

Willow-News

Willowmere Community Newsletter

Autumn Awakens

From the Board of Directors

2026 Budget Meeting – Save the date

Our 2026 HOA budget meeting is scheduled for **November 10, 2025** at 6:00 p.m. and will be held again this year by ZOOM conference. The 2026 budget along with detailed analysis will be sent via U.S. mail to each resident in advance of the meeting, along with log-in instructions for the call.

The Willowmere website is now updated.

Username: Willowmere263 Password: RoseValley19002

On the website you can find the presentation from our Election meeting last summer, along with past copies of the newsletters, rules & regulations, and the form needed for exterior projects requiring prior approval. There is also an updated contractor listing available on the site. If you have questions about the website, please contact CPM, c.oliveira@cpm975.com

Reminder - Slow down – Be safe!

We have received numerous complaints incidents compromising safety in our community. Please observe the speed limit, 15 mph, through Willowmere, and ensure your guests and contractors are aware of this precaution. Children at play, residents walking with pets, and the increase in deer population within our community all require your undivided attention while operating your vehicles. Please also use caution and good judgement when parking your vehicles so that they do not block visibility, especially near entrances and exits within our neighborhood. Residents are responsible for ensuring contractors and guests observe our rules and regulations. We thank you in advance for helping to keep our community safe.



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Landscape / Watershed Notes

From Rick Collier

As shared in the past, twice a year we review our tree conditions with Board members and an arborist. Much of our landscape and woodlands is old (dating back to the development over 45 years). In addition, our region has experienced tree disease outbreaks. That includes Beech Leaf Disease and Emerald Ash Borers killing Ash trees. What you may not have seen recently is the work of a contractor (Plant Health Solutions) to treat and hopefully save from leaf disease 10 Beech trees in our community. The treatment was researched, and the one chosen was soil and trunk injections. A second treatment next year may be needed based on tree conditions in next growing season. Beech trees are an important species adding to our tree diversity and aesthetic landscape.

We have been forced to remove large, mature Ash trees on a regular basis. The focus and priority for removal and pruning is always on safety. Trees in decline, diseased, or dead are removed or pruned where they pose a risk to walkers, buildings, and parked vehicles. The recent activity by McCreesh Tree Service was to implement a scope developed with them for the fall. By the way, the woodchips from that work will be recycled on the woodland trail in the next few weeks.

Volunteers Needed! With the extreme heat and lack of rain through the summer and fall season, we need your help to water the newly planted shrubs, trees, and turf in common areas. If you can assist, we greatly appreciate it for as they say, "it takes a village!"

We have purchased two 150-foot hose and sprinkler sets, graciously housed by Charlette Zehender - 902 Quinard Court, and Cathy Belknap - 1701 Clair Martin Place, which can be borrowed as needed.

A reel hose with water hook up exists at the end of Rose Valley Way between the two garage structures. There is also a water source near the 700 Willowmere Lane residence. Your support is appreciated.



Mini Library Donations Request

Our mini-library box is now under construction by Chris Davies. The box will be located on the circle of Rose Valley Way, once completed. We expect to have it installed and ready for use by the Thanksgiving holiday.

The box is in memory of Ellen Garvin Brown. Ellen was dedicated to life-long learning and improving our community. We are raising funds toward a goal of \$1,500 to pay for the structure. To make a donation or pledge, please contact one of the following neighbors **before November 15, 2025.**

- Jane Manca, 1603 Clair Martin
- Jo Greenawalt, 1503 Clair Martin
- Regina Caffarella, 501 Willowmere Lane
- Any Board Member

All donations are greatly appreciated.

The free library allows residents of all ages to take a book, leave a book or both, on an honor system for sharing within our community. A fitting tribute to Ellen's kindness and dedication, keeping her memory alive at Willowmere.



Social News

Please join us for the following upcoming events. If you have questions, ideas for future events, or would like to volunteer to help with social activities in the community, please contact Jane Manca 267.496.1108, Toni Ryan, 484.844.3022, or a Board Member. Suggestions & ideas always encouraged.

Book Club All are welcome! Book club starts at 6:30 p.m. on the dates below:

- October 27 - Diamond Eye by Kate Quinn, 500 Willowmere Lane
- November 17 - The Lion Women of Tehran by Marjan Kumali, 1602 Clair Martin Place
- December TBD - Long Bright River by Liz Moore, location TBD

New! Trick or Treat Plan- Friday, October 31, 2025. Trick or Treaters should meet in the circle on Rose Valley Way, at 5:00 p.m. We are hoping to get a group photo of the kids of Willowmere at that time. Participating is completely optional. Here's how it will work. We will be offering a decoration to place on your front gate should you want visitors on Halloween evening. Look for the decoration in plastic bags in your mailbox the week of 10/27. If participating, we encourage you to have candy/treats ready near your gate both for timing and privacy. For additional information reach out to Toni Ryan, 484.844.3022, tmryan11@gmail.com and look for flyers in your mailbox.



Willowfest - November 1, 2025, 1:00 p.m. - Join us for Willowfest by the bridge (rain date November 2, 2025). We will supply cider, wine, and beer, along with Wassail. And of course, treat bags for the kids! Bring a snack or appetizer, and enjoy the camaraderie by the fire pit for marshmallow roasting! Come in costume if you dare! Contact Jane Manca, janman5678@comcast.net 267.496.1108, Toni Ryan, tmryan11@gmail.com 484.844.3022 or William Banton, wlbanton28@gmail.com 215.680.4388 if you are interested in helping to plan this event.

Daffodil Days! November 15, 2025 8:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. This year we are looking for volunteers to help plant daffodil bulbs in select common areas within the community. We will supply the bulbs and guidance as needed. Sign up in advance, by contacting Jane Manca 267.496.1108, janman5678@comcast.net. We will assign a location for planting. We look forward to the spring when we are rewarded with beautiful blooms!

The Ice Cream Social was a delicious success, thanks for coming out! We hope to have the Sweetbriar Ice Cream Cart team visit us again next year! An enjoyable time was had by all.

