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## 2016 HOLIDAY DECORATION WINNERS

This year's decorations were great with many contenders. The Beautification Committee had to make some hard decisions before coming up with their final selections. If you didn't win this year, please try again in 2017!

1st Place – Williams Family 9318 Tascosa Ln.  
2nd Place – Bailey Family 9403 Slate Stone Ct.  
3rd Place – Brown Family 9530 Skipping Stone Ln.

## WELCOME NEIGHBORS!

Welcome to the best neighborhood around. If you haven't already, please take a moment to check out our website at [willowbridgehoa.com](http://willowbridgehoa.com). Our website coordinator has spent numerous hours updating it this past year.

Thai Family                      Skipping Stone Ln.  
Wilhemi Family                San Patrico Ct.

## SIDEWALK SEESAW

One end up, one end down... both ends raised and level like seesaw motions, that's how some of the neighborhood sidewalks appear. Our neighborhood is aging, gracefully for the most part, but our sidewalks are suffering the consequences, compounded by issues beyond our control. Late last year the HOA Board and Graham Management began evaluating the damage on Willowbridge Park Blvd. (WBPB) across from Gleason to the clubhouse parking lot, from Bexar Dr. to the Gleason entrance and on Stone Castle Dr. at the entrance to Stonebridge, to Stone Post Circle. Ultimately the HOA removed three trees on WBPB across from Gleason. At the annual meeting in October, Jim Roddy, a WHCMUD #11 board member, agreed to review the situation on the MUD's behalf. Determining who is responsible for repairs is a little complicated. The MUD decided to do a dye test on the whole neighborhood system starting in January. Repair responsibility will be determined by what caused the sidewalk slabs to buckle, sink, crack or erode underneath.

### WHO'S RESPONSIBLE?

Harris County – if damage is directly attributable to a storm drain or any underground conduit for drainage of storm water.

WHCMUD #11 – if it's "powered" water which are lines that furnish drinking and household waste removal.

HOA – if caused by trees, bushes, etc. on common area property.

Homeowner – if caused by trees, bushes, etc. on their property or planted by homeowner on easement between sidewalk and street curb.

Once responsibility is determined, the MUD will notify the various entities and repairs will be scheduled. Please be cognizant that repairs will take coordination and time. The weather will definitely come into play as the slabs have to "cure" before they can handle pedestrian, bicycle, etc. traffic. A TOPS official stated that the composite that is currently used doesn't take as long to cure as it used to.

Also, residents are not the only ones that will be affected. Parents parking in the clubhouse parking lot may have to cross to the other side of WBPB and those that park on Stone Villa Dr. may be forced to walk in the street as there is not a sidewalk on the other side. Everyone is asked to drive carefully and be cognizant of their surroundings during construction.

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Vacation Watch - Harris County District 5 .... 281-290-2100  
W. Harris County MUD #11 ..... 281-807-9500  
Willow Place Post Office ..... 281-890-2392  
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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.

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  
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By Phone: During normal business hours (7 am – 7 pm)

- Call (713) 207-2222
- Give the Customer Service Representative the 6 digit pole  
number (located approximately 6 feet up the pole), the street  
name and closest address.
- Online (anytime): centerpointenergy.com

## NEWSLETTER ARTICLE SUBMISSION

Newsletter Article submission Deadline is 3rd of each  
month. Please give a 2 month advance notice.

## 6 Easy Tips to Start 2017 Off on the Best Foot

You don't need to pay out for a personal trainer or a gym membership to make good on your resolution to get fit in 2017. Here are a selection of favourite fitness apps and hacks which – if you've got just a couple of spare minutes every day – will get you on the road to getting fit this year.

### Get in the habit

Don't set yourself grand goals and then feel bad about yourself when you haven't run a marathon by January 31. If you go for an all or nothing approach to getting fit, there's a good chance that if you miss one fitness session you'll think you've failed your resolution and won't bother with the next one.

Instead, make tiny changes to your life that you can fit in easily and repeat on multiple times a week. Researchers from University College London found it takes an average of 66 days to get into a habit – good or bad. They also found that forgetting to do something one day didn't significantly impact people's ability to build a habit, so don't use not doing something today as an excuse for not doing it tomorrow.

### Take a data-driven approach to dieting

If your goal is to lose weight in 2016, but don't know where to start, then it might be a good idea to get to grips with where your calories are coming from. Using a food tracker, such as MyFitnessPal can help

you keep tabs on what the main sources of calories in your diet are.

