



# WILLOWBROOK COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION

NEWSLETTER  
W I N T E R  
2022

The Willowbrook Community Association's purpose is to maintain and enforce building restrictions imposed upon the property within the subdivision in which members reside to aid in maintaining the character of the neighborhood to promote the social, educational and general welfare of all members to afford a means for collective action in community projects.

## WCA BOARD MEMBERS

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### NEVER TOO LATE . . .

If you have not yet paid your 2021/2022 dues please take a moment to do so. A bright neon pink invoice was mailed to all Willowbrook homeowners in September. If you did not receive one, please contact our Treasurer, Melissa Gallagher.

Dues are \$15.00 per year.

WCA GENERAL MEETING  
THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 10 -- 7:00 P.M  
ZOOM MEETING

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88475754519>

Meeting ID: 884 7575 4519

*Happy New Year Willowbrook Community Residents!*

*Hope everyone had a great holiday and wish everyone a happy, healthy, and successful new year.*

*Due to the rise in Covid cases recently, the board has decided to hold this February's meeting virtually. We are hopeful that later this year conditions will improve such that we can continue in person meetings.*

*With that being said, we are inviting you to join us at our next general meeting which will be held on Zoom (details to follow in this newsletter). The board has been working hard on several initiatives, one of them being the revision of the Willowbrook Community Constitution. Due to the pandemic, we put this project on pause, but now we have picked it back up and are ready to present our proposed changes. We hope you can attend and provide your input to these changes as we hope to have a vote on these proposals at our September 2022 meeting.*

*We are also working on other initiatives which would include a weekly/monthly food truck visit, beautification of the rest of the islands in the community, and the continuation of events such as the Community Garage Sale (just to name a few).*

*Hope everyone has a great rest of the winter and look forward to seeing everyone at the meeting in February.*

*Ryan Gabrielli (President)*

## Community Beautification Update

As the days this past fall, began to get cooler and many of us retreated into our warm homes, progress continued outside for the beautification of our neighborhood. Three native trees were planted in our community areas!

Border Hill now has a white spruce that is in the place of the previous overgrowth of trees and weeds. On W Le Bost, a white oak stands in the spot once home to a storm damaged and increasingly invasive Bradford pear. At the community area by Malott, a white oak now graces the apex of the island. We are thankful to have had the input of the City of Novi when picking these trees. Multiple departments within the city helped merge our goals for esthetics, responsibility towards the ecosystem, and appropriateness with regards to the adjacent roads and to city regulations.

This spring, we aim to install the benches and finalize the subdivision 1 gardens. Our initial goal was to have the benches this past fall, but a raw material shortage delayed the manufacturer on our order. Recently, we have encountered more obstacles, but we know the results will be worth the effort.

Our main focus of 2022 is evaluating and potentially improving the islands of Coral Lane, Millstream, and Willow Court. Last year, we received input with the "Subdivision 1: Community Area Improvements Survey". Earlier this month, members of the Beautification Committee also went door-to-door around those islands to better know the neighbors and their goals. (An arctic freeze didn't stop us!) It seems that Coral Lane residents were relatively happy with their community area landscaping. Millstream residents expressed an interest in "jazzing up" the island with a tree and plants. Residents of Willow Court were thrilled at the idea of removing the unsightly bush and replacing it with a small tree and landscaping too. The residents we met were friendly and receptive. Some already have expressed an interest in volunteering - we appreciate! The next step is voting on improvements at the February General Meeting. As always, we encourage attendance at the meetings and need volunteers to help make any approved plans a reality. Please consider participating in the meeting and/or contacting a board member if you are interested.

As we look forward in 2022, we still look fondly at the growth our community saw in 2021. Those accomplishments were made possible through the energy and commitment of many resident volunteers. From the members working behind the scenes, to the men and women who mow the island lawns, and to children and adults who created our gardens – we are so proud of what we have created together. This is a list of some of the people who helped make 2021 such a success. We thank you for everything you do!

Aaron, Adam, Andrew, Andy, Annie, Bethany, Carl, Chad, Chris, Craig, Dave, Debbie, Eric, Erin, Gary, Gordy, Greg, Jayme, Jeff, Jenny, John, Judy, Juliet, Karalynn, Katie, Lucas, Luiz, Melissa, Mike, Michelle, Monika, Nancy, Olivia, Rachael, Rob, Ron, Roukaya, Ryan, Scott, Seth, Stan, Tatyana, Todd, Tom, Wendy and Zackary.

What an incredible group of volunteers! We tried our best to recall everyone and apologize for any omissions. Let's aim to expand this list and continue the growth of our community!



## WCA Constitution Proposed Changes at February General Meeting

The board, along with Willowbrook homeowner Ginger Barrons, has been working on some changes to the WCA Constitution. These “proposed” changes will be presented at the February 10th General Meeting via Zoom. The current WCA Constitution can be found on the city of Novi website. Go to COMMUNITY, go to drop down and find Homeowner Associations, scroll down to Willowbrook Community Association and there you will find the Constitution and Restrictions. After the proposals are presented, in February, we will vote on the changes at the September General Meeting (9/8/2022).

### THANK YOU!

Thank You to all the residents that mow our islands throughout the mowing season.

We appreciate your time and efforts.



### HOLIDAY LIGHTS

All the homes with holiday lights and decorations sure made our neighborhood Merry and Bright.



Let us know . . . Our next newsletter will be going out in early April. Want to advertise a business, share a business that you would recommend, share a fun fact about you/your family? We would love to hear from you. Send info to [Mishell527@aol.com](mailto:Mishell527@aol.com)

### Police Liaisons - Email from our liaison dated January 4, 2022

Good Afternoon,

I hope everyone had a good Holiday. This month has seen a lot of larceny from autos. Please have your residents lock their vehicles and be vigilant. If you see anything, please contact the Novi Police Department at anytime. You will see us having a heavy presence in the schools over the next few months due to the Oxford Shooting. Do not be alarmed and please come say hi.

Hope everyone has a great beginning of the year. Contact me with any problems you are having.

**John Corder** | Police Officer - Uniform Operations Division

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**TRASH INFO - Please keep this info in your 2022 calendars for future reference.**

Trash pick-up missed or problems.

**Contact GFL Environmental at 248.204.6759** (press prompt 3 then prompt 9). GFL ENVIRONMENTAL will respond to your request as soon as possible.

**HOLIDAY SCHEDULE** -- if one of the following holidays falls during the week ON OR BEFORE your collection day in any given week, your collection will be one day later.

**The ONLY holidays** that are affected by trash pick-up:

- . New Years Day
- . Memorial Day
- . 4th of July
- . Labor Day
- . Thanksgiving Day
- . Christmas Day



**Yard waste** is collected once per week from the first Monday in April through the second week of December.