

March 2000 Meeting

The next meeting of the Willow Meadows Civic Club is Tuesday, March 7th, 7:30 at the Willow Meadows Baptist Church. Please come and take part in what is going on in your neighborhood.

Willow Meadows News

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From The President

And the drum roll please.....yes, our neighborhood has emerged from 1999 into 2000 in flying colors. The year 2000 for Willow Meadows should be a breakthrough year. The 2000 Board of Directors is planning to build upon the successes of the past board members since the inception of the Civic Club. The lineup is impressive. First, however, let me introduce to you the 2000 Board members.

Lilly Warden is Vice President. Lilly is new to the board, but played a key role on the Deed Restrictions Committee last year. Paul Pennington is Treasurer. Paul is also new to the board. That, however, has not stopped him from jumping in feet first. You have already seen the fruits of his effort in the mailing of the 2000 annual assessment. This was all done automatically at a cost less than it would have been had we done it ourselves. Sondra Ludwick is Secretary. It you will recall, Sondra was the Chair of the Beautification & Maintenance committee last year and did a stellar job despite traveling with her job quite a bit. We are sorry to see her vacate that post, but are more excited that she is now Secretary. Filling that vacated board position is Robert Doffing. Robert is new to the board and is well suited for the position. He has an engineering background and is very knowledgeable about landscaping and general construction. This will be needed as we are planning a capital campaign to address common areas throughout the neighborhood.

Chris Brouwer is Editor. Chris, as you all should know, has been a pivotal member of the board over the past 7 years, serving in various capacities including President for two years. Chris was also the driving force behind the amendment of the deed restrictions in 1997 and 1998, spending countless hours addressing everyone's comments. Speaking of deed restrictions, Doug Koy has also been a key contributor over the past few years and is serving you again this year as the Chair of the Deed Restrictions Committee. Robbie Chase is the Chair of the Architectural Control Committee. Robbie, an architect by profession, has served in this position for several years and, by all accounts, has been very busy reviewing remodel and new construction plans. Bill Warden is new to the board and will serve you as the Chair of the Security Committee. Bill is an HPD detective and will be a key asset to the Board. Lastly, Juan Moreno will be the Webmaster for the Willow Meadows web page (www.WillowMeadows.org). Juan designed the page from scratch a year ago and it is now an important communication tool for your use.

Oh yeah, who am I? Unfortunately, I am out of print space but you can find out more if you come to the Civic Club's Quarterly Meeting on March 7th. At the meeting, we will roll out our plan for 2000. Trust me, you will not want to miss it. Exciting things are happening in Willow Meadows. If you cannot make the meeting, feel free to call any of us on the Board with questions, comments, concerns and the like.

Happily serving you,

Andrew Strong, WMCC President

TREASURER'S REPORT

by Paul Pennington

Willow Meadows finished 1999 in a healthy financial position, owing to an increase in dues payments and lower than anticipated expenditures. The specific un-audited income and expenditure amounts are listed below, compared to our original budget. Our cash balance at the end of the year improved to \$103,557.70.

Income vs. Spending

1/1/99 Through 12/31/99

Category	Actual for 1999	Original Budget for 1999
Income Categories		
Advertising Income	240.00	500.00
Dues Income	105,252.50	98,640.00
Investment Income	3,425.28	4,500.00
Total Income Categories	\$108,917.78	\$103,640.00
Expense Categories		
Bank Charges	27.66	100.00
Charitable Donations	500.00	500.00
Deed Restriction Legal Fees	3,612.29	10,000.00
Mowing/Beautification	4,833.45	5,750.00
Miscellaneous	1,728.27	1,750.00
Mosquito Spraying	3,000.00	4,000.00
Postage & Mailing Expenses	550.99	375.00
Printing	1,735.67	1,500.00
Security	66,606.89	66,000.00
Total Expense Categories	\$82,595.22	\$89,975.00
Grand Total Surplus or (Deficit)	\$26,322.56	\$13,665.00

