



Willow Springs Watch

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Notes from the October Board Meeting

The regular October board meeting, conducted by board secretary Michael James, was well attended by homeowners on Thursday, Oct. 4.

- John Prisco has agreed to oversee our common grounds and the lake area. He said he plans to mulch the mail center, and that the irrigation will be corrected in that area soon.
- Mike Bell is returning to serve on the board and will be the ARC chairman.
- The treasurer's report indicated no unusual expenses and all is going as expected.
- All ARC requests were approved
- Insurance for the coming year will continue with the recommendation from 2018.
- Gerald Skinner reported that Dave, our irrigation technician, is working on lining up the zones in such a way that the pumping time is less. The hope is that the pump will last longer.
- Board secretary Michael James reported that starting Oct. 1 the mowing schedule will be different. This date is the magical time that the rainy season is officially over. That means that the lawns will be mowed every other week. Right now we could probably bale the grass in our yards. Michael reported contacting the mowers to attempt to get an extra mowing sooner and they were booked up. Oct.19 chemicals will be applied in a granular and spot spraying form on our lawns.



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- Larry Swain will be in contact with the paint contractor to turn in the list of damages that were reported by individual homeowners.
- Roof cleaning is scheduled for 2019.
- A project, which will be covered by funds in the budget, is the plantings on the berm. A committee has been researching the best plants and finding the best price for specific areas of the berm that need re-plantings. The bid for about \$14,000 from Hazeltine Nurseries will remove all plantings and they will plant 7- gallon container size Shefflera plants.
- An important committee has been formed for our neighborhood. It is called, Envision. The chairman is Tom Vick and the group is tasked to look at improvements to revitalize our neighborhood. Some of the things that might be considered for sprucing up our neighborhood include new street lights, new plantings around our signage, as well as new signage. The sky is the limit for creative ideas. It was suggested that contacting Tom with your ideas would be a big step forward.

The next board meeting will be at 10 a.m. Nov. 1 at the clubhouse. All homeowners are encouraged to attend.

Celless Beck
Staff Writer



Report from the Master Association Board Meeting

The Master Association board had its first meeting since the summer break.

The following is a brief summary:

- We had a change of banking system on July 31 to Centennial Premier Community Bank. Individuals can now pay their quarterly bills directly and automatically.
- We are now in facility compliance by installing a urinal in the men's shower room. We have replaced the hot water heater, improved surveillance cameras and fixed a leak on the roof in the fitness room.
- Since the game room is used a lot, the board is considering increasing the size and replacing the old carpeting.
- We have a new six-member covenant review committee under Diane Bonnie, the chairperson.
- Our representative for the grounds and lakes reported another successful tilapia fish harvest. Our 27-year-old lakes are presently being reviewed for the purpose of clean-up and maintenance. The county will allow \$10,000 towards clean-up costs for each lake.

Gary D. Beck,
Master Association Representative



Use Boxes at Mail Center

There are three boxes at the mail center, Architectural, Lawns and Irrigation. Please use them to submit your Architectural request forms for approval, your comments or ideas regarding the lawn care, and your repair needs for irrigation. Board members and/or committee chairmen check those boxes daily.

Michaele James

Secretary, Willow Springs Board of Directors

Halloween Theme for October Ladies Luncheon

The October Willow Springs Ladies Luncheon will be held at noon Wednesday, Oct. 24, at Abby's on Miami, 220 W. Miami Ave., on the island of Venice. In keeping with the Halloween spirit, you are encouraged (but not required) to wear something orange and/or black.

Respond by Monday, Oct. 22, to Sandy Buxton, at sandybeach110@verizon.net or 410-544-0431.



Rainy Season Ends; Mowing Schedule Changes

Starting Oct. 1, the "Rainy Season" is officially over. With that comes the change in our mowing schedule.

From Oct. 1 through March 31 our lawns will be mowed every other week.

Michaele James

Secretary, Willow Springs Board of Directors

Keep Your E-Mail Address Current

Homeowners are reminded that if they change their e-mail address, they should notify the editor at phylhammer@gmail.com or by calling 492-3632. Thanks for your help.



Sign Up Now for Yard Sale in December

Don't forget! The Willow Springs yard sale is scheduled for Dec. 1.

You may sign up by contacting Susan Prisco or Irene Warman. They will need your name, contact number, and answers to the following questions:

- Do you need help with transporting?
- Do you need a truck?
- Would you be willing to donate unsold items?
- Are you interested in a table?

Contact Susan at (908) 418-7267 or susanprisco2@gmail.com or Irene at (508) 618-4375 or warman.ed@gmail.com

From the editor



Phyllis Hammer

The other morning when I was going out to get my newspaper, a little bunny was sitting in the middle of my driveway. It was still dark (and yes, I'm usually an early riser), but the glow from the streetlight clearly illuminated him or her. The bunny was gazing steadily across the street and appeared not to be aware of me. I kept very still as I reached down for my newspaper. He (or she) was still there when I got back to my front door.

Now in the grand scheme of things, that wasn't so remarkable. Why I think of this with such pleasure is because it's been a long time since I've seen bunnies in the driveway (or anywhere else in my yard). When I first moved to Willow Springs I saw them frequently. And then suddenly they weren't there anymore. I wondered about it until I heard about the bobcat that was living somewhere in the vicinity. I don't know why the bunny was there and I don't know if the bobcat is still a threatening presence. But if bunnies can come back from things that threaten them, maybe there's hope for all of us.

Until Next Time...

