

# Precinct 287 Civic Association

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Greetings!

What an amazing neighborhood we live in!

Twenty-two residents hosted block parties for National Night Out this year. Thanks to Caroline and CJ's efforts organizing, providing supplies, including how District K's crime statistics have improved in Westbury, and crime has lowered in Precinct 287 and Willowbend areas.

Most block parties enjoyed community police visits and Mighty Toro's ice cream truck. A generous resident worked with Edith Napolean, donating \$500 for ice cream, along with \$200 from District K and \$200 from Precinct 287, to make this family treat available. CJ drove Board Members Edith and Alison to 13 block parties, arriving in a balloon clad SUV. We had such a lovely time with many conversations connecting with hosts and residents; we are only sorry we couldn't make it to everyone. It was a tremendous night seeing neighbors meeting neighbors and creating more community spirit. Thanks for the wonderful food and shared quality time together. Thank you to every host for sharing your driveway, time, and kindness.

Thank you to every household that contributed to the annual dues. We are hoping to connect with more residents through email addresses gathered through NNO and sharing newsletters and updates.

As we head for the holidays, enjoy and decorate in style!

Alison Mitchell  
President

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**2025-2026 Dues**

It's time to pay your 2025-26 dues if you haven't already. Dues are \$150 per year.

Payment can be made by Zelle at [precinct287dues@gmail.com](mailto:precinct287dues@gmail.com). Please include your address on the memo line.

You can also make payment by check. Please mail your check to P.O. BOX 31235, Houston, TX 77231-1235. Please include your address on the memo line.

## Postponed: MusicFest 2025

MusicFest 2025 is postponed to the spring due to anticipated inclement weather on Saturday, October 25.

MusicFest is a Houston tradition that celebrates the power of live music to bring people together. For 13 years, it has filled Willow Waterhole Greenway with a full day of family-friendly performances, food trucks, games, and fun for families, neighbors, and music lovers from across the city.

This year marks an exciting transition as Levitt Pavilion Houston takes the lead, ensuring MusicFest continues for years to come. With a shared commitment to free, high-quality performances in public space, Levitt Pavilion Houston is working to make Willow Waterhole a permanent home for world-class music and community gatherings.

For more information, visit [www.levitthouston.org/musicfest](http://www.levitthouston.org/musicfest).

Thank you 



Andres and Devan Gonzalez

A BIG THANKS goes to Caroline Burum and CJ Claverie for organizing National Night Out this year!

Thank you to our 22 NNO hosts this year!

Thanks also to a generous resident and Council Member Martha Castex-Tatum's District K Office for sponsoring our ice cream truck!

Lee Kennedy and Trina Slane at 4849 Hummingbird won our NNO host contest for the most residents' signatures at 36.

Devan and Andres Gonzalez at 4550 Sandford won the random drawing for submitting NNO pictures.

Scroll down to see photos from around the neighborhood.

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## How to Report a Crime to the Civic Association Board

The board wants to hear from you if a crime occurs, so we can track our stats and optimize our patrol hours. *However, there is no same day or emergency service.* This Q&A is to clarify the process.

Q: What is the nature of our patrol service?

A: The Civic Association pays for 30 hours of service per week from off-duty HPD officers, led by Officer Craig Thompson. Officer Thompson has been patrolling for us for 25 years. There are four officers in rotation.

Q: What duties do the officers perform?

A: A typical shift includes driving around streets to provide a presence, monitoring entrances off Willowbend/ Kingfisher/ Benning, and visiting with residents regarding previously reported complaints.

Q: I've just had a break-in. Is there an emergency number to reach our patrol?

A: No. Our patrol is 30 hours per week (not 24 hours per day/7 days per week). Call 911 or the HPD non-emergency police at 713-884-3131. Then, report by email to the Civic Association so we can follow up with you later.

Q: How to I report a crime to the Civic Association?

A: Email [precinct287ca@gmail.com](mailto:precinct287ca@gmail.com). Our secretary usually responds in one business day.

Q: What happens after I report?

A: Lead patrol Officer Thompson makes an effort to visit every crime victim in our neighborhood to advise/collect more information within a few days.

Q: I see a suspicious person walking around. Is there a way to check if our patrol officers are on duty?

A: No. Lead patrol Officer Thompson and the other officers he works with have a rotating schedule, and do not provide their personal numbers. There is no central call center.

Q: Why do we have a patrol if there is no way to contact them in real time?

A: Limited finances prevent us from having 24-hour patrol and central call center. There are companies that provide this service, but we are nowhere near able to afford a 24-hour service. Additionally, there are benefits to having real HPD officers, as opposed to a security service.

Q: What is the purpose of paying for a patrol at all, if it is not full-time and cannot respond immediately to crimes?

A: Our patrol serves as a crime deterrent and presence (criminals do not know the hours patrolled) and provides monitoring and advising. The Board has a security

meeting twice yearly to review trends and optimal patrol hours (making the most of our limited funds).

The patrol contributes to the overall well-being of the neighborhood through years of resident contacts by our lead patrol Officer Thompson. Many incidents of our (low rates) of criminal activity and nuisances have come from "within," meaning relatives or visitors of our residents, or the residents themselves. Officer Thompson has been able to diffuse situations regarding neighbor disputes, elderly welfare checks, families with drug and alcohol problems, advising domestic violence victims, and other actions that contribute to the well-being of our neighborhood.



