



WILLOW CREEK DISPATCH



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WILLOW CREEK ESTATES HOMEOWNERS ASSOCIATION

Notice of Annual Meeting:

Saturday, January 28, 2017, 9:00 AM

Canby Adult Center, 1250 S. Ivy St, Canby OR

Agenda available at www.willowcreekhomeowners.com

What do you value? Recently, our neighborhood has been caught between issues of livability/property values and the desire for a warm, tolerant community. We're all looking for balance, and the 2017 Board will need your help to create a vision for Willow Creek Estates that will serve everyone here. **Please lend your voice by corresponding with us, attending the annual meeting and considering whether you might be ready to take the next step by serving on the Board or one of the committees.**

As we prepare the 2017 budget, please be aware that assessments/dues have been kept lower as a result of a great deal of volunteer labor. All of our neighbors seem to be increasingly busy, and we've had a challenge finding and keeping qualified Board members. The Board has begun requesting quotes from community management firms, and may be forced into raising assessments in order to ensure that the work gets done. However, even the best management companies will lack the personal touch that many neighbors value. As we grapple with these issues, please consider whether you might offer any of these skills to the community:

- 1) Ability to hire and supervise contractors
- 2) Computer skills: Word processing, email, spreadsheets or basic website updates
- 3) Ability to read legal documents and work with legal counsel
- 4) Correspondence and newsletter writing
- 5) Great conversation and problem-solving
- 6) Ability to work with city officials
- 7) Dedication to the good of the community

Owners present at the annual meeting will have their names entered in a drawing for \$100 off their 2017 dues.

Can't make it? Request a proxy ballot and make your voice heard!

Group email

In 2016 the Board has made an effort to use the "blind copy" function on our email to prevent the misuse of your email addresses. Please be aware that other group emails that have gone around the community have used the "reply all" function from old emails. Those lists are out of date, but more importantly, were never meant to be used for individual issues. Please be respectful of your neighbors' privacy and busy schedules when contemplating sending group emails.

Sidewalks

Whether the issue is leaves, snow, vehicles or bumpy spots, it's the homeowner's responsibility to keep sidewalks safe. We've had reports of walkers tripping and getting injured, so please take a moment to check whether your sidewalks (including driveway area) are unobstructed and level.

