

THE WILLOW BLUFFIAN

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HAPPY NEW YEAR FROM ALL OF US AT THE WILLOW BLUFFIAN!!

Homeowners Board News

As most of you are probably aware from seeing your annual homeowners' dues bill, the board members have been selected. Thanks to everyone who participated and voted. The board members had a short meeting to discuss the next steps in forming the board. They will be meeting with Forest Ball sometime in January to determine what responsibilities will be turned over. Topics to be discussed will be the formation of the Architectural Committee, budget issues, landscaping in common areas, the new park and its upkeep, the Willow Bluff's website, and clarification on some of the covenants. Our hope is to be able to form some committees (with board members acting as heads of each committee) to handle our community business. Likely, it will be a few committees such as a recreation committee, a finance committee, a grounds committee, etc.

We will try to update you as soon as possible so you know whom to contact for any homeowners association business. For now, please continue to direct any questions to Forest Ball at Hartwell Realty (772-0170).

Willow Bluffs Homeowners Association Board Member

Phase I	Phase II	Phase III
Keith Bridgers (557-0813) Mike Dixon (552-7927)	Liz Lusardi (552-9396) Mark O'Dekirk (567-3117)	Joe Honeycutt (567-7422) Melissa McCordle (577-9883)

Park Update

Well, I admit I've been very lazy and haven't walked down to the park by Lost Acom yet to check out the progress. Forest informs me that a shelter has been built as well as a gazebo. We would like to remind everyone to please not drive back there. Vehicles will not be permitted when the park is complete and posts will be put in to block any cars from driving down.

Homeowners Association Dues

Remember to pay your homeowners dues by February 15! All Willow Bluff's residents are required to pay the annual dues as outlined in the covenants. If you want to know more about what the dues is used for, or if you did not receive your bill, please contact a board member or Forest Ball.

Written by: Liz Lusardi

WILLOW BLUFFS HAS A NEW ADDRESS... web-site address, that is. We are now on-line and functional. Look for a copy of this newsletter at willowbluffs.com. All future newsletters and other correspondence will be posted on this web-site. **This is the last time we will deliver newsletters to you.** If you need a hardcopy, you will be able to pick up future issues at the new Homeowners Association mailbox (entrance at Eric St. off Old Stage Rd.) or call Liz Lusardi @ 552-9396 for a copy. The mailbox will be installed shortly; please check it occasionally for Association information. Newsletters will be out the first weeks of April, July & October.

Written by: Liz Lusardi

More web-site info: The web-site is user-friendly as well as elegant thanks to Joe Honeycutt. He did a fantastic job! It may be a while longer before the site is complete, but this should only take a few more days. You will need a password to enter the neighborhood directory. This is to ensure the privacy of our information from outsiders such as solicitors etc. (Password is [REDACTED]). There you can make changes to your own information or add your name and address to the list if you haven't already. The best thing about the site is it's not costing us anything. Joe is using his own server and will be maintaining it himself (not to mention the money we will be saving displaying the newsletter on the site). If you have questions call Joe Honeycutt @ 567-7422 or you can e-mail him @ joeynbarbi@mindspring.com

CONTACT US

Liz Lusardi @ 552-9396	Christine Snider @ 552-4110
Katie Sinnott @ 552-1762	Julie Little @ 567-8947
Jen Eichas @ 552-657	

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Cat Traps

There was a rumor that animal control had our neighborhood on a waiting list to trap the stray cats. It was said that after trapping the cats they would be vaccinated, fixed and released in the same place first captured. I did a little research and came up with nothing. If you have an outdoor cat, you may want to make sure your kitty is wearing its tags just to be on the safe side. If anyone has any information on the cat trapping, please give me a call at 552-4110. I have a cat myself and want to make sure he is kept safe and not trapped by accident.

MISSING CAT: We are also looking for the owners of a black and white female cat. She was found by Karen Czysz on Dec 27th in one of her trees. Karen and her family were nice enough to take the nameless cat in temporarily. It's possible the cat is pregnant. The Czyszs are going out of town on Feb 13th and will have to give the cat to a shelter by the 12th if the owner is not found. Please call Karen @ 577-6982 if you have any information or are looking to adopt.

Written by: Christine Snider

DOGS, DOGS Everywhere!

