here in Willow Meadows.

Our Board has already started preparations for the fall picnic, the new mosquito abatement program, budget analysis, and deed restriction review, as well as on-going security planning. If you are interested in serving on any of these committees please let us know.

We currently have a vacancy for At-Large Position 3 and we are accepting nominations for this position. If that is not something of interest, perhaps you are willing to be involved and organize a block meeting for the neighborhood mini-security program. Meet your police officers and learn ways to help keep your block safer. Call Stephen Polnaszek, 713-721-8425, for more information.

Please be sure you have received the statement for your annual homeowner's dues. Payment is due by April 15<sup>th</sup> to avoid penalties. If you have not gotten an invoice then please notify our treasurer, Robert Szafranski (713)721-4971. I look forward to seeing you at the March 8th general meeting.

*Julia Floyd*  
2011 President

**Willow Meadows Civic Club, Inc.**

P. O. Box 35551, Houston, Texas 77235

**2011 Board of Directors**

<b>Position</b>	<b>Director</b>	<b>Phone</b>	<b>E-Mail</b>
President	Julia Floyd	(713) 728-5153	<a href="mailto:President@willowmeadows.org">President@willowmeadows.org</a>
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At-Large Position 4	John Mooney	(713) 721-6523	<a href="mailto:At-large-4@willowmeadows.org">At-large-4@willowmeadows.org</a>
At-Large Position 5	Garry Weisman	(713) 721-1250	<a href="mailto:At-large-5@willowmeadows.org">At-large-5@willowmeadows.org</a>
At-Large Position 6	Joey Canahuati	(713) 723-4522	<a href="mailto:At-large-6@willowmeadows.org">At-large-6@willowmeadows.org</a>
At-Large Position 7	Howard Lindsay	(713) 729-7808	<a href="mailto:At-large-7@willowmeadows.org">At-large-7@willowmeadows.org</a>
At-Large Position 8	Cynthia Mora	(713) 723-1788	<a href="mailto:At-large-8@willowmeadows.org">At-large-8@willowmeadows.org</a>

**2011 Committee Chairs**

<b>Position</b>	<b>Chair</b>	<b>Phone</b>	<b>E-mail</b>
Architectural Control	Garry Weisman	(713) 721-1250	<a href="mailto:Architecture@willowmeadows.org">Architecture@willowmeadows.org</a>
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Deed Restrictions Enforcement	Jonathan Roach	(713) 623-4531	<a href="mailto:Deed@willowmeadows.org">Deed@willowmeadows.org</a>
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Maintenance	Joey Canahuati	(713) 723-4522	<a href="mailto:Beautification@willowmeadows.org">Beautification@willowmeadows.org</a>
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Security	Stephen Polnaszek	(713) 721-8425	<a href="mailto:Security@willowmeadows.org">Security@willowmeadows.org</a>

**Political Directory****County Commissioners:**

Precinct 1, El Franco Lee  
(Outside the Loop) (713) 755-6111  
Precinct 3, Steve Radack  
(Inside the Loop) (713) 755-6306

**Houston City Council:**

Mayor Annise Parker (713) 837-0311  
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**Texas State Representative**

Al Edwards, District 146 (512) 463-0518

**Texas State Senator**

Rodney Ellis, District 13 (512) 463-0113  
(713) 236-0306

**HISD Board of Education**

(713) 556-6121  
Paula Harris, Red ES  
Michael Lunceford, Johnston MS  
Lawrence Marshall, Westbury HS  
Michael Lunceford, Bellaire HS

**Useful Contact Information**

Imminent Threat 911  
HPD Dispatch (713) 884-3131  
WM Security Patrol (713) 447-0200



[www.willowmeadows.org](http://www.willowmeadows.org)

Houston Service Helpline 311  
Call 311 for all non-emergency city service needs, such as problems with Garbage and Heavy Trash Pickup, Water/Sewer Repairs, Weeds Blocking View, Street Sign or Street Light Maintenance, Odor Hotline, or Dead Animals.

City of Houston Online: [www.houstontx.gov](http://www.houstontx.gov)



Use this website to report all city service needs, as described above. Click the 311 emblem (shown, left) on the Homepage to access an online form.

