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Dear Residents,

Thanks for your patience as we sorted out how to return to in-person meetings. The next meeting is May 24. At that time, we will review the security patrol, budget, and committee updates, as well as conduct elections. In even-numbered years we elect the vice president, treasurer, and the area representatives for the west side of the neighborhood. We need volunteers! To run for any of these positions or to volunteer in other ways, please submit your name to the secretary at precinct287ca@gmail.com **no later than April 15.**

GENERAL MEETING

Willow Meadows Baptist Church
Tuesday, May 24, 2022
7:00 PM - meet and greet
7:30-8:30 PM - general meeting

Being a part of the civic association is fun, and a good way to find out behind-the-scenes happenings in the neighborhood and larger city, as well as contribute to the future of our great neighborhood.

Sincerely,
Edith Napoleon
President

SECURITY UPDATE

In conjunction with Willowbend Civic Club and Officer Thompson, we adjust patrol timing on an ongoing basis to best protect our neighborhood. Your payment of Precinct 287 Civic Association dues directly affects the number of patrol hours per week. If you have not yet paid this year, please do so at www.pct287ca.org. The number of crimes in our neighborhood is substantially lower than surrounding areas. Let's keep it that way!

Crime Information for the Year 2021

Source: communitycrimemap.com, HPD reports

Area: Willowbend, Willowbrook, and Post Oak Manor Subdivisions

Total number of crimes: 42

Type of crime	Number/Percent	What day?	What time?
Assault	11/26%	Wnd/Wkdy – 50/50%	Evening – 63%
Robbery	2/5%	Weekday – 100%	Morning/Evening – 50/50%
Auto Theft	4/10%	Weekday – 75%	Evening – 75%
Burglary Vehicle	5/12%	Weekday – 80%	Afternoon – 60%
Burglary Habitation	9/21%	Wnd/Wkdy – 50/50%	Afternoon – 67%
Theft	10/24%	Weekday – 80%	Early morning (1 AM to 8 AM) – 70%
Murder	1/3%	Weekday – 100%	Evening – 100%

Notes:

Assault represents domestic violence in all cases for which we have details.

Burglary refers to entering a car or residence to steal.

Vehicle burglaries include laptops and lawn equipment.

Habitation burglaries include garage items and appliances stolen from new/remodeled homes.

Theft was commonly related to car parts/converters, and items left on the lawn or driveway.

One incident of murder was related to domestic violence.

Drug and alcohol violations are not included here.

NEIGHBORHOOD BEAUTIFICATION

Volunteers removed over 17 bags of trash from an abandoned car on a lot on S. Post Oak in February. Thank you to Yvette Dejesus and Sparky Longworth for their assistance with this project!



There is a chance to make another difference in our neighborhood. We are having a trash cleanup day at our Willow Waterhole Prairie Lake.

When: Saturday, April 2, at 9:00 AM to 11:00 AM

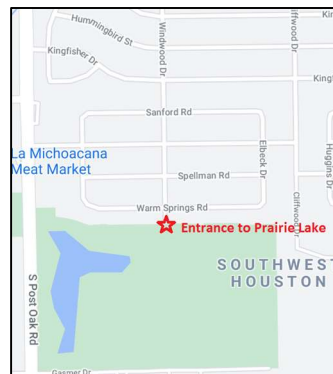
Where: Meet at the gate at the end of Windwood and Warm Springs. See the map below.

Parking: There is no parking in the immediate area of the gate because it is between two houses. If you live close enough to walk over, please do. If not, please park along the 4700 block of Warm Springs, making sure not to block driveways.

What to bring: Comfortable shoes for off-concrete walking, work gloves, and a trash grabber if you have one.

Precinct 287 CA will provide: trash bags, water, and a truck for trash bag removal.

Questions: Call Caroline at 832-293-6593.



