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Willowbridge HOA Board Notes

WHOA Meeting Highlights – January 2009

- Five homeowners attended the meeting on January 22nd at the clubhouse.
- The Pest Control contract was renewed for 2009.
- The 2008 Audit Proposal was approved.
- Solicitation of three bids for a new message board at the Willowbridge Park Blvd entrance was agreed upon.
- Property Insurance renewal was agreed upon and approved. The flagpole has been added to the policy.
- The committee is awaiting one more bid before graffiti removal at the tennis courts, playground and other areas can begin.
- The Security Contract was discussed and options were presented. The committee agreed the best option would be to continue discussions with MUD 11 and the possibility of the MUD increasing their contribution to the contract. All committee members agreed that it would be beneficial to attend the February MUD meeting.
- Irrigation system leaks were discussed and repairs were approved.
- Community entrance lighting repairs were discussed and repair bids will be solicited.
- Replacement letters for the Willowbridge sign at the Willowbridge Park Blvd entrance have been ordered. Alternative signage was discussed in hopes of deterring future letter theft.
- Landscaping of the Stonebridge entrance from West Rd has begun.

Other News

- Future Beautification ideas were discussed:
 - o Improve landscaping around the pool
 - o Repair crumbling stone on some of the corner rounds.
 - o Clean-up and beautification of Waller Park
- A Block Captain meeting will be coordinated in the near future.

Our MUD committee is to be thanked for what is shaping up to be a very attractive walking park around the detention pond on Wheatland Dr. across from Cook Middle School.

If you wish to provide input or discussion topics for the committee, come join us on the fourth Thursday of each month, or send an email to Khara Mathews at PCMI.

Security Updates and Events in Willowbridge

Restitution for Graffiti at Willowbridge Tennis Courts:

On August 8, 08 our tennis courts and brick wall next to water well were spray-painted by three graffiti artist, the boys were arrested for criminal mischief. Each one plead guilty for the crime. We have received \$2,500.00 in restitution from one tagger. Our security coordinator was subpoenaed to be a witness for the state in the restitution phase for tagger #2. Tagger #2 was put on probation for 6 months, in addition, ordered to pay Willowbridge \$2,500.00. Tagger # 3 has not been before the judge, his trial is set for March 26, 09. Remember, if you see any new graffiti in the neighborhood, please report it immediately to the sheriff's departments at 713-221-6000.

Block Captains Meeting

March 10, 09 at 7:00 pm at the WIllowbrigde Club House

Are you interested in learning about how to help our keep neighborhood safe and crime free?

Block Captains are wanted! Are you an existing block captain? Please come and meet your neighbors in addition, discuss the future security plans for our entire community. Deputy Bruce will be there to listen to your security concerns and answer any questions you may have about the sheriffs department.

RAD Class for Women:

April 20, 21, 22, 27 & 28 6:00-9:00 pm at the Willowbridge Club House

This is a Five-day course. The sheriffs department host this class free. What is the R.A.D. System?

The Rape Aggression Defense System is a program of realistic, self-defense tactics and techniques. The R.A.D. System is a comprehensive course for women that begins with awareness, prevention, risk reduction and avoidance, while progressing on to the basics of hands-on defense training. The class is limited to 25 participants. You must RSVP for this course, e-mail or call, Julie Dubros at martin@juliedubros.com or 281-794-9032 to reserve your spot.

Look for updates in our newsletter for a "RAD Kids Class" coming this summer. (Continued on Page 3)

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Important Numbers				
All Emergencies911				
Harris County Sheriff713-221-6000				
Harris County Animal Control281-999-3191				
Cy-Fair Hospital281-890-4285				
CenterPoint - Street Lights & Outages713-207-2222				
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Willowbridge/Stonebridge Homeowner's Association (HOA) Meetings

HOA meetings are held on the 4th Thursday of each month, 7:00 p.m. at the Clubhouse, unless otherwise noted on the marquee. Meetings are open to members and your attendance and participation are encouraged!

Willowbridge Homeowners Association Inc. - PCMI

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If you have any questions or comments regarding the neighborhood please contact the #'s above.



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Security Updates - (Continued from Cover Page)

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Feel free to call our security coordinator for general security concerns or if you had an unfortunate incident occur; in addition, an e-mail alert will be sent to our residents! A safe community is a happy community!

