



Willow Creek News

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Message from the President

I had the wonderful opportunity to catch up with an old friend and former Willow Creek resident a couple of months ago that I would like to share with you. Joel was my partner on the 1994 ALTA Men's Doubles team and we had a great time together.

He remains the funny, sarcastic, and "dry" humor guy he always was, quick to make fun of himself. But there was a bit of a sadness hanging over the conversation as we tried to "catch up". He, from his wheelchair, always needing one arm to push against the table since he has no muscle control in his torso to remain upright, and me, all in one piece, offering to get him something to eat or drink. His humility was extraordinary but, as you can imagine, it was uncomfortable for both of us but very, very good.

As we talked, I kept thinking he wouldn't have spent the last 19 years in a wheelchair but for his morning walk in Willow Creek.

It is easy to take safety for granted, especially in this community. However, we all need to remain vigilant to make certain no one else has to endure this type of sacrifice simply because they wanted to enjoy the outdoors in their own "safe" neighborhood.

Parents, please take the time to teach your children how to be safe on our streets. We regularly see teens walking down the middle of the street, unwilling to move to one side or the other. Mothers with strollers walk on the right side of the road where they have no chance of seeing a car approaching from the rear. Cyclists just making up road rules as they go, with no awareness of the dangers they're tempting. Drivers, speed kills, and so do distractions. We can do better!

This is not about right and wrong, as everyone involved is injured for life. This is about keeping each other safe. We all share this responsibility.

Roger Heil - President



The 2026 Budget

The fiscal 2026 Budget will be available for your review in early October on the Tolley website, <https://www.tolleycm.com/>

We encourage you to review this document and send your questions, concerns, and ideas to the Board at contact@willowcreekliving.org.

Annual Meeting

Sunday, November 9, 6:30 p.m.

Hope Presbyterian Church

4101 Sandy Plains Road

(corner of Sandy Plains and Wigley Rd.)

The Board amended the Bylaws to set our mandatory annual meeting to November of each year. This was done to allow for a more orderly transfer of responsibility from one Board to another. In the past, this transition took place in late April or early May, which is not enough time to build a team as a Board and learn about the Association. We have also changed our fiscal year to a calendar year in an effort to more effectively manage our finances.

We will take nominations for the five open Board positions and vote on those nominations. The Board will present annual summaries of its areas of responsibility and outlooks for 2026. We will present our financial budget for 2026 and funding plan for both the operations and our reserve funding needs.

We need more than 70 members present, in person or by proxy, to call a meeting to order. Please join us, bring your questions, and let's continue to build a strong community based on mutual respect and cooperation. What do you want the Association to do to continue to improve, and how do you envision that happening? The Board works for you. Tell us what you think and what you would like us to focus on.

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Can't attend the Annual Meeting? Please submit a proxy. You have proxy choices:

A non-directed voting proxy - You can assign your vote to someone else (the Board, or another vote-eligible member) without instructing the person or group who or what to vote for.

A quorum proxy - This is NOT a voting proxy. It is a proxy that simply states "I am present but not voting - I am willing to allow the presiding officer to count me as present for the purpose of achieving quorum". This allows the presiding officer to hold an official meeting and membership to vote on issues on the agenda (primarily new Board members).

You must submit your proxy to the association secretary at secretary@willowcreekliving.org no later than 48 hours before the annual meeting being held on November 9 at 6:30 p.m. Proxies will be available by November 1 at willowcreekliving.org.

Assessment Initiative Update

Votes had not been counted when this newsletter was printed. Please visit our website at willowcreekliving.org for the latest updates on the vote and the impact it will have on 2026 annual assessments.

Pickleball Update

Pickleball has come to Willow Creek! Tennis Court #2 has been overpainted with two pickleball court lines, and portable pickleball nets have been added to the courts.

Please see our website for more information on open play days and times, instructional videos, and opportunities for group or one-on-one instruction in the basics.

