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Saturday, April 23rd
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Willowbridge/Stonebridge Garden Club

A few ladies met for the formation of the Willowbridge/Stonebridge Garden Club on Tuesday evening, January 11th at 7:00 p.m., at the Willowbridge Club House. February's meeting was cancelled because of the extreme weather Houston has been experiencing. At the January meeting we discussed the overall formation of the garden club. It was determined by those present that the garden club would be an informal gathering of those interested in gardening (flower or vegetable). We will not join any federations, collect dues, or participate in community garden projects. At this time our purpose will be to learn from one another in hopes of having better looking yards. As the garden club grows in members we will discuss expanding it beyond its current mission.

We will meet the first Wednesday of each month at the Willowbridge Club House from 7:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. We would love to have you come by and participate in sharing your gardening knowledge. Discussion on the current months garden/yard preparations will be shared at each meeting. Ideas will then be shared. The meetings will be as follows:

Wednesday, March 2nd
 Wednesday, April 6th
 Wednesday, May 4th

We will break for the summer months during June, July and August. September's meeting will be announced in the August issue of this newsletter.

For February:

- **Lawns:** lawns remain dormant during February so watering is not necessary. The weather is cold and lawn care is easy. A light application of fertilizer may be applied if you are anxious to get your gardening started. Remember to water before and after applying fertilizer!
- **Shrubs:** develop ideas for shrub planting. Remember that all parts of your landscape should work together. This is the month to plant your shrubs into well-prepared beds. If your soil is heavy clay, the addition of several inches of new soil and organic matter

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HOA MEETINGS

**Willowbridge/Stonebridge Homeowner's Association
meetings are held the fourth Wednesday of each month at
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WELCOMING COMMITTEE

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Garden Club - (Continued from Cover Page)

should be added. It is more effective to make these additions during bed preparation rather than after the shrubs have been planted. Remove unwanted vegetation from the bed area. Turn the soil to a depth of at least 8 to 10 inches with a shovel, spade or garden fork. Spread any desired amendments over the turned soil. Blend, rake smooth, and shape the area. Now you are ready to plant any new additions. Prune established shrubs and summer-flowering shrubs now if needed. Prune with a definite purpose in mind. Established roses need to be pruned this month and new roses planted by Valentine's Day.

- Trees: Most trees should be fertilized by late February. If you haven't pruned your fruit trees do so immediately. Prune all other trees with care.

(Source: *Month-By-Month Gardening in Texas: Dale Groom & Dan Gill*).

Please join us for the March meeting at the Willowbridge Club House on Wednesday, March 2nd, at 7:00 p.m. The March meeting will discuss how to plan a spring garden and what Houston gardeners should do that month for their lawn, shrubs and trees. If you have any questions please contact Theresa Honeycheck at honeyt1@comcast.net. Otherwise, I hope to see you there!

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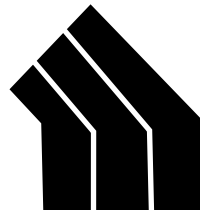
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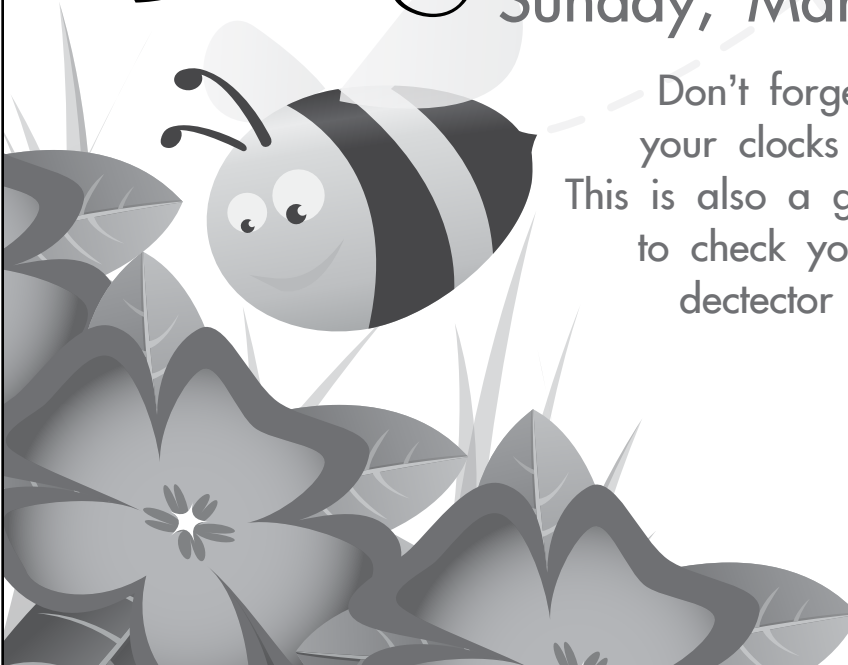
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2011 Swimming Pool Changes