For the first few weeks of January, every time you eat or drink something, pop it in MyFitnessPal (this is tedious but temporary). The app will display pie charts showing how many calories are in everything you've eaten and if you've been getting a healthy balance of protein, carbohydrates and fat in your diet.

Now you've got that data about your own diet, you can start to take clear steps to cut down on problem areas. If white wine intake is a sticking point (a large glass has 180 calories), for example, then start off by cutting down on that before you start to work on different areas of your diet.

### Work fast and often

Have you got a spare seven minutes? Yes, you definitely do, so there's pretty much no excuse squeezing in a super-quick workout into your daily routine.

There are loads of seven minute workout apps available for iOS and Android that will guide you through a short, intensive workout that combines cardio and resistance training. Seven minutes is about how long it takes to make a cup of coffee (if you're using a cafetiere) so you could even follow your workout with your morning brew if you want to start your day on an ultra-efficient high.

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## Take up yoga

You don't need any fancy equipment, not even a mat, to take up yoga. Just clear a bit of floor space, put on some comfortable clothes and prop up your phone or tablet somewhere within viewing distance to get started with this beginner's yoga course. There's a new video every day in January, so jump in wherever you like and before you know it you'll be referring to yourself as a yogi without a hint of irony.

## Track your progress

Studies have shown that workouts don't have any effect on your body if you're not tracking them, and sharing the results on your Facebook news feed.

Okay, so that's not at all true, but tracking how your fitness is progressing is a great way to set yourself targets and see how you're improving. There are no end of trackers for running, weight training and every form of exercise in between. When you achieve a goal, make sure to reward yourself too.

## Take some time out

New year's resolutions are often so focused on physical health that it's easy to overlook that squishy bit between your ears. Meditation apps such as Headspace can help you take some time out of the day to reflect and focus on your priorities and may also help with your sleep and concentration

*Article courtesy of Matthew Reynolds of Wired magazine*

## WHERE THE HECK IS AREA CODE 346?



Have you received a call from a (346) area code? Did you ignore it because you didn't know where that area code is or anyone that has it? The Houston area is again on the verge of running out of telephone numbers. First there was 713; then 281; then 832 and now 346.

The North American Numbering Plan (NANP), is a telephone numbering plan that encompasses 25 district regions in 20 countries, primarily in North America, the U.S. territories, Canada, and the Caribbean. It was originally developed in the 1940s by AT&T for the Bell System.

**713** – Hard to believe but this AC was established in October 1947 (we just didn't have to use it). It originally covered the entire southeastern quadrant of Texas, from the Sabine River to the Brazos Valley. In March 1983 the area was divided for the first time. The immediate Houston area retained AC 713 while the northern, eastern and western portions of the old AC 713 territory became AC 409.

**281** – In November 1996, the area was split again with most of Houston's suburbs switching to AC 281. It was determined that numbers inside the loop (Beltway 8) would retain 713 and outside the loop would receive and/or be reassigned to 281, with a few exceptions, such as the City of JV retaining 713.

**832** – In January of 1999, AC 832 was created as an overlay for the entire region, an additional AC that wouldn't require existing customers to change ACs.

**346** – With Houston's rapid growth and the proliferation of cell phones, Houston was soon on the verge of running out of phone numbers again. AC 346 was approved by the Texas Public Utility Commission in May 2013 and became active July 1, 2014, creating the possibility of an additional 8 million new phone numbers. It overlays Houston and its surrounding counties of: Harris, Fort Bend, Waller, Austin, San Jacinto, Liberty, Chambers, Brazoria and Galveston.

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### 2017 HOLIDAY TRASH SCHEDULE

Please find below the HOLIDAY TRASH SCHEDULE that will be followed by Best Trash for 2017 and the very beginning of 2018. This schedule covers **ONLY THE DAYS** Trash and/or Recycle **WILL NOT BE PICKED UP**.

REMEMBER: Trash is picked up on Monday and Thursday. Recycle is picked up **ONLY** on Monday. Heavy Trash is picked up both days; however, depending on the item it may have to be picked up by appointment and the homeowner may be charged for disposal. If a holiday is actually observed on a Monday or Thursday, it **WILL NOT BE PICKED UP THE NEXT DAY**. It will be picked up on the next regularly scheduled Monday or Thursday. Please be respectful of your neighbors and other homeowner's and not leave it out while waiting for the next pickup. Leaving it out is also a violation of HOA Rules.

