



SPRING 2009 NEWSLETTER

Reach your Willow Park HOA Board members and Officers at WillowparkHOA@hotmail.com

Welcome Kathy Kimball

The Board and Officers of the WPHO would like to welcome Kathy to her new position. We look forward to her enthusiasm, outreach ideas and energy to help us better communicate with our neighbors.

Yard Waste Dumping

Residents are reminded that dumping of yard waste and especially lawn clippings in the wetlands/protected areas throughout Willow Park is strictly prohibited. Lawn care companies that service homes in our neighborhood have been seen dumping lawn clippings behind homes in these sensitive areas illegally and will now be contacted to remove these large rotting piles. Please remind your lawn care company if you hire one that they should either use YOUR yard waste container or haul it off site and dispose of it properly. If you or your neighbors dump your yard waste in these areas, be advised that the Auburn Police have been notified and are addressing this with citizens.



Dues Reminder

Willow Park Annual Dues of \$225 per household were due to the Association by March 15, 2009. Dues received after March 15, 2009 are \$300. Delinquent accounts have been forwarded to our attorney for lien processing, additional fees and actions. There are still several homes who do still owe dues.



Easter Egg Hunt

Lisa and Matt McAllister pulled off another flawless pair of Easter Egg Hunts for our kids this year. Even the weather cooperated and the

sun shone and melted the frost. The kids had a blast finding the new eggs full of goodies, winning prizes, and hunting in the dark for the big kids. Lots of thanks to all who helped and the Big Fun Bunny.



New Play Chips in Parks

The Board and Officers of the WPHO, along with some extraordinary residents, spread 40 cubic yards of play chips on the parks on 130th Ave just after the Annual Easter Egg Hunt. We made short work of some large piles and the parks look great and are now safer for our kids. Strong backs and nice weather saves us nearly \$5000 if we had these chips blown in by machine.



ACC Reminder

The weather is turning warmer and drier and many neighbors are looking at starting exterior projects. Please remember to submit your plans for your properties exterior BEFORE you begin the work. The ACC committee works with a fast cycle-time so that we do not hold up your projects. These ACC rules apply to structures and fencing on your property and do NOT apply to plants and foliage. Please call a Board of Directors member for more information or with questions; they are listed below.



Boats/RV's/Trailer

Please remember that your trailers and boats and such need to be stored either behind your approved fence, in your garage, or outside of the neighborhood. These objects are only to visit your driveway for brief periods during the recreation season. If you have questions about this issue, please call your Board of Directors listed below.



Trash Can Reminder

Please remember to return you trash cans, recycle bins and yard waste containers to their NON-VISIBLE storage locations soon after pick-up on Friday mornings. This has been a continual problem and the Board would like to remind our neighbors to help our neighborhood to continue to look its best.



Dogs in the Neighborhood

If you walk your dog in the neighborhood, please be kind enough to carry and use waste bags for their droppings. There is a doggie baggie dispenser in Gazebo Park that the Board refills on a regular basis. We have also had issue with several dogs running loose in the neighborhood and leaving presents on your neighbor's lawn. Please ensure that your dogs remain in their fenced yards and are escorted on a leash around the neighborhood. Animal control will be called for frequent loose dogs.



Noise Ordinances in Auburn

The annexation of Lea Hill into Auburn brings with it changes to the noise ordinances we face with our neighbors. Evening noise curfews remain at 10 pm and can and will be enforced by local police if they are contacted. This includes large groups of teenagers in backyards as well as garage-based bands. Vehicles with loud stereos also fall under these ordinances. Early morning mowing is also an issue for some people. The Board asks that if you have an inconsiderately noisy neighbor, please contact that person before you call the police. Use 911 to anonymously report noise issues to Auburn Police.



Mailbox Postings

Mailboxes are for mail and Official Willow Park Messages only. There is to be no postings of lost animals, childcare opportunities, maid services or lessons of any type. If you are interested in posting something, feel free to mail your information to individual residences.



Block Watch in Willow Park

The Board and Officers, as well as some concerned neighbors met with Officer Gould of the Auburn Police Department to begin the

formal process of assembling our Block Watch/Emergency Preparedness efforts. Extensive training is to follow and we will provide information and maps to help you prepare for the unexpected. We do need Block Watch Captains to organize with the City of Auburn to prepare for natural disasters and organize resources. If you have questions or would like to volunteer to be an organizer in your part of Willow Park, please contact Mat Kwartin at 288-0541 or Rebecca Adams with City of Auburn at 253-876-1992 or radams@auburnwa.gov.



Willow Park Neighborhood Garage Sale

Willow Park will hold the annual community garage sale in conjunction with most of Auburn on June 6 & 7, 2009. Advertized sale times are 9-5 on both Saturday and Sunday and participation is optional. Advertisement will be in print ads, with the city registry, and online. Parking does become an issue on these days so please plan for congested streets and an increase in pedestrian traffic that weekend.



**Willow Park HOA Summer Picnic
July 18, 2009 in Gazebo Park**

Save the date for another fun filled afternoon of food, games and relaxation. Flyers will be posted in late June about RSVP's and potluck opportunities.

Your Willow Park Officers Are:

- President í í í í í í Jim Arnold 253-351-9820
- Vice Presidentí í í í Mat Kwartin 253-288-0541
- Treasurer í í í í í í Craig Solbrack 253- 887-1496
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Your Willow Park Board of Directors (also ACC chairs):

- Dan McCabe 253- 333-8882
- Matt McAllister 253-735-1625
- Kathy Kimball 253-804-6296