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## Best Christmas Yard Decorations

Congratulations to December's most creative Christmas decorations. Our winners are:

1st place	9414 Willowbridge Park
2nd place	8703 Wheatland
3rd place	8934 San Patricio

**Honorable Mention:** Congratulations San Patricio Ct., your street was the most decorated!

*Thanks to everyone for participating and congratulations to all our winners!*



## SATURDAY MARCH 5

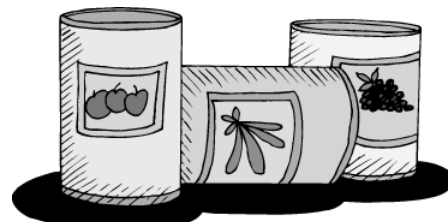
### Scouting For Food Pickup

Cub Scout Pack 866 (Gleason Elementary) is collecting for Northwest Assistance Ministries (NAM)

Please help by contributing non-perishable food and personal care items. Bags can be left on your front porch by 8am for pickup that morning.

#### THANK YOU FOR HELPING!!

(for information, contact Rebecca Jones @ [rjones6736@yahoo.com](mailto:rjones6736@yahoo.com))



## Local Mentors Needed!

### Mentor 1 Child! Change 2 Lives!

CROSSROADS mentors are regular people, just like you, who prevent or reduce youth involvement with the juvenile justice system by fostering positive mentoring relationships. The goal is crime prevention! Our mentors must be 21 years of age and volunteer a minimum of 1 hour a week. There are many sites, areas and available times of the week for mentors to meet with their assigned child. We desperately need loving and caring mentors for the 150 + boys and girls that do not have anyone visiting them! One CROSSROADS mentor says, "Volunteering through CROSSROADS has been a truly rewarding experience. I've mentored some really good kids who made some really bad choices, and it's been gratifying to get to know them, earn their trust, and watch them grow." Please consider devoting just one hour a week to the future of a needy child, many times you are their only visitors.

Contact Maria Lisea at 713-295-2789, [Maria.Lisea@hcjpd.hctx.net](mailto:Maria.Lisea@hcjpd.hctx.net) or visit us at [www.crossroads-volunteers.org](http://www.crossroads-volunteers.org)

# Willowbridge - Stonebridge

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Harris County Sheriff..... 713-221-6000  
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If you have any questions or comments regarding the  
neighborhood please contact the numbers above.

## HOA MEETINGS

Willowbridge/Stonebridge Homeowner's Association  
meetings are held the fourth Wednesday of each month at  
the community clubhouse at 7:00 pm.

## WELCOMING COMMITTEE

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

## HARRIS COUNTY ROAD AND BRIDGE

To report street or curb damage, missing/damaged street  
signs and street flooding: (281) 353-8424 or www.hcp4.net.  
If a resident wants to request a new sign or replace a  
damaged one, they have to go online and fill out a request.

## Talking Trash

A neighborly reminder from the Trash Lady: Garbage and/  
or recyclables should not be placed at the curb  
for pick-up any earlier than the night before  
the scheduled pick-up. This includes grass  
clippings. Please help keep the neighborhood  
looking its best by minimizing the time our  
garbage and garbage cans are visible to our  
neighbors and our visitors.





## ~ SPRING FESTIVAL ~ *Presented by the Willowbridge HOA*

**Saturday, April 23rd**  
**2 to 4 pm**

Bring your whole family for games, food and fun!

### **We will have:**

Easter Egg Hunt	Face Painting
Pony Rides	Moonwalks
Sweetie the Clown	Hot dogs
Petting Zoo	Concessions

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*Volunteers needed to help stuff eggs and set-up/tear down!*  
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## PREVENT CAR BREAK-INS

No neighborhood is immune from car-break ins. It happens all over town. Most often, car break-ins occur during the early morning hours when the risk of discovery is low. Persons who commit these types of crimes can be juveniles on a dare or addicts desperate for something to trade or pawn to support their habits.

### TIPS:

- Secure your vehicle safely in the garage OR park your vehicle as close to the residence as possible. If you park on the street, park in an area with good visibility and lighting. If you rent, report lighting/security problems to your landlord or property manager.
- Do not leave anything in your vehicle that would tempt somebody to break in. Remove valuables or secure them out of sight in your trunk.
- If your car stereo has a removable face plate, remove it. Do not leave CDs in the car.
- Lock your car doors. Some thieves go from car to car trying doors. Chances are they will simply move on to the next car. Unlocked vehicles provide places for people to sleep, hide, or engage in drug activity.