We love our furry friends and want to keep them safe. Please remember to keep them in your yard (leashed or fenced). Some of our friends have been roaming the neighborhood. This tends to cause problems for the dogs and the neighbors. Lets look at it from **the neighbors point to view**:

1. Dogs get into garbage.
2. They dig up some of our nice lawn and garden work.
3. Sometimes they leave unwanted presents in the yard where people may step on them, or even worse, a young child might think that it is a treat for him/her.
4. Some people are scared of dogs and may not be too friendly.

Now from **the dogs point of view**:

1. Oh, bow-wow, I ate too much garbage, now I have an upset stomach.
2. I just dug up this yard, that was fun, but I hope my owner doesn't get upset again with my filthy paws.
3. Boy, these strange people are scary, I wish I was home.
4. I'm lost and scared. I hope my owner finds me.

5. I am happiest being at home sweet home!

Written by: Katie Sinnott

Welcome New Neighbors:

The following have contacted the Willow Bluffs Directory wanting to add their information:

Tony & Tonya Dickerson; 6402 Bridgemont Ln.; 835-3720

Bryan & Jessica Harris; 6205 Lost Acorn Way; 567-3409;

JessRowe@AOL.Com

Steven, Mary, Tyler, & Megan Shunk; 1610 Tall Cone Cir.; 557-9826;

MFSHUNK@aol.com

Jimmy & Jeremy Wright; 3405 Norman Blalock Rd.; 618-7540;

jwright@starslectric.net

Mary, Brian, Barclay Ann, & Ellis Blankenship; 6232 Bridgemont Ln.;

577-6676

Michael, Stephanie, & Ashley Arnold; 1625 Tall Cone Cir.; 552-5528

Jay, Darlynn, & Autumn Lundi; 6205 Walnut Glen; 557-9635;

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Please copy or staple this page onto your directory so you'll have their information. We are hoping to print a new directory in late spring.

Written by: Kathryn O'Dekirk



Holiday Roots



St. Valentine's Day

A Catholic priest named Valentine was killed in Rome during the Christian persecutions. His saints' day was declared Feb. 14 after his death. Saint Valentine was apparently named the patron saint of love because of legends surrounding him. In about the fourteenth century people began celebrating St. Valentine's Day as a day for lovers. Paper valentines started around 1500. Today, many thousands of valentines are produced each year.



St. Patrick's Day

It is an Irish Holiday honoring St. Patrick, the missionary, who is said to have converted the Irish to Christianity (in the A.D. 400's). His birthplace is unknown, but is thought to be either Scotland or Roman Britain, not Ireland. He used the shamrock, which resembles a three-leaf clover, as a symbol to explain the concept of the Trinity (father, son, holy spirit).

St. Patrick's Day in America is basically an excuse to wear green and party. St. Patrick's Day's first American celebration was in Boston, Massachusetts, in 1737. Today, over 100 US cities hold St. Patrick's Day parades. New York City's being the largest. As the saying goes, on this day, "Everybody is Irish"!

Written by: Jen Eichas

More Shopping Soon

Some good news!! A new 525,000 square foot shopping center at Interstate 40 and US 70 in Garner will have some of the

nation's top retailers. These include: Kohl's, Best Buy, Dick's Sporting Goods, BJ's Wholesale Club, TJ Maxx, Linens and Things, and Home Goods. These will all be a part of White Oak Crossing, which will be developed by Core Properties. It will be completed in two years.

Rich Barta of Core Properties, who has spent five years working the project, said he should be able to name other signed tenants in six months. In all, White Oak Crossing will have more than 30 tenants, including restaurants, anchor stores and specialty shops.

Barta said that when the entire project is completed, it should rival the busy shopping scene in Cary off U.S. 64/U.S. 1. "This is to Garner what Crossroads is to Cary," he said.

Written by: Julie Little

Club Updates

Written by: Juliann Little

BOOK CLUB:

The Book Club will meet Friday, January 11th. The book of choice was Bend in the Road by North Carolina author Nicholas Sparks. If you would like to join, please contact Gay Barnes @ 557-9360.

DINNER CLUB:

A special thanks to Christine and Mark Snider for hosting the Halloween Costume Party in October. There was a little cow riding and milking out in the pasture. A few corner girls came to the party also along with their main men! A Hooter girl got off work for the night to attend! Everyone had a great time!

Also, thanks for Mark and Kathryn O'Dekirk, Anita and Steve Hitchner, Liz and Phil Lusardi, Dot and Irv Ozer, and Dan and Sue Jones for hosting the Progressive Christmas Party. The food was delicious! In all about 20 people participated. Thanks again for a great time!