The Year 2000 brings many opportunities for improvement of our wonderful community. The board has approved the expenditure of \$6,000 for Park and Esplanade beautification, benefiting everyone in lifestyle improvement and property value increases. One of our focuses this year will be to improve the usability and overall beauty in our neighborhood. We will be pursuing matching funds from many local businesses and individuals throughout the year. Secondly, we will be collecting e-mail addresses from all that have them to better improve our communications and cost to communicate with all of our neighbors. We also have a portion of the transfer fee dedicated to welcome baskets that will be put together with other local merchant information to help welcome the new neighbors to our fantastic community. Finally, we welcome your suggestions on how this budget should be spent. Look around the neighborhood and help us determine where we can better utilize your association dues. Please send those suggestions to treasurer@willowmeadows.org. I look forward to serving this community and improving the financial and overall magnificence of our neighborhood.

YEAR 2000 BUDGET

Please find below our budget for fiscal year 2000. We have broken down the categories to give you more visibility of where our money is proposed to be spent in our community.

EXPENSES	Budget
Bank Charges	\$ 100
Charitable Donations	
Red Elementary	\$ 250
United Orthodox Synagogue	\$ 125
Willow Meadows Baptist	\$ 175
Deed Restriction En-	
Enforcement/Support Services	\$ 6,000
Legal Services	\$ 7,500
Beautification	
Maintenance/Special Park Projects/ Mowing	\$ 6,000
	\$ 4,400
Mosquito Spraying	\$ 4,000
Security	\$ 69,108
Postage & Mailing	
Annual Bulk Mail Fee	\$ 100
First Class Mail (3 * 821 * \$0.5)	\$ 1,232
P.O. Box Rental	\$ 75
Printing	
General Printing	\$ 1,000
Security Stickers	\$ 500
WMCC Annual Directory	\$ 2,400
Miscellaneous Expenses	
Corporate/Legal Filing Fees	\$ 500
Insurance for Board	\$ 1,000
Office Supplies	\$ 300
Neighborhood Night/weekend out (Three)	\$ 1,500
Welcome Packages (50 * \$30)	\$ 1,500
Other	\$ 500
	<u>Total Expenses:</u>
	\$ 108,265
INCOME	
Annual Assessment	\$ 110,835
Transfer Fees	\$ 2,500
Wells Fargo Dividends	\$ 5,000
Advertising Income	\$ 500
	<u>Total Income:</u>
	\$ 118,835
GRAND TOTAL (Surplus or Deficit):	\$ 10,571

Notes from the Editor

We regret that Ken Anctil was unable to continue as editor this year, due to his work obligations. Sometimes we need to pay the bills between all the volunteer effort! Ken brought a fresh new look to the Willow Meadows newsletter, and it is my challenge to continue forward. Please bear with me while I try to figure out this new software.

On a very positive note, please welcome the four NEW board members to our 2000 team (yes, completely new blood) ! It is very encouraging to get such participation, because it really is a thankless job doing this volunteer work, and we could all use an "Atta boy" from time to time. I am really looking forward to working with this energetic team.

We wish to also extend a very special thank you to Charles Rusciano, Rich Bernardy and Cynthia Adamson for their time and efforts last year.

Architectural Control Committee

by Robbie Chase

REMINDER: The Architectural Control Committee (ACC) is responsible for reviewing all plans for compliance with deed restrictions. These plans are for all renovation and new construction of homes in the Willow Meadows subdivision. This job is large enough by itself. The ACC is not interested in knocking on doors, sending registered letters, and making phone calls to people that should have submitted plans and for whatever reason did not. Everyone's assistance in the following simple submission guidelines will be most helpful.



- Submit the required two sets of plans
- Include the Architectural Review form found on the Willow Meadows website prior to beginning any work. If you do not have access to the web site then please call me and I will print a copy out for you.

- Be certain to include a copy of your site plan showing existing and new improvements along with building setbacks and property lines. Your architect or contractor should provide this for you as part of his services.
- Failure to follow the requirements could result in an injunction against your project.

If you know of anyone in the neighborhood that have plans for home improvements please urge them to follow the guidelines.

