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THE GARAGE SALE IS COMING! THE GARAGE SALE IS COMING!! THE GARAGE SALE IS COMING!!!

Enthusiasts can be sellers, buyers, or looky-loos. Whatever your passion you will be able to pursue it on Saturday, April 8th. Last year's sale had good weather, but low participation. Let's hope for the same or better weather and a good sale for all participants: The rules have not changed. It will run from 8 am – 4 pm (signs are to be removed from yards at this time, with all items to be removed and out of sight by 5 pm).

1. You may place a sign in your yard on the day of the sale only.
2. Your customers must not block neighbor's driveways and/or sidewalks. It is your responsibility to manage this.
3. No loud music or other noise nuisance is to be allowed during the sale.
4. Personal signs MAY NOT be placed on the West Rd. esplanades or on easements (grass) between the Willowbridge/Stonebridge fence and West Rd. (these are technically considered to be "bandit" signs and are ILLEGAL in Harris County).

5. Community Garage Sales signs will be placed at all (3) entrances: Willowbridge Park Blvd., Wheatland Dr., and Stone Villa Ln.

6. Residents **are not allowed** to leave any unsold items or trash on lawns, driveways, sidewalks or curbs. Please pick up any litter left by customers from gutters and street. Leftover items may be taken to a donation site such as Goodwill 9215 West Rd.(77064) open Saturday 9 am – 7 pm or 12352 Jones Rd. (77065) open Saturday 9 am – 9 pm or Goodwill in Fiesta Center at Willowbrook open Saturday 9 am – 9 pm; The Mission of The Yahweh 10247 Algiers Rd. (77041, between Tanner and Clay), serving homeless women and their children since 1961; or The Hope Chest 12015 Barker Cypress Rd. – Cypress 77433 (South side of Hwy. 290) open Saturday 10 am – 3 pm. Sales benefit Cy-Hope whose Mission is to make life

better for kids in Cy-Fair. Cy-Hope brings HOPE to all students so that they will grow up to be well educated and productive citizens, making a lasting and positive impact on the community.

As a reminder, Harris County has had a Bandit Sign Law since 2008. The law was passed to reduce the so-called bandit signs that you typically see fastened to street signs, telephone poles and/or planted in the right-of-ways (medians and a designated number of feet to the side of the street curbs) of busy streets. Violators may be fined \$500 - \$1,000 for EACH offense.

Samples of Bandit Signs include, but are not limited to:

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| *Lawn Services | *Handyman Services |
| *Tax Preparation Services | *Maid Services |
| *Home Buyers and/or Open House Signs | *Campaign Signs |
| *Carpet Cleaning Services | *After School Child Care |
| *Physical Fitness/Workout Clubs | *After School Activities |
| *Garage/Estate/Yard Sale Signs | *Weight Loss Programs/Pills |

Almost any sign in one of these locations can be considered a Bandit Sign, unless it is an official county, municipality or traffic direction sign. And, attaching a sign to these authorized signs is a violation of the Bandit Sign Law.

If you have any questions, please email:
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IMPORTANT NUMBERS

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Harris County Animal Control 281-999-3191
Cy-Fair Hospital..... 281-890-4285
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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 4th Thursday of each quarter (January, April, July
& October) at 6:00 pm at the clubhouse.

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
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:

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.

PARDON OUR DUST (CONCRETE) SIDEWALK SEESAW UPDATE

As reported in the January issue of WillowTalk, our MUD has now completed the die test to determine which entities would possibly be responsible for repairing the sidewalks. Initial results indicated that the sidewalk damage is mostly due to subsidence which in turn causes problems with the manholes/sidewalks. It was also reported that damage assessment would be further determined by which manholes handled water into/out of our homes (MUD) and storm water drainage (Harris County). The die test indicated that 15 of the manhole covers were the responsibility of the MUD, with 13 requiring repair at this time. The county's tally was 77. The MUD has submitted online work orders with the county for these and is waiting for a response. At the January MUD board meeting it was noted that they will be assessing the total infrastructure covered by West Harris County MUD #11 in the near future.

Please watch the website, marquee and newsletter for news on expected construction dates. Also, as noted before, patience, understanding and defensive driving will be required during this period. The HOA board would like to again express their appreciation to Jim Roddy (MUD board member) for "taking the bull by the horns" at the annual meeting and his follow up on this project, logging (volunteering) many hours of personal time to it.



UTILITY UPDATE

WEST HARRIS COUNTY MUD #11 (WHCMUD #11) – has upgraded our water meters. Our MUD continues its efforts to improve services by offering direct and secure access to water data usage. Their EyeOnWater suite of available tools includes a secure online website to review and analyze your usage patterns. A consumer smartphone app is also available, and can be downloaded from the app store. With these tools, you are now able to view your hourly usage activity and WHCMUD #11 EyeOnWater Online provides easy to understand graphs and the ability to establish alerts, including identifying potential leaks.

To sign up: www.eyeonwater.net/signup. You will need the following information to register for an online account: zip code, last 10 digits of your MUD account number and email address.

IRIS (Immediate Response Information System)-was implemented in the summer of 2015. It is a mass notification service that is utilized for both emergency and non-emergency

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situations and allows authorized WHCMUD #11 officials to create and rapidly disseminate time-sensitive messages to subscribers by landline or cell phone, SMS text message and/or email addresses stored in the notification database.

