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THE WATER'S GREAT...COME ON IN!

This year's SPRING FESTIVAL will be held on May 20, again coordinated with opening day of the pool. Festival activities will commence at 10:30 am and the pool will be open from 10:30 am to 8:30 pm. The HOA is searching for a Festival Coordinator and volunteers to help with the day's activities.

POOL SCHEDULE

May 20 (Saturday)	10:30 am – 8:30 pm
May 21 (Sunday)	12 noon – 8:00 pm

FULL SEASON BEGINS

May 26 (Friday)	10:30 am – 8:30 pm
May 27 (Saturday)	10:30 am – 8:30 pm
May 28 (Sunday)	12 noon – 8:00 pm
May 29 (Monday)	10:30 am – 8:30 pm
May 30 (Tuesday)	Closed

May 31 – August 27

Tuesday – Saturday	10:30 am – 8:30 pm
Sunday	12 noon – 8:00 pm
September 2 (Friday)	10:30 am – 8:30 pm
September 3 (Saturday)	12 noon – 8:00 pm
September 4 (Sunday)	10:30 am – 8:30 pm

Pool Closed Mondays for Cleaning

Pool open Tuesday – Saturday:	10:30 am – 8:30 pm
Sunday	12 noon – 8:00 pm

Authorized Pool Entry

The HOA board is in the process of reviewing bids for card key entry. This is a time-sensitive issue. If it is determined that the system can't be up and running by May 20th, wristbands will again be issued. ***Distribution dates have not been set.*** Please watch our website (willowbridgehoa.com), the marquee and strategically placed neighborhood signage for dates.

In past years, many residents were unable to initially receive their pool wristbands as they owed funds to the HOA. If you have any questions regarding amounts owed, or if you're just not sure, please contact Graham Management at 713.334.8000 or grahammanagement@sbcglobal.net. Regardless of the system employed, homeowner's will be required to complete an application with the information required to ascertain resident status. If you are unable to obtain your valid form of entry on distribution dates you will need to contact Graham Management and pay a fee to cover additional administrative costs.

Any issues with lifeguards may be reported directly to Sweetwater Pool Company at 281.988.8480. If you feel that Sweetwater didn't satisfactorily address your valid concerns, please contact Graham Management. Valid concerns may include such things as lifeguards fraternizing with other lifeguards or pool guests (Sweetwater considers everyone in the pool enclosure their guest whether it be a resident or a guest of the resident) when on the lifeguard stand; dirty restrooms including dirty toilets and sinks, toilet paper and soap not replenished, trash not being emptied minimally on a daily basis, (more often if certain situations require it); unkempt pool/patio areas; etc.

On Memorial Day Please Remember
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IMPORTANT NUMBERS

All Emergencies.....911
Harris County Sheriff..... 713-221-6000
Harris County Animal Control 281-999-3191
Cy-Fair Hospital..... 281-890-4285
Street Lights & Outages - CenterPoint Energy 713-207-2222
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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
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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
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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.

POOLS HAVE RULES (HOAs, SWEETWATER POOLS & STATE LAWS)

It's that time again...pool season! The HOA board asks your cooperation in making this another successful and SAFE pool season. Listed below are the official pool rules which can also be found in the form of two identical royal blue metal signs back-to-back on the pool entrance gate fence. For the safety of everyone, please obey the rules and remember the lifeguards are there for everyone's safety.

- Swimming is at your own risk.
- No swimming without a lifeguard on duty.
- This facility is for the Exclusive use of the Willowbridge/Stonebridge HOA Community.
- All trespassers will be prosecuted.
- Parents are responsible for the supervision of their children.
- No one under 12 years of age or younger is permitted in the pool area without the supervision of a person 18 years of age or older.
- Wrist bands must be worn at check in and on swimmer at all times. If you do not have a wrist band, you will not be allowed access to the facility.**
- Residents are allowed one (1) guest per pool tag. Guests within the pool area must be accompanied at all times by their hosts. Guests must sign in.

