



The Willow Bluffian

News From the Board

It's time to start thinking about our Willow Bluffs Homeowner's Board elections. The Board would like the election process to take place in December of this year. This will allow for overlapping, and the new board can get comfortable before they take over on April 1, 2004. The current Board will be responsible for collecting next year's homeowner's dues in mid February. Our Board currently consists of 5 elected members and 1 volunteer:

Phase I	<u>Keith Bridgers</u>	<i>retiring</i>	Architectural
Phase I	<u>Leslie Hatcher</u>	<i>staying</i>	Maintenance
Phase II	<u>Mark O'Dekirk</u>	<i>retiring</i>	Liens
Phase III	<u>Joe Honeycutt</u>	<i>staying</i>	Accounting
Phase III	<u>Melissa McCardle</u>	<i>retiring</i>	Socials
Volunteer	Kathryn O'Dekirk		



This board has served 2 consecutive terms.

Phase IV will need 2 representatives, as well. If you are interested in running for the board please send a letter of intent to PO Box 603, Willow Springs, 27592, or you may email any of the current Board members. Please enter your name by November 15. This Board has done an excellent job this year of collecting dues (29 properties are delinquent) and maintaining a strict budget. The Board wants to save money now so it can think about investing our resources into bigger projects later. This Board has also placed liens on properties for the first time to ensure money isn't wasted needlessly on unkept or abandoned properties. The Board has also worked hard to keep you informed by frequently updating its website and continuing the publication of this newsletter.





The Board keeps us updated by posting important information on its website (courtesy of Joe Honeycutt). Here's what you'll find at www.willowbluffs.com:

Neighborhood Directory: check to see if your information is correct. Also, use the corrections link to let us know if your neighbors have moved. The Directory is password protected. Please contact a Board member if you forgot the password. You'll also find up to date **News & Announcements**, Mom's Night Out Schedule, pictures from the Neighborhood party, and Board contact information. Here's what's to come: a "concerns" link and a neighborhood classifieds. We would also like to post any services or home businesses you may have to offer. Many of us would prefer to give our business to you! Do you sell Avon, Mary Kay, Pampered Chef, or Discovery Toys, etc.? Please contact markodekirk@mindspring.com The Board understands that not all neighbors have computers, so it will continue to keep you posted by fliers, the newsletter, and signs.

Club/Events Contacts

Mom's Night Out: Teresa Adams 577-9094

(Every third Thursday at 7:00pm)

**October 16; Texas Steakhouse, Garner

**November 20, China Garden, Garner

**There will not be a Mom's Night in Dec.

Toddler Playgroup: Dar Lundi 557-9635

(2-3yrs.) Meets every other Friday. Contact Dar for a calendar.

Book Club: Gay Barnes 557-9630

Fall Festival Committee:

Cheryl McCarty (taking RSVP's) 552-7620

Teresa Adams 577-9094

Kathryn O'Dekirk 567-5388

**please contact a board member if you are interested in organizing a club and would like to advertise in the newsletter or website.

Hurricane Isabel

"Well, at least we didn't

lose power for long," is what a lot of neighbors have been thankful for.

Trees were toppled along the wooded areas of Bridgemont and Middle Ridge.

Most properties were spared from damage. Many yards were littered with garbage, leaves, and small tree limbs.

Homes that were effected the most by the wind alone were located on Quail Marsh and Tall Cane. Some lost siding and shutters while others had water stains on their walls and ceilings.



Here are some things your WBHOA is working on:

- * a spotlight for the entry way signs
- * seasonal flowers at the front entry
- * holiday garland at the entry ways
- * a "no soliciting" sign
- * neighborhood tee-shirts
- * a collection agency for unpaid dues

Feel free to contact your phase Board member if you have some ideas to share. They love to hear from folks who care about the neighborhood!



Quick Answers to Commonly Asked Questions:

1. Is there going to be a pool or playground? *No, there have never been definitive plans for either of these. There is no space. However, the Board may elect to do more with the common area located off the Lost Acorn cul-de-sac.*
2. Why didn't our driveways get paved? *So our houses could be sold for less. All the other Don White neighborhoods have paved driveways, however, the comparable houses are more expensive. If you're thinking of paving your driveway, check out the Neighbor's Recommending section on the next page!*
3. Why are "they" allowed to have a chain-length fence? *Some phases have slightly different covenants. Check with the Architectural Committee before constructing your fence. Keith is often flexible as long as your fence is done in good taste.*
4. Do I need permission to build onto my deck? *Yes. Contact the Architectural Committee. You may also need a Wake County building permit (890-3450).*
5. What if I refuse to pay my dues? *First, the Board will turn over all unpaid accounts to a collection agency. Second, the Board may place a lien against your home. Third, you cannot participate in neighborhood events or elections. Fourth, not paying your dues hurts our neighborhood as the Board does and will use the funds for improvements.*
6. What is a lien? *It is a judgement against your property that must be paid before you can sell your home, refinance, or borrow against your home. A lien is also public record.*
7. When will construction be complete in our neighborhood? *This is uncertain for now. Phase 4 is expected to be completed this year. Expect at least another full year of construction. Phase 5 is the last one. There are 289 lots total!! You can drive out into phase 5 (Middle Ridge) now. Phase 5 will also extend to the right of Middle Ridge toward the creek.*
8. What kind of grass do I have? *Bermuda was planted in all the yards. You probably have crab grass and weeds too. If you're interested in a lawn service, check out the Neighbors Recommending section on the next page.*
9. Who pays for our street lights? *The whole neighborhood shares in paying for our street lights. The bill is equally divided among all the properties.*

