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WBHOA UPDATE

The Willow Bluffs Homeowners Association has officially been turned over to the Board members. The Board is working to get an announcement out to all homeowners shortly. With the announcement, homeowners will also receive important information about the Architectural Committee and Covenants, as well as other pertinent information regarding the subdivision and the Association. The Board is also planning to include a short survey where each homeowner will be asked some questions about what they would like to see in the neighborhood, as well as have a chance to voice any concerns or questions the homeowner may have in regard to the Association. In the meantime, please contact Liz Lusardi for any general questions at 552-9396. If your questions are specific to the Architectural Committee, please contact Keith Bridgers at 557-0813. **P.S.** The roads in Phases I, II, and III have now been completed and approved by the DOT.

Written By: Liz Lusardi

VANDALISM IN THE NEIGHBORHOOD

On Thursday, March 28th, two vehicles were vandalized in the neighborhood. Both of their windshields were shattered with rocks. If you have any information about this or saw something unusual or suspicious in the neighborhood, please call D.N. Harper of the Wake County Sheriff's office at 856-6840. On a positive note, the Homeowners Association is looking into developing a Neighborhood Watch for our community. More information will be provided in the upcoming announcement from the Board.

Written By: Christine Snider

LIST OF CONTACTS

For those of you new to the neighborhood, here is a list of contact names that may be helpful. Please note *some changes have been made since the last newsletter*. Please make a note of the changes.

Phase I Board Members: Leslie Hatcher: 557-0366, lbhatcher@mindspring.com (Mike Dixon moved)
Keith Bridgers: 557-0813, keithbrdgs@aol.com

Phase II Board Members:

Liz Lusardi: 552-9396, lizlusardi@aol.com (New e-mail)
Mark O'Dekirk 567-3117,
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Phase III Board Members:

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The Willow Bluffian "Staff":

Liz Lusardi (see above)
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Juliann Little 567-8947
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Kathryn O'Dekirk 567-3117

Web-site Manager: Joe Honeycutt (see above—
Phase III Board member)

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THE STORY OF MOTHER'S DAY

Mother's Day can be traced back to the spring celebrations of ancient Greece in honor of Rhea, the Mother of the Gods. During the 1600's, England celebrated a day called "Mothering Sunday" which was celebrated on the 4th Sunday of Lent.

During this time, many of England's poor worked as servants for the wealthy. On Mothering Sunday, the servants would have the day off and were encouraged to return home and spend the day with their mothers. A special cake called the mothering cake was often brought along to provide a festive touch.

In the US, Mother's Day was first suggested in 1872 by Julia Ward Howe (who wrote the words to the Battle hymn of the Republic) as a day dedicated to peace. Ms. Howe would hold organized Mother's Day meetings in Boston, Massachusetts every year.

In 1907, Ana Jarvis from Philadelphia began a campaign to establish a national Mother's Day. Ms. Jarvis persuaded her mother's church in Grafton, WV to celebrate Mother's Day on the second anniversary of her mother's death, the 2nd Sunday of May. After Ms. Jarvis and her supporters wrote to ministers, businessmen, and politicians to establish a national Mother's Day, in 1911, it was celebrated in almost every state. In 1914, President Woodrow Wilson made the official announcement proclaiming Mother's Day as a national holiday that was to be held each year on the 2nd Sunday of May.

Written By: Juliann Little

THE STORY OF FATHER'S DAY

Sonora Dodd of Washington first had the idea of father's day. She thought of the idea while listening to a Mother's Day sermon in 1909. She wanted a way to honor her father William Smart who raised a newborn and his five other children after his wife died giving birth.

After becoming an adult, Sonora realized the selflessness her father had shown raising his children as a single parent. It was her father who made all the parental sacrifices and in her eyes, he was a courageous man. He was born in June so she chose to celebrate the first Father's Day in Spokane, Washington on June 19th, 1910.

President Calvin Coolidge, in 1924, supported the idea of a national Father's Day. Then in 1966 President Lyndon Johnson signed a presidential proclamation declaring the 3rd Sunday of June Father's Day.

Written By: Juliann Little

CATS CATS

Some of you may remember in our last issue reading about the cat traps. I had heard a rumor that cats were being trapped randomly. Thank goodness, it was just a **rumor**. One of our very responsible neighbors called me and explained in more detail. Apparently, she is a cat lover and took a few strays into her home.

The traps were set for the cats she wanted to keep, so that she could get them fixed and vaccinated.

