

## TO ALL MEMBERS OF THE WILLOW BROOK ESTATES COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION 1, 2, AND 3:

I hope that you have noticed the improvements our 2019 Board has been able to accomplish during this spring and summer. With new vendors and membership volunteers' help on community projects, we have been able to squeeze our budget as far as possible to make many much-needed improvements to our common areas.

Examples include:

Our first project was to create an association website to afford our community easy access to board members' names and a means to easily contact them; meeting information and meeting minutes; emergency phone numbers; local weather with current, real-time alerts and warnings; a photo gallery of pictures submitted by our community; and, copies of all association documents for you to review, download, and print. Our website cuts a major cost in postage and keeps all members who take the time to view it on top of the news.

Forty-eight trees in the lake park area and ball park area have been cut down. All resulting branches and debris have been burned and/or removed. All stumps have been ground out and removed. Both parks are now ready for fall planting.

New lighting in the lake park area and ball park area and new bulbs at entrances have been installed. All of our new lighting is low-cost, high efficiency.

The lake park water pump was in a dangerous electrical state. Repairs were made to the base and to the stand, and the complete system was re-wired. These measures brought our old pump up to code, making it like new again and capable of aerating our lake area.

Two new swan "neighbors" were welcomed to the lake area to help clean up vegetation in the water. They add a beautiful and friendly aesthetic and a welcoming sight for our families who visit the park. We received a big thumbs up on this addition from many of our association members. Our swans will be with us on lease from May to October of this year.

During past months, neighborhood volunteers and board members helped on park cleanup. One member took on the challenge of cleaning up bushes and plantings at our entrance ways—a job very well done and long overdue.

Contact with the Crete Township Road Commissioner resulted in two upgrades to our area, with new blacktop to the entrance on Cedar and major dip repairs on Poplar.

One board member was able to lose at least ten pounds this summer, spearheading major projects and keeping the swans in our waterway. Another board member with a green thumb added flowers around our main signs at Burrville, weeded the entrance area, and made a sign to advertise our new website.

We've been pulling together, enjoying planning projects to enhance our neighborhood, and seeing those projects come to fruition. Hats off and our sincere thanks to the team! Here's hoping that we continue to pull together!

Our next venture is a big one with major expense: our fencing project. Currently, our fencing is an eyesore for anyone driving by our community. Fencing repair/replacement is a project that is both necessary and long overdue.

The fencing project will entail three phases, which we all can work together to fund. To begin, this fall we will remove the fencing on the two perimeter areas—first on Klemme Road and then on Burrville Road. Fencing in both areas is beyond repair. We have a contractor set to remove fencing from both areas during the first or second week of October.

In preparation for fence removal, I ask those community members who live along Klemme and Burrville Roads to clean plantings, tree branches and shrub branches along the existing fences. This will enable us to have the old fencing removed.

The board is working on getting funding for phase one and, once completed, will update the members on special assessments for future work.

The board thanks you in advance for your support. Please stay connected and keep in touch by attending our meetings and by visiting our website at [www.willowbrook123.com](http://www.willowbrook123.com).

We look forward to working with you and for you in the fast-approaching new year!

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