Animal Control (713) 238-9600

Harris County Flood Control (713) 684-4197

## Please Welcome Julia Floyd

*By Emory Glover, 2010 President*

Julia Floyd is the new President for the Willow Meadows Civic Club in 2011. Mrs. Floyd was one of eight write-in candidates receiving one or two votes each at the December General Meeting, at which no presidential candidate was listed since no one had consented to run.

Since none of these write-in candidates were present, I announced that the run-off election required by the By-Laws would be held once Secretary Cindy Mora had established which of the candidates would accept nomination. By the time the Board of Directors met in February, Ms. Mora had ascertained that only one of those candidates, Ms. Floyd, was willing to serve.

Since the neighborhood forefathers who drafted our By-Laws had never envisioned precisely this situation, the Board used regulations that had been clearly stated: 2010 President Glover, who had continued to serve temporarily in the absence of an elected successor, tendered his resignation, and the Board, which was then charged with filling the vacant office as quickly as possible, unanimously elected Ms. Floyd 2011 President.

Please welcome President Julia Floyd and give her your support as she presides for us this year.

### 2011 Willow Meadows Election Results

President:	Julia Floyd (write-in)
Vice President:	Erich Wolz, 212 votes FOR
Treasurer:	Robert Szafranski, 214 votes FOR
Secretary:	Emory Glover, 214 votes FOR
Position 1:	Stephen Polnaszek, 212 votes FOR
Position 2:	Jonathan Roach, 211 votes FOR
Position 3:	Graham Hildebrand, 210 votes FOR <i>[since resigned]</i>
Position 4:	John Mooney, 203 votes FOR
Position 5:	Garry Weisman, 214 votes FOR
Position 6:	Joey Canahuati, 212 votes FOR
Position 7:	Howard Lindsay, 211 votes FOR
Position 8:	Cynthia Mora, 215 votes FOR
Budget:	218 FOR, 27 AGAINST
Raising Dues:	205 FOR, 65 AGAINST

## **Treasurer's Report**

By Robert Szafranski

Willow Meadows Civic Club finished 2010 with a net profit of \$4,016.14, increasing our retained earnings to just over \$100,000. The 2010 WMCC budget, year-end actual expenditures and the 2011 budget are shown in the table on the following page. The year-end balance sheet is tabulated following the budget and expenditures report.

Total income was close to the budgeted amount and was higher than expected with the defeat of the dues increase ballot. As in years past, Security Patrol expenses continue to account for approximately 75% of expenditures. Non-security expenses were lower than anticipated in 2010; primarily in legal and accounting services and mosquito abatement (within the Maintenance & Beautification budget).

The lower expenditures allowed WMCC to take a special depreciation expense and still end the year with a small net profit. As mentioned in the fourth quarter newsletter, the depreciation expense was needed to correct our balance sheet to be consistent with accounting practices. The Board consulted with the accounting professional who prepares the WMCC tax return before making the decision to write off three fully depreciated assets.

### **2011 Assessments**

Every WMCC member should have received an invoice for their 2011 annual assessment. The invoice reflects an approved dues increase of \$20 for a total of \$220. Payment of at least half of the annual assessment is due by April 15<sup>th</sup> and any remaining balance will be due by August 1<sup>st</sup>. Any past due amounts are due immediately. If you have not received your 2011 invoice and Security stickers, please contact Robert Szafranski at [treasurer@willowmeadows.org](mailto:treasurer@willowmeadows.org) or at 713-721-4971.

The WMCC by-laws allow senior citizens to freeze their dues at the assessment amount in effect the year the member turns 65 years of age. Currently, the by-laws require that senior citizens who wish to exercise this option complete and return a request form every year. The Treasurer and the Board have heard a number of comments about this requirement and are looking into how we might track the information within our accounting system and whether the by-laws should be amended. In the meantime, I would encourage our senior citizens to view the requirement as a quick and easy way to save some money rather than a burden.

