



WILLOWBROOK COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION

NEWSLETTER S P R I N G

2023

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

CALL OR TEXT WITH ANY
QUESTIONS/CONCERNS

PRESIDENT
VICE PRESIDENT
Both positions are open

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2022/2023 WCA DUES

**If you have not paid your
2022/2023 dues, please do!**

**This is your responsibility
as a homeowner.**

Dues due October 1, 2022.

Dues are \$15.00 per year.

Thanking you in advance!

Happy Spring!

WCA February General Meeting Minutes can be found at our website <https://willowbrook.gogladly.com/> or by going to the City of Novi website under Homeowners Associations - Willowbrook Community Association.

Here are some highlights from the meeting:

- . President and Vice President positions still open -- we need you!
- . Beautification Committee Update - Thank you to Monika Priya for all of her time and efforts in making our islands look beautiful.
- . Dues/On-Line Payments - as of this newsletter we have received 291 dues payments. Late notices will be going out to the remaining 147 residents. At this time we **do not** have access to any type of on-line payment system.
- . Volunteers Needed -- always looking for volunteers, without volunteers we cannot initiate new activities.
- . Food Trucks - they will be back (look for schedule in this Newsletter)
- . Read Box in Brookfarm Park, by Sub 3, came to be after a survey was sent to Sub 3 residents asking what they would like in their sub seeing as they do not have any islands for beautification.
- . Neighbors Helping Neighbors - bringing back after pandemic times. Any neighbor looking for help in cleaning up yard, etc. We are looking at setting aside a Saturday, or two, to accomplish this. In the past we utilized neighbors that volunteered their time and Novi High School students that needed volunteer hours for graduation. If you need assistance, or if you are interested in volunteering, please contact one of the Board Members.
- . Community Activities - look for schedule in Newsletter. We are always looking for new ideas for community activities. Please share your thoughts with one of our board members.

REMINDER: If you are planning on putting up/replacing a fence, adding a shed, adding a dormer, adding solar panels etc. you need approval by the association and the City of Novi. Contact a board member if you have questions.

Thank You.

Community Beautification Update

This month the Novi Parks, Recreation and Cultural Services Department will be installing the Novi Public Library's Read Box at Brookfarm Park (next to Sub 3). Since the Willowbrook Community Association (WCA) does not maintain property in Sub 3, we are thrilled to partner with the city on this project. Thank you to everyone who donated to our Read Box Book Drive! We surpassed our goal of 300 books and donated 350 as of 3/20 books to the library's Read Box Collection. The Novi Public Library (NPL) will use these and other books in their collection to rotate reading material weekly from May through October. A huge thank you to WCA resident Chris Kallas for donating her time and talent to decorating the Read Box. We hope you enjoy her artwork and a good book when you visit the Brookfarm Park. And remember, the Malott/E Le Bost island still has the WCA Little Library, along with benches and gardens for your enjoyment. The Willowbrook Community Association is a great place to be!

Here is how each of the book resources function for our subdivision:

	Little Library	Read Box
Location	Malott/E Le Bost Island (Sub 2)	Brookfarm Park (Entrance at Willowbrook Rd – by Sub 3)
Owned By	Willowbrook Community Association	Novi Public Library. (They own and operate four Read Boxes in Novi.)
Books	All Ages	All Ages
Months of Operation	All Year	May - October
Operation	In General: give a book, take a book (but can donate and take as desired)	Take a book and then return that book (no specific time limit). The NPL provide a weekly rotation of the books using their Read Box Collection.
Donating More Books	Any Time: drop off at the Little Library	Book drives - ONLY way to directly donate. NPL takes daily general donations (and some go to the Read Box).

Not only is the joy of books upon us, but the beauty of flowers and hopefully pollinators too! This will be our second spring with the WCA native flower gardens in Sub 1 and Sub 2. In the beginning, expect to find primarily green sedges and grasses. They are shorter and grow earlier, serving as a groundcover against weeds until the larger flowers have time to grow during the season. A variety of colors and blooms will follow soon afterwards and continue into the fall. If you would like to learn more about how our efforts are helping the ecosystem and/or about the specific plants used in the gardens, the educational sign at the Malott/E Le Bost island is an attractive resource.

Our gardens are built to be low-maintenance, but they do require some care (especially in the first few years of establishment). We welcome everyone to attend the WCA Spring Beautification Volunteer Event on Saturday, June 10th. It is a great way to give back to the community, meet other neighbors, share gardening tips, and enjoy some delicious treats!

