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Yard of the Month December 2005



John and Jane Schneider 9707 Rock Pass Drive

The Schneider's have lived on the Rock Pass cul-de-sac in Stonebridge since 1999. John is retired from Shell Oil and is currently the U.S. Operations Manager and a founding member of Global Geophysical Services. Jane is a housewife and chief architect of their beautiful front and back yard. They have a son, Greg who lives in Tulsa, OK (grandkids Zack & Jake) and a daughter, Lisa that lives in the Houston area (grandkids Heather, Kaylynn & MacKenzie). The Schneider's dog is named Snickers.

Their small front yard was tastefully decorated for holiday season and their grass was healthy and green despite the dry fall weather. They have one live oak and one silver maple tree in their front yard. Other plantings include sago palm, yellow and pink lantana, mums, Japanese ardisia, variegated pittosporum, butterfly bushes, begonia, dwarf yaupon holly, silver king euonymus, Texas sage and hibiscus.

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Attention Ladies of Willowbridge / Stonebridge!!

Ladies Night Out

Thursday, January 26, 2006 7:00 pm Pallotta's Italian Grille 10865 Jones Rd.

RSVP

by Tuesday, January 24 to Lyn Edler or Kathy Mears

We will plan to meet at an area restaurant one week-night a month for dinner. It's an opportunity to "get out of the house" and spend some time with the "girls".

Lyn Edler (Hm 832-237-9445 or Wk 713-462-6000) Kathy Mears (281-970-0088) For questions or suggestions!



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Yard of the Month Committee

Restoring Our Front Door

by Glen Telge

All of the homes in Willowbridge/Stonebridge were originally outfitted with a front door that had a wood or wood-like appearance and these doors do require a certain amount of regular maintenance to keep them looking attractive in appearance. Over the years, our doors have become weathered and have needed to be restored. Some residents have chosen the route of painting over the wood grain rather than trying to restain the door. This has resulted in an assortment of painted door colors- black, white, green, orange... and an overall declinelack of continuity in the appearance of our community. These residents have surely received letters from PCMI informing them that they are in violation of the association rules which dictate that they must seek approval from the ARC (Architectural Review Committee) before changing the original appearance of any part of the exterior of their home (i.e. front door).

Since our home purchase in 1997, I have had to restore my door on two occasions- 2001 & 2005. Our door is wood-like in appearance but is actually a fiberglass door. Rather than pay someone \$350 or more to restore our door, I am a do-it-yourselfer and figure that I can do it for under \$50. Fiberglass doors are a bit more of a challenge because only certain strippers and stains can be used. On a warm Saturday afternoon, I started stripping the old stain off the door with four spray cans of BIX stripper (it's water based, so it washes off with soap & water). Then I stained it with a dark walnut gel stain - what a mistake! It was too dark, so I spent Sunday stripping the door again to take it off. A week later, I did one last stripping job on the door to remove the last vestiges of the walnut stain and turned the job over to my wife for restaining with a lighter stain. With the addition of polyurethane and the right weather, Iin another week or two or three, the work will be done and we can enjoy the door for another few years. My neighbor had a good suggestion – to reapply the clear polyurethane protective coating each year to give the stain a longer life.

I still have a half gallon of BIX stripper left if you want to give it a try, or maybe just hire a professional. If you have a painted door you can look forward to receiving a letter from PCMI. Your HOA Board and the ARC is intent upon turning this situation around soseeing that the community standard of having a front door of wood-like appearance is strictly maintained in our neighborhood.

Questions, complaints, comments?

Contact Myla at PCMI by e-mail: myla@pcmi-us.com or calling 281-870-0585. To ensure prompt attention and response please make sure you include your full name, address, and a contact number. Please remember that being polite and practical helps. We are all trying to do a good job and keep our neighborhood a pleasant place for residents.

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Water Source & Quality

- (1) Currently Groundwater from 3 wells in the district, what is the timetable for switch to surfacewater?
- (2) Have there been any complaints about the water quality or smell of laundry?

MUD11 Tax Rate

- (1) What is the tax rate for 2004, 2005 & 2006?
- (2) How does our rate compare to neighboring district (e.g. MUD10-Winchester)?
- (3) How will the two apartment complexes impact our rates?