DOMESTIC VIOLENCE IN OUR NEIGHBORHOOD

by Monica Alzate, PhD, LCSW

According to the latest police report for the Willowbend, Willowbrook, and Post Oak Manor subdivisions for the year 2021, nearly **one-third** of the total crimes committed in our neighborhood were related to domestic violence. This is surprising news and merits special attention in the newsletter this month.

What exactly is domestic violence (DV)?

In short, it is a violent act that occurs between individuals who live in the same household or have a child in common. When it is between couples, it is called Intimate Partner Violence (IPV). The violent act may be physical, emotional, or sexual abuse. It is not a private matter. It is a crime with long-lasting effects. Children who witness domestic violence between their parents usually have life-long consequences to their physical and mental health. Victims of DV also experience physical and mental health consequences.

What to do if you are experiencing domestic violence?

If you feel in danger, always call 911.

If you are not in imminent danger, there are several resources.

Locally:

- Houston Area Women's Center www.hawc.org
713-528-2121 (24/7 Domestic Violence Hotline)
1010 Waugh Drive, Houston, TX 77019
- Bridge Over Troubled Waters www.tbotw.org
713-473-2801 (24/7 Hotline)
3811 Allen Genoa, Pasadena, TX 77504

Nationally:

- National Domestic Violence Hotline
1-800-799-SAFE (7233)
Advocates are available to speak 24/7
- National Center for Victims of Crime
1-855-4-VICTIM (1-855-484-2846)

What to do if you want to help a neighbor?

- If you have reasons to believe that your neighbor is in danger, always call 911.
- Provide your neighbor with above resources. They will point your neighbor in the right direction.
- Offer to give your neighbor a ride to a shelter, urgent care, ER, as needed.
- Be willing to testify if charges are pressed and witnesses are needed.
- Participate in National Night Out in your block every year. This is a great chance to meet your neighbors, exchange phone numbers, offer help, and stay in touch.

WILLOW WATERHOLE GREENSPACE CONSERVANCY

Willow Water Greenspace Conservancy had a big 20th Anniversary year. Improvements to the park in 2021 were a newly paved Dryad Drive entry and parking lot, the creation of the Naturescape Sculpture Garden, the planting of 200 new trees, the removal of over one ton of litter, nine Eagle and Gold/Silver Scout projects, and the installation of security cameras and signage. Additionally, WWGC hosted five major high school cross country meets and saw the return of the hugely successful Willow Waterhole Music Fest. The next Music Fest is already scheduled for April 2022.

While all of these are great accomplishments, the greatest was the Kinder Foundation's support of the Conservancy with a \$2 million grant with a promise to match an additional \$2 million in donations by others. Kinder Foundation's Guy Hagstette and Houston Mayor Sylvester Turner made the announcement at the 2021 Music Fest. The grant money will be used for trails at four lakes, a neighborhood trail connection and land acquisition. The money raised from the donations and the Kinder Foundation match will be used for more parking, a pier, more trails, an outdoor classroom and park amenities at the Greenway. The Conservancy is looking to raise \$100,000 from the community to be matched by the Kinder grant in the next six months to fund design and real estate services.

With your help, the 291-acre Willow Waterhole Greenway can become a signature park in Southwest Houston, much like Memorial Park and Hermann Park are to their neighborhoods. To help go to willowwaterhole.org/support. In the donate section select Capital Projects from the drop-down box to qualify for the match. If you prefer to mail a check, send it to 11415 Chimney Rock, Suite 201, Houston, TX 77035-2903 and indicate Kinder Capital Projects in the reference line. Thanks for your support!

As always, please come visit this wonderful neighborhood asset.

2021/2022 OFFICERS

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Secretary	Barbara Beard, <i>interim</i>	4529 Benning	(713) 723-3035

2021/2022 AREA REPRESENTATIVES

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E. Post Oak Manor	Barbara Beard	4529 Benning	(713) 723-3035

COMMITTEES

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National Night Out	Monica Alzate	4749 Kingfisher	(405) 473-7958
New Resident Welcome	Linda Henry	4741 Spellman	(832) 287-4397
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