



WILLOWBROOK COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION

NEWSLETTER
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The Willowbrook Community Association's purpose is to maintain and enforce building restrictions imposed upon the property within the subdivision in which members reside to aid in maintaining the character of the neighborhood to promote the social, educational and general welfare of all members to afford a means for collective action in community projects.

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NEVER TOO LATE . . .

If you have not yet paid your 2021/2022 dues please take a moment to do so. A bright neon pink invoice was mailed to all Willowbrook homeowners in September. If you did not receive one, please contact our Treasurer, Melissa Gallagher.

Dues are \$15.00 per year.

Greeting neighbors! Happy Spring!

As I look out my window, it's snowing again. One hopes that it's the last snow of the year and by the time this newsletter reaches you the daffodils are blooming and the yardwork is in full swing.

I know that Spring has partly sprung as I walk around the sub and see people I haven't seen since Autumn. Isn't it funny how so many of us hibernate during Michigan Winters? I've been eagerly looking at the gardens that were planted on some of the islands . . . expecting to see the hard work volunteers put into them start to pay off. I understand that it will be a few years until they are in full bloom, but much like a long winter, I am eager to see the growth.

I am also eager to see work to be done soon. Benches are primed for installation, new plantings are planned, events are being organized and the opportunity to be neighborly is barely contained . . . much like the dandelions I know will return.

Elsewhere in this newsletter you'll find updates on the gardens, food trucks, garage sales, an updated WCA constitution. I encourage everyone to read the newsletter and reach out to the directors with any questions or ideas.

As a last point, Ryan Gabrielli has stepped down from the President role of the association. The board thanks him for his service and his enthusiasm; the community is a better place because of his attention . . . especially during the pandemic. Positions will be open in the Fall for neighbors who want to participate. More information will be in the Summer newsletter.

Aaron Klenke
Vice President/Interim President

Community Beautification Update

Willowbrook Community Association's Beautification Event

Saturday, May 14th 9am – 2pm

Rain Date: Sunday May 15th, 9am – 2pm

Who: WCA Children and Adults

Interested in enhancing the esthetics of our neighborhood, fostering community growth and helping the environment? We need volunteers to help plant a total of 600 square feet of native flower gardens on the Millstream (9-11am), Willow Ct (11am–1pm) and Malott (1-2pm) islands. Refreshments will be provided. Please contact Monika (mhall366@gmail.com or 703-679-8229) by Friday, May 6th with the hours you can volunteer. We need and appreciate your help!

It has been almost one year since our Board, Beautification Committee and WCA residents embarked on the ambitious journey of beautifying our community areas. This spring we will be completing the bulk of the Subdivision 1 and Subdivision 2 improvements!

Our benches have arrived for Subdivision 2! Their assembly and installation should be completed soon after school is out for the summer. Picture this – you're reading a book from our community library on a sturdy new bench while enjoying a professionally designed flower garden.... It is moments like this that many volunteers have worked hard to make possible for our neighborhood.

In preparation for our Beautification Event on May 14th, the unsightly shrub on Willow Ct will be removed. A new tree will be planted on that island and also one on the Millstream island. On the day of the event, we will be adding 250 square feet of flowers to both the Millstream and Willow Ct islands. We also will be planting the remaining 100 square feet of Malott's flowers under the white oak that was planted this past fall.

When you see the gardens in our neighborhood growing in, we hope you find them attractive. We hope you also recognize that we are making moves to improve air quality and filter rain water. What may be less obvious is our intent to protect wildlife. All of the trees and flowers we selected aid the Michigan ecosystem, as they are native species that have co-evolved with native animals. They provide shelter, food and support for a variety of birds, butterflies, squirrels and other wildlife. When landscaping your own property, consider native trees and flowers that will provide a bounty of benefits. If you would like to learn more about incorporating native trees and flowers in your yard, then you have another great reason to attend the Beautification Event in May where you will find other interested residents and can ask questions of our native plant expert and designer.

Would you like to be involved in helping our neighborhood beautification? Here are a couple options:

- 1) Attend the Saturday, May 14th Beautification Event!!!
- 2) Do you own or work at a locally owned restaurant? We would like to support and highlight a locally owned business with this year's Beautification Event refreshment order. If you are interested, please reach out to a board member.

