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Congratulations!

The 1st place winners of the Willowbridge/Stonebridge 2012 Christmas Yard Decorating contest were Mr. CD and Mrs. Patricia Neal at 9414 Willowbridge Park. Their son Wayne took part in their excitement as well.



The 2nd place winners of the Willowbridge/Stonebridge 2012 Christmas Yard Decorating contest were The Jeffery and Elaina Piggott at 9515 Skipping Stone.



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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.

Reporting Suspicious People and Vehicles that Don't Belong

IF YOU SEE SOMETHING, SAY SOMETHING

It is critical to be able to recognize something that is out of the ordinary. Although many residents don't know all their neighbors, they usually know a few. They also become familiar with patterns of living like when people leave for work, the cars normally seen in a driveway, etc. We consider these patterns to be normal. Whenever we see something that is not normal, it should warrant our attention. It may be an unfamiliar vehicle parked in a driveway or street, it may be someone walking on the street from house to house, or it may even look like someone who is working on a project. If anything looks suspicious, call the Sheriff. If someone knocks on your door, make certain you know who it is, before you open the door! If it sounds out of the ordinary call the Sheriff. If you in any way think something may be suspicious, call it in to the Sheriff.

Please continue to be vigilant and report all suspicious people and vehicles that do not belong in our neighborhoods. Our deputies may be able to find this suspicious vehicle or person, and they will be able to identify whether or not this individual truly belongs in our neighborhood. Remember, YOU are the best defense against thieves.

HARRIS COUNTY SHERIFF'S
DISPATCH: 713-221-6000



Beggars in our Neighborhood

More and more beggars are showing up at intersections in our area. If you see a person with a sign asking for money, do not give them money. Call the sheriff and report the beggar as a suspicious person; give the dispatcher a description of the person and their location. Our deputies will come and ask them to leave. If you give them money, they will keep coming back. We do not want these individuals loitering and panhandling in our area.

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THE SCHOOL ZONE

by: Barbara Lallinger

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Gleason Elementary.....Laura Smithwick
Grade 3 - Math & Science
Cook Middle School.....Kenneth Garcia
Spanish I and Native Speakers II
Jersey Village High.....Suzanne Taylor
Grade 9 - Algebra I

KEEP THE DATE OPEN

February

13 PTO Board Mtg. (Gleason EL) 9:30 a.m.
13 CFISD Board of Trustees Mtg..... 6:00 p.m.
20 School Holiday

March

12-16.....Spring Break.....
19 PTO Board Mtg. (Gleason EL) 9:30 a.m.

April

9 PTO Board Mtg. (Gleason EL) 9:30 a.m.
14 Gleason EL Carnival & Auction Fundraiser... 2 - 7:00

GARAGE FOR SALE

by: Barbara Lallinger

No, wait! What I really meant was...are you interested in having a garage sale? In my case, the easiest thing would be to sell the whole garage! Many residents have been asking if we are ever going to have another neighborhood garage sale. The down economy has us all looking for extra dollars and they may be as close by as your garage, attic or house. Of course, you can always donate items to worthy charities, but IRS rules limit the amount you can deduct on your income taxes. With a garage sale you can pocket it all! At our last one several residents reported making \$300 - \$500!! By the way, Webster's defines garage sale as: A sale of used household or personal articles held on the sellers own premises. I've seen new things (tags still attached) at sales. Remember, one woman's (man's) trash is another's treasure!

As most of you know, this has to be approved by the board as an exception to the by-laws. So here goes the beginning of the process to get approval...a petition request to the board. If interested, please contact me with the following wording (only 1 vote counts per family). Please note to be valid, your annual HOA dues must be current. This in no way obligates you to participate in the event.

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Email: wb-garagesale@live.com

Phone: (713) 827-7999

I/We support a community garage sale in Willowbridge/Stonebridge. Please include Name, Address and Telephone Number(s).

TALKING TRASH

by: Barbara Lallinger

Hip, Hip, Hooray!!! Great job everyone over the holidays for getting your trash out on schedule. Of course it didn't hurt that our holiday schedule was the same as our regular schedule. And.... guess what?

Next year Christmas and New Years are on Tuesday, therefore, we will have our normal pickup schedule then, too.

RECYCLE RITA WANTS YOU TO KNOW:

wRecycling is now considered a COMMODITY! Recycled products are needed to make new products. Would it surprise you to know that China is the largest importer of our recycling? WOW! Just imagine, a product that reads: Made in China may be your last month's Ozarka water bottle!!

Houston is home to Avangard Innovative, one of the largest international plastics recyclers in the world.

Brownsville is the first city in Texas to ban single-use plastic shopping bags. And Austin is considering jumping on the ban(d) wagon. Others such as El Paso are charging a fee for using plastic bags.

You can turn out the lights, the party's over... at least for incandescent light bulbs. Due to Congress passing the bipartisan Energy Independence and Security Act in 2007 (to become effective in 2012), requiring light bulbs to use at least 25% less electricity for the amount of lumens (light) produced. The replacement bulbs, CFLs (compact fluorescent lights) carry a health risk if broken. They contain small amounts of mercury and must be disposed of properly.

If a fluorescent bulb breaks in your home, the EPA recommends you vacate the room, opening windows for at least 15 minutes. Upon your return, carefully scoop broken bulbs into a glass jar with a metal lid. Heating or air conditioning should be turned off before cleanup. There are concerns regarding the amount of mercury being released by bulbs placed in regular trash and then broken in landfills. However, environmental groups have looked closely at the issue and concluded that the energy savings exceed the dangers posed by the mercury.

She has collected a lot of papers that need to be shredded and she missed the last mass shredding at her credit union. Would you like to have a truck come to the neighborhood?

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Heart Healthy Lifestyles

By: Concentra Urgent Care

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According to the American Heart Association (AHA), an estimated 71 million Americans have some form of heart disease, the most common being high blood pressure. And most of these problems are self-created by poor lifestyle choices.

What can you do to live heart healthy?

The AHA recommends:

EATING A HEALTHY DIET

- Lean, skinless meats and poultry
- Fat-free, 1% fat, and low-fat dairy products
- Avoid foods containing partially hydrogenated vegetable oil or added sugars
- Avoid foods high in dietary cholesterol
- Prepare foods without added salt, saturated fat, and trans fat

EXERCISING REGULARLY

- 20-to-60 minutes per day, 3-to-5 times per week

• AVOIDING TOBACCO PRODUCTS AND TOBACCO SMOKE

• LIMITING YOUR ALCOHOL INTAKE

- Women: 1 drink per day (maximum)
- Men: 2 drinks per day (maximum)

In addition to poor lifestyle choices, heredity plays a factor in heart disease, too. It is therefore important to know your family history to help identify familial risk factors and help prevent the development of certain familial illnesses.

What should be included in a family history?

ANY KNOWN CONGENITAL OR HEREDITARY DISORDERS

MAJOR ILLNESSES

CHRONIC AILMENTS OR RISK FACTORS

- Smoking
- Obesity
- Alcohol problems

THE CAUSE & AGE OF DEATH OF

ANY DECEASED RELATIVES

CHILDHOOD CONDITIONS

- Major illnesses
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Our goal is to raise \$100,000 in 2012, specifically targeted to metastatic breast cancer research. We are excited to announce that www.pinktober365.com launched January 1. This new website will profile 365 pink warriors -- survivors, walkers, researchers, and advocates. We want to hear your story, whether you are a fighter, survivor, family or friend affected by breast cancer. Go to www.pinktober365.com to share your story or obtain more information. Team Tiara would be honored to hear from you.



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