Hot off the press: In the words of Gilda Radner – *Never mind!* For those of you who read my last article regarding a separate meter for watering your lawn, I learned a tough lesson. The rate on the landscape water used off the sprinkler meter is higher than the residential meter rate, which makes the savings miniscule. The amount of the savings was not realized until after paying for the new meter. The first water bill was in and a pencil had been put to my savings. The fees vary depending on usage. For 15,000 gallons of water and sewage on my last water bill worked out to be \$0.00608/gallon while the 6,000 gallons of landscaping water with no sewer fees worked out to be \$0.00512/gallon. Simple math shows I am saving about 0.00096/gallon. At that rate I may have the meter installation paid off in time for my retirement. I have the complete breakdown of charge per gallon by the city if anyone is interested I would be happy to fax them the information.

Recommendations are not flying in for my request for contractors. To date I have not received any comments. I will therefore try to start a snowball of recommendations by making a couple of my own. I had very good luck with the installation of my sprinkler system by "Fresh Start" Landscapes. I bid out my fence extensively and found Griffin Fence to give me a good product at the best price. Finally, for glass and mirrors I have for several years used Buffalo Glass on Hillcroft. They have always been friendly, efficient and the price has been right. I hope this information will be of some value to some of you and if anyone has any further recommendations we will be happy to publish them. Personally I am looking for a good concrete and/or brick paving contractor for a new driveway and a dependable appliance repairman. Anybody got any help for me?

SECURITY REPORT

by Chris Brouwer

NEIGHBOR HIT BY CAR! How we hate to have to report such stories, but another young neighbor was knocked over by a car last November. A young boy riding his bicycle to Red Elementary was struck by a car and knocked to the street. Fortunately, he was not badly hurt and was able to continue to school. We understand the car was coming out of a side street and swung onto Cliffwood before looking carefully in both directions. Remember folks, while there are not stop signs at the end of each side street, you are supposed to treat them as a stop and look both ways before proceeding. Speeding and careless driving through our neighborhood has already injured enough of our neighbors. Please drive responsibly in the area so we don't have to report any more such incidents.

In an effort to deter traffic violations, we have asked the constables to be more visible, especially at morning and evening rush hours. They will issue tickets for violations. For example, during the last quarter, they issued 21 speeding tickets and 19 tickets for disregarding stop signs, in addition to many verbal warnings.



Spring time will soon be here, and with that, lots more children playing in the streets. Along with warm weather, we typically bring out the lawnmowers and garden tools. Don't leave garage doorways open to invite criminals. Don't tempt them with bicycles and lawnmowers left unattended. Open the windows for fresh air, but close them up again when you leave the house, so as not to invite burglars.

I am pleased to announce that Bill Warden will assume responsibility for Security this year. Bill has background in law enforcement, so we imagine he will have some better insight how to get the most for our money in security patrols.

SPECIAL NOTE: A neighbor reported they received no answer when calling the constables early one morning. If you have any difficulties reaching the constables, please be sure to advise our Security Chairman. We want to monitor if this is a recurring problem. Please be sure you have the correct constable phone number: **(713) 643-6602**.

Here is a summary of the more significant activities during the last three months:

- 1) November 7 – 4300 O'Meara. Minor accident when vehicle struck a fire hydrant. No injuries reported.
- 2) November 16 – 4300 West Bellfort. Abandoned vehicle obstructing traffic. Vehicle was towed.
- 3) November 18 – 10300 Willowisp. A female was reported going door to door, and was advised to leave the area.
- 4) November 18 – 9400 Greenwillow. Auto theft reported to HPD.
- 5) November 25 – 4400 Nenana. A trespasser was reported in neighbor's yard. No suspect found when constables arrived.
- 6) December 1 – 10300 Greenwillow. Report of possible theft, with prescription medicine reported missing from medicine cabinet.
- 7) December 14 – 4800 McDermed. Burglary of motor vehicle reported to HPD.
- 8) December 19 – 4400 Breakwood. Report of hit and run accident, which occurred outside of neighborhood. Referred to HPD.
- 9) December 24 – 9600 Cliffwood. Criminal mischief complaint of a rear window shot with a pellet gun.
- 10) December 24 – 9600 Greenwillow. Deputy spotted broken van window, apparently shot with pellet gun. Both vehicles above were parked overnight on the street.