MEMORIAL DAY	05/29 – Monday	NT/NR
THANKSGIVING DAY	11/23 – Thursday	NT
LABOR DAY	09/04 – Monday	NT/NR
CHRISTMAS DAY	12/25 – Monday	NT/NR
NEW YEAR'S DAY (2018)	01/01 – Monday	NT/NR



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\*Text a tip or call: 1-855-427-6492

\*Download the app found on [iWatchHarrisCounty.com](http://iWatchHarrisCounty.com)

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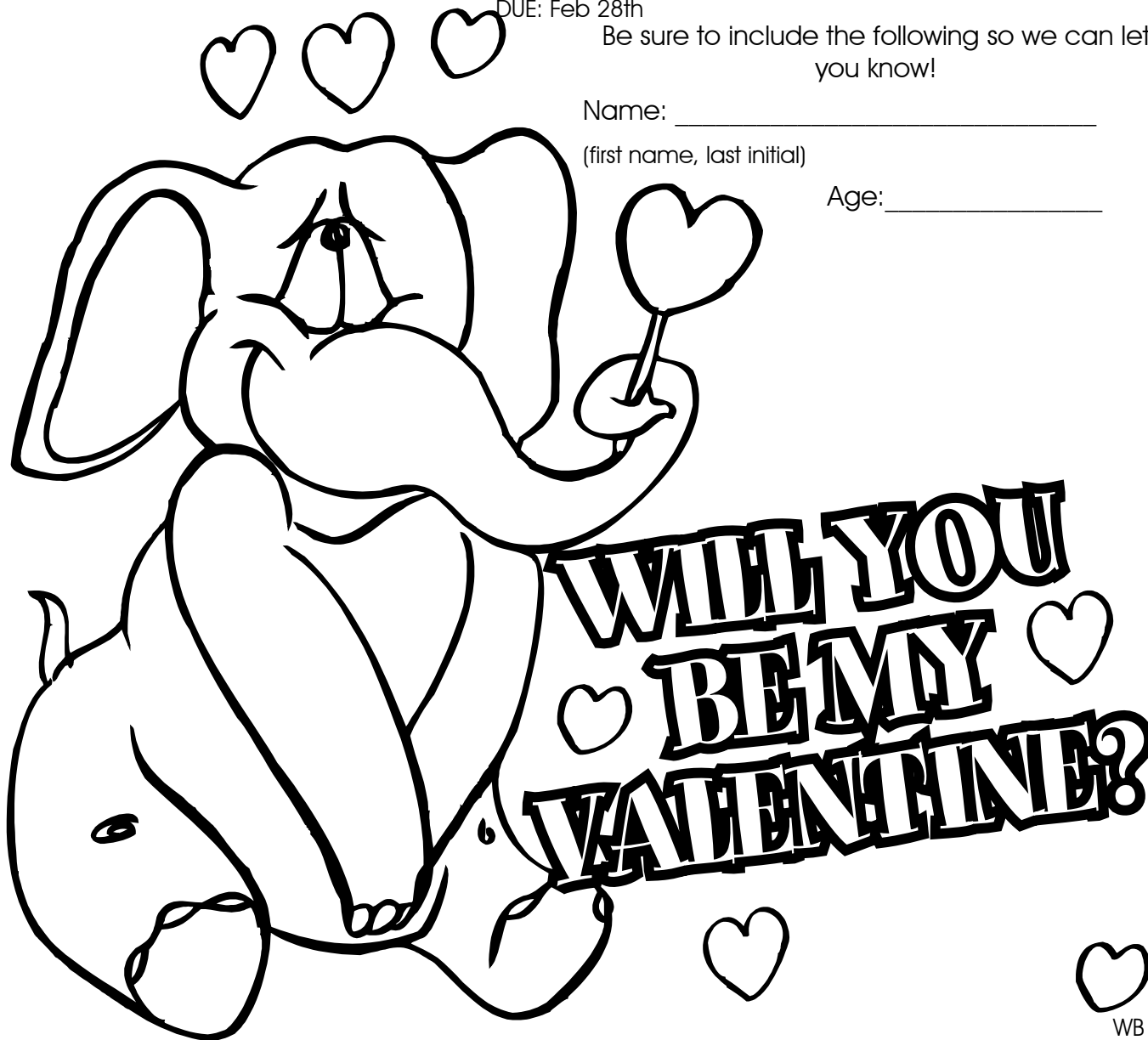
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