## SAVE THE DATE

Judging for ***Holiday Yard of the Month*** will take place on Saturday, December 13.

## Yard of the Month

### August Winners

#### **East Willowbrook**

Georgia King  
4414 Kinglet



#### **West Willowbrook**

Resident  
4710 Kingfisher



#### **East Post Oak Manor**

Connie & Glenn Hammack  
4402 Spellman



#### **West Post Oak Manor**

The Losee Family  
4826 Spellman



### September Winners

**East Willowbrook**  
Mary & Steven White  
4622 Hummingbird



**West Willowbrook**  
Yolanda & John Gassert  
4750 Kinglet



**East Post Oak Manor**  
Patty & Anthony Pizzitola  
4555 Spellman



**West Post Oak Manor**  
Anna & Dev Hood  
4745 Spellman



From April through September, Precinct 287 Civic Association awards *Yard of the Month* to recognize neighbors who go the extra mile to keep their yards looking amazing. It's all about showing love for our community and recognizing those who make it shine.

On the 1st of each month, volunteers canvass all four sections of the neighborhood and pick one yard from each section. Winners receive a *Yard of the Month* sign to show off their hard work, plus recognition on our website and in the newsletter.

In December, we also recognize those that transform their yards to celebrate the holiday season. The *Holiday Yard of the Month* award is judged on the second Saturday of December.

Whether you're planting flowers, trimming hedges or decking the halls, we see you—and we appreciate you. Let's keep making our neighborhood a place we're proud to call home!

The volunteer committee includes OPEN, East Willowbrook; Sarah Barchas, West Willowbrook; Patty Murray, East Post Oak Manor; and Karen Richardson, West Post Oak Manor. You can nominate a neighbor for *Yard of the Month* by completing the form at [www.pct287ca.org/yard-of-the-month](http://www.pct287ca.org/yard-of-the-month) Or by clicking the button below.

**Yard of the Month Nomination**



4700 Kingfisher



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4300 Hummingbird



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4300 Spellman



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## 4500 Benning





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4500 Sanford



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4700 Benning



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### 4700 Kinglet





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4700 Spellman



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4800 Benning





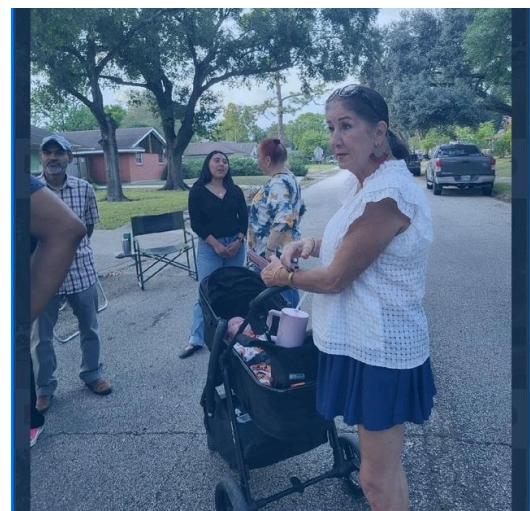
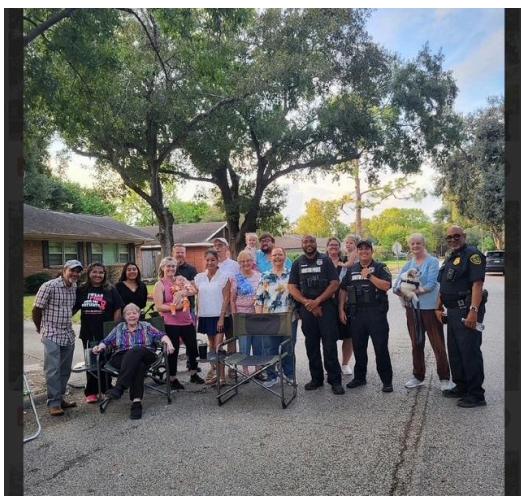
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4800 Hummingbird



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11100-11300 Cliffwood





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### From around the neighborhood





## In Search Of...

Volunteers for the East Willowbrook area. This area includes the blocks of Redstart, Kinglet, Hummingbird, Kingfisher, and Goldfinch between Cliffwood and Greenwillow.

Yard of the Month volunteer. You *do not* need to live in this area of the neighborhood to volunteer.

Interim East Willowbrook Area Representative. You *do* need to live in this area of the neighborhood.

<b><u>2024/2025 OFFICERS</u></b>	
President	Alison Mitchell
Vice President	Edith Napoleon
Treasurer	Tom Hafley
Secretary	Barbara Beard
<b><u>2024/2025 AREA REPRESENTATIVES</u></b>	
W. Willowbrook	Mike Bruso

E. Willowbrook	OPEN
W. Post Oak Manor	Terry Hawkins
E. Post Oak Manor	Susan Forrest
At-large Area Representative	Evan Brough*
At-large Area Representative	OPEN
<b><u>COMMITTEES</u></b>	
Beautification	Denise Couture
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Membership Database	Teresa Palmer
National Night Out	Caroline Burum
Newsletter	Jill Navarro
Security Patrol Secretary	Pat Powell
Signs	Andrew Etter
Super Neighborhood Delegate	Matthew Camp
Yard of the Month	Janeen Paprocki
Website	Edith Napoleon
*Appointed as interim until the next election cycle.	

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