



## YOU WILL WANT TO READ THIS!!

(FINALLY, AFTER ALL THESE YEARS)

At the WHCMUD #11 monthly board meeting held Monday, February 17th the board voted to grant an exemption to property owners that have a Homestead Exemption (5K), effective for the 2015 tax year. In the past an exemption for \$10,000 was granted for only Over 65 and/or Disabled. The new exemption will be for \$15,000. Based on the tax rate remaining at .55 per \$100 value, a \$250K home with a Homestead Exemption will pay a tax of \$1,347.50 saving \$27.50/Over 65 Only \$1,292.50 saving \$82.50/Both Exemptions \$1,265 saving \$110. Don't forget the board votes each year at their annual meeting (usually held in October) whether or not to raise the rate. It was not raised last year (it was actually lowered).

Please remember – you may attend the board's monthly meetings, held on the 3rd Monday of each month (except holidays – call the number below to see if there is an alternate date scheduled) at 10100 Memorial Dr., Suite 260, Houston, Texas 77024 (Park Laureate Building) located approximately 2 blocks east of Chimney Rock. If you have business to bring before the board, you must contact: Young & Brooks, Attorneys at: (713) 951-0800 at least 72 hours before the meeting date.

## 811 – KNOW WHAT'S BELOW!

(CALL BEFORE YOU  
DIG – IT'S THE LAW!)

If you had the ability to see underground it would be easy to know exactly where natural gas pipelines are buried. But unfortunately you can't. Since we definitely live near natural gas pipelines it's important to familiarize yourself with pipeline markers and know the warning signs (think of the wide grassy area between Gleason ES and Willowbridge/Stonebridge).

Since pipelines are buried underground, markers are used to identify their location. These markers identify the type of material that is being transported as well as who you need to call if there is a problem.

For your safety, state law requires you to call 811 before you dig, drill or blast. You may also go to [lonestar811.com](http://lonestar811.com) to use their simple on-line process to have your excavation area marked before digging. It's easy and it's FREE.

CenterPoint Energy says their highest priority is the safety of its natural gas distribution system. Pipelines are constantly monitored and are designed, installed, tested operated and maintained to the highest quality of standards.

DON'T FORGET....YOU MAY ALSO NEED PERMISSION FROM THE ARC COMMITTEE FOR YOUR PROJECT! Visit [www.willowbridge.hoa](http://www.willowbridge.hoa) to check.

# Willowbridge - Stonebridge

## IMPORTANT NUMBERS

All Emergencies.....	911
Harris County Sheriff.....	713-221-6000
Harris County Animal Control .....	281-999-3191
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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 quarter (Jan, Apr, Jul, & Oct) 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](http://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.

## STREET LIGHT OUT?

If you notice a street light out PLEASE report it to CenterPoint Energy. We pay for all of the street lights in our subdivision... every month...regardless if they are illuminated or not!! This is also a serious safety issue. To report an outage, follow these steps:

1. Dial (713) 207-2222.
2. Choose a language preference.
3. Select option "4" (for street light outages).
4. Provide the 6 digit number (located approximately 5 feet up the pole), street name and closest address.

# THE RECIPE BOX

(Oil & Vinegar – Not Just For Salads Anymore)

OLIVE OIL – a cooking staple in the kitchen, can also be used for:

- Remove Paint from Hands – Mix a teaspoon of olive oil with a pinch of baking soda or sugar and use to gently scrub away dried paint.
- Unstick Zippers – Carefully use a cotton swab to apply a small amount inside the slider body and move the tab up and down the teeth a few times.
- Shaving Cream – In a pinch, lightly coat your legs in olive oil and your razor will run effortlessly over stubble. It also conditions your razor blades.
- Clean Candleholders – Get rid of residual wax by washing with a mild dish soap and a few drops of olive oil. Wipe a tiny bit of oil on the inside before you put the candle back in and it will be easier to clean the next time.
- Prevent Hair Balls – Drizzle a teaspoon of olive oil on pet food to help any swallowed hair make its way through your furry friend's digestive system so it won't be coughed up instead.

VINEGAR – another staple in the pantry with many other uses, such as:

- Clean a Coffeemaker – Get rid of stains and mineral deposits by filling the reservoir with
- 1 part white vinegar and 2 parts water. Brew. Repeat every 3 weeks.
- Prevent Colors From Running – To keep new clothes or towels from losing color, soak them in 1 part vinegar and 1 part cold water for 15 minutes before washing.
- Kill Grass & Weeds – Pour vinegar on grass and weeds between bricks and expansion joints.
- Freshen Wilted Vegetables – Perk up soggy, leafy vegetables by soaking them in 2 cups cold water mixed with 1 tablespoon vinegar for 10 minutes. Rinse, dry and serve.
- Avoid Moldy Cheese – Soak a cloth in vinegar, wrap it around hard cheese, and seal in an airtight container or ziptop bag. The vinegar prevents mold spores.



