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## Summer Pet Safety

*by Sonia Moore*

*May you and your pet have a safe  
and fun summer*

- **Watch out for heatstroke:** Symptoms include panting, lethargy, drooling, fever, vomiting and collapse. If you think your dog may have heatstroke, get the vet ASAP — the condition can cause permanent organ damage & death. Breeds with shorter noses (such as Pugs, Shih Tzus, Pekingese, Bulldogs & Boxers), as well as very young & senior dogs are especially vulnerable.
- **Give your PET extra water:** You will need to refill your pet's water bowl more often than usual on very hot days. Offer your pet several ways to cool off. Leave a fan on in a place where your pet can sit in front of it, add some ice cubes to the water or offer a cool treat. (A Kong that's stuffed with wet food or peanut butter, then frozen, is cooling and a great way to keep your dog entertained.)
- **Never leave your pet alone inside a car.** Even with the windows cracked, the inside of a car can heat up to 120 degrees in a matter of minutes on a warm day. And leaving the air conditioning on is no guarantee that your pet will be safe.
- **Take your walks in the morning or evening.** The intense heat of midday can overwhelm your dog during a walk. Exercise your dog during the cooler hours and, if your dog is in the sun for an extended period of time, apply doggie sunscreen. Don't leave your pet alone outside for more than short periods of time. Even in the shade, a pet exposed to extreme heat and humidity is at risk for heatstroke.
- **Avoid hot sidewalks.** Your dog's paws can easily become burned on hot surfaces, including pavement, blacktop, & sand.
- **Brush your pet regularly.** A clean, untangled coat can help ward off summer skin problems & help your pet stay cool. If you want to give your dog a haircut, keep the fur at least 1" inch long to protect him from the sun. (Shaving down to the skin is not recommended.)
- **Be alert for coolant leaking from your vehicle.** Dogs are attracted to the sweet taste of coolant, and just a small amount can make your dog sick — or even cause death. If you believe your dog may have ingested coolant, take him to the vet right away.

## POOP SCOOPING BOOGEEY

*By: Brooksley & Dunnley*

Oh where, oh where, has your doggy gone?  
 On MY sidewalk and on MY grass,  
 If he could climb trees, I'm sure that's what he would do;  
 And then poop up there too!  
 Where does he get all that gas?

It only takes a minute to scoop his poop,  
 It's the RIGHT thing to do,  
 Scoop, put in bag, and tie it in a knot;  
 Take it home, put in YOUR trash to rot!

Dog poop carries lots of germs,  
 Not to mention, all kinds of worms;  
 It attracts flies that land on it,  
 They fly away and land on you, me and our food!  
 I really don't want my dog or me to get sick,  
 So please pick it up really quick!  
 A small adjustment to your poop attitude,  
 Might just put us all in a better mood!



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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  
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.



# THE SCHOOL ZONE

TRANSLATE VOLUNTEER HOURS INTO \$\$\$ FOR YOUR CAMPUS

By: Barbara Lallinger

## DID YOU KNOW?

- There are businesses which will match your monetary donations to a school?
- There are businesses that will send monetary donations to a school based on your volunteer hours?
- This can happen even if you do not work for the business but have a relative who is either currently working for or has retired from that business?

You can find out which businesses make these offers by going to the Partners in Education (PIE) web page at <http://www.cfisd.net/dept2/pie/pietoc.htm> for a link to HEP Development Services.

This service has a data base of over 5,000 businesses that offer such programs. Even though school just ended, it is not too early to start thinking about volunteering for the coming school year. School starts August 26th and I start calling people to help with Vision &

Hearing Screening (mandated by state law) before school starts.

This year's screening for Gleason EL has tentatively been scheduled for September 10, 11 & 12.

This year's legislative session made some headway in correcting the shortfalls in school budgets but not near enough. Schools will continue to depend on volunteers to help in their many endeavors (such as fund raising, health screening, homeroom parents, mentoring and much, much more). Speaking of homeroom parents, there were several classes that did not have one at Gleason this past year. Please consider volunteering for this next year. You do not have to have a student in the class; however, if you are not the parent, grandparent or guardian of a student there, you will need to become a CFISD Global Volunteer (EASY...Apply and have a criminal background check).

If you don't have students attending a CFISD campus, (and even if you do) please consider becoming a CFISD Global Volunteer. Many of the economically disadvantaged schools do not have a PTO; therefore, no volunteers or fundraising efforts. Besides, volunteering at Gleason last

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## School Zone- (Continued from Page 3)

year I helped with screening at nine other schools. I have also setup, recruited volunteers, and managed the initial health screening at Bane EL (the highest economically disadvantaged school in the district) for the last two years. Also, became the Box Tops for Education and Labels for Education Coordinator two years ago (if you're not collecting for someone, I will gladly accept donations!) Call me at (713) 827-7999 and I will gladly pick them up.



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## TALKING TRASH

By: Barbara Lallinger

### TRASH & RECYCLE

Royal seems to be doing a great job on both trash pickup and recycling. If you have any valid issues with them, please let it be known to the proper person. Monthly board meeting are held at the clubhouse on the 4th Thursday of each month (unless otherwise notified). Near the end of the agenda the floor is opened for Community Input.

