



# WILLOWBROOK COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION

## NEWSLETTER S U M M E R

2023

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

CALL OR TEXT WITH ANY  
QUESTIONS/CONCERNS

PRESIDENT  
VICE PRESIDENT  
Both positions are open

TREASURER  
Melissa Gallagher  
619.787.0847

SECRETARY  
Michelle Sankovic  
248.842.4929

SUB DIRECTORS  
Greg Goodearl  
248.861.5283

Nusha Laleh  
214.907.5574

Patricia Winston  
248.971.5315

Emails can be sent to:  
[willowbrookhomeowners@gmail.com](mailto:willowbrookhomeowners@gmail.com)

### 2022/2023 WCA DUES

If you have not paid your  
2022/2023 dues, please do!

This is your responsibility  
as a homeowner.

Dues due October 1, 2022.

Dues are \$15.00 per year.

Thanking you in advance!

## HAPPY SUMMER!



### Tot Tunes (Youth Event) Saturday, July 22 at 10am\*

Hollydale Island (Sub 2)

Come ready for musical instruments, singing, dancing, and treats.  
If you have an instrument you'd like to bring, please do.

### The Joys of Nature (Youth Event) Saturday, August 19th at 10am\*

Millstream Island (Sub 1)

Enjoy a story about nature before we explore the native flower  
garden to learn about the butterfly life cycle.  
Crafts and snacks provided.

\*In the event of rain, all Saturday events will be moved to Sunday.  
Rain dates will be announced on the unofficial WC Neighborhood  
Facebook page and with a note posted on the Sub 2 Little Library.

### Holidays coming up

4th of July and Labor Day

Trash collection will be one day behind.

### SEPTEMBER GENERAL MEETING

September 14, 2023 7:00 p.m. Will be a ZOOM Meeting

We have found that Zoom attendance is better than in person.

### 2023/2024 WCA DUES DUE OCTOBER 1, 2023

Individual invoice will be sent to all homes, will arrive first week of  
September.

**Remember, this is your responsibility as a homeowner.**

NO ON-LINE PAYMENTS will be available -- sorry.

## Community Beautification Update

When our neighborhood lost longtime Subdivision 2 resident Tom Marcus in mid-June, it felt like a wave of sadness swept through the WCA. He was a friend... more like family... to everyone he knew. Mr. Marcus took so much pride in his city and in his neighborhood. If you happened to call his home phone, while he was away, it said "I'm out walking the neighborhood right now, but I should be back in a little while...". His walks were much more than exercise. He would check on his neighbors, share a story (or two), and help to create a more caring community. The Willowbrook Community Association truly was so lucky to have Mr. Marcus as our neighbor and as a role model. Although he is physically gone, his legacy of kindness and pride in his community continues. Thank you to Mr. Marcus and to everyone who helps to make our neighborhood a more beautiful place, both in measurable and immeasurable ways.

### Recap of Recent Events:

Spring Beautification Event	Read Box Storytime
<p>6 island, 8 adults, 3 preschoolers and less than 4 hours later – we were able to do a thorough cleanup of the neighborhood gardens. The flowers and sedges are becoming denser, so there was less room for weeds (yay). Some of the sedges had grown taller than the flowers, so we cut them back. We did not add mulch because our goal is for the native plants to fill in completely. You may notice some dry leaves in the gardens – that is intentional. Leaving the leaves provides nutrients to the flowers and shelter for insects (such as some butterflies that overwinter in them each year). Thank you to everyone who volunteered!</p>	<p>We held our first Read Box Storytime at Brookfarm Park (next to Sub 3). It was a beautiful way to celebrate our new community resource. We read about and preformed yoga stretches using a children's yoga book. The story "A Good Place" was a colorful way to talk about the importance of taking care for our insects. I think all of the children (and adults) were impressed by our guest reading from a very talented WCA 5-year-old! We even had activity sheets, popsicles, chalk and a great time running in Brookfarm Park. Thank you to everyone who came and an extra special thanks to Rana and Roukaya who will be helping to run the event next year!</p>

*Please Mark Your Calendar:*

### **WCA Fall Beautification Volunteer Event**

When: Saturday, September 30<sup>th</sup> at 9am

Rain Date: Sunday, October 1<sup>st</sup> (TBA on the unofficial Willowbrook Community Neighborhood Facebook Page and with a note on the Sub 2 Little Library)

Where: Meet at the Malott/E Le Bost Island (Sub 2). Soon afterwards, we will break into groups across the neighborhood.