You must reserve the court if you want to play at any time other than open play. Reservations can be made on ReserveMyCourt.com or using the link on our website.



Booze and Blues

WCSTA invites you to join us for “**Booze and Blues**” at Creekside on Friday, October 3 at 6:30 p.m. Enjoy a night of smooth blues, great company, and community fun, featuring live music by The Bourbon Brothers.

Alcohol and non-alcoholic drinks will be provided. Please bring your own chair and an appetizer to share.



WC Women's Club October Meet-Up

Please join us on Thursday, October 16, at 7:00 p.m. This month's meeting will be held at 5001 Pine Creek Circle. Dress in Halloween costume and bring a beverage or appetizer to share (NO NUTS, please). All ladies are welcome to join in the fun! Hope to see you there!

President: Enid Cheer | **Vice President:** Carol Galbreath

WCSTA Appliance Recycling Day Monday, October 6

Do you have an old fridge, washer, or microwave that needs to go? Dump The Junk is making it easy to recycle your appliances curbside at a special neighborhood price!

When: Monday, October 6: pickups start at 10:00 a.m.

Where: Curbside or garage-side only

Special Discounted Rates:

- \$50--Refrigerators & Freezers
- \$35--Stoves, Dishwashers, Washers, Dryers
- \$20-- Microwaves, Mini Fridges, Window AC Units, Humidifiers

How to participate:

1. Fill out the form:

<https://forms.gle/MBpMVKSUc7m51jXv6>

2. Prepay by Sunday, October 5, at 6:00 p.m. via Zelle, Venmo, or PayPal.

3. Place emptied appliances curbside or outside your garage by 10:00 a.m. on pickup day.

Questions? Contact C. Sean Purdy at (470) 789-5865 or Sean.Purdy@DumpTheJunkNOW.com

Let's keep Willow Creek clean & green together!

Pumpkins in the Park

Celebrate Fall and Halloween at Willow Creek's annual **Pumpkins in the Park** party. There are costumes, pumpkin carving contests, games, and more. Join us at Creekside on Saturday, October 25.



Halloween is Friday, October 31

Halloween is a special time in Willow Creek. The area around Willow Creek Drive and Pine Creek Way will be busy with pedestrians from 5:30 PM to 9:00 PM. We ask that if you are driving to the area, you park as far away from this intersection as possible. We will limit parking near the intersection as pedestrian safety is our primary concern. We ask that only residents drive on Pine Creek Way during this time.

If you live elsewhere in the neighborhood but typically enter at the Jamerson entrance, we ask that you avoid the Trick or Treat Street intersection by entering the neighborhood at Willow Creek Overlook.



Willow Creek Calendar of Events

Booze and Blues / Friday, October 3

Appliance Recycling Day / Monday, October 6

WC Women's Club Meeting / Thursday, October 16

Pumpkins in the Park / Saturday, October 25

WCSTA Annual Meeting / Sunday, November 9

Street Safety

Rules exist to minimize accidents and promote safety. Each of us has a responsibility to obey these rules when we walk, ride bikes, and drive vehicles on our streets. If you are not aware of the rules for pedestrians, cyclists, or drivers, please take the time to familiarize yourself with them. Here are a few rules that should always be followed to protect ourselves from a devastating accident:

Pedestrians

- Always walk on the left side of the road – facing oncoming traffic
- Do not walk and text or read from your phone
- Observe traffic rules at intersections
- Wear reflective gear when walking at dawn or dusk – bring a flashlight

Cyclists

- Observe traffic laws. Stop signs are for you, too.
- Yield to pedestrians. Let them know you are nearby
- Be prepared to stop
- Signal your intentions to pedestrians and motorists

Motorists

- Yield to pedestrians
- Signal your intentions for cyclists and pedestrians
- Stop at all Stop signs
- Stop and look for pedestrians and cyclists – especially when turning right.
- Don't speed. Please keep your speed to 25 throughout our community.