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February HOA Meeting Highlights

- Twelve homeowners joined board members for the Feb. meeting.
- Input from residents included concerns regarding vehicles parked illegally in the street. The board was asked to remind residents that it is illegal to park a vehicle within 15 feet of a fire hydrant or stop sign and within 20 feet of a crosswalk or intersection.
- Other input included juvenile mischief involving the egging of cars and sidewalks around the neighborhood. Residents were reminded that this activity is illegal and can result in criminal charges. It was also mentioned that cars parked in the street are much more likely to be targets for this mischief.
- Homeowners along the bayou have noticed an increase in off-road vehicles along the bayou. This is also an illegal activity and should be reported to the Sheriff's office.
- Discussion continued regarding the installation of surveillance equipment in the pool area to capture any trespassers. The board is soliciting bids for this equipment.
- As stated in last month's newsletter, the Garden Club will meet the first Wednesday of the month at the clubhouse. They welcome anyone interested in gardening or home landscaping.
- Residents can now view clubhouse reservations online at the Willowbridge website. This will assist potential renters in scheduling rentals.
- Residents were reminded of the Spring Festival on April 23rd from 2:00 to 4:00pm. Volunteers are needed for the festival, please e-mail Angela at: Angela.Doray@AirLiquide.com.
- The board is continuing to get bids for replacing/repairing the fence on West Road and Willowbridge Park. You will see new fencing installed soon.
- The board received tax exempt status last year. The board asked PCMI to audit our purchases for 2010 to insure we have received the appropriate exemptions.

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

We hope to see you on April 27th.

Celebrate Earth Day at the Spring Festival!

As a part of our Spring Festival this year, we will also be celebrating Earth Day to show our commitment to the environment. During the festival, we would like to encourage all of our neighbors to take part by bringing recyclable items to our recycling booth, rather than just throwing them in the trash. Recycles may include empty egg shells from the Easter egg hunt, water bottles, soda cans and CapriSun pouches.

As an added incentive, each recyclable item that is brought to the recycling booth will be exchanged for a raffle ticket to enter into a drawing. A few lucky winners will receive prizes, including a gift

certificate from The Backyard Grill, dance lessons or private pilates sessions from Living Lines Dance, gift cards and an iPod shuffle!

Join us on Saturday, April 23rd from 2 to 4pm for some family fun and learn ways to make our neighborhood a greener place to live. Remember to bring a reusable Easter basket!

Do you need volunteer hours for school, or do you just like to help out your fellow neighbor? Volunteers are needed for set-up, running concessions, tattoo/face painting and clean-up/tear down. Volunteers are also needed on Friday, April 22nd at the clubhouse to stuff eggs and inflate balloons. *To volunteer*, please contact Angela. Doray@ AirLiquide.com. Thanks!

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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**

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Willowbridge Swimming Pool Schedule & Rules - 2011

Apr 23, 2011 thru Jun 01, 2011

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12:00pm - 8:00	pm(2 Lifeguards)
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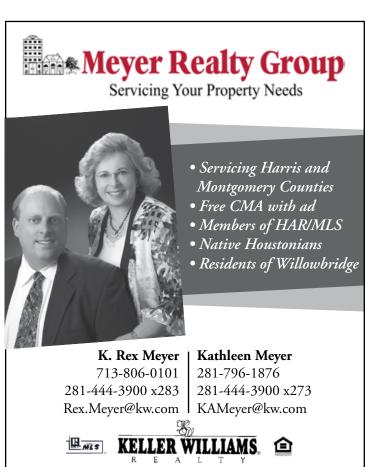
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Saturday	11:00am - 8:00pm(2 Lifeguards)
Sunday	12:00pm - 8:00pm(2 Lifeguards)
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The rules for the swimming pool have changed slightly and are as follows:

- 1. All guests must sign in and present valid Willowbridge pool tags when they enter the facility, allowing us to keep track of the number of patrons in the facility in the event of an emergency.
- 2. Pets are not allowed inside the facility. Pet hair is potentially damaging to swimming pool filtration systems. Some pets do not interact well with unknown persons.
- 3. Running is not allowed inside the facility.
- 4. Dunking, pushing, shoving, and any other form of horseplay is not allowed. (Continued on Page 4)



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2011 Swimming Pool Changes - (Continued from Page 3)

- 5. Foul or abusive language and/or physical violence will not be tolerated inside the facility. Anyone violating this rule will be asked to leave the facility.
- 6. All guests are subject to a swim test. Guests who are unable to swim one lap (two lengths) of the pool will not be granted access to the deeper areas.*
- 7. Ten minute breaks will be taken each hour. This is to ensure the safety of all swimmers under the age of 18. *
- 8. Street clothes and cut off shorts are potentially damaging to swimming pool filtration systems. They will not be allowed in the pool.
- 9. Only one guest allowed on the diving board at a time.
- 10. Potentially dangerous entries are prohibited. Entries of this nature from both the sides of the pool and the diving board increase risk of injury.
- 11. Children twelve (12) years old and under must be accompanied by a responsible adult over eighteen (18) years of age.
- 12. Alcohol is not allowed inside the facility. Any person suspected of using alcohol shortly before or during their visit to the facility will be asked to leave.
- 13. Smoking is not allowed inside the facility. Cigarette butts are potentially damaging to swimming pool filtration systems.
- 14. Glass containers of any kind are not allowed inside the facility.

- Broken glass is a safety hazard.
- 15. Children in diapers must wear rubber swim pants. This prevents the spread of E- coli bacteria from fecal deposits. This also applies to the children's pool.*
- 16. One long whistle blast signifies the immediate exiting of the pool. This activates the Emergency Action Plan indicating that a lifeguard has entered the water.
- 17. Lifeguards are the definitive last word in regards to enforcing facility rules. The goal is to provide a safe, simple and secure plan worthy of an aquatic atmosphere. Those not adhering to lifeguard recommendations put themselves and others in compromising situations and will be asked to leave.

Please review the above rules of the pool before you go. Also, please remember that everyone must have a pool tag when you sign in to enter the pool area.







Foundation for Foreign Study

Families from all over the Houston area are opening up their homes and lives to foreign exchange students through the EF Foundation for Foreign Study.

EF Foundation is a leader in high school foreign exchange, bringing more students to the United States than any other exchange program. A nonprofit committed to promoting global awareness for over 30 years; EF Foundation leverages a committed network of local coordinators to connect thousands of students with caring American families each year.

EF exchange students come from more than 30 countries around the world and are between the ages of 15 and 18. The majority of students stay for a full high school year. In the past, exchange students have come to live in Texas from as far away as Germany, Hong Kong, Australia and Norway, to name a few.

I am an International Exchange Coordinator for EF Foundation. I will be working with the community to secure host families for a number of students this year.

In order to raise awareness of this life-changing opportunity, we need the community to see local narratives of the wonderful families and students who have had unforgettable experiences through the program.

CHECK OUT OUR INFORMATIONAL VIDEOS!

- http://vimeo.com/1154826
- http://vimeo.com/10247951
- http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=cLldRF-4x04&feature=player_embedded
- http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=PSFCbQFCT5k&feature=p layer_embedded

Please do not hesitate to contact us with any inquiries, as we would be happy to work with you.

Sincerely, Jennifer Tausworthe EF Foundation for Foreign Study 713-203-6556 jenn423124@aol.com www.effoundation.org



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Tips for Mastering the Farmers' Market

By Melanie Dragger, M.Com.

Many people are taking steps to improve their health and the environment by eating organically grown and raised foods. While some people are selecting organic items at their local grocery store, farmers' markets are becoming increasingly popular. Over the past year, according to the Department of Agriculture, the number of farmers' markets in the U.S. increased by 858, or 16 percent, from 5,274 in 2009 to 6,132 in 2010. When the USDA first began tracking farmers' markets in 1994, there were only 1,755 markets.

