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SPLASH DAY A SPLASHING SUCCESS!



Splash Day was held Saturday, May 20 from 10:30 am to 2:00 pm. It was the first day the pool was open. Sweetwater Pool Company provided activities and contests for children. This year the HOA let the adults get in on the fun by handling out raffle tickets for gift cards and other swim related prizes which were geared to children and adults.

Attendees enjoyed Orange Leaf Frozen Yogurt in flavors of pineapple, orange and vanilla to align with the Hawaiian theme. Guests were also treated to freshly made (night before) cotton candy from the Golden Corral – FM 529 location. A photo booth was set up in the clubhouse patio and carried through the Hawaiian theme for aspiring swim stars in the making.

The Splash Day Chairperson wishes to thank the following residents for stepping up and VOLUNTEERING in various ways to make our first Splash Day a huge splashing success (you know what you did!).

Will O'Bryant
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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.

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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.

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MASS COMMUNICATION SYSTEM MOVES FORWARD

The HOA board has voted to move forward with the Mass Communication System that was mentioned in the June 2016 WillowTalk article, page 4, titled See the Marquee "Take a Walk on the Wild Side".

The new system will enable one-way communication(s) from the board to homeowner's, similar to the old "Block Captain System", but in a more timely and up-to-date mode. One similarity in the old and new system will be alerts notifying homeowners of such events as break-ins, thefts, etc. A new feature of the system will remind homeowners of Trash/Recycle Holidays that will not have pick up service. Another example would be if the pool should ever experience problems such as we recently experienced, registered homeowners would be alerted to the situation and be able to keep up with the progress via postings to this site (please see article in this edition, explaining what happened).

The new system is an **OPT-IN** system. The initial base will be constructed from the 2017 (and possibly 2016) pool key card/pool tags applications. Our form has always asked for homeowner's to check if they wished to: (1) Receive neighborhood alerts via email (2)

Be included in the neighborhood directory. **IF YOU WISH TO RECEIVE THESE ALERTS PLEASE CONTACT GRAHAM MANAGEMENT via email at grahammanagement@sbcglobal.net**. Please state that you wish to receive the alerts, your name and email address. The system will also offer an opt-out option. Details on how often a general email will be sent are to be announced. This new form of communication will be in addition to the monthly newsletter and marquee notices.



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POOL GOES GREEN

(but not in an eco-way)

The Willowbridge pool experienced some serious issues in late May and early June. Listed below is a time line with each issue identified:

1. May 20 – Pool opened for Splash Day (also open on May 21). Several residents have stated that they noticed a green tint; however, it was not conveyed to Graham Management Co. (GM).
2. May 23 – A board member reported to GM that the pool was very green. They in turn called Sweetwater Pool Company (SWP) and an employee was dispatched to check it out.
3. May 24 – The pool was treated for algae.
4. May 25 – The dead algae was vacuumed from the pool. At some point during the day it was determined that the main drain motor was out. A breaker had blown, which in turn, burned up the main drain motor. A technician was dispatched to replace the motor. He was able to repair and have the pool up and operational for the traditional 5th grade graduation swim party, however the diving board/deep end was closed.
5. May 26 – Pool opened for the first day of the full 2017 season.
6. May 27 – 29 (Memorial Day Weekend) the pool remained open and the water remained murky. The pool was scheduled to be heavily shocked the night of the 28th, but rain and lightning prevented it. It was shocked on the 29th.
7. May 30 – Pool closed for normal weekly maintenance (normally closed on Mondays, except for holidays and/or holiday weekends). SWP continued to investigate why the water was not getting clearer. It was determined that the filters were low on sand. Sand replaced.
8. May 31 – Pool open and clearer; however, still murky.
9. June 1 – Pool water starting to clear. June 3 deep end/diving board reopened.

The whole situation created a domino effect with one thing causing something else to fail. It is important to note that during this whole period, chemical tests (which are performed by the lifeguards on an hourly basis) indicated that the water was totally within acceptable (safe) limits for both the chlorine and ph. Also, state law requires that any portion of the pool (such as the deep end/diving board be closed if the drains on the bottom are not visible.

We also encountered several days of stormy weather which (by state law) necessitated closing the pool. The rule is: At the first sound of thunder, the lifeguards clear and close the pool. They then start a thunder tally. Any subsequent sounds of thunder within that period starts the clock over for another 30 minutes and continues until 30 minutes after the last sound of thunder.

Everyone agrees that communication was lacking up until June 1, when an explanation was posted on the website. Please note that communication in a situation such as this, is to go to GM, whereby they will then communicate with your elected Board of Directors. The new Mass Communication System should alleviate these types of communication problems in the future.

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PET SAFETY TIPS FOR THE SUMMER

By Sonia Moore, Lost Pet Coordinator

These tips are courtesy of the Jersey Village Police Department

1. Never leave your pet in the car. Although it may seem cool enough outside, the sun can raise the temperature inside your car to 120 degrees Fahrenheit in a matter of minutes, even with windows rolled down. If you need to run errands, leave your furry friends at home.

2. Be cautious on humid days. Humidity interferes with animal's ability to rid themselves of excess body heat. When we overheat, we sweat, and when the sweat dries, it takes excess heat with it. Our furry family members only perspire around their paws, which is not enough to cool their body. To rid themselves of excess heat, animals pant. Air moves through the nasal passages, which picks up excess heat from the body. As it is expelled through the mouth, the extra heat leaves along with it. Although this is a very efficient way to control body heat, it is severely limited in areas of high humidity or when the animal is in close quarters.