	2010 Budget	Year-End 2010 Actual	Approved 2011 Budget
<b>Income</b>			
Advertising	2,000	2,910.00	2,500
Annual Dues			
Fiscal Year Assessments	191,800	142,239.10	161,290
Prior Years Collections	1,200	5,673.36	3,000
<b>Total Annual Dues</b>	<b>\$193,000</b>	<b>\$147,912.46</b>	<b>164,290</b>
Late Fees	1,000	990.43	1,000
Legal Settlement	0	300.00	0
Transfer / Refinance fees	3,500	7,975.00	4,500
Security Fund Donations	0	28,000.00	0
Interest Income	700	402.82	300
Other Income	0	3,895.87	1,000
WMCC Picnic Income	0	1,695.00	0
<b>Total Income</b>	<b><u>\$200,200</u></b>	<b><u>\$194,081.98</u></b>	<b><u>\$173,590</u></b>
<b>Expenses</b>			
Accounting/Bookkeeping	5,200	787.25	3,500
Arch. Control Com Misc	100	0.00	0
Bank Service Charges	200	795.22	200
Braes Bayou Association	200	200.00	200
Deed Restriction Support	8,500	6,762.86	8,500
General Meeting Marketing	200	200.00	200
General Printing	5,000	3,348.17	5,000
Insurance for Board	1,000	1,214.00	1,000
Legal Services/Filing Fees	5,000	620.00	5,000
Mail/Postage Expense	2,700	1,395.10	2,000
Maint. & Beaut. Com	12,950	8,577.66	10,150
Mosquito Abatement			2,800
Office Supplies	600	155.85	300
PO Box Rental	85	70.00	85
Red Elementary PTO	300	300.00	300
Storage/Office Rent	1,100	925.94	1,100
United Orthodox Synagogue	300	300.00	300
Website/Technology	1,100	119.40	1,100
WM Baptist Church	500	500.00	500
WMCC - Other	1,000	1,269.85	1,000
WMCC Community Picnic	0	1,695.00	2,500
WMCC Directory			1,000
WMCC Stickers	500	421.17	500
<b>Total Non-Security Expenses</b>	<b><u>\$46,535</u></b>	<b><u>\$29,657.47</u></b>	<b><u>\$47,235</u></b>
<b>Security</b>			
Security Committee Misc	500	0.00	500
Security Insurance Costs	21,473	19,268.17	20,227
Vehicles	16,266	12,836.76	13,372
Wages, Taxes & Fees	114,016	115,369.24	91,104
<b>Total Security</b>	<b><u>\$152,255</u></b>	<b><u>\$147,474.17</u></b>	<b><u>\$125,203</u></b>
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b><u>\$198,790</u></b>	<b><u>\$177,131.64</u></b>	<b><u>\$172,438</u></b>
<b>Net Operating Income</b>	<b><u>\$1,410</u></b>	<b><u>\$16,950.34</u></b>	<b><u>\$1,152</u></b>
<b>Other Expense - Depreciation</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>12,934.20</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>Net Income</b>	<b><u>\$1,410</u></b>	<b><u>\$4,016.14</u></b>	<b><u>\$1,152</u></b>

**WMCC Balance Sheet  
As of Year End, 2010**

	<b>Total</b>
<b>ASSETS</b>	
<b>Bank Accounts</b>	
Beal Bank CD - 6568/07/27/10	30,741.53
Beal Bank CD-7734 4/25/11	0.00
Chase (formerly Washington Mutual)	0.00
JP Morgan Chase - Checking	15,585.15
JP Morgan Chase - Money Market	<u>73,168.78</u>
<b>Total Bank Accounts</b>	\$119,495.46
Accounts Receivable	-6,926.00
Other Current Assets	18.20
Undeposited Funds	<u>0.00</u>
<b>Total Current Assets</b>	\$113,507.66
<b>Fixed Assets</b>	
3 Drawer Filing Cabinet	0.00
Capitol Exp - New Car	0.00
GPS System	<u>0.00</u>
<b>Total Fixed Assets</b>	0.00
Deferment Account	<u>10,559.00</u>
<b>TOTAL ASSETS</b>	<b><u>\$124,066.66</u></b>
 <b>LIABILITIES AND EQUITY</b>	
<b>Liabilities</b>	
Payroll Liabilities	0.00
Security Officer General Security Fund	22,764.04
Security Officer Holiday Bonus Fund	<u>0.00</u>
<b>Total Liabilities</b>	\$22,764.04
<b>Equity</b>	
Retained Earnings	97,286.48
Net Income	<u>4,016.14</u>
<b>Total Equity</b>	\$101,302.62
<b>TOTAL LIABILITIES AND EQUITY</b>	<b><u>\$124,066.66</u></b>

## Maintenance and Beautification

*By Joey Canahuati  
Board Member  
At-Large Position 6*



### CONGRATULATIONS - Yard of the Month Winners:

On behalf of the Board of Directors of Willow Meadows Civic Club, Inc., we congratulate these homeowners on being chosen the Yard of the Month:

Homeowner	Address	Month
Christian & Jennifer Bauman Resident	4314 Lemac 4406 Firestone	December 2010 January 2011

This year the winner receives a gift certificate from [Austin Landscaping](#) who is sponsoring the 2011 Yard



of Month. [www.austinlandscaping.net](http://www.austinlandscaping.net)

Again, thank you for being a considerate neighbor and for showing your pride in Willow Meadows through the maintenance of your home, and particularly, your yard. Please visit [www.willowmeadows.org](http://www.willowmeadows.org) to nominate future winners.

### Entry Marker Maintenance:

Freeze damaged a few of the seasonal color plants, but most survived. New seasonal plants should be installed during March or April.

### Esplanade Maintenance:

This year Austin Landscaping was selected to maintain the esplanades. For WMCC they provide, mowing, edging, and blowing of leaves in the areas designated for maintenance. Entry Marker maintenance is extra and on an as-needed basis; however we are considering having the company maintain the Entry Marker plants as part of the contract to enhance their appearance.

### Irrigation & Watering:

We are approaching months that require slightly more irrigation makeup water than what Mother Nature provides for our landscape requirements. March is the time of year that irrigation systems should be turned back on and tested for leaks, inspected for accuracy of coverage, and heads raised or lowered. The chart below shows the average amount of water you should supplement with irrigation. The amount for March is 2.62 inches.

	Monthly Avg. Rainfall (inches)	Evapotranspiration Rate (inches)	Difference (inches)
January	3.75	2.93	<b>-.82</b>
February	3.25	3.64	.39
March	2.75	5.37	2.62
April	3.50	6.26	2.76
May	4.25	7.57	3.32
June	5.00	8.27	3.27
July	4.75	8.42	3.67
August	3.75	7.69	3.94
September	5.25	6.26	1.01
October	3.75	5.13	1.38
November	3.75	3.43	<b>-.32</b>
December	3.75	2.69	<b>-1.06</b>



### Editor Needed for WM Directory

Many of us have used the Willow Meadows Civic Club Directory to find the telephone numbers or addresses of our neighbors. Unfortunately, the Directory is now rather obsolete. The most recent version, the one with the pale blue cover, is from 2008-2009.

The Board of Directors is looking for a civic-minded citizen to serve as editor of an updated Directory. By the way, residents will still have the option of "opting out" by not listing their names or unlisted telephone numbers.

If you would like to volunteer for this important activity, please contact President Julia Floyd at (713) 728-5153.

## Home Sales Up in Houston

*From the Multiple Listing Service*

Despite the bone-chilling winter weather, Houston's housing market heated up in January, recording the first increase in property sales since June 2010. January sales of single-family homes throughout the Houston market rose 7.5%. Positive activity was recorded in all segments of the housing market, with the sharpest increases taking place at opposite ends of the pricing spectrum.

Luxury home sales helped propel the average price of a single-family home, which increased 2.2 percent from January to \$196,879. The January single-family home median price—the figure at which half of the homes sold for more and half sold for less—dipped 3.2 percent from one year earlier to \$139,000, due to hefty sales volume among homes priced at \$80,000 and below.

Month-end pending sales for January totaled 2,478, up 7.7 percent from last year. That suggests the likelihood of further strengthening in demand when the February figures are tallied. The number of available properties, or active listings, at the end of January rose 13.7 percent from January 2010 to 31,232. Despite the increase in sales volume, growth in available housing pushed the January inventory of single-family homes to 7.3 months compared to 6.1 months one year earlier. The figure still compares favorably to the national inventory of single-family homes of 8.1 months reported by the National Association of Realtors.

CATEGORIES	JANUARY 2010	JANUARY 2011	PERCENT CHANGE
Total property sales	3,118	3,413	9.5%
Total dollar volume	\$574,282,523	\$642,901,862	11.9%
Total active listings	27,465	31,232	13.7%
Total pending sales	2,301	2,478	7.7%
Single-family home sales	2,572	2,766	7.5%
Single-family average sales price	\$192,617	\$196,879	2.2%
Single-family median sales price	\$143,560	\$139,000	-3.2%
Months inventory*	6.1	7.3	19.5%

## Security Report, November 2010

by Stephen Polnaszek, Security Committee Chair

### Recent Willow Meadows Crime Statistics

Here is the crime incident list for the last six months. Following the table are 30-day crime maps downloaded on February 15<sup>th</sup> for thefts (including burglaries of motor vehicles) and then burglaries of homes/garages/apartments/businesses.