If you RSVP to attend the Dinner Club for the month, please show up. We had a few people not show up for the Christmas dinner, and food was prepared based on the number that RSVP'ed. It is understandable if things come up, but if you know in advance, please call.

If you have any ideas for the next dinner club event or would like to participate, please call Julie Little at 567-8947.

MOM'S NIGHT OUT (Moms go out once a month for a break - usually to dinner)

2002 Schedule: Tuesday, Jan 15; Thursday, Feb. 21; Tuesday, March 19. Call Liz Lusardi 552-9396 for more information.

GUY'S NIGHT OUT Contact Phil Lusardi 552-9396 or Ed Sirmott 552-1764 with any suggestions for the next one. Date to be determined. (Last 3 were poker, golf & pool)

Do you enjoy going to the movies? Anyone interested in starting a Movie Club please call Stephanie Salus @ 567-2155.

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

ATTENTION BABYSITTERS: THE MARKET IS WIDE OPEN IN THIS NEIGHBORHOOD FOR EXPERIENCED, LOVING BABYSITTERS. IF YOU ARE INTERESTED, OR WANT TO REFER SOMEONE, PLEASE CONTACT LIZ LUSARDI OR CHRISTINE SNIDER.

Community Cook Book

Some members of our community have expressed an interest in developing a Cook Book. The idea is to collect as many great recipes as possible and create the Willow Bluffs Cook Book, recognizing each person who contributed. We would like to make the cookbook available for purchase by members of the community as well as others outside of Willow Bluffs. In turn, the money raised could be used for some contribution to our neighborhood and/or contributing to a charity such as The Make A Wish Foundation.

Here's what to do if you would like to participate:

1. Look through your recipes and make a copy of a recipe or recipes you are proud of and are willing to share.
2. Send the copied recipe(s) to Kathryn O'Dekirk, 5909 Quail Marsh Dr. or by email: markodekirk@mindspring.com.
3. Be sure to include your name.

It's that simple. The deadline to include your recipe is Feb. 15th. I hope we can have the project completed by Easter or by the time the next newsletter is printed so we can advertise the Willow Bluffs Cook Book. I'm looking forward to receiving some yummy recipes!!!

Classified Ads

If you are interested in placing an ad in our next issue, please contact Christine Snider (552-4110).

Daycare: Openings FT/PT available starting March 1, 2002 Contact Christine Snider at 552-4110

Paint Swap: Sunday, January 27th at 1:30 p.m. at 5909 Quail Marsh Drive.

Do you have extra paint laying around, cluttering up valuable

storage space? Are you thinking of finally painting that downstairs bathroom? If this is you, please consider joining us for our "Neighborhood Paint Swap." Bring good paint, boards, wallpaper, or supplies and swap with someone who has what you need. Of course, you may also be able to sell your paint if you don't see anything you need. The idea, however, is to save us all some money!! (you may drop paint, and intentions, off ahead of time if you have other commitments; call Kathryn at 567-3117)

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 elusardi@yahoo.com no later than March 15, 2002 (next issue will be out 1st week in April). We cannot promise that all submissions will make it into the next issue, but we will do our best to print what we can within our budget. Editors reserve the right to edit material and may refuse to print inappropriate materials. This newsletter is for Willow Bluff's residents only.

Katie's Kormer

Welcome to another addition of Katie's Kormer. I hope everyone had a wonderful Christmas and a Happy New Year! This newsletter will cover the months of January, February, and March. Here are some ideas for these months.

January

January is always a cold and chilly month, so, why don't you warm up to a nice bowl of CHILI. Try this recipe!

Chili Chicken

Ingredients:

One whole chicken cut into small cubes (boneless)

2 tablespoons Soy sauce

2 tablespoons vinegar

1 tablespoon tomato sauce

1 tablespoon chili sauce

Salt to taste

6 green chilies slit in the middle

4 big onions (chopped)

1 heaped tablespoon corn flour

2 eggs

1 teaspoon ajinamoto

Refined cooking oil

Method:

Wash the chicken pieces and dry them. Marinate the pieces with 1 tablespoon Soy sauce, 1 tablespoon vinegar, 1/2 tablespoon tomato sauce, 1/2 tablespoon chili sauce and a pinch of salt.

Beat the eggs and pour them on the chicken pieces. Add half a tablespoon corn flour and mix the whole mixture well. Allow it to stand for 2 hours.