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## TREES - SWEET GUM

(By: Glen Telge - Originally published March 2000)

The Sweet Gum - Liquidambar styraciflua is a large, deciduous shade tree with great fall color, turning yellow to deep red or purple in December. Its leaves are large, about 5 inches across, star-shaped with five pointed lobes and fine toothed edges. They emit a strong, sweet aromatic scent when crushed or torn. In the spring, clusters of very small flowers appear. By the fall, the hard, green, spiny fruit balls turn brown and fall from the tree yielding their winged seeds.

The tree's gum, which can be scraped off after removing the bark, was historically used as a chewing gum and in certain medicines for the alleviation of chest ailments and in the treatment of certain skin diseases. The wood of this tree, is heavy, hard and close-grained, making it well suited for making furniture and cabinetry. Another species, less common to our area, is the Chinese Sweet Gum- Liquidambar formosana. This species has hard, saw-edged, very dark leaves with three broad triangular lobes.

The largest Common Sweet Gum in Houston is 112 feet high and has a spread of 80 feet.



## Pet Place

by Harris County Sheriff's Office  
(HSCO)

Public Information Office

On March 9th charges were filed against Joseph Potts, 26, who shot and killed a dog at the Bay Area Dog Park in January of this year. He is charged with one count of Cruelty to Non-Livestock Animal and was not in custody as of this date.

On January 25th, HCSO deputies responded to the park in southeast Harris County after witnesses saw Potts (a concealed handgun license holder) shoot a dog he claimed threatened his safety, that of his wife and their two dogs. The case was presented to the Harris County Attorney's Office.

The HSCO takes this opportunity to remind the public that Harris County animal regulations state that "All dogs and cats must be kept under restraint while in the unincorporated areas of Harris County. The custodian of a dog or cat is not authorized to have, harbor or keep any unlicensed dog or cat, nor to allow any dog or cat to become a stray."

Restraint is defined as the control of a dog or cat under the following circumstances:

- When it is controlled by a line or leash not more than six (6) feet in length, if the line or leash is held by a human being, who is capable of controlling or governing the dog or cat in question.
- When it is within a fully enclosed vehicle.
- When it is on the premise of the custodian and animal does not have access to the sidewalk or street.

Please remember that our dog park behind Westbridge is located in unincorporated Harris County. It's supposed to be a fun place for them to go and play; however, you must still watch them so that someone like Mr. Potts doesn't have the opportunity/ excuse to think that a dog was being aggressive (yes, this was a pit bull; however witnesses accounts said they felt he just wanted to play and was being a little over exuberant).



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## THE SCHOOL ZONE

"HERE PIGGY.....PIGGY"

We hear much about the Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo (HLSR), and not near enough about our own CFISD Livestock Show and Sale. The 21st Annual Show and Sale was held February 5 – 7 at the CFISD Exhibit Center and raised a record amount.

According to the CFISD website ([www.cfisd.net](http://www.cfisd.net)), the community once again displayed an overwhelming amount of generosity in the live auction, freezer sale and via additional monetary contributions to students.

The premium sale (live auction) unofficially raised \$520,750 (up \$10,000 from 2014, making it the largest premium sale in CFISD history)! The freezer sale (animals not placing high enough for the live auction), Agriculture Mechanics Silent Auction and additional gifts to students were not available on the website. Some of the notable sales with exhibitor's name, high school, buyer, and amount (GC= Grand Champion, RC=Reserve Champion,\* = new record &\*\* = tied record) are listed below. You may see all of the winners by going online to the district website.

- GC-Market Steer-Dylan Jebousek Cy-Woods Crane Rental Division, \$55,000\*
- RC-Market Steel Devyn Johnson Cy-Woods Jarrar & Co., Inc. \$30,000\*\*
- GC-Market Swine Shelby Taylor Cy-Woods Joe Myers \$27,000\*
- RC-Market Swine Connor Wallace Cy-Ranch Conda Maze/JRP, LLC \$20,000\*
- GC-Market Lamb Hana Donaldson Cy-Falls Kowalik Farms \$17,500\*
- GC-Market Turkey McKenzie Peet Cy-Fair Big M Constructors \$14,500
- RC-Market Lamb Katy Keilers Cy-Woods Lone Star Chevrolet \$12,000

\*\*\*UPDATE: Denise Kubecka, CFISD Career and Technical Education Coordinator, reported on March 3rd that \$889,000 has been raised so far (surpassing \$835,520 raised in 2014).

Gleason ES

5/04	(M)	BYG SN
5/07 – 08	(Th & F)	Mother's Day Rose Sale
5/12	(Tu)	Orange Leaf SD
5/21	(Th)	VIPS Appreciation Luncheon (@ Berry Center)
5/21	(Th)	Chik-fil-A SN
5/26 – 29	(Tu – F)	BOGO Book Fair
TBA		Spring PTO Meeting
6/8	(M)	BYG SN
Cook MS		
5/14	(Th)	Bullrito SN
5/27	(W)	Chik-fil-A SN

## TALKING TRASH

Did you Know?