10. What does my WBHOA dues pay for? *Liability Insurance, mowing and maintaining entry ways, & events. Please see the report attached at the end of the newsletter. **The Board Sponsored Events are: Neighborhood Party, 1st weekend in May; Neighborhood Yard Sale, last weekend in Sept.; Fall Parade/Festival, Sat. before Halloween.***

The board hopes this question/answer section has been informative. Please send your questions to your phase Board member, and we will print them in the next newsletter scheduled for distribution on April 1, 2004.

Your Neighbors Recommend the Following:



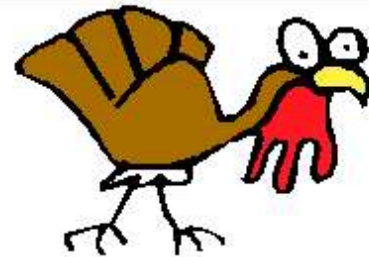
Asphalt Driveways: Community Paving
919-872-7090 They have, hands down, the best
rate in town. They will also condition your
drive.

Power Washing: Leslie Hatcher 919-557-0366
Support your neighborhood power washer!
He's great and has flexible hours. He came by
our house after 5:00pm. Referred by Kathryn
O'Dekirk

Yard Mowing/ Weeding: Prolawn 919-577-8155
They are very thorough and take time to
answer every question. The WBHOA uses
them.

Carpets: Garner Carpet 662-0394
They're not the cheapest, but call them if you
want it done right with great customer service.
Referred by Dar Lundi

Dogsitting: contact Nancy Carlson
www.crittersitterpetcare.com, She spends
quality time with the pets and charges a
reasonable rate. Referred by Dar Lundi.



Reminder: Please send your
concerns in writing to PO Box
603, Willow Springs, 27592.
The Board checks it often.
Some Board members have
received complaints at home
via phone. Board members
eat dinner and have families
too, so do not disturb them at
home. Emails are okay as
long as the complaints are
made respectfully. You'll get
more prompt cooperation if
you're nice.

Who do I Complain to???

DOT (477-2914) : pot holes, ditch/drainage problems

SPCA (772-3203): stray animals, animal abuse

POLICE (554-6150): loud neighbors, vandalism, basketball goals in the road, strangers loitering

PROGRESS ENERGY (508-5400): extinguished street light or broken globe, leaning light poles, buzzing noises

FOREST BALL (772-0170): any complaints from or about phase 4 and future phase 5 (until Jan.)

YOUR PHASE REPRESENTATIVE (by letter or email): unmowed yards, debris, equipment or cars parked on the street, abandoned homes, any covenant issues....



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Classifieds:

Tutor Available Exclusively for Willow Bluffs Residents!!

Who: Shelley Miller, High School Science Teacher and Willow Bluffs Resident

What: Tutoring for all subjects K-8, High School Chemistry, Environmental Science, Study Skills

When: Evenings or Weekends, Flexible Schedule

Where: Your House or Mine

Cost: \$35.00/hour

Contact Info: Shelley Miller (919) 557-5719 home



If you would like to submit a classified ad or an article to the WBHOA Newsletter

4th Annual Neighborhood Costume Parade/Fall Festival

Saturday, Oct. 25th

(rain date 10/26)



Please join us for the Willow Bluffs parade and festival this year!!

The parade will begin at Bridgemont and Tall Cane at 4:00pm. The **F-V Fire Department** will lead the way as we parade down Bridgemont, turn onto Middle Ridge and end at the Lost Acorn cul-de-sac in front of the common area for lots of fun.

We need volunteers to donate yummy sweets and snacks. We also need drinks, ice & tables. The WBHOA will provide the entertainment, prizes, decorations, paper products, and pizza for dinner!! We'll begin setting up around 11:00am on Sat. if you would like to help.

RSVP by Oct. 15th to Cheryl McCarty (552-7620).

Teresa Adams (577-9094) & Kathryn O'Dekirk (567-5388) are also helping.

SEE YOU THERE!!

History & Philosophy of this event:

A group of 3 volunteers organized the first parade/festival because we felt there needed to be a social event for kids in the neighborhood. The WBHOA has continued the tradition because one of its goals is to provide opportunities for neighbors to meet new people and to develop social networks. The Board wants people to feel proud to live here! The Board supports the need for a "family friendly" community!

The F-V Fire Dept. have participated each year. They do not accept financial donations. If you would like to bake some goodies or make a gift to thank them, please contact Teresa or Kathryn.

