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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Annual Meeting

Please don't forget the annual meeting is Thursday, May 20, 2010 at 6:30pm in the Winchester Country Clubhouse at 9607 Rio Grande Drive. We need 10% of the community represented in person or by proxy. A copy of the proxy will be mailed out in early May with the Annual Meeting announcement. If you are NOT planning to attend the meeting, please sign and return the proxy so that we have 10% of our community represented. Proxies can be returned to Jane Godwin at Randall Management by Fax (713-728-5015) or by email at jgodwin@randallmanagement.com. Also, the Board would be glad to come by and pick up your proxy...just email us at wphoa.board@willowpointe.org to schedule a pickup.

By-Law Amendment

At the annual meeting this year, we will be voting to amend the existing Bylaws that govern the Willow Point Board of Directors. This is to be distinguished from the Declaration of Covenants (Deed Restrictions) which will NOT be modified.

When I joined the Board, I began thoroughly reading the Willow Pointe Bylaws. I found many errors and issues which I promised at the last annual meeting we would attempt to correct this year. These include the following:

1. Currently, a member of the Board of Directors does NOT have to be a member of the Homeowners Association
2. If the Board needs to have an emergency Board meeting, the earliest this can occur is after 3 days
3. Director removal is a daunting task and currently requires 2/3 of all Association Members
4. No conflict of interest topics are covered and indemnification clauses are very vague
5. If we have a tie vote in an election, the tie is to be decided by 'Lot'...this should read 'lot'

Overall, the Bylaws were written for a time when the Willow Pointe community was being established and we still had the community 'Builder' playing a role in fashioning the rules. Thus, there are multiple references that are no longer applicable to our community and make the document unnecessarily confusing. Hopefully, these changes will clear up lots of topics and make the bylaws easier to follow.

POOL PARTY

It's Summertime and the Pool Is Open on May 29th

Hope to see all neighbors at the Pool Party on May 29th when the pool opens for the 2010 Pool Season. Bring your family (and pool passes) and enjoy an American fare of hot dogs, potato chips, chili and cool drinks from Noon until 2pm. We are bringing in the summer and celebrating our great neighbors in Willow Pointe...and the always anticipated opening of our community swimming pool.

This will be a hot event so come and chill with your neighbors.

2010 POOL SEASON INFORMATION

The Willow Point Pool will be open May 29th Memorial Day Weekend and resume a regular schedule on Saturday, June 5th. Hours of operation will be noon to 8pm Tuesday through Sunday throughout the summer months.

If you are in good standing within the Willow Point HOA, you should be receiving your 2010 Pool Pass with the Annual meeting mailer during the first 2 weeks of May. You or your family members MUST show the Pool Pass when you enter the pool area. Access to the pool will be DENIED if you do not have a Pool Pass.

Families are limited to four total guests and not four guests per family member. Children under 12 years of age without adult supervision will be denied access to the pool. With the annual mailer, you will also find a copy of the 2010 Pool Rules. Please take time to review before you make your visit to the pool as the lifeguards will be enforcing these at all times.

To avoid misplacing your Pool Pass... use a hole puncher to make a hole in it and attach it to you pool bag or keys. If you do lose you Pool Pass, did not find one included with you Annual mailer, or wish to have an additional pass, please contact Randall Management at 713-728-1126. The cost will be \$10.00 for each pass.

We would like to wish you a safe and happy swim season.