The 2011 swimming season is just around the corner and that means that the Willowbridge swimming pool is being readied for the spring and summer. The HOA is making a few changes regarding the pool this year. Changes that we hope will be for the better for our entire community.

First, we have reviewed the pool use statistics from last year and have found that it would serve the community better if the swimming pool hours were changed. It was found that most mornings the pool was not used for the first hour or two. It was also found that the pool was not utilized during the last hour of operation. We have decided to change the hours of operation to better utilize the pool and economize in the process. The pool will open an hour later during the week and on Saturdays and most days it will be closed an hour earlier every day. Several homeowners have requested that we set aside certain times of the week for adult only swim time so that those adults who wish to work out by swimming laps can do so uninterrupted. Three hours a week will be set aside for those adults who wish to utilize the pool. Specifics on the adult only swim schedule, the general pool schedule and revised pool usage rules will be posted in next month's newsletter.

The Willowbridge HOA swimming pool contract with Texas Aquatics does make it possible for residents to participate in

swimming lessons for themselves or their children with a certified swimming instructor at our pool. We have been assured by Texas Aquatics that they have qualified instructors available if needed. The cost of the lessons is nominal and if there is enough interest they can set up a group session. You will feel secure in the knowledge that you and your children know how to swim. Below is the portion of the contract dealing with swimming lessons:

Group Instruction: Four (4) students receive instruction at a rate of \$10.00 per student for one half hour.

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Additional hours and or hour changes approved by Client and Contractor will be added at the rate of \$20.00 per hour. A 30-day advanced notice is appreciated.

Please contact Texas Aquatics at 713-416-5161 if you are interested.

Texas Aquatics has approached the HOA with a new pilot program with regards to swimming pools. They attended our monthly HOA

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meeting in January and may possibly attend the February monthly meeting to discuss this new program with the homeowners and the board. This new program has been tested in several communities during the past year. The Child Safety Policy calls for the mandatory use of life jackets and a red wristband in and around the pool for children under 48 inches tall who do not know how to swim. All children will be entered into a Child Safety Log maintained by the lifeguards so the proper wristband can be issued to your child.

A child who does not know how to swim or cannot pass a swim test will be issued a red wrist band and life jacket when they check in to the pool area. The parent or adult with the child will also be given a red wristband to wear as well. That child will be required to wear a Coast Guard approved life jacket supplied by Texas Aquatics (your child may use his or her own life jacket as long as it is Coast Guard approved and in good condition) at all times when he/she is inside the gated pool area. If the parent or guardian elects to not have the child wear a life jacket the guardian is then required to be within an arms length of the child at ALL times.

Please remember, it takes less than 30 seconds and only 4 inches of water to lose a child forever. A child in distress can be seen much easier on top of the water than below. The simple fact that your


child has a life jacket on in the pool should make your time there more enjoyable, relaxing and less stressful.

A child who is able to pass the swim test will be issued a green wristband to be worn when inside the pool area. Any child with a green band is not required to wear a life jacket. The swimming test is simple. A child must be able to swim, without assistance and to the satisfaction of the lifeguard, one length of the pool to be qualified for a green wristband.

Any child with a red wristband may request to perform the swim test at anytime. If the swim test is passed then a green wristband will be issued to that child. Conversely, a lifeguard may at anytime request that a child with a green wristband re-perform the swim test if any confusion arises as to the child's ability to swim safely.


Texas Aquatics will be glad to answer any questions you may have regarding the Child Safety Policy by calling them at 713-416-5161. You may also attend the February association meeting on the last Wednesday of the month to have questions answered.

