Willow Springs Newsletter

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Free Canna Lilies

Yes, that's what I said: Free canna lilies. The lilies have overgrown their area and need to be thinned out. All you need is a shovel and bucket. These lilies develop a yellow flower. The location of these free lily bulbs is up by the clubhouse to the right of the sidewalk, going towards the pool. There will be a little sign designating the area.

Beautification Award

The Board has agreed to apply for the Huntsville Beautification Award this year. The community has earned this award in the past so we are hoping to get it back. The community is off to a good start because you have been maintaining your yards to a high standard, showing our new neighbors what is expected of them. Some areas that could use a little more attention would be: cleaning up the curbs in front of your homes, removing white appliances that can be seen from the street and picking up trash in front of your homes, especially after the trash is collected; also, trash cans should not remain in front of your residence. Judging is scheduled after Memorial Day. Thank you for your continued support in keeping our neighborhood looking nice!

Pool Opening

The pool is scheduled to open 17 May 2023. Please clean all pool toys prior to using them in the pool. New toys and inflatables can carry bacteria that can help spread algae in the pool. This will help to lesson the amount of chemicals and prolong the life of the pool which will save the community money. The **Bathroom door** is part of the clubhouse which is available during the pool season, so PLEASE be sure to close the door after use. If you are a parent and your child uses the restroom, please double check to make sure the door has been properly closed.

Pool/Court Access

Only residents of Willow Springs and their guests are permitted to use the common areas. If someone does not have a key, then DO NOT open the gates for them. Keycards are tied to addresses and this helps to find responsible parties when an area is left a mess or damaged. If you let someone in, they are your responsibility. This holds true whether you loan them your card, bring them as a guest, or just open the gate for them. Do not risk your access to these areas by being kind to someone standing at the gate, asking for entrance to the pool. As residents you have the right to question people who are trying to gain access to our private property and can ask them to leave.

HOA Dues

Thank you to all who pay on time. HOA dues are \$45. As always, HOA fees are due on or before the 1st of each month, NOT the 10th. The board grants a 10-day grace period but a \$10.00 late fee will be assessed for any payment not received by midnight on the 10th of each month. Save yourself some money and pay on time. Payments can be dropped off at the green box behind the clubhouse mailbox or mailed to: WSHA 6522 Willow Springs Blvd., Huntsville, Al 35806. Late dues: WSHA by-laws restrict residents who are not current on dues payments from utilizing the common areas. On the 11th of each month any resident who is not current on their dues will have their access to the common areas suspended. The access will be reinstated at the convenience of the board, once payment is made.

Website/Contacts

The community website is <u>www.willowspringshsv.com</u>; it contains meeting minutes, treasurer's reports, along with the R&R, CC&R, and By-Laws. The latest meeting minutes and treasurer's report is also posted at the clubhouse.

Helpful Numbers

Animal control: 883-3788
Street light repair: 535-1234
Road repair: 535-2489
Inoperative vehicles: 427-5409
HSV Police (non-emergency) 722-7100
Clubhouse reservations: Alice 603-2380

Community Watch

Thank you for looking out for us. If you want to join the watch program, contact Alice at 256-603-2380

Vandalism

During the last few months there has been an uptick in vandalism, especially around the clubhouse. Items were tossed onto the pool cover, riding bikes in the tennis courts, and breaking out the lights on the north and east side of the clubhouse. A homeowner has reported someone turning on their outside facet and leaving it on, along with leaving toys and clothing in the yard. Please report any suspicious activity to the police non-emergency number.