IMPORTANT NUMBERS

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| Emergency | 911 |
| Sheriff's Department | 713-221-6000 |
| Sheriff's Department (Business) | 281-290-2100 |
| Fire Department (Non-Emergency)..... | 713-466-6161 |
| Vacation Watch | 281-290-2100 |
| Poison Control Center | 800-222-1222 |
| Animal Control..... | 281-999-3191 |
| Commissioner, Precinct 4..... | 281-353-8424 |
| Willow Place Post Office | 281-890-2392 |
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| West Harris County MUD..... | 281-807-9500 |
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BOARD OF DIRECTORS

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| President | Scott Ward | 2008 - 2011 |
| Vice President | Hollis Miles | 2009 - 2012 |
| Secretary/Treasurer | Brenda Jackson | 2009 - 2012 |
| Director | Greg Decker | 2009 - 2011 |
| Director | Steve Mueller | 2007 - 2010 |

Please contact us at wphoa.board@willowpointe.org if you have questions, comments or concerns.

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IN OUR NECK OF THE WOODS, MUD IS A GOOD THING!

While most Municipal Utility Districts (MUD's) engage solely in water supply, conservation, irrigation and drainage issues, our MUD strives to be much more responsive to our District's individual needs. There has been a lot of talk recently about the City of Houston raising their water rates as much as 50% (in certain apartment complexes) and even in other MUD's the regional water rates are much higher. Our MUD (West Harris County Municipal Utility District No. 10) has continued to keep our rates low. In fact, our MUD offers exemptions for disabled and elderly households. Those are just some of the benefits of having our own MUD.

As Directors of West Harris County MUD #10, we saw the need for a sidewalk across the street from Cook Middle School so we built it. We have also funded new construction for much needed Parks in our area. Both of which help keep our children safe.

Speaking of safety, our MUD provides security funding to the Homeowner's Associations in our area to help fund our law enforcement security contracts. We fund sidewalk repair and manhole maintenance on an as needed basis and we clean up graffiti as soon as we see it.

We entered into a mowing agreement with the Flood Control District in order to subsidize extra mowing cycles throughout the year and maintain our bayous throughout the district. After Hurricane Ike, our bayous became a dumping ground for debris so we entered into a joint effort with a neighboring MUD to have the trash and debris collected and removed from our area. Thankfully, we had the luxury of uninterrupted water and sewer service during Ike. And, the generators we own kept our plants running normally while systems all over town were going down.

We are actively involved in our community and we work very hard to respond to the needs of our neighbors. We strive to achieve the latest advances in water treatment services. We pride ourselves in being good stewards of your tax dollars by making sure we get the most out of our monies. West Harris County MUD No. 10 operates efficiently and with transparency because we know we can stretch a dollar as far as possible and improve our neighborhoods at the same time.

The Directors of West Harris County MUD No. 10 are:

Karl Skarboszewski President
Bonnie C. Gunther Vice President

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*Do You Have Reason
to Celebrate?*

We want to hear from you! Email articles@PEELinc.com
to let the community know!

Good Thing- (Continued from Page 2)

Greg Decker Secretary
Jimmy L. Wilson Director
M. Steve Mueller Director

We are your neighbors and we are honored to be your Board Members. If something needs to be done, we make sure it gets done. We don't put things off until a later date. Unlike other authorities, if something is brought to our attention, we move on it in the most expeditious manner. Our water rates are lower than any other district around us because we have avoided voting for any rate increases in a very long time. We serve our community with great pride and diligence.

To contact us please whcmud10@sbcglobal.net. We enjoy serving you and working to make our community a better place to live, work and raise our families.

Here are some helpful sites to learn more about Municipal Utility Districts:

- Texas Commission on Environmental Quality
www.tceq.state.tx.us
- Texas Water Commission Association
www.twca.org
- Texas Water Information Network
www.txwin.net

Harris County Sheriff's Office Patrol Report

March 2010



| CATEGORY | NUMBER |
|------------------------|--------|
| Burglary/Habitat | 0 |
| Burglary/Motor vehicle | 0 |
| Disturbance/Family | 2 |
| Disturbance/Loud Noise | 0 |
| Local Alarms | 7 |
| Runaway | 1 |
| Suspicious Person | 1 |
| Traffic stop | 2 |
| Vehicle suspicious | 0 |

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EDITORIAL

Our MUD is Great!