<b>Willow Meadows Crime Statistics: August 2010 through January 2011</b>				
<b>Date</b>	<b>Time</b>	<b>Offense</b>	<b>Block</b>	<b>Street Name</b>
8/5/2010	0800-1300	Theft	4300	McDermed
8/6/2010	0700	Failure to stop and give info	10100	Cliffwood
8/24/2010	0845-0930	Burglary of a motor vehicle	4700	McDermed
8/25/2010	2000	Possession of a controlled substance	10000	Willowgrove
8/27/2010	1830-0000	Criminal mischief	4700	Nenana
8/27/2010	2200-2300	Criminal mischief	10300	Willowisp
9/2/2010	0749	Theft	9900	Cliffwood
9/17-20/2010	0800(17)-0830(20)	Theft	10200	Piermain
9/26-28/2010	1500(26)-1500(28)	Auto theft	4400	Nenana
9/30/2010	1115	Burglaries of motor vehicles	4600	Waynesboro
10/5/2010	1900	Criminal trespass	4500	Silverwood
10/8/2010	0030-0100	Criminal mischief	9300	Cliffwood
10/8/2010	1400-1630	Burglary of a motor vehicle	4300	W Bellfort
10/13-15/2010	1700(13)-1200(15)	Credit card abuse*	10200	Piermain
10/18/2010	1500-1740	Threat of an assault	4300	McDermed
11/7/2010	1900	Threat of violence	9900	Cliffwood
11/8/2010	0400	Robbery	9900	Cliffwood
11/27-28/2010	2300(27)-0600(28)	Burglary of a motor vehicle	4300	Cheena
12/12/2010	1500	Telephone harassment*	4400	Woodvalley
12/14/2010	1100	Burglary of a motor vehicle	4300	Waynesboro
12/15-22/2010	1200(15)-1200(22)	Failure to stop and give info	4300	Cheena
12/21/2010	0930-1830	Burglary of a habitation	9900	Greenwillow
12/21-22/2010	1830(21)-0700(22)	Burglary of a motor vehicle	4400	Sarong
1/2/2011	0100-0800	Burglary of a motor vehicle	10100	Greenwillow
1/2/2011	0130-0230	Burglary of a motor vehicle	4400	Osby
1/4/2011	1400-2045	Burglary of a habitation	4700	O'Meara

1/91/2011	1000	Interference with child custody*	4400	Lemac
1/10/2011	0200-0230	DWI*	9400	Cliffwood
1/11/2011	0830-1015	Burglary of a motor vehicle	4400	McDermed
1/13/2011	1500	Assault with a deadly weapon	9800	Greenwillow
1/14/2011	1600-1700	Theft	4300	Meyerwood
1/15/2011	0030-0500	Burglary of a motor vehicle	4800	Waynesboro
1/18-28/2011	----	Telephone harassment*	4400	Cheena
1/27/2011	0830-0930	Burglary of a motor vehicle	4400	Firestone

\*: Incidents deemed not preventable by Willow Meadows Security Patrol

**Thefts from mid-January through mid-February in and around Willow Meadows**



### ***Burglaries from mid-January through mid-February in and around Willow Meadows***



The burglaries of residences have been holding rather steady at relatively low levels in WM but are up dramatically in surrounding neighborhoods for the last two months. However, burglaries of motor vehicles, while down in the larger area that includes WM, are dramatically up in Willow Meadows. That is one of the artifacts of having such low numbers, on average, to begin with, even though the increase in vehicle burglaries is real and of genuine concern.

#### **Please Contribute to the 2011 Security Fund and the 2011 Officers' Holiday Fund!**

In 2010 your much-appreciated, generous contributions of about \$25,000 to the Security Fund have allowed us to fund more Security Patrol shifts (nearly 64 hours/week [hr/wk]) than would have been covered by dues-based funding alone (40 hr/wk). We hope that you will be even more generous in 2011.

