



## IS WILLOWBRIDGE READY FOR A COMMUNITY WIDE ONE DAY GARAGE SALE?

*Please Take The Survey Online At [www.WillowbridgeHOA.com](http://www.WillowbridgeHOA.com)*

As most longtime residents know, Willowbridge/Stonebridge has not held a community garage sale in several years. Eight to be exact. The subject of a one day community wide garage sale (CWGS) was brought up to the board of directors last year. It was not voted on as there was no viable plan presented to the board that would ensure a well organized and effectively managed event. The subject was again brought up at the April homeowners meeting. A general outline for a CWGS was presented by a resident. That resident asked that the plan be placed in the Willowbridge newsletter (it is included in this edition of the newsletter) for other residents to read.

The board will again, address the issue. Last year, several residents signed a petition in support of a CWGS, but as stated before, no plan was presented, therefore no action was taken.

The board of directors would like to hear from any and all residents regarding your opinion of our residents having garage sales in our community. After all, it is your community and all residents should have a voice in this matter.

A short survey regarding garage sales is available at [www.willowbridgehoa.com](http://www.willowbridgehoa.com). The board of directors would like to encourage all residents to participate in this survey. The only requirement to take the survey is your last name and address. The reason we need that information is to limit the survey to one per household. Please take the time to visit the website and take this survey. Your voice needs to be heard in order for the board to make a decision on this issue.

From what has been stated in the past, the topic of garage sales can be a controversial issue. Some residents love them and some residents hate them, but most people have an opinion one way or the other.

Your board of directors is trying to listen to all sides of this debate and come to a decision about garage sales within our community. This is the reason the board wants to hear from you. We need your input, pro or con, to make an informed decision.

Please take the time to visit our HOA website listed above and take part in the survey. Remember, this is your community and your voice should be heard.

*Your board of directors, Willowbridge HOA*



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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 Thursday of each month at  
the community clubhouse at 7:00 pm.

## WELCOMING COMMITTEE

The Welcoming Committee meetings are the last Monday  
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## Let's Have an Organized Community-Wide Garage Sale

by Walter Griffin

Several times during these past few years, the notion of a community-wide garage sale has been brought up, but nothing came of the suggestion. The last one day community garage sale was held in 2005. Well, it's time to move forward with the suggestion, and here's how we can make it work for all of us.

To be a successful program, the homeowners must follow some sort of organized agenda, be cognizant in neighborly manners, and use good, mature judgment.

- Signage---use common sense. The signs should be strategically placed to entice prospective customers, display the address, and be suitable for public display.
- Signs should be removed no later than one (1) hour after the official end of the garage sale.
- Signs should not be taped or otherwise attached to street signs, mail boxes, stop signs or other county owned sign posts or electric light poles. They should be on stakes, posts, or stiff wire to keep them visible and upright.
- One "Community Garage Sale" sign should be placed conspicuously at or near the entrance to the subdivisions on Wheatland and similarly at or near Willowbridge Parkway.
- So as to preclude disturbing neighbors who do not participate in the program, the participating homeowner should continuously monitor the parking locations of their customers to prevent blocking their neighbors' driveways.
- The defined hours of the one day garage sale should be between 7:30 AM and 2:00 PM.
- As stated, the garage sale program should be for one day only.
- Trash left by customers and/or homeowners must be picked up and removed promptly at the end of the day.
- Do not admit strangers into your house or garage as this is a premise for theft and burglary of a residence.
- You must keep close attention to your customer's activities

in and around your property as well as walking amongst the goods/items that you are selling.

- You must keep a close watch on your monies if you do not keep all funds on your person to prevent monetary loss.

A successful garage sale has rewards in several ways.

The homeowner is able to rid his garage, attic, or other locations of unwanted or unneeded items.

- If priced attractively, the homeowner will have received satisfactory remuneration for the items sold.
- Neighbors can gain insight to the garage sale concept on a first hand basis.
- "Swapping" or "trading" items between neighbors has been known to occur resulting in "one man's trash becoming another man's treasure".
- If children are allowed to be involved in the transactions (within reason of course), they can learn the art of "wheeling and dealing" for someone's perceived treasure.

An unsuccessful garage sale is the result of poor organization and management by the participating homeowners who do not follow the rules and/or allow buyers to trespass on others' property or leave trash on the streets and in yards. Constant surveillance of parking on the streets without blocking driveways is absolutely necessary.

If we all follow the proposed outline of this program, and adhere to the rules, the community can benefit from the experience. Go back and reread the suggestions concerning the signage and trash---the "must" was underlined for a reason. If everyone does not follow the rules, then garage sales will not be encouraged within our communities.

Barring any major conflicts, the first community garage sale since 2005 will take place this summer. Let's all work together and make this a successful event.

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## Spring Cleaning

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## Crime Prevention Tips

1. Be extra cautious about locking doors & windows when you leave the house, even for a few minutes.
2. When leaving home for an extended time, have a neighbor or family member watch your house and pick up your newspaper and mail.
3. Indoor and outdoor lights should be on an automatic timer.
4. Leave a radio or television on so the house looks and sounds occupied.
5. When parking your vehicle to go shopping, remember where you parked it! Always park in a well-lit & well-traveled area. Do not park in a remote dark area.
6. When you return to your vehicle, scan the interior of your car to be sure no one is hiding inside. Check to see if you are being followed.
7. Have your keys in hand when approaching your vehicle. You will be ready to unlock the door and will not be delayed by fumbling & looking for your keys.
8. When storing items while out shopping, place them out of sight. The best place is in a locked trunk. Do not ever leave valuable such as your purse, wallet, or cellular telephone in plain view.

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# Willowbridge - Stonebridge

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- Trailers, boats, and commercial vehicles are not to be stored in the subdivision.
- Pets are not allowed to run loose in the neighborhood. Please keep your animals contained on your property or on a leash. This is not only a violation of the Deed Restrictions but of the law and can also result in fines. In addition, you are required to clean up after your pets waste.
- Yards must be maintained according to the Deed Restrictions, this includes mowing, edging and weeding the entire visible property, as well as trimming the shrubs and sweeping up the remaining debris.
- Please inspect the exterior of your home for mold or mildew and either paint or power wash the siding or brick areas that may need it.

These are just some of the restrictions that the homeowners need to follow. If a deed restriction is violated, a letter will be sent to the homeowner giving 10 days to correct the violation. If the violation has not been corrected, a second letter and third final letter will be sent giving the homeowner additional days to correct the violation. If the violation still has not been corrected the homeowner is then turned over to the Association's attorney. All legal fees incurred will be charged back to the homeowner's account, which could cost thousands of dollars. We ask that you follow the deed restrictions to avoid this from happening.

## 2013 Annual Assessments

We would like to remind you that the annual assessments are now past due. Reminder statements have been mailed and late fees/interest assessed. If payment is still not received, the Association may turn your account over to their attorney for collection and all legal fees incurred will be charged back to your account as well. If you are having a problem making your payment, please contact our office at 281-497-4320 as soon as possible to avoid further fees and legal action.



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