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POLICE•COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIPS

National Night Out October 5, 2010 6:00-9:00 PM

On Tuesday, October 5, citizens in neighborhoods throughout Houston are being invited to join forces with thousands of communities nationwide for the "27th Annual National Night Out" event.

National Night Out is designed to heighten crime and drug prevention awareness, generate support for and participation in local anti-crime efforts, strengthen neighborhood spirit and police-community partnerships, and to send a message to criminals letting them know that neighborhoods are organized and will not tolerate crime.

From 6 p.m. to 9 p.m. on October 5th, Willowbridge will host a National Night Out Festival at the clubhouse. Residents will be asked to lock their doors, turn on outside lights, and spend the evening outside with neighbors and police. There will be plenty of fun activities, crime prevention information, drinks, snacks, games, bouncing machines, face painting, finger printing kits, and much more. Come out and join the fun.

Come and meet your neighbors along with our local law enforcement from the Harris County Sheriff's Office, EMS and Fire departments who help serve and protect our community.

We will need volunteers to help set up and clean up before and after the festival. If you can volunteer, please e-mail Julie at martin@juliedubros.com.

The School Zone

By Barbara Lallinger

"Here's to Our Heroes: Reading Saves the Day"

Gleason's Fall Book Fair theme says a lot. Reading does save the day and is necessary to succeed in life. This year's fair will begin on Monday, October 18 at 9:00 a.m. and will conclude at noon on Friday the 22nd. The fair will be open continuously until 8:00 p.m. Monday to facilitate parents that can not come during the day. There is a possibility that it will also be open late on Thursday. The fair is open all day long (lunch is donated by area merchants so that workers may continue working and not have to leave to eat). Anyone may purchase books during the fair (not limited to students and parents). This is a great opportunity to get a jump on your Christmas shopping and help raise funds for our outstanding library!

Also on this night, the PTO will hold a General Meeting at 6:00 p.m., immediately preceding the 3rd grade music program in the cafeteria. Your attendance at all of these events is sincerely appreciated.

The Taj Mahal - Northwest Annex

According to Websters, the Taj Mahal is a white marble mausoleum built (1630-52) by Shah Jahan for his wife at Agra, India.

According to many detractors in the district, it is the nickname for the CFISD Richard F. Berry Educational Support Center

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All article content must be submitted to Kyle Survanice at ksurvanice@comcast.net in order to be included in the newsletter.

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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!

WELCOMING COMMITTEE

The Welcoming Committee meetings are the last Monday of each month.

HARRIS COUNTY ROAD AND BRIDGE

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The School Zone - (Continued from Cover Page)

(Berry Center), located in Cypress, Texas.

Have you been to our Taj Mahal? If not, you're missing out! Many of these detractors forget (or are unaware) that this facility was approved by 84.4% of the voters that voted in the 2001 bond election. As indicated by its official name, it is an educational center, but that's not all. It is also an athletic stadium.

When built, the two facilities were combined, resulting in a \$4 million savings in parking lot costs. In actuality, the BC is five (5) facilities in one. It is:


1. an **arena** designed for 9,500 maximum capacity with 8,300 fixed seats
2. a **conference center** consisting of 16,000 sq. ft. which can be partitioned into 17 rooms
3. a **theater** with 456 seats
4. an **athletic stadium** with 11,000 seats
5. a **food distribution center**, which provides 8,000 meals to schools on the west side of the district

The BC's facility usage focuses on district use for students, staff, parent and community organizations. It is used 7 days a week, 17 hours a day and about 2,600 events are scheduled each year. In 2008-09 the ratio of district to outside events was 65% : 35%. Examples of instructional use in 2008-09 included the following: student instructional activities/Advanced Placement testing, etc.; professional

development training; UIL theater arts/music competitions; student competitions/contests; emergency school location and **CFISD graduation ceremonies**. Examples of outside events included: Graduation ceremonies for Alief ISD, DeVry University, Lone Star College, Kumon and Montessori schools; KSBJ and AEG concerts; Houston Family Arts Center, **Cirque due Soleil**, Second Baptist Church (every Sunday plus meetings/events during the week); and used by Best Buy, Caldwell Companies, Sonic & Oceanic Engineering.


Most district events do not produce income and their expenses are charged to the BC. However, the facility does have the ability to gain revenue by renting it when not being used for district events, helping to offset costs of district events. The food distribution center on the west side of the district provides a cost avoidance of approximately **\$420,000** per year for the food service budget! In addition, a cost savings for students, parents and patrons is derived from the proximity of the BC because it increases attendance at student competitions and saves travel expenses. Approximately **\$120,000** is saved in parking for graduation ceremonies compared to what we would pay to Reliant Center. And...**\$92,000** is saved on prom ticket prices for students compared to proms held at hotels.