Fortunately, we have an article in this month's newsletter describing the incredible services our own West Harris County MUD #10 provides to all of us. We are very blessed to have such a responsive and resourceful Board of Directors on our MUD. A lot of areas are not that lucky.

I would like to say we have the current MUD Board and the excellent services we enjoy because the voters in our district are meticulous and diligently research each candidate before voting. Unfortunately, I am a realist and understand that it is not always the case since few of us have the time to invest in such research. It may be simply that we were fortunate in the people that have currently been elected to our MUD Board have served our community very well.

Our MUD is one of the most successful, resourceful, and efficient MUDs in the area. We enjoy one of the lowest water rates around and a very competitive tax rate. Our current MUD Board is diverse, representative of our community, and has struck a balance enabling them to work very well together. It is in our community's best interests to keep that momentum and continuity working for us.

A MUD Director requires very specific technical skills and

knowledge. We need someone who knows about our two complete water supply plants, the system to operate them efficiently, and keep them running when adverse weather or electricity failures threatens our water system.

During Ike, I was very proud that MUD#10 still had clean water...even though I had no power at my home for 10 days. You appreciate the simple things during those times. Other communities suffered the double whammy of no power and no water. Ouch...

On May 8th there is an election where three of our five current MUD Directors are up for re-election. If you choose to vote in this election please take the time to learn the names of your current Directors and vote to return them to office. Our community needs to keep our present Directors working for us on West Harris County MUD # 10. Thank you.

Scott Ward
WPHOA President

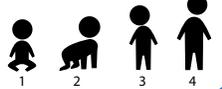


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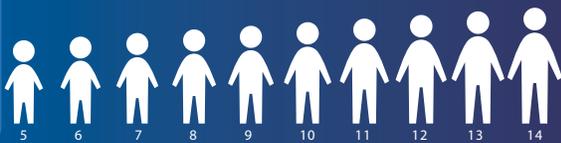
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FACTS YOU NEED TO KNOW ABOUT DROWNING

Drowning is the leading cause of unintentional injury-related death in children ages 1-4



DROWNING WILL AFFECT YOU OR SOMEONE YOU KNOW



Drowning is the 2nd leading cause of unintentional injury-related death ages 1-14.

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DROWNING CAN STILL OCCUR EVEN IF YOU KNOW HOW TO SWIM

NO ONE is "drown proof" – no matter their level of swimming ability.

Falls, entrapments, and injuries lead to drowning regardless of swimming level.

A majority of people overestimate their own and their child's ability to swim, especially in a panic event.

DROWNING IS QUICK AND SILENT



Drowning occurs in as little as 2 minutes.



Irreversible brain damage occurs in as little as 4 minutes.



Most children are out of sight or missing for less than 5 minutes and usually in the presence of 1 or both parents.



Most children die who are submerged for as little as 6-10 minutes.

Children who drown do not **scream, splash, or struggle**. They silently slip beneath the water, even with adults & lifeguards present.

Yard of the Month

With spring in full bloom, the yards are looking great in our area. Congratulations to the family at 10219 White Oak Trail Lane who received first place for the month of April. Also congratulations go to the family at 10214 White Oak Trail Lane who receive second place this month.