- Regulation swimwear must be worn at all times. Cutoff jeans, basketball shorts, over-sized shirts or other inappropriate wear will not be allowed.
- Disposable diapers are not allowed in the pool. Children under the age of 2 years must wear disposable swim pants or rubber pants.
- No running or rough-housing around the pool is allowed.
- No diving allowed in the pool, except in the deep end.
- Anyone with open sores or wounds is prohibited from using the pool.
- No glass containers allowed in the pool area.
- No pets allowed in the pool.*
- No loud music or abusive language will be tolerated.
- Only small floating devices will be allowed in the pool area (at lifeguard's discretion).
- No skates, skateboards or bikes allowed in the pool area.
- Pool will be closed with the first sound of thunder until 30 minutes after the last sound of thunder. Closure shall be at the discretion of lifeguards on duty.

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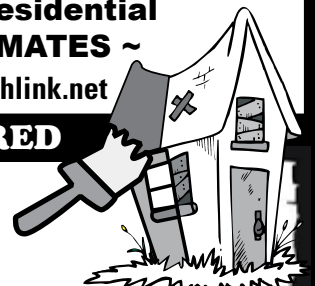
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SO YOU WANT TO HAVE A POOL PARTY?

Regular Pool Rules vs. Private Pool Parties During Regularly Scheduled Pool Days and Sign In Process

Southwest Pool considers everyone their guests (residents and their guests). They need to know everyone that is in the pool enclosure for safety/emergency reasons. SWP provides a sign-in sheet at the desk in front of pool gate enclosure. The sign-in sheet asks for name, address and telephone number. It also has a place to check if the named person is a resident or guest. To properly complete this form and comply with SWP's requirement, each person's individual name entering the pool enclosure must be listed with the address (guests use the resident's address) and the correct box checked as to status of that person. Several guests have been shortcutting by putting the family's last name and showing the number of residents/guests only, not individual names. This defeats the purpose of knowing who is in the enclosure as the lifeguards (LGs) do not know every family member's name and certainly not their guest's names in most instances. Our pool is a 2 LG pool, with a **25 to 1 ratio for LGs**. If more than 50 people, starting with the 51st person in the pool enclosure (regardless if they are swimming, sitting on the side of the pool, sitting at a table or lying in a lounge chair) they are counted in the 50 people in the pool enclosure. The 51st person requires another LG on duty. Usually our pool's supervisor is called from their rounds at other area pools they are also assigned to, to sit in until the situation abates. If it continues throughout the day an additional LG will be called in. **This requirement and calculation of number of guests in next paragraph are important to LG requirements and pool parties (Private and Unscheduled).** This ends up costing all residents (for the extra LG) for your group pool party. We will always have to pay for that extra LG if it is a day-long situation.

CALCULATING THE NUMBER OF GUESTS YOU MAY BRING TO POOL – Rule: As noted above, 1 Guest per Resident Wrist Band (residents and children, but not in all instances).

Children's tags may only be used for a guest when adult residents (host) of the same residence is there with a valid wrist band. HOST MUST REMAIN for the duration of time guests are there. A child may not bring a sibling to the pool. Minimum age for a child to come to the pool alone is 13. At Wrist Band pick up parents are asked if their 12 year olds can come to the pool alone. Some say yes, some no. If yes, the child is issued an Adult Wrist Band.

POOL PARTIES: Private Pool Parties may not be booked during the Regular Pool Season Hours, Mondays (pool cleaning day) or on Holidays. If you are having a Pool Party during regular pool hours; have enough valid wrist bands for attendees as calculated above; have 14 attendees or less, you are ok. **If your gathering has 15+ attendees, you are considered to be having a PRIVATE POOL PARTY which requires an extra LG on site. This is a SWP Rule (see sweetwaterpools.com for further explanation).**

A TRUE PRIVATE POOL PARTY

These parties are booked directly through Sweetwater Pool Co. by calling 281.988.8480. SWP takes the application, sends you paperwork and then verifies that you are in good standing with the HOA through Graham Management. All fees are paid by resident.

