



Willowbend Civic Club

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NATIONAL NIGHT OUT

Tuesday, October 7, 2025
6:30 p.m. – 8:30 p.m.

National Night Out (“NNO”) was introduced in August of 1984 through an already established network of law enforcement agencies, neighborhood watch groups, civic groups, state and regional crime prevention associations, and volunteers across the nation. National Night Out is an annual community-building campaign that promotes police-community partnerships and neighborhood camaraderie to make our neighborhoods safer, more caring places to live.

For years Willowbend neighbors have been gathering in front yards on the first Tuesday of October for NNO. It’s a fun night out to meet your neighbors! We share crime prevention and safety information. The more we know and practice, the safer the neighborhood will be for all.

HOST A NNO BLOCK PARTY. Hosting a party is easy: setting up a couple of tables, a few chairs, and providing something cold to drink. Invitations ask the neighbors to bring something for the refreshment table and a lawn chair. Many blocks pick a yard for the party and then several families help with the set-up and refreshments. Some blocks have neighbors that co-host. **If you would like to host or co-host a NNO party, contact Angela Ritchey this week by email, NNOWillowbend@gmail.com or phone, 832-930-3227.**

ATTEND A NNO BLOCK PARTY. If your block has a volunteer host, you will receive an invitation a week before the event. Your invitation may ask you to bring refreshments and a lawn chair to your host’s party. We would like to see a NNO party on every block. We believe this community event keeps our neighbors and our neighborhood safer.

WILLOWBEND YARDS OF THE MONTH

JULY	AUGUST
4701 Briarbend – Sally Parish	4820 Creekbend – Debra Bittick
4801 Briarbend – Delia & John Mannon	4429 Stillbrooke – Jenni & Earl Fairbanks
4729 Creekbend – Nina & James Brigman	4819 Tonawanda – Timothy Hogan
4306 Hazelton – Janice Triola	4302 Waycross – Viveca Sonberg
4321 Waycross – Kenneth Hunter & Charles Turner	4726 Waycross – Eden Shapiro
10509 Willowgrove – Rana & Ragini Basu	4429 Willowbend – Sharon Gilliland

If you would like to nominate a yard for Yard-of-the-Month, send us an email: info@WillowbendCivicClub.org

City of Houston Releases “TRAIN WATCH”

We have all experienced the frustration of waiting for trains at various crossings near our neighborhood. The City of Houston has announced the launch of “Train Watch.” The website features a live crossing status map to provide real-time conditions at key railroad crossings. The map provides an indication of whether a crossing is currently occupied or open. Currently the S. Post Oak crossing at Highway 90 is monitored. Unfortunately, the crossings at Willowbend and W. Belfort are not on the map (hopefully to be added soon). The website is located at the following website: <https://houstontx.gov/trainwatch/>.

If you encounter a blocked railroad crossing that is causing a public safety concern or significant traffic disruption, it is crucial to report it promptly. The Federal Railroad Administration (“FRA”) is the primary agency responsible for tracking and investigating blocked crossing incidents. FRA’s reporting website is located at the following website: <https://www.fra.dot.gov/blockedcrossings/>.

When reporting, be prepared to provide:

- The exact location of the crossing (street name and railroad line if known).
- The date and time the crossing became blocked.
- The approximate duration the crossing has been blocked.
- Any identifying information about the train (e.g., train number, railroad company).
- Report only once per incident

Your reports provide vital data that helps the FRA and local authorities identify problem areas and work with railroads to improve operations.

WBCC Is Now On Facebook

WBCC recently created a Facebook page (Willowbend Civic Club – Houston)! If you are on Facebook, please join our new Facebook page. This is another way to stay up to date on what is happening in our neighborhood and surrounding area. The WBCC website has also been refreshed. There you will find helpful information such as deed restrictions and past newsletters.

Retirement of Barbara Hite

We wanted to acknowledge the recent retirement of Barabra Hite, who had been the heart of constituent services in District K for many years. Ms. Hite served with four council members: Mark Goldberg, Ann Clutterbuck, Larry Green, and, most recently, Martha Castex-Tatum (current District K Council Member and Mayor Pro Tem). Anyone who contacted the office of District K more than likely interacted with Ms. Hite. She was always a strong advocate for our district and very responsive with communications with WBCC. We thank her for her many years of service and wish her a happy retirement!

Are you a new Willowbend neighbor? If so, send us an email at info@WillowbendCivicClub.org. We would love to meet you and bring you a New Resident Welcome Packet with information about our Civic Club and the neighborhood.


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