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Willowbridge & Stonebridge SPRING FESTIVAL

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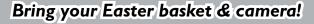
Saturday, April 11th 3:00 to 5:00 pm

Location: Clubhouse Park

EGG HUNT:

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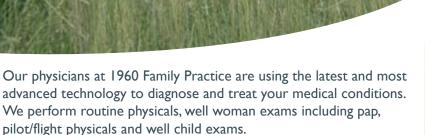
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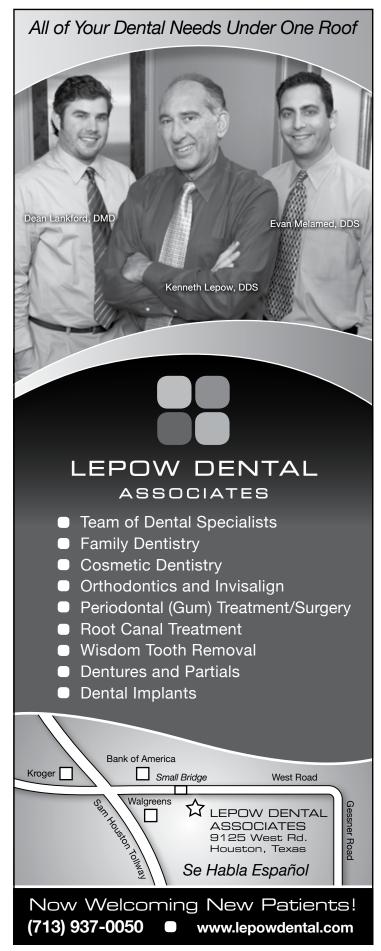
Lessons Learned

By Walter Griffin

Reflecting on the aftermath of Hurricanes Ike, Gustav, and Rita, and after watching the almost daily activities in the neighborhood as fences and roofs are being repaired, we should all be thinking about what we've learned from the passing of those natural disasters. Although Hurricane Ike was the most devastating to our neighborhood, most of us took precautions and actions to better prepare ourselves for the "next one"---or at least, we should have. A few of the topics to follow may seem amusing or even common sense items at first glance, but applying them to your own circumstance may make them more serious...and we do have power outages occasionally during other inclement weather.

- 1. Evacuation. Well, some folks did and some folks did not. For those who either stayed or left the neighborhood, did you leave (or share) information with a neighbor about who to call should a catastrophe occur to your house, yard, or yourselves? Even in everyday life, do you have a neighbor who knows who to call (family member, close friend) should you encounter a serious situation like a stroke, heart attack, or other disabling circumstance? If not, perhaps you should consider doing something about it. Do your neighbors know how to contact you at work should it become necessary?
- 2. Water and/or gas line breakage. Whether it be due to a storm or not, if a water line breaks in your yard or in your home, or if the gas line breaks in your home, do you (and your neighbor) know how and where to shut off the supply valve? Water hoses to the refrigerator ice makers and the washing machines are all subject to deterioration and breakage---do you and/or your spouse know how and where to shut off the water supply to your home? Gas line leaks and/or ruptures can and will be more serious, so you should know how to shut off the supply at your meter; and that you should not use your phone to call for help as cordless phones, cell phones, and even dial or push button plug-in-the-wall phones can produce a spark which could ignite the gas vapors. Be familiar with lighting pilot lights should you decide to do that yourself.
- 3. Spare or extra gasoline for generators. Do you store gasoline? Is it stored in a safe place away from sources of ignition? The amount that you store for emergencies is debatable, but the safety in storing it is not.
- 4. Keeping vehicle(s) full due to an approaching storm. Some people do this, some do not. As witnessed during Hurricane Ike, gasoline and/or diesel were not overly abundant, but some folks had to stand in line for some time to obtain the fuel necessary for generators and/or commuting. Again, extra fuel storage will come in handy during these times of fuel scarcity.
- 5. Butane for BBQ or cooking on the grill. Rather than lose food that had been frozen when the electricity is off for a prolonged period of time, consider cooking it and sharing it with neighbors-they may reciprocate...even a cul-de-sac gathering or block party are preferable to having food go to waste. A full butane bottle is another necessity during power outages if your stove is electric and you have an outdoor grill.
- 6. Generators. In my own realm of the neighborhood, I was amazed as to how many people had generators. Like mine, I'm sure many