The Security Committee thanks you for approving the modest \$20 dues increase, but dues-funded support for Security Patrols in 2011 amounts to about 46 hr/wk of patrol time compared to the nearly 64 hr/wk that was patrolled in 2010, let alone the 80 hr/wk provided in 2008 and 2009 largely funded from the civic club's cash reserves.

In 2010 the residents donated around \$4,200 to the Officers' Holiday Fund, and we hope that your generosity will continue at a similar or greater level in 2011. The Security Fund is separate from the Officer's Holiday Fund, the latter being a separate fund (and dues invoice line item) that we use to provide year-end thanks to our Officers. This fund shows our deepest appreciation to these vigilant, off-duty HPD Security Patrol Officers and helps greatly with employee retention and their bonds to the neighborhood.

#### **Important Security Phone Numbers**

In case of an imminent threat, call **911** and stay on the line with them; the WM Security Patrol will hear the police radio traffic generated by your 911 call and move to assist you. For non-threatening or routine calls to HPD, please phone **HPD Dispatch at (713) 884-3131**. Then call the **Willow Meadows Security Patrol at (713) 447-0200**. Also please call **(713) 447-0200** to

use our "Vacation Watch" program when you plan to be out of town, even if only for a short period of time.

### **Join Our Mini-Security Meeting Program as a Host for Your Neighbors**

The Security Committee cordially invites you to serve as a host for one of our Mini-Security Meetings. We have held ten of these much appreciated meetings thus far all over the neighborhood. The host/hostess invites neighbors to attend from several houses in the immediate vicinity. On the agreed to meeting date Lt. Barrow leads a discussion of how the WM Security Program works and how these neighbors can use it more effectively and become more vigilant about suspicious people, vehicles, and activities on their street. Questions on anything relating to neighborhood security are fielded; tips on making your property more secure, and other ways to help prevent crime are also discussed. Some members of the Security Committee may also be on hand to field questions about the civic club's role in supporting the Security Program.

### **Please Join the Security Committee**

While we do have a couple of new committee members, we could always use even more of these positive and energetic voices to help us work on security matters in Willow Meadows. If you are interested in working with the Security Committee, please email us at [security@willowmeadows.org](mailto:security@willowmeadows.org).

Do you have old, unwanted cell phones lying around that you don't know what to do with?

## **Recycle them!**

Help the environment while also helping  
military families cope with deployment!

E-mail me (Erich Wolz) at [harris255gop@sbcglobal.net](mailto:harris255gop@sbcglobal.net)  
to arrange for pick-up.


All cell phones collected will be donated to:  
Cell Phones For Soldiers



For those who prefer the best...

**Wm. Emory Glover, G.R.I.**  
 Broker Associate

*your Willow Meadows neighbor*



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### Trash Schedule

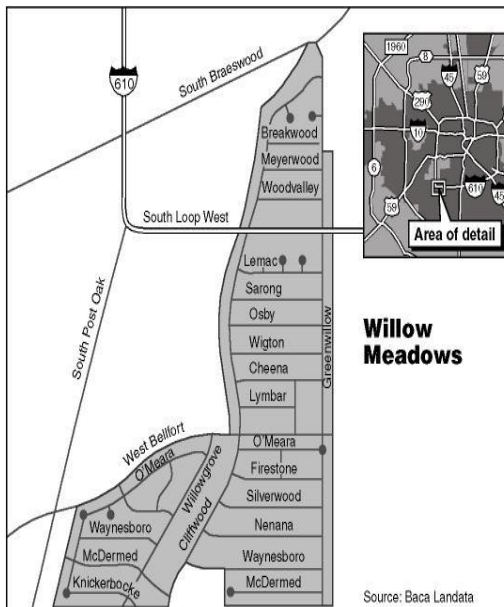
Regular garbage pickup is every Thursday for all of Willow Meadows.

Inside Loop 610, heavy trash/trees/junk is picked up on the fourth Thursday of each month.

Outside Loop 610, heavy trash is picked up the first Tuesday of each month.

Recycling is now picked up every other week on our regular garbage day. The neighborhood is on what the City calls the Thursday-A schedule. This schedule was mailed to homes earlier in the year and showed dates through October. On their website, this schedule was extended through December. We should get a 2011 schedule in the mail shortly.

For definitions and holiday schedules, go to [www.houstonsolidwaste.org](http://www.houstonsolidwaste.org). Some information is shown on the website in color and cannot be reproduced here.