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- 11) January 1 – 4300 Lemac. Report of criminal mischief, broken window. No witnesses or suspects.
- 12) January 1 – 4300 Sarong. Report of criminal mischief, debris thrown through a car window. No witnesses or suspects.
- 13) January 17 – 4400 Waynesboro. Burglary of a residence, with bicycle stolen from garage overnight. No witnesses or suspects.
- 14) January 18 – 4300 West Bellfort. Burglary of motor vehicle at WM Baptist Church. Car window broken and purse stolen.
- 15) January 21 – 9700 Greenwillow. Attempted burglary of house. Rear garage door was forced and alarm activated. No evidence of entry and nothing reported missing.
- 16) January 22 – 10300 Willowgrove. Auto theft reported to HPD.
- 17) January 25 – 4400 Osby. Burglary of motor vehicle parked on the street overnight. Side window broken and car stereos stolen.
- 18) February 3 – Willow Water Hole. When approaching a homeless man discovered under the West Bellfort bridge over the bayou, a constable was threatened with a sharp instrument. Back-up was called, but the suspect fled down the bayou and hid in a drain pipe. In spite of numerous attempts, they were unable to capture the suspect. Subsequent investigation indicates the suspect has left the area.

Please keep us informed of any issues that concern you relative to security. We value your suggestions, as well as any feedback on your personal experiences with crime or its prevention.

Don't forget: When the crime is life threatening or otherwise very urgent, **use 911 first**, then call the constables.

MAINTENANCE UPDATE

by Sondra Ludwick



Hello Everyone. I wanted to let you know that this will be my last official article as the Maintenance and Beautification Chairperson. Officially, on January 1st, I began my new position of Secretary for the Civic Club. Robert Doffing is assuming the responsibilities for the Maintenance and Beautification Chairperson. I wish him much luck during his term since we have many beautification projects planned for this fiscal year. Welcome aboard, Robert.

Typically during the winter months, December through February, the Maintenance and Beautification Committee does not recognize a Yard of the Month. The Yard of the Month award will resume in March, just in time for the beautiful azaleas and bulb flowers. Yard of the Month winners will receive a gift certificate from Teas Nursery and a sign to display for the month. So get your yards in shape and prepare for the Spring. Good Luck to you all!

Gardening Tips:

February - Crepe Myrtles should be fertilized during the last week of February. The best type of granular fertilizer to use is a slow release. A few examples of mixtures are 8-16-8 or the 5-10-5. Place about one handful of fertilizer 6 to 8 inches from the trunk. Remember to trim the suckers at the bottom of the trunk only after the crepe myrtle begins to green and show growth.

March – Create a culinary herb garden in a window box and post it just outside your kitchen window or door or set it casually on your patio or deck. Good choices include sweet basil, rosemary, parsley, cilantro, marjoram, thyme, oregano and sage. All of these varieties like full sun. Tuck in an annual flower or two for color.

Now is the time to pull hand pruning shears, loppers and saws out of storage and do most

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pruning to trees and shrubs. Remember to trim all trees and shrubs that hang over or block walking paths. It is nice to keep them clear for you and your neighbors.

April – When planting trees and shrubs, planting depth is important. If you plant too deep, the plant may smother. If you plant too shallow, the plant may feel parched. A simple way to avoid this when planting trees and shrubs is to line up the top of the root ball with the existing soil level by laying a shovel or rake handle across the hole to use as a guide.

Please send questions or suggestions to beautification@willowmeadows

Deed Restriction Updates by Lillian J. Warden

The Willow Meadows Civic Club has retained the law firm of Wilson, Cribbs, Goren & Flaum, to handle the more complex deed restriction violation cases that may require litigation. This firm specializes in the area of real estate and homeowner association law, and represents many local civic associations. The firm has recently filed the first lawsuit on behalf of the civic club against a Willow Meadows property owner. The case involves a property owner that has failed to correct various violations. Numerous attempts were made to communicate with the property owner, but to no avail. There are a few other cases that are currently being reviewed by the Committee and the firm that may require similar actions be taken.

