



# WILLOWBROOK COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION

## SPRING 2021 NEWSLETTER

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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*Greetings Willowbrook Community Residents,*

*The cold winter weather is behind us, and with that brings the warmer spring and summer months. With that in mind, the Board has some very exciting news to share and it starts with the formations of several Teams (shared in our last newsletter). We had several residents step forward and now the community has the beginnings of a Beautification Team and a Welcome Team.*

*The Beautification Team spearheaded by Monika Priya is taking on the challenge to spruce up our islands and to add value to our community with some unique and inspiring ideas. We hope to have one of her ideas set into motion in the next few weeks.*

*After years of trying to get this concept off the ground, Bethany Ruffino has agreed to lead the Welcome Team. We are thrilled that this Team is finally taking shape and we already have a few homes that we will welcome shortly.*

*We are also very excited to share that we have a Neighbors Helping Neighbors (Tools Edition). Aaron Klenke put together a document that has a list of tools and other things that neighbors are willing to lend out.*

*Continuing the good news, we have a small team of residents that will be organizing a community wide Garage sale! This event is going to happen in Mid-May and we already have a lot of residents ready to participate.*

*More details on all these topics to follow in this newsletter.*

*I hope everyone has a great Spring and Summer ahead and should you have any questions, recommendations, or suggestions for our community, please reach out to any of us on the board. We can be reached by phone, text, or email (all our info is publicly available).*

Cheers,

*Ryan Gabrielli (President)*

## NEIGHBORS HELPING NEIGHBORS -- TOOLS!

Most people have things around their house that they aren't using. Maybe a tool or something that they bought for that one thing and now it's sitting in the garage or basement or shed.

You'd share it with a neighbor if they needed it . . . but they don't know you have it. **Well . . . now there is a way!**

The **Neighbors-Helping-Neighbors team** has put together a simple system to put people that have a thing . . . together with someone who needs a thing.

Use the form to list that thing you are willing to share (tub drain extractor, sled, sink wrench, wheel-barrow) or check the sheet before heading out to Ace or Home Depot to buy something new that you'll never use again.

Reach out to the owner to see if you can borrow it.

"Here is the form to post things that you are willing to share:

<https://tinyurl.com/3kepupa6>

Here is a sheet to see what people are sharing:

<https://tinyurl.com/f59ufs42> (pretty empty right now . . . let's fill that up!)"

To be clear, the WCA is not the entity in the middle of lending or borrowing; it's just facilitating the connection between neighbors. Borrowing and lending and meeting on an island or at your house is between neighbors. You do you, right?

### 2020/2021 WCA ASSOCIATION BOARD AND SUB DIRECTORS

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**Please feel free to contact any Board Member or Sub Director with any WCA questions or concerns you may have.**

**WCA website:** <https://willowbrook.gogladly.com/>  
**Facebook:** Willowbrook Community Neighborhood



**WCA Treasurer**

One of the most important jobs in the association is the treasurer. They receive/record all the dues sent in via check\* and cut checks for our expenses. It is also one of two positions that are paid; \$500 a year. (The other paid position is the secretary.)

Our current Treasurer has had to step down and we are looking for a replacement. The position requires a monthly meeting where we review the books and whatever time during the month to manage them and handle title company requests, resident inquiries, etc.

If you are interested, please contact a board member or director to discuss it more.

\* Residents can now pay online at the WCA website making everyone's job easier!



**WCA Directors**

One of the best things about our association is that it's small and we have the ability to reach out to each other without someone in the middle. Our constitution though, makes sure that all the residents/members have a voice with (up to) eight directors to be the voice of the community.

At the moment, we have **one** active director from Sub 2 and we are looking for more.

The role doesn't require much; attend a monthly meeting and know your neighbors and bring what interests/concerns them to the officers for the betterment of the community.

Other than that obvious benefit, the association also pays for waste management for directors.

If you are interested, please contact a board member or director to discuss it more.

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**" Welcome Home!! - The Welcome Team**

After years of stops and starts, the WCA has a Welcome Team again!

This team will be welcoming new residents with gift baskets from local businesses and information about our community. The team will be using a few tools to try to discover when new neighbors move in but they are also asking that if you have a new neighbor, you let the team know (and also bake the new neighbors some goodies).

Currently the team is made up of one person: Bethany Ruffino. If you would like to join the team, please reach out to a member of the board or in the Facebook group.

SPRING HAS SPRUNG – LOTS OF PEOPLE OUT WALKING, RIDING BIKES, JUST ENJOYING THE OUTDOORS – FOR THE SAFETY OF ALL RESIDENTS – PLEASE SLOW DOWN TO THE 25 MPH SPEED LIMIT AND OBEY ALL STOP SIGNS THROUGHOUT THE SUBDIVISIONS.



**MAY 21<sup>st</sup> & 22<sup>nd</sup>**

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**10am-3pm**

- ❖ We look forward to seeing more of our neighbors out and about shopping and selling!
- ❖ All 3 subdivisions included
- ❖ Advertising & signs provided
- ❖ For additional info, **call or text** Nancy at 248-980-8346 or visit our Facebook page:  
"Willowbrook Community Neighborhood Facebook Page"