



# WILLOWORDS

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### Greetings from the President

Hello Homeowners,

I hope this year has started off well for you as it has for the HOA. You may have noticed that this year we were able to lower the monthly association fees. The HOA is financially stable and since we did not have large expenditures for snow removal this year prior or major landscaping, we were able to lower the monthly fees. I know it's not much, but every little bit helps.

I would like to thank all of you who participated in the community yard sale. We had great weather, quite a bit of participation and hopefully you had a lot of sales. This year we've also had some turnover on the Board of Directors. I would like to welcome Scott Habicht and Olga Butler who were elected to the Board and thank Frank Kippenbrock, Tim Reintjes and Chuck Casey (who stepped down a couple of years back) for their years of service. If you'd like to stay informed on community news (like the ice cream social) check the website and subscribe to the "RSS" feed.

As we enter summer this is a friendly reminder that we will be conducting community inspections during June. Some of the items we look for are:

- mold - usually growing on the north side of the home and can be taken care of with a good power washing,
- foundation- usually needs to be painted every two to three years as a result of fading and the ground settling,
- trim and shutters - these need to be painted as wood exterior trim flakes and shutters fade with age,
- overgrown foliage - trimming is needed year round depending on the type of foliage you have growing in your yard.

You can be proactive by addressing some of these cosmetic items on your home as soon as the weather warms up. If you elect to do any exterior painting and want to change the color from the original you must submit an architectural request. Forms are available on the website at [www.willowood.org](http://www.willowood.org). An architectural request is also required for all changes to the exterior of your home.

In closing I'd like to remind you that in accordance with our bylaws Pit Bull dogs are not allowed on any lot and any pet kept on the lot must be contained entirely on that lot even when tied to a stake. Please respect your neighbors and the HOA in these matters.

Wishing you a great 2011,  
Javier Armendáriz

## NEIGHBORHOOD NOTES

- It's summer, the weather is warm and the kids will soon be out of school and outside playing. Please be mindful and obey the posted speed limits while driving through our neighborhood.
- Please be courteous to your neighbors by cleaning up after your dog(s). If you don't want it in your yard, your neighbors don't want it in their yards and we don't want it in our common areas. We have 3 pet stations that we maintain for your convenience, please use them.
- Remember any exterior changes to your house must be approved by the Architectural committee prior to the change.

## **Join us for Ice Cream...**

Saturday, July 16, 2011

2:00 pm - 4:00 pm

on the corner of

Wesley Lane and Greenmount Drive

*Rain date: Sunday, July 17, 2011*

*2:00 pm - 4:00 pm*

## **BGE's Do-it-yourself guide to Summer Savings**

Here are some things you can do now that will save energy (and money) during warmer months.

\* Check/add insulation in your attic to reach an R-30, the depth of twelve inches

\* Check ductwork coming from your air conditioner for leaks or gaps

\* Clean or replace air conditioning filters at least once a month. Dirty filters and coils can drastically reduce the efficiency of your system.

\* Replace weather stripping and caulking around windows, doors and other areas to improve the efficiency of your unit.

\* Attic temperatures sometimes rise up to 140°F during the summer months. Good attic ventilation will lower the temperature and reduce cooling requirements inside your home.

\* Close blinds, curtains and drapes to keep out the sun's heat, especially on the east and west sides of the house. In the evening, opening drapes and shades lets heat escape through the glass.

\* Use white window blinds instead of darker colors. White reflects light and heat, while dark colors absorb them.

## **Summer is here! Time to grill!**

### **Grilled Chicken Pineapple Sliders**

*"Marinated grilled chicken breast, grilled sliced pineapple, red onion, and lettuce are sandwiched between sweet Hawaiian bread rolls."*

Prep Time: 1 Hour

Cook Time: 15 Minutes

Ready In: 1 Hour 15 Minutes

Servings: 6

### **INGREDIENTS:**

1 lemon, juiced

1 lime, juiced

1 tablespoon cider vinegar

salt and black pepper to taste

3 skinless, boneless chicken breast

halves - cut in half

6 pineapple rings

2 tablespoons teriyaki sauce

6 Hawaiian bread rolls - split and toasted

6 lettuce leaves - rinsed and dried

6 red onion slices

### **DIRECTIONS:**

1. Whisk together the lemon juice, lime juice, cider vinegar, salt and pepper in a large glass or ceramic bowl. Add the chicken and toss to evenly coat. Cover the bowl with plastic wrap, and marinate in the refrigerator for 1 hour.

2. Preheat an outdoor grill for medium-high heat, and lightly oil the grate.

3. Remove the chicken from the marinade, and shake off excess. Discard the remaining marinade. Grill the chicken for 5 to 7 minutes each side, or until juices run clear when chicken is pierced with a fork. Grill pineapple for 2 to 3 minutes per side, or until heated through and grill marks appear.

4. Spread 1 teaspoon teriyaki sauce on the bottom half of a toasted roll; next add a lettuce leaf, a piece of chicken, a pineapple round, and an onion slice. Replace the top and repeat with the remaining rolls.

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