Please remember that on windy days your trash lid, the can itself and recycle items are subject to being blown all around. Please secure them the best you can.

Please remember that some items ARE NOT recyclable. Below is a list of some of the culprits:

- Styrofoam with #6 (this includes egg cartons)
- Air conditioning/Heating filters
- Used toilet paper/tissues (YES, someone has done this)
- Wire or plastic coat hangers (call a dry cleaner to see if they will accept)
- Bottle caps (water, juice, etc.).
- Dryer lint (Yes, they've done this, too)

Also, don't forget, some things can be recycled by reusing. Ms. Moody, Art Teacher at Gleason likes the cans that tuna fish & canned chicken are in (please clean thoroughly!) and also the small cardboard containers that nuts come in for art projects. My daughter-in-law is an elementary school art teacher in California and she once told me not to throw away anything of interest without asking the art teacher if she wanted it. Ms. Moody can attest that she has received several "strange" things from me! Also, last year Gleason had a contest for who could turn in the most paper towel and toilet paper tubes (they use them at the Science Center off of Hwy. 290). I'm not positive, but I think they have plans to have this contest again. Start Saving Now! If they don't have the contest they can be put in regular recycle.



# DROWNING IS PREVENTABLE



COLIN'S HOPE  
WATER SAFETY TIPS AT  
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**Ongoing:** Volunteers needed to distribute water safety packets, [info@colinshope.org](mailto:info@colinshope.org)  
**August 19:** Got2Skate for Colin's Hope Fundraiser, 6:30-8:30pm at Playland Skate Center  
**August 29:** Colin's Hope Got2Swim Lake Austin 10K/10 miler, <http://www.tinych.org/got2swim>  
**September 8:** 5th Annual Colin's Hope Kids Triathlon, <http://www.tinych.org/KidsTri>  
**October 19:** Sharkfest Austin Swim benefitting Colin's Hope, [www.sharkfestswim.com](http://www.sharkfestswim.com)



ALERT: 36 Texas children have lost their lives to a fatal drowning this year.  
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## The Recipe Box

Submitted by: Marianne Sonnier

### MARIANNE'S FRUIT SALAD

(The ingredients sound strange but the result is delicious!)

- 1 Large can fruit & cocktail
- 1 jar maraschino cherries (with juice)
- 1 can Carnation evaporated milk\* sugar to taste
- Fresh bananas, apples, grapes, etc. (chopped)

Mix all ingredients. Chill well. Best served with ginger cookies (I like the really thin ones @ World Market).

\*May substitute sweetened condensed milk.

Please share a favorite recipe with your community. Submit to [leroylallinger@live.com](mailto:leroylallinger@live.com)

## Host a Student

How would you like to bring the world to your children. Or maybe help out in your community and school. How would you like to make the dream of a lifetime come true for teen from a faraway land?

It's easy! Ayusa, a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization is looking for host families to open their hearts and their homes to a foreign exchange student. The deadline for placement is August 15, 2013 and we still have over 300 students to place nationwide. If you would like to help out in this wonderful effort, please visit [www.ayusa.org](http://www.ayusa.org) and complete the online application. The only things that you need to provide for the student is a bedroom for them to sleep in and three meals a day. The students come with their own medical insurance and spending money.

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Bevin Gammell	12/29/90	281-807-3152	Bradly & Elizabeth Gammell
Lesley Maxfield	07/25/94	281-469-6229	Lesley Maxfield
Lauren Mosley+	02/14/95	281-894-8459	
Rachel Sontag	12/19/97	281-970-9535	rachelsontag@hotmail.com
Kim Cook	05/05/97	832-237-9541	Glenn & Maureen Cook

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Kim Cook	15 yrs. old	832-237-9541	Glenn & Maureen Cook

### ATTENTION TEENAGERS

The Teenage Job Seekers listing service is offered free of charge to all Lakemont teenagers seeking work. Submit your name and information to [lakemontliving@yahoo.com](mailto:lakemontliving@yahoo.com) by the 10th of the month!

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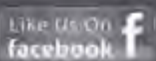
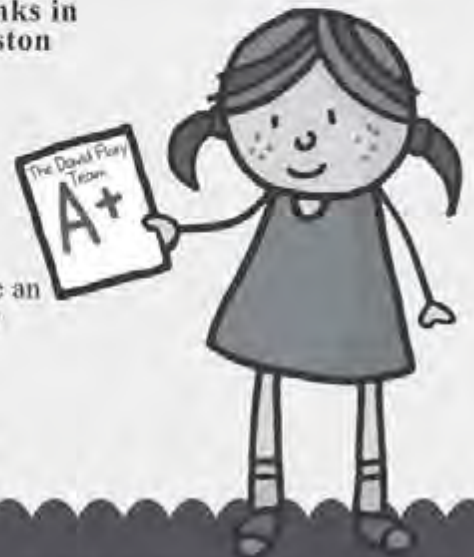
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