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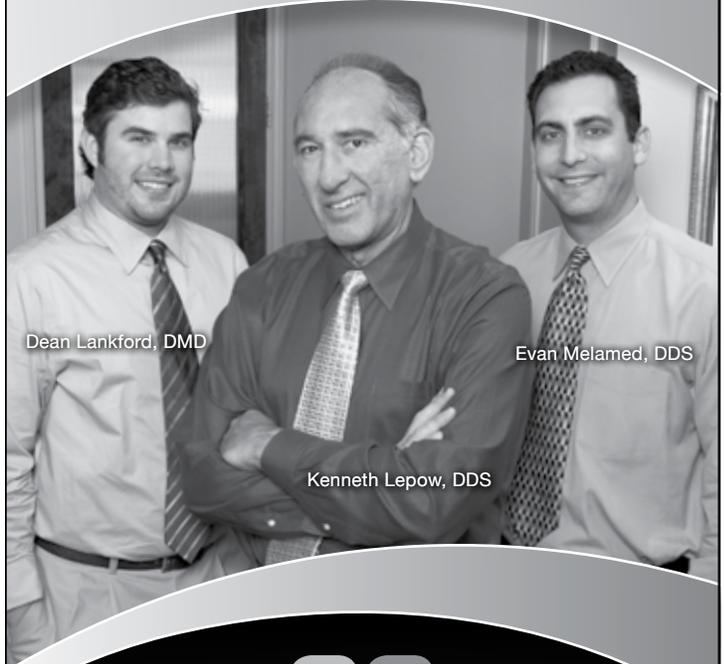
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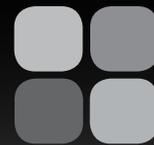
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WILLOW POINTE HOA, INC

Balance Sheet - March 31, 2010

ASSETS

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|-------------------------------------|--------------|
| Checking Prosperity | \$34,155.88 |
| Temp Transfer Prosperity M/M | \$100,000.00 |
| Temp Transfer Bank of America | \$60,000.00 |

RESERVES

| | |
|---------------------------|--------------|
| Prosperity M/M | \$35,577.47 |
| Smith Barney | \$146,152.41 |
| Bank of America M/M | \$50,610.53 |
| Total Reserves | \$232,340.41 |

ACCOUNTS RECEIVABLE

| | |
|------------------------------|-----------------------|
| 2009 Owner Assessments | \$2,609.74 |
| 2010 Owner Assessments | \$28,242.26 |
| A/R Collection Fees | \$2,387.00 |
| A/R Lawn Fees | \$683.66 |
| A/R Late charges | \$408.93 |
| A/R Legal fees | \$8,820.00 |
| A/R Opening balance | \$19,391.50 |
| A/R Other | \$275.00, \$62,818.09 |
| Total Assets | \$489,314.38 |
| Pre-paid insurance | \$2,428.34 |
| Total other assets | \$2,428.34 |

Total Asset.....\$491,742.72

LIABILITIES AND MEMBER'S EQUITY

Current Liabilities

| | |
|--------------------------|----------|
| Prepaid-HOA Fees | \$60.08 |
| Prepaid-Legal Fees | \$148.72 |
| Total Liabilities | \$208.80 |

Reserves

| | |
|-------------------------|--------------|
| Beginning balance | \$235,379.09 |
| Interest income | \$128.10 |
| Bank Charges | \$ -75.00 |
| Capital Expenses | \$3,091.78 |
| Total Reserves | \$232,340.41 |

Member Capital

| | |
|--------------------------------|--------------|
| Prior Years equity | \$80,099.61 |
| Accrual basis equity | \$62,609.29 |
| Total homeowners capital | \$142,708.90 |
| YTD excess/deficit | \$116,484.61 |
| Total member's equity | \$259,193.51 |

TOTAL LIABILITIES

AND MEMBER'S EQUITY.....\$491,742.72

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WILLOW POINTE HOMEOWNERS ASSOCIATION, INC.

Board of Directors Meeting - Wednesday, March 2, 2010

MINUTES

The Willow Pointe Homeowners Association, Inc., Board of Directors met for the monthly meeting of the Homeowners Association at the Willow Pointe Pool located at 9919 Willow Crossing, Houston, TX 77064 at 6:30 p.m.

Board of Directors:

Present:

Scott Ward, President

Steve Mueller, Treasurer

Greg Decker, Director at Large

Absent:

Hollis Miles - Vice President

Brenda Jackson - Secretary

Management Company:

Jane Godwin, Randall Management

Janet Bonura, Randall Management

Call to Order:

Scott Ward, Director of the Willow Pointe Board of Directors, called the meeting to order at

6:32 p.m.

