



# WILLOWBROOK COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION

NEWSLETTER  
S U M M E R  
2022

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.

## WCA BOARD MEMBERS

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## 2022/2023 WCA DUES

A bright neon pink invoice will be arriving in mailboxes in early September.

Please return with your yearly dues by October 1, 2022.

Dues are \$15.00 per year.

Thanking you in advance!

Greeting neighbors! Happy Summer!

The WCA executive board is on our summer break along with local students. We resume again with the September General Meeting.

A few of our officers and directors are taking a break from the board and they are hoping that we'll have residents join the board to help the community.

Please consider being a part of the WCA Board.

The most important members are the Directors: They are the voice of the community; what needs doing and how best to do it?

We also have the President: Manager of the meetings. Member of all the committees.

Vice President: When the President is unavailable the VP steps in.

Secretary: Manages all of the books. Meeting minutes. Members names and addresses. Prepares newsletters.

Treasurer: Manages the money. Collects dues. Lets title companies know what's owed or not.

In addition to those elected roles the association has committees that carry out much of the day-to-day activities that the board kicks off. Each of the roles plays an important part in the functioning of the association.

Elsewhere in this newsletter you'll find updates on the gardens, food trucks, upcoming WCA events, an updated WCA constitution of which we will be voting on at the September General Meeting.

I encourage everyone to read the newsletter and reach out to the directors with any questions or ideas.

Judy Blanchard has stepped down from the role of sub director. The board thanks Judy for her service and her many hours of working on the bylaws changes..

Aaron Klenke  
Interim President/Vice President

# Community Beautification Update

Success! Our native garden installations have come to a close. Through the combined efforts of the City of Novi staff, locally-owned companies, and many WCA volunteers, we were able to accomplish so much in the past two years. Five native trees and approximately 1500 square feet of native plants were added. These plants will provide beauty and environmental gains for years to come. The beautification projects also created intangible benefits, as neighbors became friends while working together towards a common good. Additionally, homeowners are increasingly adding beauty through native flowers to their own yards. In 2022, there are at least 2000 square feet of privately owned native butterfly gardens being installed in the WCA -- with hopefully more to come! While our efforts may seem small, collectively we can make an impact in helping to restore wildlife habitats.

Looking forward, the gardens will continue to need extra care with weeding for the first few years until the plants become more established and denser. We appreciate how residents around most of the islands have volunteered to weed during the summer. The Malott Island, our biggest island, does need some additional volunteers to help care for it these next few years. If you are able to help, please contact any board member to learn more. Also on the horizon are the new benches that will be installed in Sub 2 this summer. And to cap off the warmer months, please be looking for information about our fall beautification event, where we will be doing a final cleanup of the islands before the winter.

In 2023, the aim is to focus on Subdivision 3 for beautification efforts. This part of the Willowbrook Community Association does not have islands we can improve, so efforts will look a little different. For residents of Sub 3, your newsletter is including a survey to get ideas of beautification projects. Please complete and mail it back by August 22<sup>nd</sup>, so your ideas can be reviewed during our fall general meeting. The fall meeting also is when the 2-year terms of the current members of the Beautification Committee end. We would like to encourage more WCA members to join the Beautification Committee and/or take an active role in planning Sub 3 improvements. While all of us working on the recent projects plan to continue volunteering and caring for our community, we are a little exhausted and need people with fresh energy to take the lead for any new undertakings. Please attend the fall general meeting and/or contact any board member to learn more about how you can help.

It has been a pleasure working on the beautification projects. We thank all of the volunteers who helped with planning, planting, watering, weeding, and encouragement. We look forward to seeing what the future holds!

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## **Tree Training/Pruning Educational Event**

**Monday, July 25<sup>th</sup> at 6pm at the Willow Ct Island (Sub 1)**

• Keith Salowich, City of Novi Forester, has been a great resource for helping us choose our five new native trees for our neighborhood community areas. In an effort to keep the new trees healthy, functional and attractive, Keith has agreed to do a tree training lesson for our neighborhood!

• **Please join us by our new serviceberry tree on the Willow Ct island to learn more and ask your questions.**

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September General Meeting - Thursday, September 8th at 7:00pm  
Will be a ZOOM Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83031532488?pwd=Y9Rj9ZnDcp6fqD0H5PgfFEH5A5Q1D.1>

Meeting ID: 830 3153 2488

Passcode: 626213

The purpose of our General Meetings is to share general information with residents of Willowbrook. Agenda items will include Treasurers Report, election of 2022/2023 Officers/Board Members, upcoming events, voting on the WCA Constitution Proposed Changes

**SECOND POSTING OF THIS INFORMATION:**

**Voters MUST BE in attendance and must have dues paid up-to-date. We will verify this.**

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](http://willowbrook.gogladly.com) or at [cityofnovi.org](http://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 Ginger or Aaron 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 Ginger (248) 496-7007 or Aaron at (703) 679-8229.

**WCA SUMMER FUN -- MARK YOUR CALENDARS**

**SNOWY OWL SHAVED ICE**

**THURSDAY, JULY 21st**

5:30-7:30pm

Brookfarm Park

23585 Willowbrook Drive

Novi, MI 48375

<https://www.facebook.com/snowyowlice>



**POPCORN & POPSICLES**

**THURSDAY, AUGUST 18th**

6:00-7:00pm

Island located on  
Malott/E. LeBost

**TOT TUNES**

Come join us under the shade of the maple tree for sing-a-long songs, bubbles and frozen treats. If you play an instrument, please bring it to rock out with fellow parents. It's bound to be a fun time and a great way to make new neighborhood friends!

**SATURDAY, JULY 23rd**

10:00-11:00 a.m.

WCA children age 0-5 years and their interested family members

Island located on Malott/E. LeBost

We are looking for some help to plan fun neighborhood events! Please call or email Rouyaka if you are interested (number and email on first page). Have any ideas for WCA activities please share with us.



**Willowbrook Community Association**

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**Remaining Food Trucks for the Summer.  
EVERY OTHER THURSDAY  
4:30-7:30pm**

Food Truck will be parked in Sub 2 at the  
Island located on Malott/E. LeBost

July 14th Delish Dish  
July 28th Bad Mother Truckers

August 11th Poverino  
August 25th Simply Spanish

We kicked off our first Food Truck Tour in Willowbrook this year and it has been a great success! It has been wonderful to see neighbors getting together and meeting each other.

We have contacted Your Neighborhood Bites for a rotating location and will do our best to set up a weekly food truck in 2023.  
Stay tuned & Happy Eating!

For the current Food Truck Menu & Schedule,  
Please visit <https://yourneighborhoodbites.com>.