- DO NOT confront the suspect. DO NOT compromise your safety. If you are in a car, flashing your high beams or honking your horn is enough to alert the thief of your presence. People will likely not commit crime when they know someone is watching.
- Develop a telephone or e-mail "tree" of neighbors or tenants wishing to participate in a Neighborhood Security Alert program. Notify each other of criminal and suspicious activity so all can be aware and alert and take precautions.

### REPORTING:

#### *Non Emergencies Call:*

- 713-221-6000:
- You can report a car break-in over the phone by calling our Sheriff's office at 713-221-6000.

#### *For Emergencies Call:*

- 9-1-1
- For crimes in progress, be prepared to give a description of the person(s) and vehicle, vehicle license plate number, location/address of the crime.

For Security Concerns or questions concerning our crime watch program, contact our SECURITY COORDINATOR, Julie at: martin@juliedubros.com

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## Common Household Materials Can Be Hazardous to the Environment

### *What is Household Hazardous Waste?*

Federal regulations exempt any wastes from households; hotels and motels; Ranger stations and crew quarters; campgrounds and picnic grounds; and bunk houses from being hazardous waste. Since some consumer products contain chemicals that can present safety concerns if improperly used or disposed, these materials are often called household hazardous waste (HHW) when they are disposed. These wastes are municipal solid waste, and almost all can be safely and legally disposed in landfills that can accept regular trash. However, there are better disposal options, so many people choose to dispose of HHW in a more protective manner. Such disposals are often done through collection programs.

Under Texas laws and regulations, HHW is limited to those wastes from households that would be hazardous waste if they were not specifically excluded by the federal regulations. This group of materials is somewhat smaller than all consumer products that can cause environmental or health impacts since hazardous waste only includes materials that present a significant potential for harm. Many HHW collection programs also accept materials that are not

technically HHW because of the benefits of proper reuse or disposal of these materials. It is up to the entity running the collection program to determine exactly which materials will be accepted, as well as whether materials will be reused or just disposed.

It may be confusing that waste, which would be hazardous waste if it came from a business, school, etc., can be disposed as regular trash when it comes from residences. There are two main reasons for this exemption: households usually make far less of these wastes than businesses or other organizations and consumer products usually do not contain the most hazardous ingredients that can be used in industrial processes. Because of the much lower quantities and the lower potential risk in the materials likely to be disposed, there would be limited benefit from making households comply with hazardous waste requirements.

#### EXAMPLES OF HHW

- fluorescent lightbulbs (including compact fluorescent lightbulbs)
- oil-based paints

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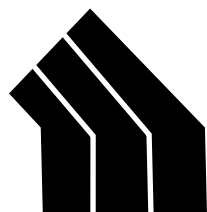
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## Common Household Materials - (Continued from Page 5)

- some anti-mildew and exterior latex paints
- some wood stains
- fuels (gasoline, propane, diesel)
- corrosive cleaners (such as lye-based oven cleaners)
- drain cleaners
- pool chlorine and acid
- automotive batteries
- nickel-cadmium batteries
- televisions and computer monitors
- some pesticides

Examples of Other Materials Often Collected with HHW

- motor oil (new or used)
- oil filters
- antifreeze (new or used)
- most latex paint
- most pesticides

## WESTPARK RECYCLING FACILITY

The City of Houston, Westpark Recycling Facility, located at 5900 Westpark (Key Map 491), accepts all batteries, used motor oil and filters, latex paint, antifreeze, and tires from all Houston-area

residents. The facility is open Monday through Saturday from 9:00 AM to 5:00 PM. No County voucher, water bill or identification is needed to use this facility. See: [http://www.cleanwaterclearchoice.org/hhw/voucher\\_program.html](http://www.cleanwaterclearchoice.org/hhw/voucher_program.html)

**Please Use The Link Below To See The Harris County Site From Which This Portion Was Quoted And Get More Information On How To Transport Your Waste.**

<http://www.cleanwaterclearchoice.org/hhw/collection.html>

**Other helpful links regarding hazardous waste:**

**Harris County Hazardous waste website:**

<http://www.cleanwaterclearchoice.org>

**Environmental Health Houston**

<http://envirohealthhouston.org/hazards/>

**City of Houston Department of Solid Waste Management**

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