Outside of growing your own produce and raising your own livestock, shopping at a farmers' market is the best way to obtain fresh, local, and seasonal fruits, vegetables, and herbs, as well as farm-fresh eggs, meat, poultry, and dairy products. Many farmers' markets also offer artisan breads, honey, and seasonal jams, jellies, and preserves.

Below are tips to help you master your local farmers' market:

- **1.Do Your Research** Before heading to the market, research what produce is in season in your area. Since all products sold at a farmer's market may not be organic, and some organic products sold may not be certified, familiarize yourself with the organic certification process and product labeling. Information on the USDA's National Organic Program can be found at http://www.ams.usda.gov/nop.
- **2. Bring Your Own Containers** While some vendors have bags and boxes available for customers, bringing your own containers is the best way to ensure you will be able to transport and protect your purchases properly. Additionally, recycling containers helps the environment by reducing the number of natural resources used to produce new ones.
- 3. Bring Cash Swing by your bank or ATM before hitting the farmers' market. Most vendors do not accept checks or credit cards. Bring small bills, since it may be difficult for some vendors to make change.
- **4.Go Early or Go Late** The best items usually go first, so try to get to the market early. However, before making a purchase, take a quick trip down the aisles, since prices can vary greatly among vendors. If you can't make it to the market when it first opens, go at the end of the market day to catch deals from vendors trying to unload their remaining products.
- 5. Speak with Vendors Shopping at a farmers' market allows you an opportunity to speak directly with growers and farmers. Not familiar with Swiss chard? Looking for a new way to prepare eggplant? Most vendors love to share their knowledge, including discussing their production methods, providing storage and transportation advice, and sharing recipes and cooking tips.

Buying organic products at your local farmers' market offers numerous benefits, including boosting the local economy, reducing the amount of toxic chemicals that enter your body and the environment, and decreasing the amount of fossil fuels used to transport products to consumers. However, organic products can be more expensive than conventionally grown and raised products, and some organic products may be difficult to find in some (Continued on Page 7)

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areas. If going 100% organic is not feasible, use the following list as a guide. According to the 2010 report of the Environmental Working Group, a non-profit organization specializing in research and advocacy related to public health and the environment, these 12 fruits and vegetables consistently contained the highest amount of pesticides when conventionally grown, and should be consumed in organic form when possible:

- 1. Celery
- 2. Peaches
- 3. Strawberries
- 4. Apples
- 5. Blueberries (domestic)
- 6. Nectarines
- 7. Sweet Bell Peppers
- 8. Spinach
- 9. Cherries
- 10. Kale/Collard Greens
- 11. Potatoes
- 12. Grapes (imported)



The EWG's annual ranking of produce pesticide contamination is based on its analysis of tests conducted by the USDA and the federal Food and Drug Administration. More information on the EWG, as well as the full list of fruits and vegetables ranked, can be found at http://www.ewg.org.

RECYCLE & Help the Scouts

Go green and help the Boy Scouts make some Green. Boy Scout Troop 277 has an aluminum can recycling bin at St. Maximillian Kolbe Church. Why give those cans to our trash company when you can help the local scouts. Please bag up (in a garbage bag) all those empty aluminum cans and drop them off at St. Max. The proceeds from the cans go to funding camping equipment and the needs of the troop. The church is located at Wheatland and West Rd (10135 West Rd). The recycle bin is located next to the dumpsters on the South side of the building (closest to Cook Middle school). We would appreciate your support; it is a real easy way to support scouting. We are also in need of 5 large lawn trash cans to use as recycle bins so if you have a used trash can that you would like to donate contact Brad Dubros at 281-380-5052 or BDubros@Shrieve.com.

JVHS Booster Club Fundraiser

Jersey Village High School's Booster Club will be hosting their 1st annual Crawfish Boil fundraiser. All proceeds will go to the Booster Club and ultimately to the students and equipment needed for their athletic activities.

Clark W. Henry Park (adjacent to Post Elementary) Saturday, April 30th | 12:00pm until 3:00pm

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