The Taj Mahal will pay for itself! Remember Rome wasn't built in a day. In the meantime, if you have the opportunity, attend a function there and check out the facilities. You just might be surprised at what it has to offer!



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For information, call Joy Onorato at 713-856-9609 or visit the church web site at www.stmaximilian.org

CyFair Storm

CyFair Storm 2002 is looking for dedicated players and parents for the 2010-2011 season. Players must be 2002 birth dates or later. Please contact Dan LeDoux for registration information at cfstorm2002@yahoo.com.

Attention NW Harris County Tri Delta Alumnae

Mark your calendars to join your Tri Delta sisters for our social gathering "Spice it Up-Cooking with Spices" Tuesday, October 12th at 7:00 pm. Our group meets on the second Tuesday of every month September - April. We have a diverse group of women of all ages from a variety of colleges. For more information, please contact Christina at 281-855-6893 or Karen at trideltanews@yahoo.com

STREET LIGHT OUT?

If you notice a street light out, PLEASE report it to CenterPoint Energy. Please be aware that we pay for all of the street lights in our subdivision, every month, regardless if they are illuminated or not!

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Recovery Tips: I Found a Stray Dog

by Sonia Moore, Lost & Found Pet Coordinator

First, always consider the safety of the dog and of yourself. A frightened and possibly sick or injured dog may behave unpredictably. A sudden move may spook him, causing him to bolt into traffic. If the dog looks or acts threatening in any way, stay away from the animal and notify a local animal control agency (some are listed below).

If the dog appears approachable, remember to use caution and common sense. When approaching the dog, speak calmly and reassuringly to it. Make sure he can see you at all times as you approach, and perhaps entice it to come to you by offering food (keep easy-to-open cans in your vehicle). Once you've managed to approach and capture the dog, the best care you can give it is to attempt to return it to its owner.

Check the dog for ID tags or tattoos. Tattoos are often found inside the ear or on the inner legs.


Place a long leash (and secure collar) on the dog and tell it "Go Home!" Unfortunately, some people do allow their dog to roam off leash and it is possible that you found a dog that knows exactly where its home is. See if the dog will lead you to its home. If you pass by any people, ask them if they know who owns this dog. Don't release the dog to ANYONE until you are positive that you have found its rightful family!

Check the area for any "LOST DOG" posters, but understand that the dog might have traveled quite far and the posters could be one to three miles away. Also consider that the dog may have escaped in the last few hours and the posters haven't gone up yet. Just because there is no poster, don't automatically assume that there is no owner! Be sure to check back in the area and within a one to three mile radius for "LOST DOG" posters for up to five days after you found the dog. Different circumstances (health problems, being out of town, etc.) can prevent people from posting lost pet flyers immediately.

Take the dog to a vet's office and have it scanned for a microchip. Most vets and animal shelters are equipped with the readers needed to detect and interpret microchips.

Place a "found dog" ad and send out an email to many in the neighborhood letting them know that you need their help in locating the animal's owner. Remember to check the "lost" ads periodically, as well as local lost pet websites. Even if the description given doesn't perfectly fit the dog you've found, call anyway. You'd be surprised how many pet owners, shelter workers, and individuals who find lost pets and place "found dog" ads get the breed wrong!

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Write five or six words that convey your message and then put your phone number in smaller writing at the bottom. For example, if you find a white teacup Poodle, you could write: "FOUND TINY WHITE FLUFFY DOG" and your phone number. That's it. Don't be too descriptive. If someone calls to claim the dog you found make THEM tell YOU what their missing dog looks like. Ask the caller if the dog is licensed and/or microchipped. If it is, then ask him or her to bring proof of that or photographs of the dog when you meet each other with the dog. If there is no paperwork or photos, then ask him or her to meet you at your vet's office where you can have the dog scanned by your vet. If you don't meet at your vet's office, make sure to meet in a public place. Never agree to deliver the dog to the caller unless you have first told a friend or family member exactly where you are going and take someone along with you.

If possible, take a photo of the dog and make up smaller (8 1/2" x 11") black & white "FOUND DOG" flyers with a partial description of the dog, the location where you found the dog, and your contact information. Leave off certain details so all callers will be forced to identify the dog. Deliver these to retail stores, rescue groups, vet offices, and pet supply stores in that area (including large ones such as PETCO and PetSmart).

Do not answer any questions (from the caller) pertaining to the description of the dog. Do not ask leading questions like "Does your Poodle have a kink in its tail?", but instead ask open-ended questions like, "Describe your dog's tail" or "Is there something unique about your dog's tail?" Make the caller give you a full description of the lost pet. If you end up reuniting a lost dog with its family, we want to congratulate you on a job well done! You not only helped make a family very happy, you also helped prevent needless suffering, potential injury, or worse, homelessness.

Various Helpful Links:

Lost & Found: www.petfinder.com; www.lostandfound.com; www.petharbor.com

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