Please come with your gardening attire and favorite yard hand tools. Refreshments will be provided. If you have not come to a Beautification Event yet, we would love to see you. With a good group of new and returning volunteers, we will have a great time and can easily accomplish our goals. Volunteers and visitors of all ages and abilities are encouraged to attend.



Food Trucks for the remainder of the summer. Food trucks will be at the Malott/E. LeBost island from 4:30pm to 7:30pm (with the exception of July 6 when the time will be 5:00pm to 7:30pm\*).

[The Grilled Wrap](#) Thu, Jul 6, 2023\*

[Fortune Cooking](#) Thu, Jul 20, 2023

[Cousins Maine Lobster](#) Thu, Aug 3, 2023

[Pure Mitten BBQ](#) Thu, Aug 17, 2023

[D&W's Street Eatery](#) Thu, Aug 31, 2023



[access https://yourneighborhoodbites.com/detroit/subdivisions-list](https://yourneighborhoodbites.com/detroit/subdivisions-list) to view menu:

scroll down to Novi and click on Willowbrook Community.

## WCA SMALL BUSINESS BOARD

### MOTOR CITY MOBILE BAR

My name is Jamie Murray and my husband and I live in Willowbrook. My business partner Holly and I own a mobile bar + coffee cart business ( private events, birthdays, graduations, and large parties/corporate events are a few events we have hosted).

We have converted a horse trailer into a mobile bar you may have seen it in the neighborhood. It is called Motor City Mobile Bar. We carry our own insurance - and are health department verified. We can be found online at [www.Mcmbdetroit.com](http://www.Mcmbdetroit.com) and our social media- instagram- @mcmbdetroit. Cheers!

### CUMMINS NOTARY SERVICES

I run a mobile notary service. My name is Brandi Cummins, and my business name is Cummins Notary Services.

I can be reached by call/text at 248-242-0949, and my email is [cumminsnotaryservices@gmail.com](mailto:cumminsnotaryservices@gmail.com).

Website: [Cumminsnotaryservice.com](http://Cumminsnotaryservice.com)

It is \$10 per notary signature. I also offer printing, if needed.

Appointments are available daily.

**REMINDER:** If you are planning on putting up/replacing a fence, adding a shed, adding a dormer, adding solar panels etc. you need approval by the association and the City of Novi. Contact a board member if you have questions.

Thank You.



## WCA BOARD

At our upcoming September General Meeting we will be having our annual elections for Officers/Board Members. Presently we do not have a President or Vice President and our Treasurer, Melissa Gallagher, will be stepping down from her two year term on 9/30/2023.

Please consider being a part of our Board. Ten meetings a year, yearly dues waived, important part in making the WCA work. Positions open: President, Vice President, Treasurer, Sub Directors. All positions are outlined in our by-laws posted on our website <https://willowbrook.gogladly.com/> or can be found on the City of Novi website under Homeowners - Willowbrook Association. Interested??? Please contact any of the Board Members (names/numbers listed on the front of this newsletter). We are looking for new faces, new neighbors, new ideas!

## WE NEED YOU!

### September General Meeting

Time: Sep 14, 2023 7:00 PM

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/3924004522?pwd=Z2tGVklnaVpleEIVV1VHaXVNNDU1QT09>

Meeting ID: 392 400 4522

Passcode: 802555



**Willowbrook Community Association**

P.O. Box 184  
Novi, MI 48376

**PRESORTED**

**STANDARD**

**U.S. POSTAGE PAID**

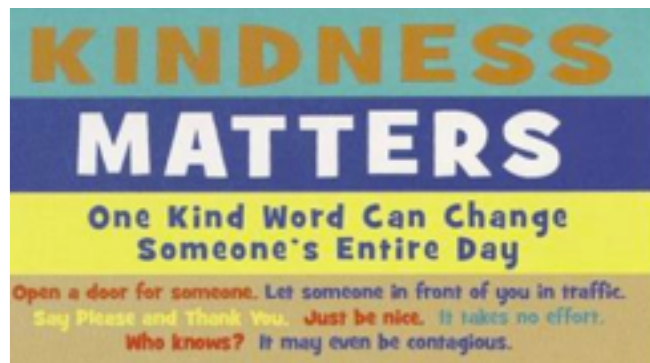
**NOVI, MI**

**PERMIT #99**



Tom Marcus, Dave Brewer and Sheikh Ndow III volunteering at the Spring 2022 Beautification Event. Mr Marcus maintained the flag for many years. He donated this flag, that still waves today, to the Hollydale island.

RIP Tom Marcus  
You will be missed.  
10/28/36-6/16/2023



Mr. Marcus passed these cards out wherever he went.