



CFVFD BRINGS THE WHISTLES & BELLS TO NNO!



Was it a food truck, UFO or maybe a rolling night club coming down Willowbridge Park Blvd. to our clubhouse parking lot with neon lights on the side and big red and blue lights on top? No, it was the CyFair Volunteer Fire Department's (CFVFD) brand new engine #10

with high tech capabilities appearing at National Night Out (NNO) held at the clubhouse on Tuesday, October 3. The new engine has a multitude of new technology and paint and light schemes, all geared for safety. It has a 110' aerial ladder with a basket, a Medic 10 Unit and an EMS supervisor on board. The new paint scheme includes black reflectors, gold stripes and neon lights on the side that actually functions as a water gauge for the 750 gallons of water carried on the truck. All of the lights are designed for safety while going to and attending a fire scene. The children in attendance were treated to demos and given a goody bag that included a black plastic fireman's hat, coloring books, crayons, stickers, etc., all focusing on safety. Some of you might remember that the truck passed us by last year, disappointing the children that had been waiting for its appearance. Unfortunately this is a situation that could happen at any event they attend. When booking them for the NNO event we always receive a reminder, highlighted in red that reads: "Please understand that we are a working fire department. There may be times we cannot attend your scheduled function or have to leave early due to an emergency." This year it rained off and on for a good part of the day; however, we got lucky and it quit raining a couple of hours before the event was scheduled to start and we still had a good turnout. The possibility of more rain caused several HOAs to cancel, including Willowlake. Their cancellation precipitated Fire Station 10, our designated (as of this year) fire station, located on West Road, near Steeplecrest, to

come early and spend extra time with our neighborhood. In addition to the new fire engine they brought another fire truck and a lot of firemen. During the course of the event another neighborhood served by Station 10 finished early and another fire truck arrived. They really went all out for us this year with attendees treated to a great light show on the clubhouse parking lot and Willowbridge Park Blvd. Thanks to Captain Randy and his firemen for being there and sharing valuable fire safety information to everyone. We're not sure, but rumor has it that word got around that we were serving up some great hot dogs with all the trimmings (including chili) with the dogs prepared by several resident volunteers including Amy Sonnier, Penny Jones, Rossy El-Kareh and Sonia Moore. Sonia's husband took a picture of her in the clubhouse kitchen for austerity because he said he had never seen her spend that much time in a kitchen! Other volunteers deserving a shout out include Gen Pike for manning the neighborhood windshield sticker, fire and sheriff's department stickers and silver deputy sheriff's badges table. Also, Ricardo El-Kareh who helped a lot last and this year with anything he was asked to do. Several board members aided in the endeavor by purchasing supplies and attending the event.

We also want to thank our Sheriff's Deputies Welsh and Woolsey for attending our NNO event, answering questions from the residents and aiding in lowering the hot dog inventory! In addition a big thank you goes to Lt. Brian Shirley, CFVFD Public Information Officer, celebrating 30 years with CFVFD this year, for providing information for this article. And...his wife, Michelle, CFVFD PR Scheduler (with her delightful English accent) for keeping the wheels turning and scheduling our event.

While the rest of the country celebrates NNO in August, Texas NNO changed from that month early in its inception because of the heat and it is always held on the 1st Tuesday of October. And remember we are always looking for volunteers to help with this event and our Spring Festival/Splash Day-Pool Opening in May.

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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.*

BOD MEETINGS

Quarterly meetings: *4th Thursday of January, April
& July at 6:30 pm. **Annual Homeowners Meeting:** *4th
Thursday of October at 7:00 pm. (*Unless otherwise notified
via website & marquee)

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...
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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.

willowbridgenews@gmail.com

TALKING TRASH Clean Water, Clear Choice

What goes down our storm drains is draining our wildlife. Whether it's paint, oil, household chemicals, grass clippings or waste from your family dog, if these harmful substances are improperly disposed of in your yard, stormwater runoff will wash them down street drains and carry them into our bayous, channels and rivers. Recycle or dispose of hazardous materials properly. It's the best way to keep our waterways clean and our environment healthy. Information on how to properly dispose of all household hazardous waste can be found at: CleanWaterways.org

Harris County Household Hazardous Waste Collection Facility

We are fortunate to have a Household Hazardous Waste Collection Facility nearby. The HCHHWCF (281.560.2220) is located at 6900 Hahl Rd. 77040, NW corner of N. Gessner and Hwy. 290 (near W. Little York). Household hazardous waste collection is collected on the 4th Saturday of the month.

ACCEPTABLE ITEMS include, but are not limited to: yard/pesticide products, household cleaners, automobile products (gas, oil, oil filters), pool chemicals, paint and paint related products, batteries, up to 4 tires per visit, items containing mercury (e.g. mercury thermometers, Compact Fluorescent Lights-CFLs), fluorescent

tubes, aerosols, cooking oil, and small BBQ size propane cylinders.

UNACCEPTABLE ITEMS: electronics, traditional recyclable items (paper, plastic, cans), any items used for business purposes, medical and biological waste, explosives (including ammunition and firecrackers), compressed gas cylinders, radioactive waste (including smoke detectors), household appliances such as washers, dryers, refrigerators, freezers, air conditioners, heavy trash or household trash. You can go to www.Earth911.com to find a location where you can properly dispose of these items. Information on disposal of business waste may be found by calling the TCEQ at 800.447.2827 or the local office 713.767.3726.



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HOA BUDGET MEETING UPDATE

After giving legal notice of The HOA Budget Meeting it was held September 28th. Board members worked out many details for the 2018 Budget to be presented at the Annual Meeting on October 26th. The policy of this board has been to review all contracts annually with discussion centering on performance and pricing. The board will continue their reviews of vendors and present the final 2018 Budget at the Annual Meeting. Your HOA board spends many VOLUNTEER hours in making decisions that impact how your HOA assessments are spent, assuring a positive outcome for the neighborhood. We would like to take this opportunity to thank the (2) residents that braved the pouring-down rain to attend the meeting!

