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What was clear at that meeting was that the residents of Willard Hay neighborhood felt under-served by the city and demanded action on those issues. The Willard-Homewood Organization was reborn that night.

Since then, we have held regular meetings to address the concerns discussed at Theodore Wirth. Members said 'no' to the problems associated with Uncle Bill's and worked hard to close it down. Summer events of an ice cream social and a bbq were well-attended and allowed neighbors to meet one another. Later this month, our Crime Prevention & Safety Committee will partner with NRRC on a community event focusing on crime-prevention. Our Economic Development Committee is working hard to attract businesses to the area, while the Communications Committee is putting together packets to welcome newcomers to the neighborhood.

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To this end, the Organization and Structure Task Force has been laboring since February to create a document that reflects our needs and the desires of the community.

On November 15th, neighborhood residents will meet to discuss and vote on these documents. This is your opportunity to vote on the adoption of the rules governing the organization that will ultimately serve you, which is why your input is so important.

Thank you . . . and we hope to see you on **November 15th (6:30-8:00 pm)**
NORTHPOINT Health & Wellness Center
1315 Penn Ave. N. , Room 101
(Human Services Building, not the clinic)

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