



PRECINCT 287 CIVIC ASSOCIATION

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Dear Residents,

At the June meeting we will have offices up for election, which alternate years for different positions. This year are President, Secretary, and two East Area Representatives.

Being an Area Representative is a great way to get involved with the Civic Association and requires no previous experience, just a desire to volunteer in our community. The time commitment is only a few hours per month plus quarterly board meetings. The Area Representatives assist the executive board with budget and planning decisions. They help other committees with newsletter content, National Night Out, and similar events.

Do you live east of Cliffwood in the Willowbrook or Post Oak Manor subdivisions? Consider running for this position.

To submit your name for any position, email the secretary at precinct287ca@gmail.com before **April 15**.

Sincerely,
Edith Napoleon
President

RESIDENT OF THE MONTH

Thanks to our resident Andrew Etter!



Andrew puts out our signs every month. One of our YOM sign frames broke, and we were unable to purchase a replacement. Andrew fixed it quickly, happily, and willingly. Now we have a useable sign frame, and because of his skill and generosity, the Civic Association saved some money!

If you would like to recognize an exemplary neighbor in the newsletter, please email precinct287ca@gmail.com.

GENERAL MEETING

Willow Meadows Baptist Church
Tuesday, June 27, 2023
7:00 PM - meet and greet
7:30-8:30 PM - general meeting

THANK YOU!

Many thanks to Richard Orellana, Patty Napoleon, and Alison Mitchell for championing our cleanup mission that kicked off in March. Richard is tackling Prairie Lake. Patty and Alison are focusing on S. Post Oak from Benning to Stillbrooke.

IN SEARCH OF...

We are in search of a volunteer to write a resident profile of a longtime or interesting resident for each newsletter. That's four features per year. If you are interested, please contact precinct287ca@gmail.com.

NEIGHBORHOOD BEAUTIFICATION

Thanks to Pat Powell, Kathy Long, Edith Napoleon, Kathy Matlage, Edward Perez, Cherie Perez, Tammy Buchanan, CJ Claverie, and Caroline Burum for assisting with our trash cleanup day on April 1 at the cul-de-sac by Beren Academy on Greenwillow near Warm Springs. Check out more photos on the back page of the newsletter.

Our next cleanup will be in June. Details to come.

Questions: Call Caroline at 832-293-6593.



YARD OF THE MONTH

Spring has sprung which means it's time to resume Yard of the Month judging. Yard of the Month is awarded to each section of our neighborhood from April to September and then during December for the holiday award.

Guidelines:

- Award may be given to recipient only once within a 12-month period.
- Resident must give permission to have their name, address and photo printed in the newsletter and on the Precinct 287 Civic Association website.
- Lawn should be freshly mowed and edged.
- Trash can and trash bags should not be prominently visible from the street.
- Trailers, boats, campers, "permanently parked cars" should not be in front of the residence.

When you see a beautiful yard, please take a moment to let us know by completing the Nominate a Neighbor form at www.pct287ca.org/yard-of-the-month.

April Yard Winners

East Willowbrook

Monica Morrison & Eblan Hernandez
4426 Hummingbird



West Willowbrook

Bob & Lauren Williams
4701 Hummingbird



East Post Oak Manor

Patty & Anthony Pizzitola
4555 Spellman



West Post Oak Manor

Unavailable at time of printing

RESIDENT ON JEOPARDY!

Post Oak Manor resident Eric Kerr-Herally was a contestant on *Jeopardy!* on January 20.

Eric was featured in *The Buzz Magazine*. You can read the article at

<https://thebuzzmagazines.com/articles/2023/01/who-eric-kerr-herally-iwa-teacher-competes-jeopardy>



Eric Kerr-Herally (right) and *Jeopardy!* host Ken Jennings.
(Photo courtesy of Jeopardy, Inc.)

WHAT ARE GROUP HOMES?

A Group Home is a place where a small number of unrelated people in need of care, support, or supervision can live together. They may be children, elderly, or mentally or physically disabled adults. We have a couple of group homes in our neighborhood, as do surrounding neighborhoods. A question has recently arisen as to whether such homes violate our deed restrictions regarding single family homes. Our board has spoken with District K to clarify this question.

Per District K, Group Homes are protected by the state and the federal governments as the people who live in them are in some way disabled/handicapped, and do not need permission from a civic club or HOA to open. Some facilities may need a license. Persons requiring assistance are part of our community and have the right to live safely and well. As with any residence, the owner of the house is obligated to maintain the property and follow all city ordinances regarding parking, trash, and noise.

Lead Security Officer Thompson is aware of our group homes and is here to assist in communication if the need arises. Our contact at District K will help our board to ensure facilities in our neighborhood are properly licensed. For any questions contact precinct287ca@gmail.com.

WILLOW WATERHOLE GREENSPACE CONSERVANCY

Westbury Lake Pier Update

The picture below was taken the week of January 20. Construction that week included the installation of a custom safety fence and concrete sidewalk connecting to the pier. The fence was completed the following week. Further construction will include landscaping and a concrete trail from the top of the bank to the pier. Thanks to lead donors Kinder Foundation, Russell and Janie Schexnayder, the Harris County Precinct One Commissioner's Office, and all the individuals and organizations who contributed to making this happen.



Support WWGC

Willow Waterhole is growing! The Conservancy is grateful for the capital campaign support that is funding our new pier, eight miles of trails, three parking lots, and other major improvements around the Greenway. WWGC has raised more than \$10 million toward our \$12 million goal. Capital campaign funding is designated for and restricted to specific projects.

WWGC memberships support Greenway operating and maintenance expenses and conservation workdays. You can select your preferred membership level and pay by credit card at willowwaterhole.org or mail a check to: Willow Waterhole Greenspace Conservancy, P.O. Box 35676, Houston, TX 77235-5676. Thank you!

New Name: Dog Lake is Now Heron Lake

During the October board meeting for the Willow Waterhole Greenspace Conservancy, a motion was made to rename Dog Lake to a bird name to recognize the popularity of birding at the Greenway. A motion was made at the November meeting to rename it to Heron Lake. Contact us with other creative ideas for the Waterhole!



2022/2023 OFFICERS

President	Edith Napoleon
Vice President	Alison Mitchell
Treasurer	Teresa Palmer
Secretary	Barbara Beard, <i>interim</i>

2022/2023 AREA REPRESENTATIVES

W. Willowbrook	Kathy Long
E. Willowbrook	Janeen Paprocki
W. Post Oak Manor	Jeff Burrow
E. Post Oak Manor	Susan Forrest, <i>interim</i>

COMMITTEES

Beautification	Caroline Burum
Deed Restrictions	Matthew Camp
Lost Pets	Dawn Davenport (346) 341-9708
Membership Database	Teresa Palmer
National Night Out	Monica Alzate
New Resident Welcome	Richard Orellana
Newsletter	Jill Navarro
Security Patrol Secretary	Pat Powell
Signs	Andrew Etter
Super Neighborhood Delegate	Matthew Camp
Yard of the Month	Janeen Paprocki

APRIL 1 CLEANUP



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