OTHER RULES:

- Wrist Bands must be worn at all times while in pool enclosure.
- Reiterate: All persons must sign in.
- No one over the age of 6 is allowed in the Baby Pool.
- No roughhousing is allowed in Baby Pool (same as big pool).
- Bikes MAY NOT be parked in the clubhouse patio or chained/attached in any manner to the wrought iron fence. The HOA has provided bike racks near the tennis court.

****For purposes of this article, Wrist Band and Pool Tag are considered interchangeable.**



The advertisement banner features a background image of a swimming pool with ripples. On the left, the 'Sweetwater' logo is written in a large, elegant script. Below it, the word 'POOLS' is in a bold, sans-serif font, followed by the phone number '281.988.8480' and the website 'sweetwaterpoolsinc.com'. On the right, the phrase 'All you have to do is Swim' is written in a cursive font. Below this, the text 'WORK AT COMMUNITY POOLS CLOSE TO HOME!' is in a bold, sans-serif font, followed by 'Lifeguards | Managers | Assistant Managers | Supervisors' and 'We Hire at 15! Great pay! Certifications Courses Available!'.

SPEAKING OF SPRUCING UP...

Residents continue to **ILLEGALLY** dump their personal tree trimming, grass clippings etc. over their back fence as if it is their personal dumping ground. Each month at the MUD board meeting, the company that developed and maintains our beautiful walking, jogging, hiking, biking trails makes a presentation on the state of condition of the trails, dog parks, etc. with needed repairs such as shrub and tree replacement, pavement issues, graffiti on drains, our residents **ILLEGALLY** dumping, etc.

Residents need to be aware that when they throw something over their fences it is **ILLEGAL**. This property does not belong to you. It is a right of way belonging to Harris County Flood Control District (which we all pay taxes to) and is maintained by our MUD. When you dump it has to be cleaned up, costing all of us. Inspections are done weekly and refuse is not left for the mowers to handle. Violators may be prosecuted under the V.T.C.A. Penal Code, sec. 30.05. Dumping is a **MISDEMEANOR**, punishable by a fine not to exceed \$4,000 or confinement in jail up to one year or both under the Clean Water Clear Choice Act. That's pretty hefty for something that could have been put in the trash!

Oh, did I mention that colored photographs of this dumping are also distributed in the meeting? And, on 2 separate occasions I have recognized who did the dumping as there were certain landmarks and/or characteristics to theirs or the neighbor's fence to determine who it belonged to?

Sidewalk Seesaw: Part 4

Last month's issue of WillowTalk noted that the MUD would be repairing the 5 manhole covers that have been deemed the most critical, over spring break. Previously it was reported that after the MUD's die test it was determined that 77 of the sidewalk/manhole cover issues belonged to Harris County and that the MUD had sent an electronic work order requesting repair. There still has been no response to this request.

If you or someone you know has tripped and/or fallen, sustaining such injuries as a broken bone, torn cartilage, sprained ankle (especially injuries requiring a doctor visit and/or surgery), etc., please contact me at barbwire-2010@hotmail.com. We are in the process of determining a method to get Harris County to respond to this dangerous situation.

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- All swimmers must be cleared from the pool during the administration of serious first aid and during sessions as may be determined by the lifeguards from time to time.
- Failure to follow rules may result in your immediate removal from the pool area and/or possible suspension from the pool for an extended period of time.
- Willowbridge/Stonebridge HOA will strictly enforce these rules and you will be asked to leave if disobeyed. Failure to leave the facility will result in the lifeguards contacting the authorities (Harris County Sheriff's Department) to have you removed.
- Report any damages or needed repairs to the facility, by contacting Graham Management at 713.334.8000.

Rules subject to change at board's discretion.

*Will not be required if card entry system is in place.

**Exception: CERTIFIED SERVICE DOGS (certification documentation required) will be allowed in pool area, but not in pool.