3. Water, water everywhere. Whether you're indoors or

out, both you and your pet need access to lots of fresh water during the summer, so check its' water bowl several times a day to be sure it's full. If you and your furry friend venture out for a walk, bring plenty of water for both of you.

4. Pets need sunscreen, too. Though all that fur helps protect it, your pet can get sunburned, particularly if it has light skin and fur. Sunburn in animals can cause problems similar to those of people, including pain, peeling and skin cancer. Keep your pet out of the sun between 10:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. When you do go out, rub a bit of sun block on unprotected areas like the tips of ears, skin around lips and the tip of the nose.

5. Say NO to tangles. Keeping your pet well groomed will help its' hair to do what it was designed to do: protect it from the sun and insulate it from the heat. If it has extremely thick

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Pet Safety (Continued from Page 5)

hair or a lot of mats and tangles, its' fur may trap too much heat, so a good clipping may be in order.

6. Keep your pet leashed. It will keep it from getting lost, fighting other animals, and eating and drinking things that could make it sick. This tip isn't just for dogs—even cats can learn to walk on a leash if trained.

7. Watch out for antifreeze! Hot weather may tempt your pets to drink from puddles in the street or under your car, which may contain antifreeze and/or other chemicals. Antifreeze has a sweet taste that animals like and it's extremely TOXIC! When you're walking your pet, make sure it doesn't sneak a drink from the street or curb.

8. Make sure your pet doesn't overexert itself. Though exercise is an important part of keeping your pet at a healthy weight (which helps its' body stay cool), overdoing it can cause it to overheat. Keep walks to a gentle pace and make sure you take plenty of water. If it is panting a lot or seems exhausted, it's time to stop. Don't forget---if walking on concrete, its' paws will get very hot. If you stop to talk to a friend, move your pet to the grass.

9. Take it easy on pets that can't deal with the heat. Elderly, very young and ill animals have a hard time regulating their body temperature, so make sure they stay cool and out of the sun on steamy summer days. Dogs with short (stub) noises, such as Pekingese, Pugs and Bulldogs have a hard time staying cool because they can't pant efficiently. Overweight dogs are also more prone to overheating because their extra layers of fat act as insulation, which traps heat in their bodies and restricts their breathing capabilities.

10. Bring them inside. Animals should not be left outside, unsupervised, on long hot days, even in the shade. As the sun moves, so does the shade throughout the afternoon and pets can become ill quickly if they overheat.

If you must leave your pet in the backyard, keep a close eye on it and bring inside when you can.

Keep an eye out for heatstroke. Heatstroke is a medical emergency. If you suspect a heatstroke, you must act quickly and calmly. Call your veterinarian immediately! Lower the pet's temperature by applying towels soaked in cool water to the hairless areas of the body. Often the pet will respond after only a few minutes of cooling, only to falter again with its temperature soaring back up or falling to well below what is normal. With this in mind remember that it is imperative to get the animal to a vet immediately. Once your pet is in the vet's care, treatment may include further cooling techniques, intravenous fluid therapy to counter shock, or medication to prevent or reverse brain damage. Even with treatment, heatstroke can be fatal. The best cure is PREVENTION, and your pets are relying on you to keep them out of harm's way. Summer doesn't have to be fraught with peril—with ample precaution, both you and your pets can enjoy those long, hot dog days of summer.

Signs of Heatstroke

- Panting · Staring · Anxious Expression
- High Fever · Vomiting · Refusal to Obey Commands
- Rapid Heartbeat · Collapse · Warm, Dry Skin

PARKING VIOLATIONS & TEXAS STATE LAWS

Many residents are not aware that seemingly simple things we do each day are against the law. State Law prohibits the following:

Blocking Driveways

Parking too close to intersections

Parking too close to corners

Blocking Fire Hydrants

Parking in Fire Lanes

Blocking Driveways

When a vehicle is parked, blocking a driveway, it creates an inconvenience for the homeowners attempting to leave/enter their driveway.

Blocking Sidewalks

If a vehicle is parked blocking a sidewalk, it becomes difficult for pedestrians, bicycles, children, strollers and wheelchairs to pass safely. Blocking the sidewalk can result in forcing these people to enter the street causing unsafe conditions. This includes parking a motorcycle on the sidewalk.

Blocking a Fire Hydrant

This is one of the most common violations. When a vehicle is parked, blocking a fire hydrant or fire lane it creates problems for emergency vehicles and hinders their ability to do their job effectively. No vehicles may be parked within 15 feet of a fire hydrant.

Parking Next to Curbs and Oncoming Traffic

Vehicles can't be more than 18 inches away from the curb and must be parallel to curb and parked in the same direction as the traffic flow. This means that the vehicle must follow the curb and can't pull or back in straight on the curb. This is a serious problem on many cul-de-sacs.

48 Hour Parking

Vehicles can't be parked on any residential street for more than 48 consecutive hours.

Parking too Close to an Intersection/Crosswalk

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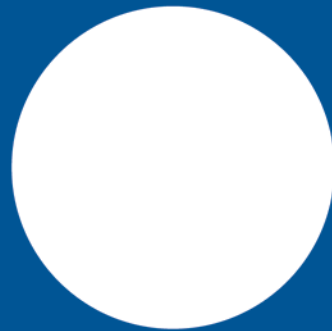
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