Establish Quorum – Roll Call:

With a majority of the Board of Directors present, the quorum was established. The Directors in attendance are listed above.

Adoption of Agenda:

The agenda was reviewed and a motion was made by Scott Ward, seconded by Greg Decker, and it was unanimously decided to approve the agenda as presented.

Open Forum:

The Open Forum is the time provided for the owners of Willow Pointe to address the Board, ask questions, or make suggestions. No owners were present.

Approval of the Minutes: February 2, 2010 Board of Directors Meeting and the Executive Session of the Board of Directors- The February 2, 2010 minutes were presented for review. A motion was made by Greg Decker, seconded by Steve Mueller, and it was unanimously decided to approve the minutes with minor changes.

Committee Reports:

Modification Committee – Scott Ward reported that driveway extensions are not allowed, however, “Step Outs” may be approved on a case by case basis.

Newsletter Committee – Greg Decker is to include an article regarding the upcoming MUD elections. Scott Ward advised that the article deadline was the 5th of each month.

Web Report – No report was given due to Hollis Miles’ absence.

Courtesy Patrol & Crime Watch – No report was given due to Brenda Jackson’s absence.

Landscaping Committee – RMI is to obtain a bid from Brookway for weed control.

Management Report:

Financial Report - Jane Godwin reviewed the financial statement for the month ending February 28, 2010 in great detail. The following are the account balances as of February 28, 2010; the Prosperity checking account balance was \$31,179. A \$100,000 operating transfer was placed in the Prosperity Money Market account as well as a \$60,000 operating transfer was placed in the Bank of America Money Market account. These funds are designated for 2010 operation, but placed in the money market accounts to earn additional interest until the funds are needed for operation. The reserves located at Prosperity, Smith Barney, and Bank of America Money Market accounts total \$232,292. This balance does not reflect the operating transfers. The administrative expense for the month was \$2,868, Utilities were \$6,723, Grounds Maintenance was \$3,910, and Community Services were \$5,034. The Total Expenses for the month of February were \$21,229 and year-to-date the total expense for the Association are \$38,024, which is \$3,388 under budget.

Collection Report – Jane reported that there were \$3,506 of the 2009 Assessment fees which have not been collected. The Association is 99% collected for 2009 and with \$42,828 outstanding the Association is 82% collected for 2010.

Legal Report – Jane Godwin presented the updated legal report from Casey Lambright’s Office. Updated photos of all uncorrected deed violations already with the attorney were reviewed and discussed. The Board of Directors instructed RMI on how to proceed with those accounts.

Deed Restriction Report – The Board of Directors reviewed the deed restriction report. There were several accounts under Board Review that were discussed. The Board advised RMI of the next steps to be taken on each account.

Unfinished Business:

Play Structure - Bid for the Canopy Repair – Janet provided an update regarding the equipment. Steve Mueller agreed to supervise the installation of the equipment.

Installation of Oleanders- An update was provided regarding the installation to be complete no later than March 15, 2010.

Pool Sidewalk- Scott Ward met with a concrete contractor and walked the property to obtain a bid for the proposed concrete work. The contractor proposed \$4 per square foot and advised that there

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Minutes - (Continued from Page 7)

would be reduction if project consisted of more than 1,000 square feet.

Pool Entry Pole/Chain- Scott Ward is to research this item and obtain a bids.

Baby Pool Resurfacing- Steve Mueller is to accompany Greater Houston on the inspection of the pool to determine if resurfacing was required.

Round Up flower Beds- Scott Ward advised of the specifications e-mailed. RMI is to obtain bids and Steve Mueller will obtain a comparable bid from Cruz.

Shutter Color- A letter along with pictures of the two homes were reviewed and it was determined that the shutter color is an acceptable color. Upon receipt of the necessary ACC application, the color will be officially approved.