Many attempts are made to communicate with the property owner when a violation has occurred. The typical progression of a case that requires legal action is when a property owner that has failed to respond to three violation notice letters sent by both regular and certified mail. In certain cases, we try to reach the property owner by telephone. When these attempts bring no response, the Association will **vigorously** pursue legal action in order to remedy the problem(s).

We are pleased to report that **most** (90%) of the violation notices that have been sent out by our coordinator, Peggy Stamy, have been corrected in a timely manner.. Be assured that it is the Committee’s sincere desire to make every effort to help the property owner correct the violation(s). But, the first step they must take is to make the Committee **aware** of their particular situation. We cannot help someone if we do not know a problem exists! Our lines of communication are **always** open!

The Deed Restriction Enforcement Committee was formed with the specific goal of assuring property owners in Willow Meadows that their investment will continue to appreciate, and that the current level of excellence in property value and market appeal will be maintained. We would like to commend those of you who take pride in the appearance of your property. Without you, Willow Meadows would not be the subdivision it is today. Keep up the good work!



Holiday Decorations

December

- First Place- 4810 Waynesboro
- Second Place- 10119 Willowgrove
- Third Place- 4726 O’Meara

December is when we recognize the outstanding Holiday Decorations in the neighborhood. This year was a tough year to judge, as more and more people put out excellent displays. But we had to pick some winners and we hope you agree that all the neighborhood looked great through the holiday season. Congratulations to everyone!

Newsletter Input

As always, we welcome your comments and any input to this newsletter. After all, it is by and for the Willow Meadows neighborhood. Someone suggested it would be nice to include more good news from around the neighborhood, such as a significant anniversary, birthday, or birth event. Maybe you have finally paid off your mortgage! Whatever the news, if you want to share it with us, please don’t hesitate to send an Email to the editor at editor@willowmeadows.org or call me at (713) 723-9235.

From the Webmaster by Juan Moreno

To increase functionality and usage of our website; two very useful and important features are available:



I strongly encourage everyone to visit our website, and please send comments or suggestions to jmoreno@willowmeadows.org

Happy surfing!

Bulletin Board:

This module allows neighbors interaction in posting topics of their interest and create 'discussions' or threads that allows replies and postings on-line.

Directory Search Engine:

A database that contains information about our neighbors is posted on-line. Currently only viewing options are available; with capabilities to search by street name, last name, phone number, zip code, etc. One feature to indicate is that if you want to look for all the neighbors that have a last name that start with the letter 'M'; simply type the letter M in the last name field and execute the search. A list will be displayed in your browser. If you are not sure about a spelling of a last name; you can type the first few letters and it will try to match it with our database. The same is true for the other fields (street name, zip code, etc.)

The 'Email Distribution List' project is still open. Very few neighbors responded to our previous call requesting your address. The intention is to create an electronic notification of news and notices ahead of any hardcopy handouts, as well as notify about changes in our website and/or emergency notifications. To register; send an e-mail to webmaster@willowmeadows.org with "subscribe wmcc" in the subject line.

Heavy Trash Pick-Up Dates

February 23

March 22

April 26

May 24

Recycling: A Reminder

The city no longer accepts glass articles of any kind in the green recycling bins. If you are still interested in recycling your glass, the City of Houston maintains a user friendly drop off center at 5815 Southwest Freeway near the intersection of Fountainview and Westpark. They are open Monday through Saturday. Don't forget that the Willow Meadows Baptist Church also has recycle bins for paper and magazines.

2000 CIVIC CLUB MEETINGS

MARCH 7
JUNE 13
SEPTEMBER 5
DECEMBER 5

Willow Meadows Civic Club, Inc.
P. O. Box 35551
Houston, Texas 77235

2000 Willow Meadows Civic Club Officers and Executive Board

President	Andrew Strong	(713) 723-6923	Beautification	Robert Doffing	(713) 729-7464
Vice President	Lily Warden	(713) 728-1161	Deed Restrictions	Doug Koy	(713) 723-0067
Treasurer	Paul Pennington	(713) 723-6282	Architecture	Robbie Chase	(713) 723-6468
Secretary	Sondra Ludwick	(713) 723-1595	Newsletter Editor	Chris Brouwer	(713) 723-9235
Security	Bill Warden	(713) 728-1161	Webmaster	Juan Moreno	(713) 721-8441

Who Can I Call?

