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Congratulations to the Griffith family at 9619 Therrell for being Willowbridge's June Yard of the Month.



Congratulations to the Dettmer family at 9011 Stoney Lake Dr for June's Yard of the Month for Stonebridge. Mark and Soraya have lived with their three children in Stonebridge since December 1998.



Big Welcome

to our new neighbors!

Holland - Skipping Stone court
Cowan - Skipping Stone
McDonald - Therrell Drive
Slater - Therrell Drive
Love - Upshur

Provided by the Welcome Committee!

Announcement

New members to our Welcome Committee

Diane Cook
LouAnne Tandy

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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

To report street or curb damage, missing/damaged street
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Top 10 Pet Toxins of 2011

AS REPORTED BY THE ASPCA

(submitted by Sonia Moore)

1. PRESCRIPTION HUMAN MEDICATIONS

Pets, especially dogs, are notorious for ingesting any dropped pill. Cardiac and ADHD medications make up a large percentage of calls. Always make sure to take these medications in a safe place away from your pets.

2. INSECTICIDES

Insecticides (11% of calls). These include products used on the lawn, in the house, and on the pet. The most important thing to do is read the label before you use any insecticide, and never use a product labeled for dogs on cats.

3. OVER-THE-COUNTER HUMAN MEDICATIONS

Over-the-counter medications such as ibuprofen and acetaminophen can kill your pet. Never give any medication to your pet without consulting with your veterinarian first.

4. PEOPLE FOOD

Chocolate is still the number one people food that pets ingest (received over 7,600 calls). Too much chocolate can cause vomiting, diarrhea, high heart rate, and seizures. The second most common food is xylitol (the sugar substitute). Xylitol can cause seizures and liver failure in dogs.

5. HOUSEHOLD PRODUCTS

It is amazing what animals can find to chew up around the house from fire logs to paint. Some household items may just cause stomach upset, while others can be deadly.

6. VETERINARY MEDICATIONS

Chewable medications make it easy to give your dog or cat a pill.

However, this tasty pill can also mean that the pet, if given access, will ingest all the pills in the bottle. Always make sure to keep pet medications out of reach. Contact your veterinarian if your pet ingests more than its proper dose of medication or ingests another pet's medication.

7. RODENTICIDES

When putting out baits to kill mice and rats, never underestimate the resourcefulness of your pet. Most bait is grain-based and is attractive to dogs. Depending on the type of rodenticide, ingestion can cause internal bleeding, kidney failure, or seizures.

8. PLANTS

This is one category that cats lead dogs in the number of exposures. Lilies can cause kidney failure and death in cats. Please go to <http://www.aspc.org/pet-care/poison-control/plants> for more information.

9. LAWN AND GARDEN PRODUCTS

Fertilizers, which can be made of dried blood, poultry manure, and bone meal, are very attractive to pets (received over 3,900 calls) on lawn and garden items.

10. AUTOMOTIVE PRODUCTS

With more people keeping their animals inside (especially cats), the number of animals exposed to automotive products (antifreeze, brake fluid, etc.) has dropped. This is great news since many of these products, if ingested, can be life-threatening to pets.

If you have any reason to suspect your pet has ingested something toxic, please contact your veterinarian or the Animal Poison Control Center's 24-hour hotline at (888) 426-4435.



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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 if your doors are locked. 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 and witness a break-in, flashing your high beams or honking your horn is enough to alert him of your presence. People will likely not commit a crime when they know someone is watching.

Develop a telephone or e-mail "tree" of neighbors or tenants wishing to participate in Neighborhood Security Alerts. 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), vehicle, license plate number, location/ address of the crime.

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What To Do In A Traffic Accident:

- Check your vehicle occupants for injury
- If possible move your vehicle from the roadway to a safe location. Even if you have a flat tire or some other issue that would normally make the vehicle disabled, try to move it from the roadway. The roadway is not a safe place to be. If you can steer it and it runs, clear it from the roadway!
- Check the other vehicles' occupants for injuries
- Contact Emergency Medical Services if there are any injuries
- If the vehicles involved are operable and no wreckers are needed, exchange personal information including name, phone number, address and driver's license number.
- Exchange insurance information. Be sure to verify

expiration date and get the telephone number(s) for the insurance company.

Contact the Harris County Sheriff's Office at 713-221-6000 if:

- You cannot remove the vehicle(s) from the roadway
- Any party is injured
- Any driver does not have a driver's license
- Any driver does not have proof of insurance
- Any disturbance ensues
- The traffic accident is not investigated by a law enforcement agency, AND the accident resulted in injury or death of a person, OR damage to the property of any one person is at least one thousand dollars \$1,000.

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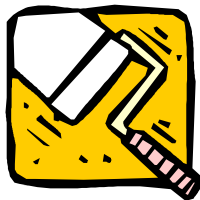
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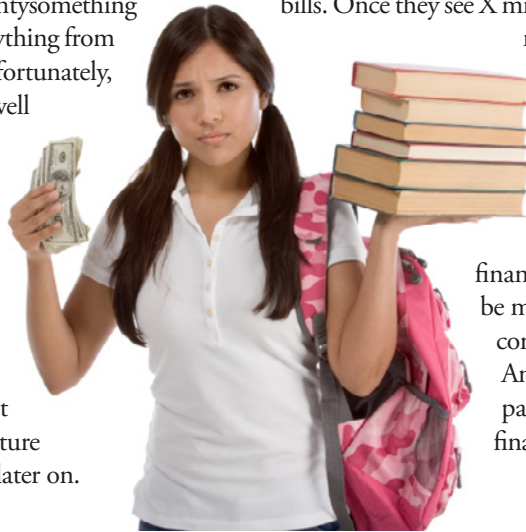
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Financial Focus - Student Loans Crushing College Grads

Submitted by Rich Keith

Today's college grads are facing the "real world" with an extra scoop of debt. Two-thirds of students graduating from college or graduate school have student loans – about \$25,000 on average. That's a 25% increase over the past 10 years. In fact, today's twentysomething holds an average debt of \$45,000, including everything from student loans to mortgages and credit cards. Unfortunately, unemployment for those aged 18-29 is 12.4%, well above the national rate of 8.2%.

Don't feel as if you have to be the savior. Six in 10 boomers report giving financial help (outside of college tuition) to a child or grandchild in the past five years. Of those, \$59,000 was the average amount of aid. If this sounds like you, ask yourself: Do I really have the resources? Am I saving enough for retirement? Try to share more financial wisdom and less cash with your adult offspring. The more you save for your own future means less possibility that you'll need their help later on.



Without going into too much detail, share the family financial picture with your children once they hit the mid-teen years. They need to know the family income is X and it takes Y amount to cover the mortgage and bills. Once they see X minus Y in action they will be surprised at how much it actually costs to run a household.

This may have a side benefit of limiting how much and how often your children ask you for money and gifts.

Children who have a basic understanding of money, especially the corrosive effects of debt, have a better chance of becoming financially independent later in life. They will be more resistant to the credit card offers sure to come to them in their freshman year at college. And they will more ready to partner with their parents as the family manages their college finances with them.



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