WCA SPRING BEAUTIFICATION VOLUNTEER EVENT

When: Saturday, June 10th from 9-11am

Rain Date: Sunday, June 11th

Where: Meet at the Malott/E. LeBost Island (Sub 2).

Soon afterwards, we will break into groups across the neighborhood.

Please come with your gardening attire and favorite yard hand tools.

Refreshments will be provided.

Volunteers and visitors of all ages and abilities are encouraged to attend!



Food Trucks will return this summer. Thank you to Diana Stotler for volunteering to organize this event. Every other Thursday, from May 1 to August 31, food trucks will be at the Malott/E. LeBost island from 4:30pm to 7:30pm (with the exception of July 6 when the time will be 5:00pm to 7:30pm*).

- [PB&J's BBQ](#) Thu, May 11, 2023
- [Baby Bear Burger](#) Thu, May 25, 2023
- [Dos Locos Burritos](#) Thu, Jun 8, 2023
- [DC Novelty Eats](#) Thu, Jun 22, 2023
- [The Grilled Wrap](#) Thu, Jul 6, 2023*
- [Fortune Cooking](#) Thu, Jul 20, 2023
- [Cousins Maine Lobster](#) Thu, Aug 3, 2023
- [Pure Mitten BBQ](#) Thu, Aug 17, 2023
- [D&W's Street Eatery](#) Thu, Aug 31, 2023



Keep this list for reference throughout the summer

[access https://yourneighborhoodbites.com/detroit/subdivisions-list](https://yourneighborhoodbites.com/detroit/subdivisions-list) to view menus, scroll down to Novi and click on Willowbrook Community.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Islands Beautification Event (All Ages) **Saturday, June 10th at 9am***
Meet at Malott/E. LeBost Island (Sub 2)
Volunteer with fellow neighbors to beautify the community islands in Sub 1 and Sub 2.

Willowbrook Book Chat Event (Adult Event) **Thursday, June 15th 6:00-7:00pm**
Meet at the Little Library Island at Malott & E. LeBost (Sub 2)
Talk about books you have read, or just listen, and get some ideas for what to read in the future.
Adult fiction, non-fiction, biography, mystery, classics, sci-fi, etc.
Everyone is welcome, and feel free to bring a friend!
Rain date Tuesday, June 20th 6:00-7:00 pm

Read Box Storytime (Youth Event) **Saturday, June 24 at 10am***
Brookfarm Park's Willowbrook Dr. Entrance (near Sub 3)
Join us for a story, activities and snacks by the new Read Box.

Tot Tunes (Youth Event) **Saturday, July 22 at 10am***
Hollydale Island (Sub 2)
Come ready for musical instruments, singing, dancing, and treats.
If you have an instrument you'd like to bring, please do.

The Joys of Nature (Youth Event) **Saturday, August 19th at 10am***
Millstream Island (Sub 1)
Enjoy a story about nature before we explore the native flower garden to learn about the butterfly life cycle.
Crafts and snacks provided.

*In the event of rain, all Saturday events will be moved to Sunday. Rain dates will be announced on the unofficial WC Neighborhood Facebook page and with a note posted on the Sub 2 Little Library.





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**TRASH/RECYCLING/ YARD WASTE
PICK UP INFO**

Contact GFL Environmental at 248.204.6759
(Press prompt 3 then prompt 9).

HOLIDAY SCHEDULE

If one of the following holidays falls during the week **ON OR BEFORE** your collection day in a given week, your collection will be one day behind.

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



**YARD WASTE COLLECTION
STARTS WEEK OF APRIL 3, 2023**
Remember to place yard waste in brown paper bags or marked containers 35 gallons or less.
Yard Waste stickers can be picked up at the Novi Civic Center.
For specific instructions on yard waste, visit cityofnovi.org/trash

WCA ANNUAL GARAGE SALE

WCA will not be sponsoring a Sub Garage Sale this year for two reasons:



1. No one to organize.
2. Construction on 10 Mile - Board discussed and felt that Sub 1 and Sub 3 would not get much traffic.

All residents are welcome to have their own Garage Sale.

Hopefully the WCA Garage Sale will return next year.

WCA POLICE LIAISONS AS OF 4/1/2023:

Questions/Concerns please contact:

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