Precinct 7 Constables	(713) 643-6602
Emergency	911
Poison Control	(800) 764-7661
Mayor's Office	(713) 247-1888
Mark Goldberg, Dist. C	(713) 247-2004
Odor Hotline	(713) 837-0600
Water/Sewer Repairs	(713) 837-0600
Neighborhood Protection	(713) 525-2525
Harris County Flood Control	(713) 684-4197

As a courtesy to our residents, we are providing you the most common "gripe" numbers so that you can make your voice heard on the issues of concern to you.



County Commissioner	
Prec. 1, Outside the Loop (El Franco Lee)	(713) 755-7715
Prec. 3, Inside the Loop (Steve Radack)	(713) 755-6305
City Secretary	(713) 247-1840
Houston Solid Waste Mgmt	(713) 837-9100
dead animals	(713) 669-7900
heavy trash	(713) 551-7300
Texas State Representative	(512) 463-0492
(Scott Hochberg, Dist. 132)	(713) 660-7783
Texas State Senator	(512) 463-0113
(Rodney Ellis, Dist. 13)	(713) 236-0306

SCHOOLS IN THE NEWS

In a previous newsletter, we reported that a new Hebrew Academy would be constructed south of our neighborhood at the end of Greenwillow and Cliffwood. Now that school has a name: the Robert M. Beren (RMBA) Academy. Recently, students planted trees at the site that will soon become the new RMBA campus on January 23, 2000. The planting took place at the end of Greenwillow and Warm Springs. As reported in the Jewish Herald Voice, Wal-Mart donated the saplings and the students planted the trees. The construction of the new RMBA is proceeding as scheduled. Driveways, parking areas and the building pad have been cleared and graded. Soon, the foundation will be poured and construction of the walls will begin. The new facility is expected to open in the fall of 2000.

Yet another school project has been announced in our area. Property has already been purchased for the New Houston Jewish Community School Campus, a 12 acre site adjacent to the sports field complex near Stella Link and West Bellfort. A new middle school, high school, and chapel will be constructed on the campus, with completion expected in mid-2001. It is so encouraging to see the once dilapidated "Death Valley" area getting a new life with academia and sports facilities that will benefit our community.

FLOOD PREVENTION

Project planners appear to be narrowing down the selection for flood control in our area. After reviewing 24 different combinations, the Harris County Flood Control District is favoring a plan which includes a 200-acre Willow Waterhole Detention Pond designed to detain diverted waters from the area during severe rainstorms. The pond should be located somewhere between Westbury High School and South Post Oak Road, though no specific parcels of land have been purchased. In addition, portions of Braes Bayou would be widened, and 13 bridges would be replaced, including the South Braeswood bridge at the north end of our subdivision, as well as the Kirby, South Main, Braewood and Greenbriar bridges. We will keep you informed as the project scope becomes firmed up.

Neighborhood Directory (2000)

This is your last chance! We are wrapping up the Year 2000 Willow Meadows directories. With so many home sales last year, we wanted to give everyone a chance to revise our data when you pay your assessment. Alternatively, you can still check the latest directory information we have, posted on the Willow Meadows web page (www.willowmeadows.org). If, upon reviewing the listing, you have any corrections, please contact or e-mail the corrections to treasurer@willowmeadows.org. Finally, at the next General Meeting (March 7th) we will have a copy of the current listing for your review and correction. Please make it a point to check on this. If your data was correct in the last directory, you don't need to do anything else.

Red Preschool Announces Open House

Red Preschool, located in the S.C. Red Elementary School on 4520 Tonawanda, is hosting an Open House on Saturday, March 4th from 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. Parents and guardians of 3-5 year old children are encouraged to attend and learn more about this unique program for youngsters. In it's 17th year of success, Red Preschool has continued to provide an exceptional educational foundation to prepare children entering kindergarten. The preschool is a private, tuition-based program administered by a Board of Directors consisting of parents, teachers, the school principal and a PTO liaison. The program offers a choice of full day (8-3) and half day (8-12:30) schedules. Families are welcome to visit during the Red Preschool Open House on Saturday, March 4th or contact the preschool at (713) 728-4704 for information on registering.

