

WILLOW CREEK NEWS AND VIEWS

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Volunteers Needed

Volunteers Are Needed to Fill Vacancies in the WCHOA Board for the Next Term (June 2010-May 2011). Ray Kotowski and I have had the privilege of serving on the Board for the past five years. Neither Ray nor I will be candidates for re-election at the next Annual General Membership Meeting on June 6th, 2010. Every successful organization periodically needs new people with fresh ideas and vigorous energy to step up and actively participate in its workings.

We ask that everyone in our community give serious consideration to joining the Board. Board positions are all one-year terms manned by volunteer homeowners who want to keep our neighborhood an attractive, peaceful, and enjoyable setting for our families. It takes effort to maintain our high level of livability. If you would like to be considered for any position on the Board for the next term, please contact Carol Short or me before June so your name can be placed on the ballot. Thank you for your support during the past few years.

Bob Galinger, President

Annual Garage Sale

Make your plans now for the Annual WCHOA Spring Neighborhood Garage Sale. Since Easter weekend falls on the first weekend of April this year, **we will hold the garage sale on Saturday, April 10, 2010.** Here's a good opportunity to sort through belongings that aren't much use to you any longer and make some cash selling them to folks who can put them to better use. Our sale will be advertised in advance with

large signs at the main neighborhood entrances, notices in the *San Marcos Daily Record* newspaper, and spots on our website. Three smaller signs for individual yards will be available on a first-come, first-served basis from Bob Galinger, 723 Mountain Drive, beginning Monday, April 5th. All we ask is that you return the signs to Bob soon after the sale. To help get the traffic to flow through the entire neighborhood this year, we will also post signs at various locations within our community directing the bargain seekers to all the front yards holding sales. We want folks to know you're having a yard sale, so please contact Mrs. Susan McGee, 830-832-5797 or susanmcgeeusa@yahoo.com, to inform her so we can insure that the signs posted will help folks find your yard.

THANKS

We want to recognize and thank the local merchants who donated prizes for our Christmas Outdoor Lighting Display Contest this year. Please let them know we appreciate their support when you patronize these fine establishments:

Conley Car Wash, Detail, and Lube

1200 Thorpe Lane

Luke Wester Automotive

2409 Hunter Road

Texas Road House Restaurant

1502 S. IH35

Mamacita's Restaurant and Cantina

1400 Aquarena Springs Drive

Christmas Lighting Contest Winners

Congratulations to the 2009 Christmas

Outdoor Lighting Contest Winners:

Best Children's Theme

Kenneth & Tina Switzer, 1133 Stagecoach Trail

Best Religious Display

David & Connie McDowell, 809 Stagecoach Trail

Best Theme

Mike & Debi Vordick, 2710 Handler Hollow

Best Overall Display

Ruth Estes & Marla Sanders, 1100 Mountain View

Most Elegant Display

Ron & Judy Brown, 823 Willow Creek Circle

Mark Your Calendar!

The Annual General Membership Meeting will be held on Sunday, June 6, 2010, 2 pm, at the First Baptist Church, 325 West McCarty Lane. Besides discussions on neighborhood issues, the annual election of WCHOA Board Directors and Officers for the year June 2010 – May 2011 will take place. Plan to attend!

Website

Don't forget to log onto our website weekly to check for useful information. We want our website to become our main means of communication with Willow Creek Estates residents. Also, remember our pet locator e-mail service. A family was recently reunited with their beloved dog within a couple hours thanks to our e-mail notification system.

WCHOA

The Willow Creek Estates Homeowners Association (WCHOA), Inc. is registered with the state of Texas as an incorporated, non-profit organization. Our neighborhood is a deed restricted, single family per household community made up of fifteen different sections, each with its own set of Deed Restrictions. Homeowners, realtors, renters, and property managers need to be mindful of these facts prior to selling or leasing Willow Creek Estates property. Some sections are under the jurisdiction of Hays County (but still within the city's Extraterritorial Jurisdiction or ETJ), while other sections come under the City of San Marcos. You can view how the neighborhood is divided between the county and city by looking at the neighborhood map included in the "About Us" portion of our website (click on the map twice to enlarge the map to better see the street names).

Residents and homeowners who are contemplating modifications to their building(s) or property should first check the Deed Restrictions applicable to their section of Willow Creek Estates and contact a Board member to arrange a review by our Architectural Control Committee prior to purchasing supplies, finalizing contracts, or starting work. A copy of your Deed Restrictions should have been included in your Settlement Package when you bought your property. Official copies of the Deed Restrictions must be obtained from the Hays County Clerk; however, you can view all our Deed Restrictions on our website. You can determine which section you live in by logging onto the Hays County Appraisal District website (link available on our website) or by contacting a Board member.

E-mail Address

If you have an e-mail account, it's in your best interest to let us know what it is so we can keep you aware of what is going on in the neighborhood in a more timely manner. We use your e-mail address to distribute the ***Newsletter*** and to put out alerts you need to know about such as vandalism, scam artists, thefts, and lost or found pets. We only use your e-mail address for neighborhood business and your e-mail address will NOT be shared. E-mail addresses should be e-mailed to the WCHOA Treasurer at ashort@centurytel.net. We are able to store two e-mail addresses in our database if a second person in your residence would like to be included on our e-mail distribution list.

TREASURER'S REPORT, October 1, 2009 – February 14, 2010

<u>Income</u>		<u>Expenditures</u>	
Dues Collected	\$1320.00	Bank Charge	\$ 21.35
Interest	<u>0.65</u>	Watch Committee	565.56
	\$1320.65	Newsletter	57.60
		Postage	<u>44.80</u>
			\$689.31

Membership

Our records show that you have already paid your current year (June 2009 through May 31, 2010) HOA dues. ***Thank you for your timely dues payment and for supporting our HOA.*** The annual dues we collect are our only source of income and are vital to maintaining our pleasant, family-oriented neighborhood.