Apartment Complexes on West Rd

- (1) What details can you share about the two apartment complexes?
- (2) With the land taken, what will become of the MUD11 Park Bond Issue?

JV Bypass & Retention Pond Improvements

- (1) What is the status of the Bypass Wier and Cutting a Drain Under
- (2) When will our SW Retention Pond be cleaned out, regarded & flapper valves added?

MUD11 Meetings within our District

(1) Willowbridge HOA requests that MUD11 schedule at least one meeting a year.

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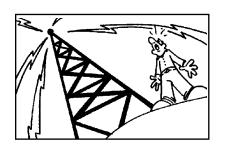
Mother's Of Young Children



Tuesday, Jan. 10th, 7pm Mom's Meeting, Christina Raymond's house

Tuesday, Jan. 17th, 7pm Mom's Night Out, Carrabba's on Champions - Meet at the clubhouse at 6:45pm

If you want more details or have questions, please contact Cathy Chesnut at (281) 894-4768.



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Albion Hurricanes 95 Blue State Champs!

Congratulations to the Albion Hurricanes 95 Blue soccer team as they won the State Championship on Sunday, December 11. Chelbi Orrick, a WillowBridge resident is on the championship team. The 95 Blue team ended up with 38 points out of a possible 40 to win the State title. The 95 Blue team is currently ranked 10th in the nation! Great job girls!!



To find out more about the Albion Hurricanes soccer club, go to www.albionhurricanes.org





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West Road Small Business Network Wednesday, January 4, 2006 7:30 a.m. to 8:45 a.m.

Meeting Location: First Bank & Trust, 9155 W. Sam Houston Pkwy N., 77064. Contact Dorothy Gurka, 281 290 0190, dgurka@houston. rr.com

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Seasons of Maple

As the days shorten and winter approaches, maple trees drop their multicolored foliage and beckon a walk in the brisk air. After shuffling through piles of crisp, dying leaves, you may want to enjoy seasonal

flavors such as maple syrup and maple sugar. Let's go beyond the traditional pancake and waffle topping and learn more about this indigenous product.

Did you know?

It takes about 40 years to grow a maple tree large enough to tap (minimum 10 inches in diameter). It takes about 40 gallons of sap to make 1 gallon of maple syrup.

Historical roots begin with Native Americans

Across the northeastern United States and eastern Canada, hard maple trees have provided rich sap for food, trade, gifts, and festivals since long before European settlers arrived. According to one legend, as frozen winter began to thaw into spring, an Iroquois chief took aim and expertly threw his tomahawk into a maple tree. The next morning, he noticed the sap beginning to flow from the gash in the tree. The tribe collected the sap and boiled it with meat for their meal. As the watery liquid began to boil away, an aromatic sweet syrup remained as a delicious discovery. Another, more pragmatic theory is that Native Americans discovered the flavorful icicles of frozen maple sap ("sapsicles") that were created

with the end-of-winter thaw. In the early 1600s Native Americans showed North American explorers their techniques for capturing the sap, and from there, an industry of maple syrup, maple sugar, and all

things maple began.

Over the centuries, maple has become an important symbol of the history, people and culture of North Americans, and Canada officially adopted the maple leaf flag in the 1960s. Now, in the 21st century, we still enjoy the same kinds of maple treats that those early natives and settlers created.

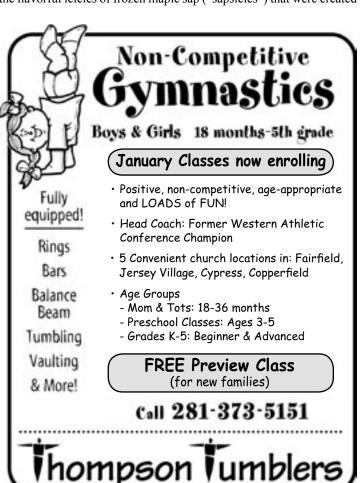
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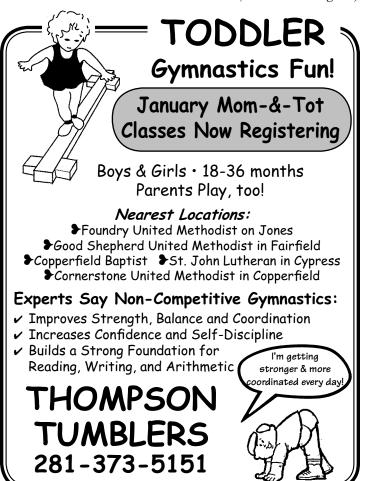
calcium, potassium, manganese, magnesium, phosphorus, and iron. It also contains small amounts of vitamins, including riboflavin (B2), pantothenic acid (B5), pyridoxine (B6), niacin, B1, biotin, and folic acid.