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Lessons Learned - (Continued from Page 9)

were stored somewhere or under "stuff" in the garage. And like mine, some may have needed some minor maintenance to get them running properly---which brings me to storage of those necessities. Most of the owner's manuals provide instructions for storage of generators---but who keeps instructions? As a precaution, I have set up a calendar with a reminder to start my generator each month and run it under a slight load for about 15 minutes. I do the same with my lawnmower and high pressure washer. The gasoline that I run in these "necessities" has an additive such as Sta-bil or one of the popular gasoline additives that can be purchased from Sears, Home Depot, Lowe's or the like. Personally, I don't like having to "overhaul" the carburetor before running the machines as they are used infrequently. And, be cognizant of "where" you locate a running generator---noise, fumes, etc.

7. Food, water and other emergency supplies. How much? There can never be enough said about those necessities, and each year before hurricane season, you can pick up a map and list of emergency supplies at the grocery stores. How much is enough? Only you can be the judge of that.

What about the "other side" of natural disasters affecting our neighbors and neighborhood?

Closeness. I had a friend tell me that he had lived in the same house for almost 20 years as did his neighbors, but he had never really gotten to know them until after the hurricane struck their neighborhood and he was the only one with a generator. Funny? Perhaps. He has told me that since the incident, his neighbors are friendlier, more helpful, and do wave and speak more often. Calamities can sometimes bring folks closer together in time of need.

Transportation. Some folks learned to either carpool or shop for each other during the fuel shortage (and price increase). And if you enjoy riding a bicycle or motorcycle, Houston is not such a bad place to ride when 2 million people evacuate the city.

Communications. There are "Block Captains" in our neighborhood. How many of you heard from yours? How many of the Block Captains did or did not make an extra effort to communicate? Telephones, internet, and the like were of little use while the electricity was off....and not everyone has internet anyway. With the "new and improved" digital television signal system going into effect nationwide in February, older portable (battery operated) sets will be useless without the "converter box", and rabbit ears may not be adequate to receive a suitable television signal even if you have the converter box powered. There are a few positive things to be said for satellite receivers, but even many of those facilities were adversely affected by the hurricane. And wasn't it just horrible to see you neighbor across the street with electricity while you were still in the dark because you were on a different grid? All I could say about that in public was "Wow". And I do remember sitting around listening to the radio many years ago before my family had a television set.

And the list could go on, but space is limited---and much of what has been covered is common sense. However, if you gleaned a bit of "I need to look into that idea" from this article, then I'm glad.... and hopefully you'll share your BBQ with me the next time we lose power for a prolonged period of time.

Stop & Smell The Rosemary Submitted by: Tom Heitzman, Beautification Committee

Our corner rounds replanting project has been completed and things are beginning to bloom. Included in the design are: Nearly Wild Roses (pink), Bulbine (yellow blooms), Bi-Color Iris (spring bloomers that are off-white with black centers) and fragrant Rosemary. Included in the contract was one month's watering, also completed. Our landscaping contractors advise that the new plants need to be watered (3) times a week for the first year. Of course, this may be less or more depending upon the amount of rainfall we receive each month. IF YOU LIVE ON A CORNER LOT WITH A CORNER ROUND, WE NEED YOUR HELP TO ASSURE THE PLANTS RECEIVE THE PROPER WATERINGS. Please help us keep them looking gooood!!

MOMS Club of Far Northwest Houston

Submitted by Heather Martin



Ever feel like you are the only one staying at home? Would you like to meet more moms who have made the choice to stay home with their children? MOMS Club of Far Northwest Houston is a support network for stay at home moms who are ready to get out of the house and play! We offer park days, field trips, mom's night out, playgroups and more! Newborns through preschoolers...there is fun

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	Aug 08	Sep 08	Oct 08	Nov 08	Dec 08	Jan 09
\$300,000 +	0	0	0	0	1	0
\$270,000 - 299,999	1	0	0	0	0	0
\$240,000 - 269,999	0	2	0	0	0	0
\$200,000 - 239,999	1	0	3	0	1	1
\$170,000 - 199,999	0	0	1	0	2	2
\$170,000 -	1	0	0	0	0	0
TOTAL	3	2	4	0	4	3
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