

INSIDE WILLOW FORK DRAINAGE DISTRICT



Enhancing Our Community
through Drainage, Parks & Trails

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WFDD Welcomes New County Leadership, Collaboration

Last November, WFDD was redistricted to Ft. Bend County Precinct 1 and introduced to a new county commissioner, Vincent Morales, who was first elected to the role in 2016. WFDD President Wendy Duncan and district legal counsel met with Morales early on regarding potential partnership in its flood reduction initiative Project Barker, inviting him to attend the Project Barker Town Hall in December, where he spoke to residents. “We are delighted to be working with Commissioner Morales, who has already shown in four months of leadership that he will be an excellent partner to WFDD,” said Duncan. WFDD has also discussed sound abatement with Morales and District 26 House Rep. Jacey Jetton, along with leaders from HOAs and MUDs that border Grand Parkway/Highway 99, ahead of additional lanes and improvements being planned by TXDOT and the county. Next on the agenda—collaborating to enhance security and safety in our community—we’ll keep you posted! [View the Ft. Bend County Precinct 1 map.](#)



Share Space with Nature Safely – Don't Feed the Wildlife!

WFDD’s more than 15 miles of off-street trails and 30 acres of natural park space at Willow Fork Park offers visitors and residents, many with properties bordering the trail system, easy access to outdoor recreation. With this also comes proximity to wildlife that inhabits the park, wooded areas along the trails, and drainage channels that outline the trail system. Snakes and alligators are just some of the species drawn to grassy and marshy areas near the trails, along with wild hogs. More recently, and not unlike an increase in other suburban areas, residents have been sighting coyotes. While these animals are intriguing, trying to get a closer look is not safe. WFDD encourages using binoculars for viewing and never using food to lure them closer, as nearly all wild animal bites occur when people try to feed or treat them like domestic animals. Securing garbage, positioning bird feeders out of reach, and not leaving pet food outdoors, are steps to reduce attracting coyotes as well as other unwanted wildlife onto your property.



Is Your Flood Insurance Policy Current?

The decision to buy flood insurance should not be based on a line on a map—where it can rain, it can flood. In fact, 81 percent of owners of Hurricane-Harvey damaged property outside high-risk flood areas did not have flood insurance. While 2017’s Harvey may seem behind us, WFDD is continually working toward mitigation efforts, such as Project Barker, to be prepared for future, significant rainfall events. Each spring, WFDD mails a postcard to residents as a reminder on the importance of having flood insurance, so watch your mail or [view the postcard on our website](#) to learn more. Don't wait to protect what you've built; flood insurance can take up to 30 days to go into effect. To learn more about flood insurance, visit [FloodSmart.gov](#) or call [800-427-4661](#).

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