In addition, bikes may not be parked inside the clubhouse patio and/or chained to any of the wrought iron fences, any parts of the pavilion or on any sidewalk. A bike rack has been provided between the clubhouse and tennis court for this purpose.

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YOMS RETURN!

It's time to start digging and planting! Barring torrential rains such as we received last spring and summer that were great for our plants, grass and trees, but ultimately wreaked havoc on many yards, YOMS (Yard of the Month) awards will begin in June. The Beautification Committee is looking forward to seeing all of our homeowner's efforts come to fruition. Nominations (even for your own yard) may be submitted to jhybarbo@gmail.com.

FIRECRACKER RUBBED PORK LOIN



INGREDIENTS

- 1 tbsp. fresh sage leaves, finely chopped
- 2 tsp. garlic powder
- 2 tsp. onion powder
- 2 tsp. salt
- 2 tsp. ground black pepper
- 2 tsp. dry mustard
- 2 tsp. paprika
- 1/2 tsp. ground red pepper
- 1 (4 to 5 lb) boneless pork loin, not rolled or tied

DIRECTIONS

1. Mix herbs and spices in small bowl; rub over all surfaces of pork. Wrap in plastic wrap and refrigerate overnight (can be stored up to 2 days).
2. Prepare grill with a banked medium-hot fire. Unwrap pork and place over indirect heat. Grill for 1 to 1-1/2 hours or until thermometer registers 150F to 155F. Remove from grill; let rest 10 minutes before slicing.

Serves 8 to 12

Hurricane Season Travel Tips

By: Travel Guard Insurance

Being aware of hurricane season and what that means for your travel plans is important. Hurricane season is almost here again, running from June 1st to November 30th in the Atlantic, and from May 15th to November 30th in the Eastern Pacific. To help prepare yourself during storm season (hurricane, tornado, severe thunderstorms), what precautions should you take when planning your summer travels?

PLAN AHEAD

Review your resort/hotel/vacation home's evacuation procedure and know where you need to go and how to get there in the event of a tropical storm, severe weather or tornado.

MONITOR WEATHER CONDITIONS

Pay attention to the daily weather forecast. Is there a tropical storm or severe weather brewing? If the words "evacuation" or "take cover" are mentioned, take it seriously and get to a shelter. If you have time to evacuate before a forecasted storm hits, or need assistance departing as soon as possible in the aftermath of a storm, call Travel Guard for assistance in getting home safely.

CONTACT FAMILY

If you are evacuated to an emergency shelter, contact family or friends at home to let them know your status/location and what's going on. Chances are your loved ones have heard about the inclement weather and are wondering if you are ok. It is likely that cell phone networks will be overloaded with people trying to reach family members but a text message may get through if you're having trouble making a call.

GET UPDATES

Bring a small radio or smart phone with you to the shelter or basement to listen for weather updates or when the "all clear" is given. You may want to purchase a battery-operated charger so you can keep your phone charged even if the power goes out. These potentially life-saving apps might be worth downloading before you go, too.

DRIVE SAFELY

If you are going on a road trip be sure to know what to do if you encounter severe weather. Don't try to out-drive a tornado; seek shelter in the nearest building. If there is no building nearby get out of the car and lie in a ditch. If you encounter flooding while driving, don't try to drive through the flooded roadways – turn around and find another path. Knowing how to react to severe weather is imperative. More severe weather driving safety tips are available here.

PACK TRAVEL INSURANCE

Remember to pack a travel insurance plan through Travel Guard for 24/7 travel assistance in re-booking flights out of an area or for other types of emergency travel assistance. Travel insurance plans can also provide coverage for medical expenses and emergency medical evacuations, as well as reimbursement for your pre-paid, non-refundable trip costs in the event that inclement weather causes the cancellation or interruption of your travel.

Always read the terms of your policy before purchasing to make sure the plan you've selected includes the weather coverage you're seeking, as coverage varies by plan. (Need assistance? Call our World Service Center anytime at 800.851.0048; they'll be glad to help you.)

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