



# Willowlake Watch

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## PARK CLEAN-UP A SUCCESS

On Saturday, June 9th eighteen Willowlake volunteers of all ages came together for two hours to clean up trash near the gazebo and lake area like plastic bags, candy and bread wrappers, soda and beer cans and anything else that didn't belong. Volunteers also picked up trash around the entrances to our community. Some of the trash near the lake by the trees had collected for a while and was harder to retrieve. In all, twelve bags of trash were collected by the volunteers. As you know, many people, some residents and some who unfortunately are not, use our park and track area for their enjoyment, but not everyone disposes of their trash in the trash receptacles that are provided. Although this behavior is irresponsible, still, it is a problem we must deal with, nevertheless, if we want our beautiful park to remain that way.

A special thanks to James Deitiker, Social Events Chairperson, and his daughter, Elizabeth Deitiker, who did a great job organizing the park clean-

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In the United States, Independence Day, commonly known as the Fourth of July, is a federal holiday commemorating the adoption of the Declaration of Independence on July 4, 1776, declaring independence from the Kingdom of Great Britain.

Independence Day is commonly associated with fireworks, parades, barbecues, carnivals, fairs, picnics, concerts, baseball games, political speeches and ceremonies, and various other public and private events celebrating the history, government, and traditions of the United States. Independence Day is the national day of the United States.

## Time to Quit

A juggler, driving to his next performance, is stopped by the police. "What are those machetes doing in your car?" asks the cop.

"I juggle them in my act."

"Oh, yea?" says the doubtful cop. "Let's see you do it." The juggler gets out and starts tossing and catching the knives. Another man driving by slows down to watch.

"Wow," says the passer-by. "I'm glad I quit drinking. Look at the test they're giving now!"

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## Park Clean-Up A Success - (Continued from Cover Page)

up event! Other volunteers included Cindy Deitiker, Kelly Ledet, Devin Hubenak, Mark Hubenak, Katherine Ward, Rachel Ledet, Haley Hubenak, Johnathan Ward, Shawn Ledet, Lacy Tushnet, Justin Ryan, Melissa Ryan, Andrew Ryan, Katie Ryan and the O'Pry family. Thanks everyone for all your combined efforts! If we overlooked anyone who came to the event later, we sincerely appreciate your efforts as well.



I was impressed that one family brought their very young children to participate in this event, and I thought to myself what a wonderful example these parents are setting, as did all the parents who came with their children. Volunteerism and pride for one's community doesn't always come naturally, but rather must be taught. Please remember this the next time such an event is held, because the problem of unwanted trash doesn't go away on its own.

*By Linda O'Pry*

## Just A Few Reminders

- 4th of July Fireworks to end by or before 1:00am in consideration of your neighbors. Watch for possible fireworks ban due to drought conditions.
- James Deitiker is our new Social Events Chairperson, volunteers needed.
- No smoking is allowed in the pool area.
- Please use picnic tables outside the pool area for refreshments.
- Miguel Trevino, mtrevino@randallmanagement.com ext. 15, has replaced Janet Bonura as Assistant Manager of Randall Management.
- The Yard of the Month Committee, the Block Captain Committee and the Welcome Committee are still in need of a chairperson. If interested and for more information, please contact any board member.
- More names have been added to the 'Teenage Job Seekers' list on page 2 of the newsletter.

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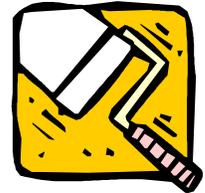
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## Mark Your Calendar!

July 4

.Independence Day

July 4, 11, 18, 25

Waste/Recycle Pickup

July 19

Board Meeting

## What You Missed

If you failed to read the June newsletter, here are some of the articles you missed:

- Willowlake Website Gets Needed Revamping
- Teenagers Organize Park Clean-Up
- Willowlake Ice Cream Social
- Flag Day - What It's About
- More Teenage Job Seekers Added To Newsletter
- How To Prepare and Protect for Hurricane Season
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*By Linda O'Pry, Newsletter Editor*

## KIDS' CORNER

One never knows what kids are going to say next. After my four-year old and I turned the department store upside down looking for a bathing suit for me, we finally found a black-and-white one-piece that we both liked. I tried on the suit and modeled it for her. It was a hit.