Drain excess liquid and store in a container. Heat oil in a pan and fry the chicken pieces. Keep the fried pieces in a separate container. In the left over oil fry the green chilies and chopped onion slightly. Pour the excess liquid stored earlier. Stir continuously. Add the chicken pieces. Pour in the rest of the sauces and a pinch of salt. Mix the 1/2 tablespoon corn flour with a little of water and pour in the pan. Add the ajinamoto. Stir well and serve hot.

February

Out of ideas for a special Valentine gift for your sweetheart?

Here is an idea-- have a Gift Hunt.

Gift Hunt

This is a fun way to shower

your significant other with small tokens of love.

Leave clues on heart-shaped cards for your loved one to follow to find little gifts you've hidden around your home. Here are some ideas, or create your own.

Good Morning!

1st clue leads to - a basket of breakfast treats like muffins, homemade preserves and teas, 2nd clue leads to - a box of chocolates, 3rd clue leads to - a bouquet of flowers

Romantic Evening Out:

1st clue leads to - a bottle of perfume or cologne, 2nd clue leads to

-an elegant outfit for an evening out, 3rd clue leads to - a box of jewelry

Romantic Evening In:

1st clue leads to - a luxurious bubble bath with scented candles and relaxing music, 2nd clue leads to - sexy lingerie, 3rd clue leads to - a romantic dinner setting

March

You don't have to be Irish to enjoy the spirit of this day.

Although, it does help if you look good in green, believe in wee-folk and enjoy a bit of corned beef and cabbage.

Begin your celebration by building a Leprechaun trap.

This is a great tradition to start with the kids. Start with a box, some glitter, pipe cleaners, markers, tape etc. The kids love creating the trap design simple or complex (a trap door or net).

Everyone knows that leprechauns are quick and crafty... So you'll have to lure them in with bait, piece of gold (chocolate coin or rock spray painted gold), a penny or a 4 leaf clover.

Even Lucky Charms cereal. Leave your trap out the night before St. Patty's Day and in the morning' see what's occurred.

You may never actually catch the leprechauns, but they always leave little green foot prints and some chocolate coins, or special treats, behind.

Horoscope




Capricorn: Be careful what you wish for, you may end up putting your money where your mouth is. Try not to ignore your gut instinct over the next few months. Your emotions are probably going to be pulling you in many different directions the week of the 21st. Stay strong and stick with your original plan. Avoid all easy streets when it comes to your career. Do things right and double check, someone's watching.

Aquarius: This is the perfect time to meet new friends. You'll find it's easy to come out of your shell once you put the effort into making a connection. Maybe a new haircut or outfit will help motivate your re-birth for the new year. Stay focused on being true to yourself and come out from the shadows. It's brighter out here.

Pisces: This is a good time to sit down and reassess your other self. You may want to take another look at your long-term goals. You may find only a few adjustments need to be made to your future plans. The tricky part is how you plan to achieve them. It may seem like you're on the right track, but it can't hurt to double check finances.

Written by: Christine Snider

Winter Picks

 Restaurant	 Movie	 Video
<p>Barry's Cafe</p> <p>It is a diner type restaurant located on the corner of Tryon and Holly Spring's Rd. You can get a booth or sit on a stool at the counter. The food is terrific. They're famous for their Mama and the Papa burgers. At the end of your meal for just 25 cents, you can get a freshly baked cookie right out of the oven. The atmosphere is a lot of fun. The establishment is decorated with fireman equipment, uniforms etc. Though Barry the owner started this restaurant to honor our hero's way before Sept. 11 it has become special to so many that have walked through the doors since. Take the whole family to dinner tonight to Barry's Café! They'll love it.</p>	<p>Ocean's Eleven</p> <p><i>Starring: George Clooney, Brad Pitt, Julia Roberts & Matt Damon</i></p> <p>With this many stars in one movie who could ask for anything more. It lives up to all the big names in the credits. It is fast paced with lots of action and laughs. The onscreen relationship between Brad Pitt and George Clooney is amazing. I hope these two pair up again for the big screen. I have never seen the original with the Rat Pack but it makes me want to go out and rent it. Ocean's Eleven is a must see!</p>	<p>Pearl Harbor</p> <p><i>Starring: Ben Affleck</i></p> <p>If you missed this one on the big screen like I did go out and rent it tonight. With all that is going on in our country today there is no better time to watch this movie. There is something for everyone in this movie. It is a love story that is filled with action, history and patriotism.</p>

Written by: Jen Eichas