If you were signed up for IRIS, you should have received an "ORANGE" alert on January 6th stating that residents might not have water due to frozen pipes at various stations. **IT'S NOT TOO LATE TO SIGN UP!** Call TOPS Water Management at (281) 807-9500.

CENTERPOINT ENERGY - Sign up for their Power Alert Service and receive email, text or telephone notifications of an outage lasting several minutes or more that cannot be quickly resolved by their smart grid technology. This alert service allows enrollees to get an estimated time for repairs and a completion estimate if repairs take longer than expected. They will also provide notice when the problem has been resolved.



Earth Day created public support for the creation of the Environmental Protection Act (EPA). It also contributed to the passage of the Clean Air Act, The Water Quality Improvement Act,

The Endangered Species Act and several other environmental laws. Earth Day is celebrated on April 22 each year, marking the anniversary of the height of the modern environmental movement in 1970. After seeing the damage done by a 1969 massive oil spill in Santa Barbara, California, Senator Gaylord Nelson was inspired to organize a national "teach-in" that focused on educating the public about the environment. At the time, Americans were slurping leaded gas through massive V8 sedans and industry belched out smoke and sludge with little fear of legal consequences or bad press. Air pollution was commonly accepted as the smell of prosperity. "Environment" was a word that appeared more often in spelling bees than on the evening news. Earth Day 1970 gave voice to an emerging conscience, channeling the energy of the anti-war protest movement, putting

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environmental concerns on the front page.

Earth Day will be celebrated April 22nd, with a theme of Environmental and Climate Literacy. Earth Day advocates that education is the foundation for progress and that we must build a global citizenry fluent in the concepts of environmental concerns.

Groups that had been fighting against oil spills; polluting factories and power plants; raw sewage; toxic dumps; pesticides; freeways; the loss of wilderness and the extinction of wildlife suddenly realized they shared common values. Earth Day continued to grow over the years. In 1990 it went global, and 200,000 people in 141 countries participated in the event, according to the Earth Day Network. Earth Day 2000 included 5,000 environmental groups and 184 countries. Earth Day then became focused on global warming and clean energy. In 2010, their 40th anniversary, 225,000 people gathered at the National Mall for a climate rally. Earth Day launched a campaign to plant 1 billion trees, which was achieved in 2012, according to the organization.

This year Scientists plan to march on Washington, D.C. on Earth Day? Can't join them? Try one of these substitutes: plant a tree, decide to recycle more, be sure that pesticides from your yard do not go down the storm drains, repair oil leaks on your automobile, clean up trash along street curbs, etc.

THE SCHOOL ZONE "LEARNING FROM MISTAKES"

*A Community Message from Mark Henry, Ed. D
Superintendent of Schools – February 3, 2017*

Dear CFISD Community,

My dad always said it takes a lifetime to build a good reputation and only a moment to destroy it. I'm sure everyone's parents had a similar phrase that they shared with their children.

As a school superintendent with 115,000 students, nearly every day at least one student will make a poor decision. As an organization dedicated to the development of young men and women, how should we react?

I've always believed there are 2 steps necessary to address a poor decision:

1. When students break the rules, there should be a fair and appropriate consequence for the student's actions.

2. As educators, we have a duty and responsibility to use poor decisions as teachable moments for our students. In cooperation with our parents, it is our job to help students learn and grow from their mistakes.

There are no "throwaway" young people! As parents and educators, we have been given the responsibility to nurture our children and help them become productive adults. We have 115,000 young people and each and every student is important to the CFISD community. This community believes that there should be consequences for student's actions, but learning from the action is even more important.

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Wash Your Hands

Reducing Spread of Disease While at Home and Work

By: Concentra Urgent Care

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) say that nearly 90,000 patients die in U.S. hospitals each year due to a preventable disease – many could be avoided if everyone properly washed their hands.

From germs on office equipment to sick colleagues who decided to come into work anyway, people face the same dangers in the workplace. The same simple fact holds true: Washing your hands regularly is an effective way to prevent yourself from catching or spreading a preventable disease or illness.

WHEN TO WASH YOUR HANDS

The CDC recommends washing your hands every time you:

- Prepare or eat food
- Use the restroom
- Tend to someone who is sick; both before and after
- Blow your nose, cough, or sneeze
- Handle garbage
- Treat a cut or wound
- Change a diaper or clean up after children
- Handle an animal or animal waste

HAND WASHING BASICS

The CDC has issued specific guidelines about effective hand washing:

- Wet hands with water
- Use plain bar or liquid soap
- Create a lather by vigorously rubbing hands together for 15-20 seconds—about the amount of time it takes to sing “Happy Birthday” twice
- Be sure to wash palms, back of hands, fingers, and nails (clean nails by gently scratching nails down your opposing soapy palm)
- Rinse off soap under a stream of water

WHAT ELSE CAN YOU DO?

- Focus on hand washing in the lunch and/or break room
- Be careful when using sponges and dish towels. These are ideal sites for bacterial growth. Always wash your hands after using these items.
- Maintain a clean work area; regularly clean any office equipment, especially shared items such as phones and keyboards.
- Remind your colleagues of the importance of hand washing, particularly when you witness someone neglecting to wash his or her hands.

FOR MORE INFORMATION

To learn more about how washing hands regularly can help prevent disease, ask your health care provider, or visit the CDC's creative Web site dedicated to raising awareness of the importance of hand washing at www.henrythehand.com.



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