ENERGIZER – has a new battery called the New Energizer Eco-Advanced touted to be their longest lasting alkaline battery? It is made with recycled batteries (4%) and said to hold power for up to 12 years when properly stored.

OZARKA – water bottles has a smaller cap (less plastic). It's called an Eco-Slim cap and part of their ongoing effort to reduce their impact on the environment. The bottle and cap now contain an average of 20% less plastic than their original 500 mL Eco-Shape bottle and cap.

SCOTT Paper Products – has a new tube free toilet paper and asks how many tubes of toilet paper do you use? Scott says 17 billion TP tubes are used in the U.S. each year, enough to fill the Empire State Building twice! Their website listed several interesting statistics such as: every second 538 TP tubes are used, the average person spends 3 years on the toilet over the course of their life and guys use more TP, but girls use it more frequently. There is an on-line test you can take (3 questions only), google Scott Paper Products to see how many TP tubes you use a year. Of course if you don't like the Scott brand you always have the option of putting the tube from your brand (also paper towel tubes) in the recycle bin!



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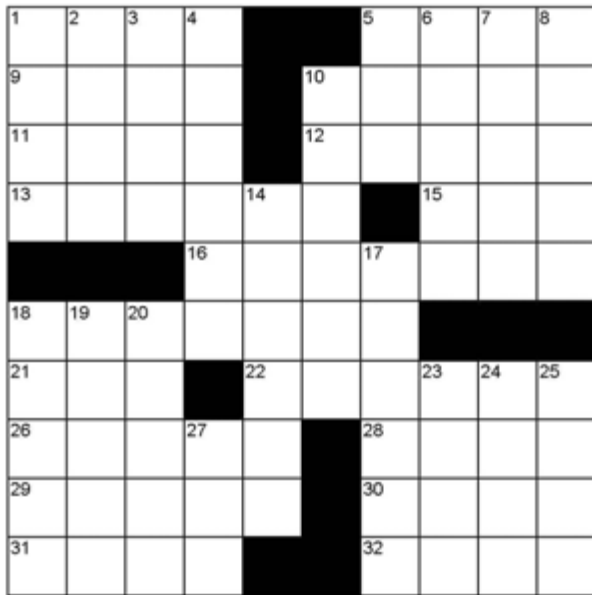
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## CROSSWORD PUZZLE



### ACROSS

1. Extremity
4. Nun's headwear
10. Men's neckwear
11. Asian nation
12. Limited (abbr.)
13. Serf
14. Flower
16. Poem
17. Monetary unit
18. Atomic number
20. Paid (abbr.)
22. Package label
26. Punching tool
29. Esc
31. Fine
33. Modern
34. Cat mystery writer  
Braun
35. Lingerie
36. Elevate
37. Sign language

### DOWN

1. Reference book
2. Swanky
3. Award
4. Marry
5. Abraham's son
6. Mr.'s wife
7. El \_\_ (Texas city)
8. Precede
9. Women's magazine
15. Brim
19. American Football Conference (abbr.)
21. Coffee shop order
23. Ballroom dancing
24. Aromas
25. Particular style
26. American Civil Liberties Union (abbr.)
27. Lash
28. Lounge
30. Delivered by post
32. Roman three

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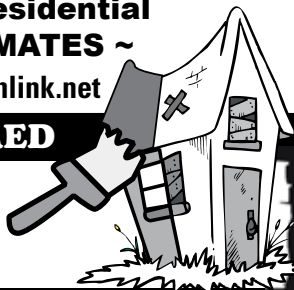
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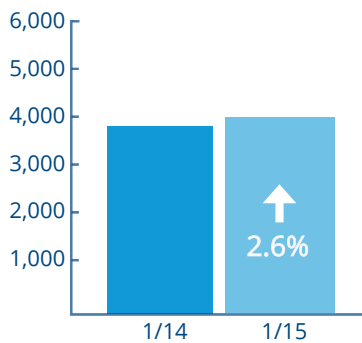
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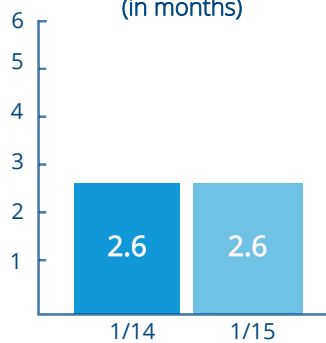
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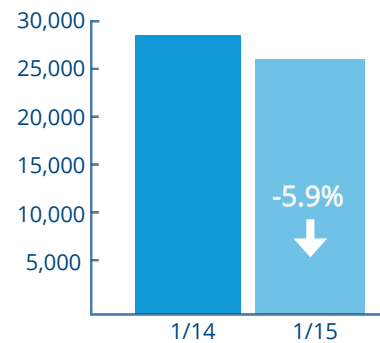
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