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OUT WITH THE OLD... IN WITH THE NEW!

At the December Board Meeting, President and Beautification Chair, Jennifer Y'Barbo, announced that the board had voted to get rid of the old basketball court that was rendered useless for its original purpose many years ago. Many ideas have been proposed in the past; however, none seemed to be the correct fit. The current plan is to repurpose the court by removing the chain link fence and building a covered pavilion on the foundation.

The board also voted to remove the sand from the playground. It will be used to level low areas of the park and replaced by wood chips. Watch for more details in a future issue.

SPRING INTO ACTION!

Volunteers are needed for the Spring Festival scheduled for Saturday, April 5, 2014, from 12:00 noon - 2:00 pm at the clubhouse.

If you can help, please contact Leah Protz at lp0486@gmail.com



A large, white, cursive "welcome" sign is mounted on a dark, textured wall.

Big WELCOME to:

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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.

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To report street or curb damage, missing/damaged street
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newsflash

Dateline: Willowbridge/Stonebridge Community

The HOA has named Barbara Lallinger and Rebecca Peters as the WillowTalk newsletter coordinators. Kyle Survance previously held this position for several years and did a great job. Thanks, Kyle...and don't forget...you can still submit articles!

We would be very interested in what you would like to see in YOUR community newsletter. If you have an article, an idea for an article, etc. please submit it to willowbridgenews@gmail.com

Please keep in mind that we can't control the timing of when the newsletter is mailed during the month or when it will get to us (sent by bulk mail-usually slower). We are

also limited in the amount of space we are given for articles/pages relative to the amount of advertising placed each month (more advertising=more space/pages); therefore, articles must be prioritized. It is best to give a 2 month lead time for your articles to assure it will appear in a timely manner.

Please keep in mind that the newsletter is paid for in its entirety by advertisements (no HOA funds expended). If you know someone in the neighborhood that owns a business, a business in the area or any other business interest that might like to advertise in WillowTalk, please have them contact Peel, Inc. at advertising@PEELinc.com or (888) 687-6444 for information and rates.

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THE SCHOOL ZONE

By: Barbara Lallinger

JERSEY VILLAGE HIGH SCHOOL SENIORS ROCK!

They also play volleyball, golf and swim! Did you know that we have (3) Jersey Village High School (JVHS) Senior standouts in our midst and all are also graduates of Gleason EL and Cook MS? Two of them are Willowbridge residents Lauren Greenspoon and her brother Jake (parents Alice and Michael Greenspoon). Lauren, JVHS volleyball player, has signed with Tennessee-Chattanooga and Jake, JVHS golfer has signed with UT-Arlington.

Jersey Village resident, Tracy Bolado, JVHS swimmer has signed with Davis and Elkins College.

Tracy's mom is Susan Bolado, longtime Kindergarten teacher and now Assistant Principal at Gleason EL. Tracy's great aunt, Joan Postma, was an Olympic swimmer and brought home (2) bronze medals in relays. She also taught middle school in CFISD for many years, worked in the technology department and was instrumental in bringing CFISD into the technology age. AND...Postma EL is named after her!

GLEASON ELEMENTARY

Please don't forget these dates and help Gleason's fundraising efforts by supporting Spirit Nights (SN).

Friday 1/10 - PTO Board Meeting (9:30 am)

Thursday 1/16 - Chick-fil-A SN

Monday 1/27 - VIPS Spring Breakfast

Wednesday 2/05 - Willie's Ice House SN

Friday 2/07 - Book Fair (ends Friday 2/14)

Friday 2/07 - Donuts with Mom A-L (7:45-8:25 am)

Tuesday 2/11 - Orange Leaf Yogurt (Spirit All Day)

Friday 2/14 - Donuts with Mom M-Z (7:45-8:25 am)

Thursday 2/20 - Chick-fil-A SN

TALKING TRASH

By: Barbara Lallinger

RECYCLE RERUNS

The beginning of the year is a good time to remind everyone of some of the items we can recycle with Royal Recycle (that we couldn't with other companies) and some of the absolute NO NOs that can't be recycled.

NO! NO! DON'T RECYCLE

Air conditioner/furnace filters
Kleenex, paper towels, napkins, toilet paper
Broken glass/mirrors or just mirrors
Glass baking dishes (Pyrex, Anchor Hocking)
Ceramic dishes, vases, statues, etc.
Styrofoam with a #6 in the recycle emblem
Heavily waxed food containers, Hangers (wire or plastic)
Wood, bricks or other such materials, Cloth material
Rubber/vinyl toys and items, Light bulbs of any kind
Handheld lighters, Aerosol cans, Paint, Dryer lint
Empty containers that held hazardous materials
Paper goods with food residue such as pizza boxes, paper plates, etc. as they can contaminate a whole bale of paper!