The Willowbridge HOA board hopes that this new policy will make your outing at the community pool fun for the whole family and safe for you and your children at the same time.



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Community Garage Sale

A Follow-up---“..Just When You Thought It Was Safe To Go Back Into The Water..”

by Walter Griffin

Several months ago, I submitted an article for the newsletter concerning the potential for a garage sale in our community. I chose to put the article in the newsletter rather than going door to door as “solicitors” can be a nuisance—and the newsletter is delivered to every household in our community—the newsletter was the only feasible way to reach every household. Several of the responses requested a copy of the rules and requirements as mandated by the HOA Board of Directors for conducting a garage sale, while a few commented that they’d like to have a garage sale more than once a year. Personally, I am strongly in favor of garage sales (once in the fall and once in the spring), and some well needed cash can be found selling a few seldom or never used items. And, as evidenced by the signage, our neighboring subdivisions conduct neighborhood garage sales once and sometimes twice a year.

However, the Declaration of Covenants {7.11 Prohibited Uses (O)} can be interpreted to disallow garage sales, yard sales or sales

of anything from the homeowner’s premises. Does that preclude an entrepreneur/small business owner from selling things from their home via ebay, Craigslist, Girl Scout Cookies, school fund raising sales by students, or the like? What about the several lemonade stands that were set up by children of residents last summer? Were those also illegal? I don’t know...see the Covenants and decide for yourself. Before putting your items up for sale, you might want to take a look at CSPC Publication #254 concerning what may be sold and re-sold...yes, the government controls that too.

Well, back to the results of the article in the newsletter. A total of 23 positive responses were received. With the required \$10 per household fee to allow a garage sale by a resident, the \$230 would not have been enough money to buy the required signage and print the required list of households participating in the sale. As stated in the letter from PCMI concerning the requiring 10% of the residents requesting a garage sale, we fell far short of the requirement.

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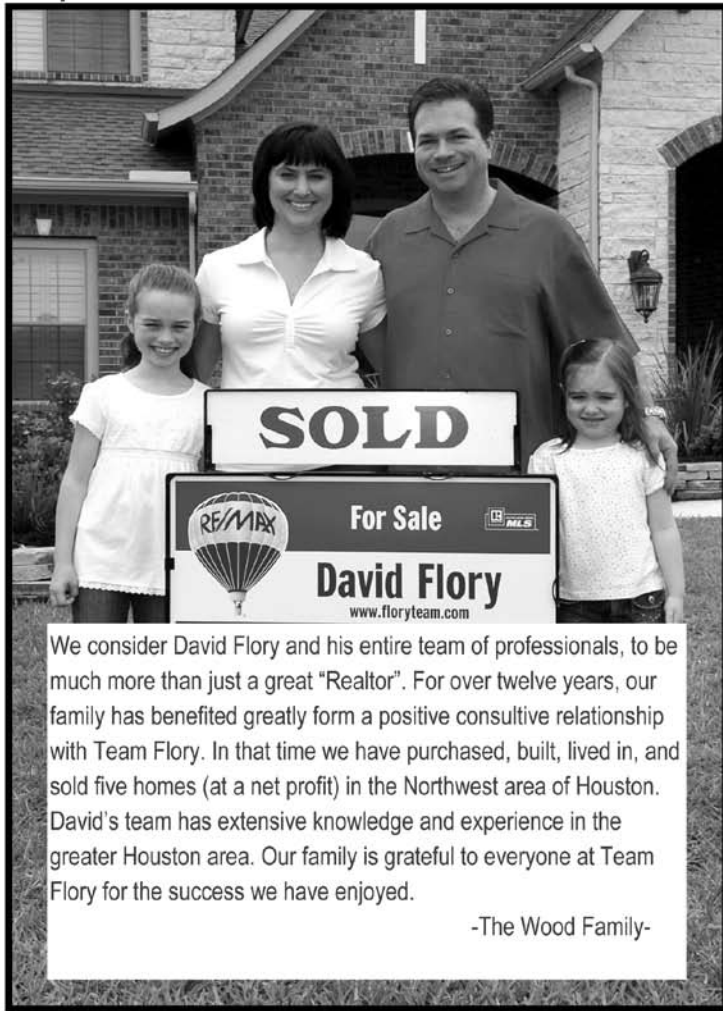


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