New Business:

Water System Repairs- A motion was made by Greg Decker, seconded by Steve Mueller, and it was unanimously decided to approve the bid for such repairs.

Pool Lighting- Steve Mueller reported that he has been diligently working on the lighting issues at the pool. Several photocells and fixtures were replaced to improve the lighting in this area.

Stray Dog- Scott Ward provided an update regarding the

unattended dog. He provided an address as well as a description of the dog. It appears to be a Rottweiler coming from Willow Crossing Circle.

Trash Can Replacement- A brief discussion was held regarding the necessary replacement of the existing can. RMI will e-mail samples to the Board for their review.

Garage Sale Signage- Scott Ward provided the Board with an update regarding is coordination of the signage purchase.

Annual Meeting- Greg Decker will confirm the location of the meeting and RMI will draft the notice of such.

Signature Cards- A motion was made by Greg Decker, seconded by Steve Mueller, and it was unanimously decided to amend the Prosperity Bank signature cards to include Greg Decker, Scott Ward, and Steve Mueller.

Adjournment:

With no further business to discuss, a motion was made, seconded, and it was unanimously decided to adjourn the meeting at 9:08 p.m.

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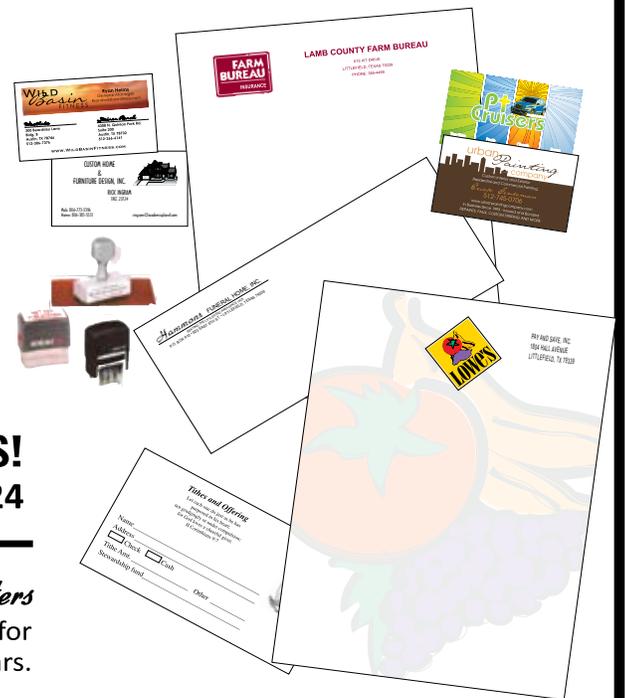
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Taking precautionary measures to protect your eyes during the spring and summer can help prevent long-term damage to eyesight, said a Baylor College of Medicine ophthalmologist.

“Ultraviolet light has certainly been linked to the development of macular degeneration, cataracts and other vision-loss problems,” said Dr. Elizabeth Baze, assistant professor of ophthalmology at BCM and deputy executive of the Eye Care Line at the Michael E. DeBakey Veterans Affairs Medical Center.

Baze offered tips you can practice to help protect your eyes from sun damage.

- When picking sunglasses, the bigger the better. “The more they wrap around and shield your eyes and the skin around the eyes, the more full protection you have,” she said.
- Pick sunglasses that provide 99 to 100 percent UV protection. They do not need to be expensive to offer this.
- Use sunblock around the eyes.

- A broad-brimmed hat can add extra protection.

If you already have an existing eye condition like macular degeneration or cataracts, protecting your eyes from the sun should be a top priority on sunny days, she said.

“Practicing these measures can ensure for healthy fun in the sun,” Baze said.

Psoriasis is more than skin deep

Psoriasis is more than just a skin disorder that might need treatment, say doctors at Baylor College of Medicine in Houston.