WILLOW MEADOWS REAL ESTATE IS HOT IN 1999!

As you probably know, the real estate market in Houston has been hot for a number of years now, and 1999 continued the pace. Willow Meadows has not been left out of this strong market, and it appears more people are realizing the benefits of: 1) living closer in and having less of a commute, or 2) better value and more space than you get in the inner city. We are situated in a convenient location that is hard to beat. Here are some of the figures from 1999 sales in the Willow Meadows subdivision:

TOTAL SALES: 41
AVERAGE PRICE:
\$176,851
PRICE RANGE:
\$91,500-\$359,750

We don't have the 1998 data, but here are some comparisons:

1997 AVERAGE PRICE:
\$150,800
1996 AVERAGE PRICE:
\$129,500


Thanks to Norma Hageney and David Montz for the data, per MLS. Private

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Retired Military Assistance

The Retiree Activities Office offers assistance to those eligible individuals seeking information, help, or guidance related to privileges or problems associated with former military service. Eligible individuals include all living retired members of all seven branches of the uniformed military services and their dependents and spouses, and may include dependents and spouses of deceased members.

The Retires Activities Office is an all-volunteer group located at 1902 Old Spanish Trail, Houston, TX 77054. Telephone: (713) 795-4109. If you have a question or are interested in what they do, please phone, write or visit them. A contact may be mutually beneficial to you, to us, or to others.

From the Archives

We thought it would be interesting to dig through those dusty boxes we have been passing from Board to Board year after year. This has been a fascinating neighborhood since its inception in the 1950's. and many of the original owners are still here. While we have already noted the large number of home sales and new families moving in, we thought you might like to know what it was like in previous years. We hope to keep this a regular feature of the newsletter, so if you have any historic information that would be of interest to the neighborhood, please let the Editor know.

1966: from minutes of the Special Directors Meeting, Tom Robin, President.

A-1 Trash Service notified the Civic Club that they were canceling their contract for back-door garbage collection. Since 1960, they provided twice weekly back-door garbage collection for a cost of \$2.50 each resident. Residents not using the service could place their cans at the curb. For curbside collection, the Civic Club paid A-1 60 cents per month. The City of Houston reimbursed 58 cents per month. (From later minutes, it appears they found another contractor to continue the back-door service for the

Advertising

We would like to remind you that the Willow Meadows newsletter will accept advertising to help defray the costs of printing and other civic club expenses. If you have a local business or provide a service useful to our neighbors, you may want to let us know about it. To encourage participation, we have kept our prices low, as indicated below.

- Full page: \$100 each edition
- Half page: \$50 each edition
- Quarter page: \$25 each edition
- Eighth page: \$15 each edition

same price for some additional years.)

Dr. Kaufhold and Mr. Millner presented information about the Willow Pool Corporation. It has leased land across from Willow Park to build a private swimming pool. Membership will be limited to 200 families from the Willow Meadows, Willow Bend, Willow Brook, and South Post Oak subdivisions. The facilities will cost \$40,000. The initial fee per family will be \$200, and dues will be \$50 per year.

Mr. McDuffie reported that the entrance signs on West Bellfort would be completed soon. The markers are red porcelain brick in front and ordinary brick painted white on the sides and back. The letters will be of white porcelain. Concrete will be poured around the signs and spotlights will be padlocked.

It was reported that two lighted tennis courts would be built by the City Parks Department in the Willow Park.

The Mosquito Control Committee reported that Holder's sprayed our subdivision nine times that summer and was paid a total of \$1,125.

When you are thinking about Real Estate
there is only one name to know!
"The Area Specialist"

David Montz Broker/Owner

RE/MAX Metro 713 528 1800

#1 Re/Max agent for Central Houston

Grew up in Willow Meadows and Current Resident
Residential Sales, Leasing and Managing