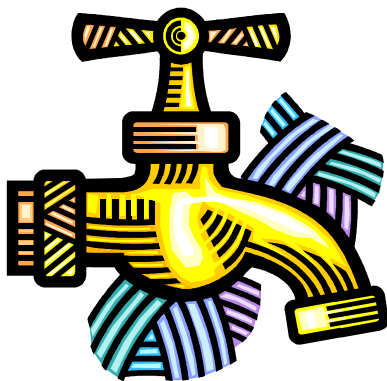
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## Newsletter Advertising Rates

Just like nearly everything else the Willow Meadows Civic Club does, the *Willow Meadows News* is produced and distributed by volunteers. The only cost to the Civic Club is printing, which costs several hundred dollars per issue. Since we publish four issues per year in early March, June, September and December – just before each general meeting – the total cost of printing is more than \$1,000 per year. The *News* accepts advertising for two reasons: as a service to our residents and to help pay for printing.

Our advertising rates are \$40 for a quarter page, \$75 for a half page, and \$150 for a full page, all per issue. Each issue is distributed to the 825 homes in the neighborhood and is posted to the Civic Club's website, [www.willowmeadows.org](http://www.willowmeadows.org) shortly after publication. The Treasurer mails invoices to advertisers shortly after each issue is published or will accept payment in advance if an advertiser prefers.

The deadline for sending new ads or changes in ads to the editor for each issue is the 7<sup>th</sup> day of the month preceding the month of publication (February 7 for the March issue, May 7 for the June issue, August 7 for the September issue and November 7 for the December issue). The *News* is only printed with black ink so any color graphics or pictures in ads sent to us will be printed in black or gray, but those graphics or pictures will be reproduced in color when the issue is posted to the website. Since the *News* is produced by volunteers and our advertising rates are modest, we do not provide the level of service that commercial advertising outlets such as newspapers, radio and television stations provide to their customers. We will assist advertisers in arranging simple ads, but we do not provide a graphic design service to create elaborate ads.

We also expect advertisers to notify the editor if they want to stop or change their ads before the deadline for each issue; otherwise we will repeat each ad in each following issue until told not to. As an exception to this, if an advertiser specifies in advance that he or she wants to place an ad in a specific number of issues, we will place the ad that many times then stop it. The content of ads sent to us has not been a problem in recent years, but the editor does reserve the right to reject advertisements which would not be a service to our residents or would offend our residents.



Advertising inquiries should be made to the editor. The editor prepares the *News* in Microsoft Word software so advertisers should send ads to the editor by email. Most formats that MS Word can handle are fine. Advertisers should include their mailing addresses and telephone numbers in their email messages with ads to facilitate invoicing by the Treasurer and any contacts by the editor which may be required.

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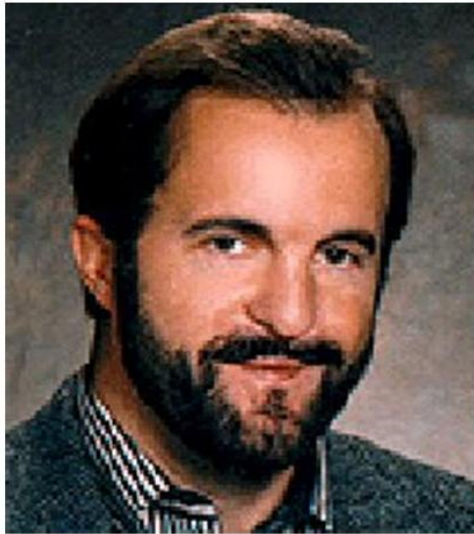
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## Calling All Citizens

By Jonathan Roach, Board Member,  
At-Large Position 2

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Your Willow Meadows Civic Club Board has been working for 2 years to revise the current deed restrictions *but we need your help*. Input from residents and neighbors like you will be priceless in finalizing the *revised* deed restrictions.

After all, the goal is to adopt, and ultimately enforce, new deed restrictions that provide everyone a chance at the quiet enjoyment of their property but that also protect the value of all property in the neighborhood. Your time commitment on the Committee will be minimal, with meetings occurring about once a month for the next few months.

For an opportunity to have your voice heard, please contact Jonathan Roach ([At-large-2@willowmeadows.org](mailto:At-large-2@willowmeadows.org)) or any of your other Willow Meadows Civic Club Board members for more information.

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