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A letter from the Board of Directors

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Hello Fellow Residents,

We hope you are excited about some of the recent changes and new events coming to our neighborhood. With the help of our newly structured board, we have started to make significant changes for our subdivision. Our goal is to bring our community together and provide family activities and events while offering superior services to our members. We welcome all residents to join us for our board meetings; we need and appreciate your input. Locations and times for meetings can be obtained from our website. The 2009 Board of Directors meetings will be held on the 2nd Tuesday of each month, but are subject to change. Let us take a moment to highlight some of these recent accomplishments and upcoming events.

Return of the Association Family Picnic- We had a lot of great feed back from the residents that did attend. If you weren't able to attend this year visit our website and view the picnic report. Many of the children in the neighborhood enjoyed games and even a bike decorating contest. We hope to make next year's picnic even better and hope to see more residents join in. Thank you to all who volunteered.

2008 Flower and Beautification Contest- This idea was a way to have residents look at each other's properties in a positive way. All homes were automatically entered and the board selected the top 5 finalists, from which the top 3 were selected from votes by the residents at the Picnic. Prizes were awarded for first, second and third place.

2008 Holiday Light Contest- New for this year and all homes are automatically entered. Just have your light display ready for judging on **Saturday December 20th at 7pm.** Judging will be done by the board members between 7-9 pm. Prizes will be awarded for the top three; a list of winners can be viewed from our website. The board is seeking donations from local business to fund all or part of this project.

2009 Summer Movie Night in the Park- Coming next summer we will host free family movie nights at Cotton Hollow Park, located off Willow Creek & Devon. A different family movie will be shown each month during June, July and August. More details to follow at a later date.

Canton Music Festival- Our subdivision is on the waiting list to host a night of music. These are smaller events that Canton Township organizes in the local neighborhood parks. Hopefully we will be able to bring this event to our subdivision next summer.

Purchase of Message Display Boards- Many of our residents said they had never seen so much traffic for our annual sub-wide garage sale before. These new signs are also a great way to let residents know what is going on in the subdivision and also to highlight upcoming events.

Reduction in Annual Insurance Premiums- By exploring other options for our Association insurance we were able to reduce our annual premium by \$ 709.00 while increasing our coverage.

Park and Entrance Cleanup 2008- Thanks to the residents who volunteered their time we were able to update our Ford Rd, Warren Rd and Lilley Rd entrances as well as completing a good clean up of our parks. Additional work will continue in the Spring 2009 including performing safety issue related maintenance of our Association owned playground equipment.

Improvements to our Website- www.willowhomesassociation.com

With the great talent of Eric Zadorecky and the generous donation of his time, our website has been completely updated and improved. Minutes from our Board Meetings, Association By-laws, Frequently Asked Questions, Up Coming Projects & Events can now all be viewed from our website. If you are a member of our association you can even list your business on the site for free. Residents wishing to discuss topics with other residents in the neighborhood or who want to post something for all residents to read, try using the new WHA forum page on the website.

Director Vacancies filled- John Anthony resigned in November due to his new position as Canton Trustee, we wish him the best of luck. His seat was filled by our current webmaster; Eric Zadorecky. An additional vacancy by Jerry Pfile was filled by Linda Barnett.

News and Other Requests

Snow removable- To help out with the removal of snow from our streets, please move your vehicles off the street until the contractor has come through to plow.

Addendum needed to By-laws- Our current By-Laws were written in the 1970's and need a few updates. Please take a moment to review the suggested changes. The By-Laws require 75% approval from the membership before any changes can be made. See details of the proxy vote card which is enclosed. Please send this proxy vote card back with your 2009 Assessment (Dues) payment.

Best Wishes for a Happy Holiday Season,

Willow Homes Association Board of Directors