Beat the Heat with Fall Gardening



In Willowbridge and across Houston, we are sweltering in the summer heat. As native Houstonians and longtime residents know, we need to hunker down and expect a few more months of scorching temperatures. There have been many Halloweens in our collective memories spent in shorts and flip flops.

So while there may sometimes be a small twinge of jealousy this time of year when we think of our northern counterparts and their soon-to-be-cooling temperatures, remember that our backyard gardens benefit from the extended growing season. We have the unique opportunity to continue growing what would traditionally be considered “summer” vegetables here in the fall. Take tomatoes for example.

Several other traditionally warm weather vegetables that can be started now include peppers, snap beans, and bush lima beans. Fall is also a good time to plant succession crops of plants that are dying back after a long summer of productivity. Arugula, dandelion greens, and basil can all be planted very successfully now. Herbs, in general, can be ideal to start in Fall. Cilantro, parsley, and dill, which all hate the extreme heat of late summer, will do well all fall (and maybe even winter) if started now.

Since we live in such a beautiful community with ample back yards, fall is the best time to get out and enjoy them with the whole family.

Happy gardening! And be sure to brag about your freshly picked backyard tomatoes to your friends up north.

6 TIPS FOR COLD PREVENTION

(GOOD HEALTH HABITS CAN HELP STOP GERMS)

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1. **Avoid close contact.** Avoid close contact with people who are sick. When you are sick, keep your distance from others to protect them from getting sick, too.
2. **Stay home when you are sick.** If possible, stay home from work, school and errands when you are sick. This will help prevent spreading your illness to others.
3. **Cover your mouth and nose.** Cover your mouth and nose with a tissue when coughing or sneezing. It may prevent those around you from getting sick.
4. **Clean your hands.** Washing your hands often will help protect you from germs. If soap and water are not available, use an alcohol-based hand rub.
5. **Avoid touching your eyes, nose or mouth.** Germs are often spread when a person touches something that is contaminated with germs and then touches his or her eyes, mouth.
6. **Practice other good health habits.** Clean and disinfect frequently touched surfaces at home, work or school, especially when someone is ill. Get plenty of sleep, be physically active, manage your stress, drink plenty of fluids and eat nutritious food.

IMPORTANT REMINDER

*** SPEED LIMITS VARY ***

1. The MAXIMUM speed limit within Willowbridge/Stonebridge is 30 MPH other than in an active school zone.
2. Active School Zones inside the community: Willowbridge Park Blvd. (Gleason ES) and Wheatland (Cook MS) 20 MPH.
3. West Road Active School Zone: 25 MPH (Gleason ES) Regular Speed Limit for Cook MS.

PUMPKIN ICEBOX CAKE



INGREDIENTS

- 3 tablespoons granulated sugar
- 1 1/4 teaspoons ground cinnamon
- 1 package refrigerated 9-inch pie crusts (2 dough rounds)
- 3 tablespoons unsalted butter, melted
- 2 cups walnuts
- 3 1/2 cups heavy cream
- 1 1/2 cups canned pumpkin pie puree
- 4 tablespoons confectioners' sugar

DIRECTIONS

Special equipment: A 9-inch round cake pan

Position 2 racks in the center of the oven, and preheat to 400 degrees F. Stir together the granulated sugar and 1 teaspoon of the cinnamon in a small bowl.

Let the dough rounds soften at room temperature for 10 to 15 minutes, then unroll onto 2 baking sheets. Brush both sides of the dough rounds with the melted butter, and sprinkle the tops with the cinnamon sugar.

Bake the dough rounds, rotating the baking sheets halfway through, until they are light golden brown and crunchy, about 15 minutes. Let cool completely on the baking sheets.

While the dough bakes, spread the walnuts out on another baking sheet, and bake until toasted, about 8 minutes. Let cool, then finely chop.

Meanwhile, beat 3 cups of the heavy cream, the pumpkin pie puree and 3 tablespoons of the confectioners' sugar with an electric mixer in a large bowl until stiff peaks form, about 5 minutes.

Put 1 of the baked dough rounds on a cutting board, and center a 9-inch round cake pan on top of it. Use the cake pan as your guide to trim the dough with a knife into a 9-inch circle. Reserve the scraps in a bowl. Repeat with the remaining dough round. Crumble the scraps into bite-sized pieces.

Line the cake pan with plastic wrap, leaving a 2-inch overhang on all sides. Spread a third of the pumpkin mixture on the bottom of the pan, followed by 1 of the baked dough rounds. Top with half the remaining pumpkin mixture, then the crumbled dough scraps. Finish with the remaining pumpkin mixture and dough round. Cover tightly with plastic wrap, and refrigerate for 12 hours or overnight.

When ready to serve, unwrap the plastic wrap, and invert the cake onto a platter. Remove the cake pan and plastic wrap. Press the chopped walnuts into the sides of the cake. Beat the remaining 1/2 cup heavy cream, 1 tablespoon confectioners' sugar and 1/4 teaspoon cinnamon together until soft peaks form; slather the mixture on top of the cake. Cut into slices with a serrated knife.

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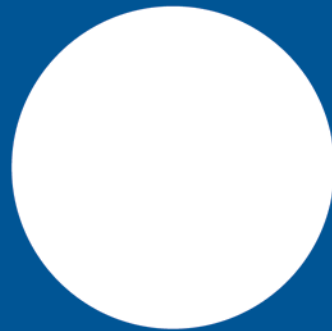
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