"Mommy, you look so pretty!" she squealed. "You look just like Shamu the Whale."

## TRASH TALK

Below are the facts about trash in the Willowlake community:

- Trash should be put out on the day of OR the night before pick-up day.
- Trash should be positioned for pick-up next to the driveway in the grass-NOT in the street for cars and people to dodge.
- When not in use, trash cans and trash bags (also includes carpet, cardboard, boards and other debris) are to be stored out of street view until trash pick-up day.
- Concerning the bags of grass left behind from landscapers, and who should be responsible for disposing of them: it depends on the contract the resident has with their landscaper; if the grass is left behind, the resident will need to store it out of street view until trash day. *Note to homeowners: Please ask your landscapers to 'park friendly' and to avoid blocking homeowners' driveways.*
- Both trash cans and bags can be used; however, in the case of an odor coming from a trash bag, please use instead a trash can with a closed lid.
- Trash/Recycle pick-up day is Wednesday.
- Please do not overfill your trash cans, and remove them from street view as soon as possible after pick-up.
- Residents who fail to comply with the rules can receive a citation in the mail.



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## RECIPE OF THE MONTH

### *American Potato Salad*

#### INGREDIENTS:

5 pounds red potatoes	1/2 cup sweet pickles, diced
10 eggs (reserve 2 eggs as garnish)	4 stalks celery, thinly sliced
1-1/2 cups Miracle Whip (less if desired)	2 teaspoons salt
3 green onions, thinly sliced	1 teaspoon ground black pepper
	Dash of paprika

#### DIRECTIONS:

1. Bring a large pot of water to a boil. Add potatoes, and cook for 15 to 20 minutes, or until tender but still firm. Drain, cool, peel skins and cut into cubes.

2. Place eggs in a saucepan and cover with cold water. Bring water to a boil and immediately remove from heat. Cover and let eggs stand in hot water for 10 to 12 minutes. Remove from hot water, cool, peel and chop. Reserve 2 sliced eggs for garnish.

3. In a large bowl, combine chopped potatoes and eggs. Mix together Miracle Whip, green onions, sweet pickles and celery. Season with salt and pepper; then mix well. Garnish with thinly sliced eggs and a dash of paprika on top. Cover, and refrigerate for several hours or overnight.



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*Submitted by Mary Smith*

H. Jackson Brown, Jr., wrote Life's Little Instruction Book to provide his son with wisdom he could refer to as he lived his life. In that same spirit, community association leaders through the years have shared their advice and pearls of wisdom for better community association life.

Here are a few tips from the Community Association Institute to guide all of us to ensure that our community association experience enhances our life.

1. Review the covenants, conditions and restrictions again after you move in.
2. Pay your assessments on time. It helps the association keep expenses down.
3. Attend the annual meeting. Find out what's going on.
4. Read the community magazine.
5. Follow the rules.
6. Serve on a committee. Serve because you care about your neighborhood, not because you have a hidden agenda.
7. Help organize a community event--a food drive, holiday gift drive, or social event. Help Others.
8. Vote when the opportunity arises.

9. Remember that you are a member of the community association. What is good for the Association is good for you. **BE A GOOD NEIGHBOR!**

10. Curb your dog. Keep him/her from disturbing the neighbors.
11. Keep noises, i.e. televisions, music, lawn equipment, at a reasonable volume during reasonable times.
12. Park in your garage and keep the door closed. Park excess vehicles only on the driveway; don't park in the street.
13. Take care of your property.....no junk cars, paint when needed, junk out of yard and well manicured.
14. Walk softly.
15. Share a smile and a wave with a neighbor.
16. Offer to lend a hand.
17. Welcome new neighbors to the community.
18. Timely pick up (or ask your neighbors to do it for you if you are away) your trash containers and store them away from your neighbors' and public view.
19. Practice the Golden Rule. Do unto others as I would have them do unto me.
20. Have a good life.

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