Subdivision 3 residents – please be thinking of ways we can work together to beautify your area of the subdivision. We will be including a survey in the next newsletter as one way to learn more about your ideas



WCA Constitution Proposed Changes

As was presented at the February 2022 General Meeting, proposed changes to the WCA Constitution have been approved by the Board and will be voted on by members at the General Meeting in September. The proposed constitution can be found at willowbrook.gogladly.com or at cityofnovi.org (hover over 'Community', click on 'Homeowner Associations', then scroll down to 'Willowbrook Community Association' and click on 'show details'). Anyone who doesn't have internet access may call Judy for assistance and a copy will be provided to you. If you have questions or comments regarding the proposed changes to the constitution that you would like to discuss before the September meeting, please call Judy (248) 476-6941 or Ginger (248) 496-7007.

Home/Property Improvements -- Who do I call?

Spring is in the air and it's time to start thinking about improvements to our property. Fences, driveways, additions, and sheds may be in the near future.

It's important, though, to make sure you are following all the rules of the City and HOA. We're pretty lucky, the Association's rules aren't bad and the city's zoning rules take precedence.

Before you start an improvement, you can do a few things earlier to prevent issues later:

- . Talk to any neighbors that might be affected and consider their feedback. Good communication makes for good neighbors.
- . Talk to the city, or make sure your contractor does. Make sure that you are within codes for setbacks, etc. Find out if a permit is needed for the work you are having done. You can reach the Planning Department at 248.347.0415. (The city of Novi has lots of information on their website.)
- . Talk to a WCA board member. They may be able to share helpful information or offer advice.

Improvements to your property make our neighborhood even better!

NEIGHBOR TO NEIGHBOR

Let us know ... Our next newsletter will be going out in July. Want to advertise a business, share a business that you would recommend, share a fun fact about you/your family? We would love to hear from you. Send info to Mishell527@aol.com

Greetings! I am Kristen, and I am the owner of Forever and Ever After. I am an ordained minister/wedding officiant in good standing with the Universal Life Church (ULC) and the American Marriage Ministries (AMM). AND... I am located right in your neighborhood! I work with couples planning weddings that range from small and quaint to large and elaborate and everything in between. And I work with couples from all religious affiliations. Please visit my website www.foreverandeverafter.com and fill out the questionnaire so we can get started making your Forever and Ever After come true!

Please reach out to me to get your documents squared away if you require notary services. While small fees may be assigned, this is not my primary business. I am simply offering services to Willowbrook neighbors. jayska.kristen.notary@gmail.com

My name is Chris Kallas and I moved to the Willowbrook Community two and a half years ago just before the pandemic hit all of us and everything shut down. I have been a seamstress for over 50 years and I have made/created everything from costumes for rock bands, sewn all kinds of home decor from drapery treatments to outdoor furniture cushions and everything in between, done tailoring for men and women, bridal work, dressmaking, doll making and alterations and, honestly, in all of those years, I believe I've made one of almost everything. Please reach out to me if you have a need of any kind where my sewing skills can play a part. I live on Mooringside so I'm nearby and I'm happy to answer any questions. You can email me at Ckallas12@gmail.com anytime.



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**Community
Garage Sale!**



Join us for the
community-wide garage sale!
Thursday, May 19th,
Friday, May 20th and
Saturday May 21.
10am-2pm daily
The WCA HOA will provide
signs, balloons
and online advertising.
*Please reach out to Nancy
with questions
248.980.8346*

FOOD TRUCKS IN WILLOWBROOK!



EVERY OTHER THURSDAY
4:30-7:30PM

First Food Truck will be parked in Sub 2 at the Island located on Malott/E. Lebst
Parking in Sub 1 and 2 to be determined

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| May 5th | Hero or Villain |
| May 19th | The Iron |
| June 2nd | Tres Leches n Snacks Tacos |
| June 16th | Dragon Wok |
| June 30th | G. Faz Pizza |
| July 14th | Delish Dish |
| July 28th | Bad Mother Truckers |
| August 11th | Poverino |
| August 25th | Simply Spanish |

Food Truck Menus & Schedule located on <https://yourneighborhoodbites.com>*