

Willow-News

Willowmere Community Newsletter

Happy Holidays

From the Board of Directors

Thank you to all the residents who participated with donations for the two needy families we supported this year for the holidays. With the funds collected, we were able to provide clothing, toys, and grocery store gift cards for two families in our area. Your kindness will help brighten their holidays. The Board of Directors wishes you and your families a safe and happy holiday and a bright new year.

Landscape Maintenance & Sustainability

In maintaining our lawns and open areas, we make a concerted effort to be sustainable and cost effective. Our contractor mows over leaves several times each fall in many areas to naturally mulch the lawn. We also collect leaves which are recycled at a composting center rather than in a landfill. We have a contractor fertilize and apply control weeds with time release products that are environmentally responsible. There are no pesticides in the products used here. Once these products dry, they are considered pet safe; the contractor suggests waiting 24 hours for all areas to dry. DiCenso has a planned clean-up in progress this week which will be completed by December 25.

DiCenso Landscaping will also be checking the in-ground stakes that protect our property. These stakes are strategically placed throughout the community, so that when snow plowing is needed, our property is protected from damage. Unfortunately, we have discovered the stakes are regularly being pulled out of the ground and thrown into other areas within our property. **Please do not pull the stakes out of the ground.** If you see someone doing this, please ask them not to remove the stakes, and/or contact CPM.



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From the Board

Safety & Parking Reminders

Although it's been said, many times, many ways.....Willowmere has very limited parking for homeowners and visitors. Now and especially during this holiday season when we may have more visitors than usual, please ensure you are following our requirements, so that everyone can enjoy their visit to our community.

- Residents – do not park in guest spaces. Please be courteous to your neighbors and park in your garage, or in your assigned parking space. If you see continued misuse of guest spaces, please notify a Board member, or CPM.
- No vehicle may be parked in such a way as to obstruct fire lanes, mailboxes, garages, and passage of emergency vehicles.
- Willowmere streets are designated as fire lanes and **curb parking is prohibited**. This has been a long-term issue particularly on Willowmere Lane, between the 100 and 300 homes. This area is tight for delivery trucks to safely pass through.
- If you are having a party, or have a long-term guest visiting, plan ahead. Please instruct your guests to use Willow Avenue, or Rose Valley Way above or below the bridge, only on the north side, facing out of the property (toward Willow).
- If you have a contractor performing work at your home, please ensure they park their vehicles accordingly and try to avoid work on Mondays, as this is our trash pick up day, and the trucks need to maneuver in tight spaces.

2025 HOA Dues Update

A late fee of \$100 will be assessed for payments received after the 15th of the month of each quarter. Remember that you can make payments on the website, www.willowmerepa.org, using the Pay My Association Fees button in the top right corner of the home page, if desired.



Seasonal Notes

Please dispose of any remaining pumpkins with your trash pick-up. Please do not throw them behind the garages, or over the bank into the woods. We appreciate your support.

Christmas Tree Pick Ups: Trees can be placed out on the regular trash day (Mondays), beginning January 6, 2025. Trees over 8' should be cut in half. All lights, tinsel, ornaments, stands and plastic wrap must be removed. It may take several pickups to remove trees due to space limitations on the truck since household trash is the priority. We recommend placing the trees in one area per street to make it easier for collection, not blocking garages. This information will also be posted on our website.

Holiday Light Recycling: Frustrated when your holiday lights do not light, or half the string fails? For the sixth year, local businesses and municipalities are partnering with Regrowth Integrative Acupuncture to keep broken lights out of landfills by recycling. A local collection bin is available for lights (by PAR Recycle Works) through January 12th at Ambler Borough Hall, 131 Rosemary Avenue (containers inside)

Social News

Please join us for the following upcoming events. If you have questions, or ideas for future events, contact **Ellen Brown, 215.872.8451**. Suggestions & ideas always welcomed!

Book Club January 20 at 6:30 p.m. The selection is *The Frozen River* by Ariel Lawhon, meeting at 1600 Clair Martin Place. All are welcome! Future book club dates:

- Feb 17- *The Bookwoman of Troublesome Creek*, by Kim Michele Richardson, 703 Willowmere Ln
- March 17 - *James* by Percival Everett, 500 Willowmere Ln
- April 21 - Selection TBD, 1602 Clair Martin
- May, Date TBD, *Small Great Things* by Jodi Picoult, 1603 Clair Martin

Thank You Mary & Alden Zove for a wonderful open house in November. Everyone enjoyed your hospitality! **And Thank You to Kristen McElroy** for hosting the "Wrap Party" where we gift wrapped presents for two needy families. The presents are out for delivery, and we all enjoyed making spirits bright. Photos of the event are below.

Holiday Events:

- **Cookies & Caroling December 22 at 3:00 p.m.** at the Bridge. Sing along with us and spread good cheer. Bring cookies or snacks and we will serve hot cocoa by the fire pit.

Future Events: We are working on Happy Hour and Dining events for the new year. More details to follow. Watch for flyers in your mailbox in the New Year.



Season's Greetings to All!