The main type of sugar in pure maple syrup is sucrose. Like any sweet treat, enjoy maple recipes in moderation, and be sure to brush your teeth after eating.

Recipes

If your favorite recipes contain white sugar and you want to experiment with new flavors, use 3/4 cup maple syrup to replace 1 cup (Contiued on Page 11)





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Seasons of Maple - (Continued from Page 10)

sugar. Also, for baked goods, be sure to reduce the amount of any other liquids; for example, if a bread recipe calls for 1 cup of sugar and 1 cup of milk, use 3/4 cup of maple syrup in place of the sugar, and remove 3 tablespoons of liquid from the cup of milk.

According to the Farmers' Almanac, the Full Sap Moon of March will announce the end of winter. The season will turn to spring, and the full moon will signal the time to begin tapping maple trees for another, flavorful harvest. In the meantime, you might want to try these recipes.

Maple-Teriyaki Glazed Salmon

1/2 cup tamari or low-sodium soy sauce

1/4 cup maple syrup

2 Tbs. apple cider vinegar or orange juice

2 Tbs. dry white wine

2 minced garlic cloves

1/2 inch piece of fresh ginger, peeled and minced (or 1/8 tsp. ground ginger) or to taste

4 salmon fillets

Mix together all ingredients except salmon. Pour just enough of the marinade to cover the bottom of an oven-proof baking dish. Place salmon in baking dish, and pour remaining marinade over it. Cover with foil and place in the refrigerator to marinate (30 minutes to 1 hour).

Preheat oven to 375F. Place baking dish in oven and bake 12 to 15 minutes or until salmon flakes easily with a fork. If necessary, spoon some of the marinade over the top of the fish while baking to form a glaze.

Maple Cranberry Sauce

1 cup water

1 cup brown sugar

1 (12 ounce) package fresh cranberries, rinsed

1 navel orange or 2 satsuma (seedless mandarin) oranges

1/4 cup maple syrup

1/2 tsp. ground nutmeg

1/2 tsp. cinnamon, or to taste

In a shallow pan over high heat, stir sugar into water and bring to a boil. Stir in cranberries and boil 10 minutes, stirring occasionally. (Cranberries may "pop.")

While cranberries are cooking, peel, section, and chop the orange. Optional: grate the orange peel before chopping for additional orange zest.

Reduce heat to low. Stir in remaining ingredients and simmer 5 minutes.

Remove from heat. Let cool slightly, and adjust maple syrup and spices to taste. Serve warm over roasted meat immediately, or chill in the refrigerator and serve as a side dish.

Maple and Pear Breakfast Cake

2 cups white flour 1 cup rolled oats 1/3 cup sugar 2 tsp. baking powder 1 tsp. cinnamon

1/2 tsp. baking soda

1/4 tsp. salt

1/2 cup (1 stick) unsalted butter, cut into pieces

1 (8 oz.) container plain or vanilla yogurt

2 Tbs. maple syrup

2 ripe pears, peeled, cored, and diced

1/2 cup coarsely chopped walnuts (op

Preheat oven to 375F. Combine dry ingredients in a medium bowl. Cut in butter with a pastry blender or two knives until the pastry is coarse and the butter is the size of peas. Stir in the remaining ingredients. Turn out mixture onto a lightly floured surface and knead briefly. (Dough will remain sticky.)

Pat the dough into a lightly oiled, round or square (9-inch) baking dish. Bake for 20 minutes or until golden brown. Remove from oven, and while still warm, spread Maple-Pear Butter Topping (recipe follows) on top. Serve immediately.

Maple-Pear Butter Topping

1 large ripe pear, peeled, cored, and mashed 1/4 cup (1/2 stick) butter, softened 1/4 cup maple syrup

In a small saucepan, simmer together the pear, butter, and maple syrup. When the mixture thickens, remove from heat but keep warm. To serve, spread over Maple and Pear Breakfast Cake.



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