Our neighborhood cats are not in any danger of being trapped. Below is a number and two website addresses. This could be useful for you if you plan to adopt or take a stray cat in.

Non-profit, no kill shelter. 919-481-3373

www.safehavenforcats.org

www.secondchancenc.org

Written by: Christine Smider

MY FAVORITE VACATION SPOT

Looking for a place to go on vacation after a long few months at work? Don't want to fly or spend too much money? Then the place for you is Hilton Head, SC. Located right off of Interstate 95 only 5 hours away, Hilton Head is mostly known for its tennis courts and golf courses. But it is a fun place for the entire family. Miles of white sand beaches, miniature golf courses, dolphin tours, bike rentals, and jet ski rentals are just some of the things to do. Or you can go to The Salty Dog Café every night to listen to live music or just hang out with

the entire family and enjoy the fresh summer breeze. There is also an outlet shopping center at the beginning of the island for rainy days! Plus, for dinner there are tons of restaurants to choose from. Stay at a hotel or rent a house or condo for a week. For more information, go to www.hiltonhead.com.

Written by: Juliann Little

For our next issue: If you would like to submit an article or write a letter to the editor, please send it to Liz Lusardi at 3164 Eric St. or e-mail it to lizlusardi@aol.com no later than June 15, 2002 (next issue will be out 1st week in July). Editors reserve the right to edit material and may refuse to print inappropriate materials. This newsletter is for Willow Bluff's residents only.

Anyone interested in starting up the walking club again, please contact Christine @ 552-4110.

CLUB UPDATES

MOM'S NIGHT OUT

Moms go out once a month for a break-usually to dinner. Come join us neighborhood Moms!!
2002 Schedule: April 18th, May 21st and June 20th. Call Liz Lusardi: 552-9396 for more information.

GUY'S NIGHT OUT

Contact Phil Lusardi 552-9396 or Ed Sinnott 552-1762 with any suggestions for the next one. Date to be determined.

BOOK CLUB

Next meeting is on April 5th at 7:30PM at Gay's house. Book to read is *House of Sand and Fog*. If you would like to join or attend, please call Gay Barnes @ 557-9360

DINNER CLUB

Cinco De Mayo party for the entire family!! **Saturday, May 4th**. We are looking for a volunteer to have it at their house. Kids are welcome. If you can host it, contact Julie Little (567-8947). Julie will call everyone with more details.

PLAY GROUP

For more info contact Jennifer Alkins (567-3419). The plan is to have Fall

playgroup twice a week: Wednesdays from 1-2 & Fridays from 10-11.
(Schedule subject to change)

MOVIE CLUB

Please contact Stephanie Sabus @ 567-2155 for more information.

LADIES' TEA

Would anyone be interested in hosting a ladies' tea for all the women of Willow Bluffs? The HOA recreational budget would cover cost of food, etc. We thought it would be a wonderful way to get to know everyone! Please call Christine Snider @ 552-4110 if interested in hosting.

Are you interested in starting a club or activity? Please call Liz Lusardi at 552-9396 or Christine Snider at 552-4110. We would be happy to help in any way

NEIGHBORHOOD YARD SALE

April 13 7am-Noon.

All the advertising has already been done for you. Just have your old treasures outside & tie a balloon to your mailbox. For more information contact Dar Lundi @ 557-9635.

NEIGHBORHOOD PICNIC

The tentative date for the neighborhood picnic is Saturday, June 22nd. This will

be our 4th annual neighborhood picnic! The picnic is a great way to meet your neighbors, especially for those of you who have recently moved in. Liz Lusardi has volunteered to have it at her house again this year; however, if anyone else is

A GOOD NEIGHBOR

So, how long have you lived in Willow Bluffs? A few years or just a few months? We are glad to have you in our neighborhood. Just a thought: what exactly is a neighbor? Ok, I know it's just the people who live around you, but how are you supposed to act as a neighbor? Face it, it's hard to be neighborly when work & family keep us so busy. I think it's time we remembered what neighborhoods used to be like when we were kids. Remember? You knew everyone's name; where each dog lived; what vehicle everyone drove. Last minute babysitting was no problem and you could borrow a cup of sugar just when you needed it. My point? If you don't know the names of your nearest neighbors, shame on you! Knock on the door and introduce yourself. Find out what you have in common and how you can help each other. Get involved in a neighborhood club if you can. And for goodness sakes, if you knock one of these "top-of-the-line" mailboxes down, do the right thing! Leave a note and offer to fix it. Or better yet,

ring the doorbell and confess in person. I know we are all busy speeding down the freeway of life, but slow down long enough to share a cup of coffee and make your neighbor your friend.