YES RECYCLE

Glass (clear & colored), Paper towel & toilet paper rolls
Paper bags, Gift wrap (paper based)
Styrofoam without a #6 in the recycle emblem
Phone books, Clean aluminum plates (pie)
Clean aluminum foil, Plastic shopping bags
Plastics with recycle emblem 1-5 & 7

TRASH/RECYCLE PICK UPTIMES

At a recent board meeting some residents noted that they were not happy with not knowing what time the trash and/or recycle was going to be picked up each time (sometimes early, sometimes late). The board explained that many factors determine what time of day Royal picks up our stuff. First be aware that our contract with Royal and their Garbage Specifications sheet left with each recycle bin November 2012 states that garbage/recycle may be picked up anytime between 7:00 am and 6:00 pm. Other factors also figure into the equation as explained by the board. First, we are not Royal's only clients on Tuesday and Friday. Second, if a truck breaks down on any of these routes (including ours), it may necessitate a truck being pulled from one of the other routes, thus throwing off the schedule for everyone. These things are beyond anyone's control.

HEAVY TRASH - WHAT IS IT?

According to Royal's website: Heavy Trash (aka bulk items) are items that won't fit into a trash can or bag, such as a mattress, dryer, oven or other small appliance. Large items such as large screen TVs, refrigerators or old spaceships will require a special pick up that must be arranged through the office. Refrigerators or any other appliance containing refrigerant must display a tag from a qualified technician certifying that the refrigerant has been removed from the system. For more information or any questions, please call Royal at (713) 526-1536.

NO WAY OUT!

By: Barbara Lallinger

Our neighborhood can be tricky to navigate especially for the first time and/or occasional visitor. Drivers roam around and around feeling like they are in a maze. Often while working in the yard, people have stopped and asked me "How do I get out of here?" They were so close!

We have a lot of streets with cul-de-sacs. You may have noticed some with an additional yellow sign that reads: NO OUTLET. If your street would like to have one of these added to the street sign, saving some poor soul from roaming through the maze, please do the following:

Go online to www.hcp4.net or call (281) 353-8424. You will be asked for your name, address & phone number, the name of your street and the intersecting street name.

It may take a little time, signs are placed on a first come, first served basis and this is for all of Precinct 4, not just Willowbridge/Stonebridge.

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GOOD NEIGHBORS CAN BE GREAT FOR STRESS LEVELS

Do you live in a neighborhood where you feel safe and connected to others, or do you feel overcrowded, threatened, and otherwise unsafe in your surroundings? This, and other aspects of neighborhood life, can impact both your level of happiness and stress.

Socializing: With our busy schedules, we don't always see friends as often as we'd like. For a bit of socializing that takes only minutes out of your day, it's nice to stop and chat with people for a few minutes on your way out to your car. And the more people you have available for shared social support, the better, generally speaking.

Pooled Resources: I know people in some more-friendly neighborhoods who share dinners, minimizing the effort it takes to cook. Others trade fruit from their trees. A neighbor who borrows a few eggs may come back with a plate of cookies that the eggs helped create. Knowing your neighbors increases everyone's ability to share.

Security: Knowing the people around you can bring a sense of security. If you need something—whether it's a cup of sugar when you're baking cookies, or someone to call the police if they see someone lurking outside your home—it's nice to know you can depend on those around you and they can depend on you.

Home Pride: Knowing the people who live around you provides a strengthened sense of pride in your home and neighborhood.

Coming home just feels nicer. While you may not be able to change the neighborhood in which you live, you can change the experience you have in your own neighborhood by getting more involved with those around you and taking pride in the area in which you live. The following are some ideas and resources that can help you to feel more at home in your neighborhood:

Get Out More: If you live in a generally safe area, I highly recommend taking a morning or evening walk. It's a great stress reliever that also allows you to get to know many of your neighbors, get an understanding of who lives where, and feel more at home in your surroundings.

Smile: It's simple enough, but if you're not in the habit of smiling and giving a friendly hello to the people you encounter in your neighborhood, it's a good habit to start. While not everyone will return the friendliness immediately, it's a quick way to get to know people and build relationships, even if you've lived close for years and haven't really said much to one another.

Talk To Your Elders: The more veteran members of the neighborhood often have the inside scoop on the neighborhood. You may be surprised at how much you can learn if you stop to take the time to talk to the sweet old lady at the end of the block.

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2012	57	\$125,199	\$699,000	\$257,694	89

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Year	# Sold	Lowest \$	Highest \$	Average \$	Avg. Days on Market
2013	31	\$173,000	\$301,000	\$244,154	32
2012	33	\$170,000	\$318,000	\$229,316	47

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