

Willow Warbler

The Willow Shade Homeowners' Association Newsletter

Spring 2019



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Next Board Meeting

The next meeting of the Board of Directors is scheduled to be held on Thursday, June 6, 2019 at 183 Duke Street in the community, beginning at 7:00 P.M. As usual, all homeowners are welcome to attend.



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Maintaining Homes and Properties - Spring Touch-up

The recent snow and wind storms had taken us back to winter for a while, but spring seems to be returning. In order to spruce up the neighborhood, now is a great time to do needed painting of any faded or peeling items on your home or property, including doors, shutters, ornamental woodwork above windows, or posts of lights in front of homes. If you are painting items in the same color as they are currently painted, approval of the work is not required. However, a change in color requires approval through the submission of an Architectural Approval Form. Should you be contemplating a change in a color, submitting a Form now will enable you to get it processed, and be all ready to proceed with your project, when the anticipated more favorable weather arrives.

An inspection of the exteriors of the homes and of the properties will be conducted in the latter part of April or in early May. If homeowners take a look at their homes and properties, and address any issues they see, they will avoid receiving notification about work that needs to be done!

Keeping the Community Clean

Unfortunately, residents may not always be watchful, to see that papers or other trash do not escape from their containers, and get scattered around the neighborhood. If trash gets loose from your containers, please chase it if necessary, and pick it up.

Another problem concerning cleanliness in the community is the lack of removal of pet waste by residents who do not clean up after their pets. Any waste which is left by pets must be removed and disposed of properly, no matter where it has been left. Waste which is not removed, is not only unsightly and smelly, it can become a health hazard.

Show consideration for the other residents in the community, by keeping it clean, in order to have Willow Shade continue to be a pleasant place in which to live!

Neighborhood Clean-up Day

Residents are asked to not only keep the neighborhood clean on an individual basis, but also to participate in the annual clean-up day, which has been scheduled to be held this year on Saturday, April 27, 2019 beginning at 10:00 A.M. In case of rain, it will be held on Saturday, May 4, 2019. Activities will include picking up trash and debris in the community, and in and around the pond. Those residents who are able to participate should meet at the pond at the stated time. Please bring a trash bag. Also, it's a good idea to bring gloves to wear. The more people who come, the less time it takes, so come to lend a hand, even if you can only do so for an hour. Snacks will be available at the gazebo at 12:30 P.M.

Lawn Care in Willow Shade

There have been a few warm days recently, and it won't be long before the lawns will need attention. The contractor who is providing grounds maintenance services to the Association will be distributing letters to residents shortly, to ask if the application of a "weed and feed" treatment is wanted on the property. Be sure to reply to this question, so the treatment can be put down in the proper locations.

It should be noted that if lawns are fertilized, whether by the contractor or by residents, the grass will grow more quickly. The grass may look like the contractor has not come to cut it, when in fact, it was cut, but has grown up again.

And if you want to have the grass in your rear yard cut, and you have a fence around it, be sure to leave the gate unlocked when it is planned that the grass will be cut - the grass cannot be cut if the crew cannot get to it!

Homeowner Joins Board of Directors

Following the Annual Meeting held in December, a seat on the Board of Directors had remained open, as no other homeowners had volunteered to join the Board. Homeowner Jean Jenkins recently determined that she could take this seat, and so volunteered to join the Board. She was appointed to the open seat by the other Board members, at their last meeting, which was held on March 7th. The Association would like to thank her for joining the Board, and assisting in, in this important capacity.