“Psoriasis is an autoimmune disease,” said Dr. Sylvia Hsu, professor of dermatology at BCM.

“In about 10 percent of cases the disorder will affect the joints, a condition known as psoriatic arthritis.”

Hsu said the first symptom of psoriasis is usually an itchy rash, caused by an overproduction of skin cells. It most commonly affects the scalp, elbows and knees. The rash can heal and come back

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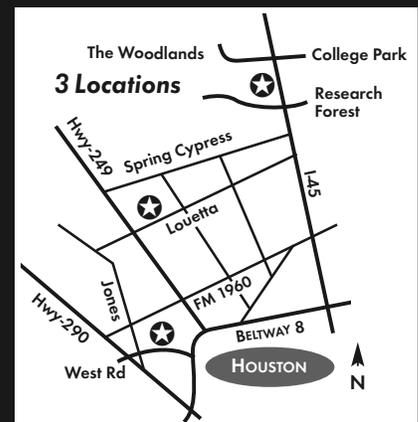


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Health Briefs - (Continued from Page 9)

throughout a person's life.

Joint problems usually don't appear at the same time as skin problems, and in most cases they aren't severe, Hsu said. Many people may find they are stiff in the morning or become achy as the day goes on.

Treatment for the two symptoms can be given separately by a dermatologist or a rheumatologist. A form of treatment known as biologic therapy can be used to treat both. It can be given through injection and works by targeting the specific immune pathways that cause inflammation on the skin and in the joints.

"There is no cure for psoriasis but as doctors begin to better understand the cause of the disorder, therapies are becoming more effective and longer lasting," said Hsu.

Sling device helps prostate cancer patients manage incontinence

Men who have undergone prostate cancer surgery have a new option for managing incontinence - a common side effect and significant quality-of-life issue some men face after surgery, said a urologist from Baylor College of Medicine.

"Many men may become distressed and embarrassed when dealing with incontinence, or the loss of their bladder control, said Dr. Mohit Khera, an assistant professor in the Scott Department of

Urology at BCM.

A new sling device can help men manage their bladder function and control after surgery. In prostate cancer surgery patients, the urethral muscles are weakened by the removal of the prostate gland and subsequent injury to the surrounding urethral muscle.

To fit patients with the sling, doctors make a small incision under the scrotum. "The sling serves as a hammock for the urethra," said Khera. "It is made of polypropylene mesh and does not require any additional hardware or artificial materials. It's very natural."

Patients go home the day of surgery. They will have a catheter for one to two days and should be back to full activity in four weeks, Khera said.

Alternate treatments are more invasive and may be less tolerable to some patients, Khera said.

"We are making significant advances in improvement of quality of life following prostate cancer surgery," said Khera.

Traditional colonoscopy recommended over virtual method

The option for a "virtual" colonoscopy is now available but doctors at Baylor College of Medicine recommend sticking to traditional methods when screening for colon cancer.

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A virtual colonoscopy is a CT scan image of the colon and does not require the use of an endoscope - a thin, flexible device that is inserted into the colon.

“While a virtual colonoscopy may sound less invasive than traditional methods, it isn’t always as accurate,” said Dr. Waqar Qureshi, associate professor of medicine and chief of endoscopy at BCM. “A scan is more likely to miss small precancerous growths, and catching those polyps early is the key to preventing progression to colon cancer.”

Studies have shown that polyps smaller than 6 mm are frequently missed by CT scanning, Qureshi said. For someone who is at high risk for colon cancer, missing a polyp can be deadly. Almost all instances of colon cancer begin as polyps, which are easily detected and removed during a colonoscopy.

Many times a virtual colonoscopy must be followed by the traditional method, he added, and both procedures require the same preparation, which includes laxatives, diet restrictions and in some cases certain medications must be stopped.

Colon cancer screening should take place every 10 years starting at age 50.

If colon cancer runs in a family, testing should begin earlier and be performed more often.

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