Written By: Stacey McLeod

COMMUNITY COOKBOOK

Unfortunately, we did not get a very good response to our request for recipes for the neighborhood cookbook. If anyone is still interested in submitting a recipe, please contact Kathryn O'Dekirk at 567-3117.

Web-site:

www.willowbluffs.com

username and password

both: [redacted] [it is case sensitive so type as is shown here]. If you have any questions, contact Joe

we can to get things organized. We will also publish any club activities in the next newsletter for you.

interested in hosting it, please call Liz @ 552-9396 or e-mail her at lizlusardi@aol.com. A flier will be sent out when the date gets closer!!

Honeycutt I see pg. 1 for e-mail address & phone number! CHECK IT OUT!!!

Spring Picks by Jenn Eichas

X Restaurant	X TV	X Movie
<p>Stonewood Grill</p> <p>The Stonewood Grill is located off Falls of the Neuse in Raleigh and also off Cary Parkway in Cary. It is a restaurant for everyone. You can take your whole family there or just go out for a romantic dinner with your spouse. It has a very cozy ambiance with booths and tables. The menu consists of everything from pasta and seafood to chicken potpie. The specialty is their wood fire quesadillas. They are delicious. Give it a try. You'll love the atmosphere and the food!!</p>	<p>Gilmore Girls</p> <p><i>Tuesdays WB @ 8:00pm</i></p> <p>This may be the best show out there that you are not watching. It is about a woman who had a baby girl named Rory when she was 16. Rory is 16 now and the stories revolve around the unique relationship of the mother & daughter. It is an hour filled with humor and drama. It is rare to find a show that has both and does it so well. So tune in next Tuesday night at 8:00 pm. You won't be disappointed.</p>	<p>Beautiful Mind</p> <p><i>Starring: Russell Crowe, Jennifer Connelly</i></p> <p>It just won the Academy Award for best picture! It is the true story of John Nash, a Noble Peace Prize winner who struggled with schizophrena his whole life. The movie takes you inside the mind of a person with the disease. And what you see is unbelievable. Russell Crowe's performance as John Nash is frighteningly realistic. I know this movie has been out for a while, but if you have not seen it yet, you need to!!</p>

Horoscope

Aries: *Have patience when working on a large, disorganized project. If you aren't in charge, you might have to bite your tongue so that you don't say something out of line. Matters of communication usually come naturally to you, but it's still important to think before you speak. Spend some time going over your notes before giving a big speech or having a conference with the boss on these days. You can get a lot done this month if you take the initiative. Sitting back and waiting for something to happen won't net you the results you're looking for at the end of the day. Creativity is the key to solving a stubborn ongoing problem in your home.*

Taurus: *The Bull is a completely loyal employee or business partner over the next few days. Even if you get better offers from better companies, you're likely to stick it out where you are simply to avoid leaving the people who depend on you high and dry. You're in the mood to throw caution to the wind at the end of your month, but rushing ahead doesn't equal good business practice. Do what you can to slow down your working process on these days so that you can focus on what really matters. Taking a coworker, boss or business partner out to lunch to discuss a problem will cushion the blow. Sundays are a good time this month to form powerful alliances with people who can boost your career status, but don't make it obvious that you're trying to use them to climb the ladder of success. Don't let your family life get lost in the shadows of business.*

Gemini: *In order to get the spring-cleaning done, you need to focus on it completely. Block out distractions by turning off your phone. Think of ways to make it fun for the whole family. Clients and potential employers are impressed by your large vocabulary, confident stride and firm handshake midweek, which makes it easy for you to close the deal. If you own your own business, tightening the purse strings is necessary in order to keep the company in the black this month. Be prepared to switch vendors, buy lower-quality parts and stock or cut staff to make the numbers work out in your favor. Put your ideas into action by the end of the month. There's no time like the present to make your mark on the business world.*

Written by: Christine Snider

FREE ADVERTISING

Do you own your own business? Have something you want to sell? Advertise in the community newsletter. You'll be reaching over 170 households! The best part is that it's now free. Please contact Christine Snider for more info: 552-4110

House for Rent or Sale: 6313 Walnut Glen Drive, 3 BR, 2 BA, 1250 SF, .62 acre cul-de-sac. Built in 1999. Purchased new 1/2000, \$875/month to rent (washer and dryer negotiable), \$109,000 for sale. Contact Info: Chris: 427-3955