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GARAGE SALE (aka Spring Cleaning)

Our Semi-Annual HOA approved Garage Sale will be held Saturday, April 14th from 8:00 am to 4:00 pm. Whether you're a participant, a buyer or "just looking", bargains abound. Please remove all of your personal yard signs and store all leftovers out of sight by 5:00 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:
blallinger@hotmail.com

E-BLASTS! E-BLASTS!... GET YOUR E-BLASTS HERE!

Is trash coming today? If not, will it be picked up tomorrow? Who are those strange guys digging in my back yard? I lost my HOA meeting notice, when is the next one? Find out answers to these types of questions and receive more timely alerts by signing up for e-blasts from Willowbridge HOA by completing the Contact Information Sheet found in our January 2018 newsletter. If you don't still have the newsletter you can go on online: peelinc.com, select Free Newsletters, select Houston, select 2018 then January. The form is located on page 5.

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IMPORTANT NUMBERS

All Emergencies.....	911
AT&T - Billing	800-585-7928
Repair	800-246-8464
CenterPoint Energy	713-659-2111
Cy-Fair Hospital.....	281-890-4285
Harris County Animal Control	281-999-3191
Harris County Flood Control.....	713-684-4000
Harris County Sheriff's Office (HCSO)	713-221-6000
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Vacation Watch (to place) - HCSO Pct. 4	281-290-2100
W. Harris County MUD #11	281-807-9500
(Tops Water Management)	
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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 6:30 pm. (*Unless otherwise notified via website & marquee)

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.

willowbridgenews@gmail.com

COMPONENTS OF OUR CC&RS

Renovations, Modifications, Projects, Etc.

The following is a basic listing (but not limited to) of things that require ARC approval **BEFORE** beginning your project. Many of these projects may require additional information once you have submitted your application for your project. If your project is not listed or if you have additional questions, please contact Graham Management at 713.334.8000 and ask for the ARC Department or email grahammanagement@houston.com. Please remember that all modifications must be consistent and cohesive with existing structures of your home and your community in general.

1. Patio Cover, Arbor, Gazebo, Awnings, Storage Shed, Room Addition
2. Play Structures (fort, playhouses, etc.) Swing Set, Trampoline, Basketball Goal, Etc.
3. Pool/Spa
4. Painting, Siding, Gutters
5. Roofs, Solar Energy Panels, Skylights
6. Front Door, Storm Door
7. Windows, Solar Screens, Window Tinting

8. Wrought Iron Gates, Burglar Bars
9. Decks, Patios
10. Concrete Work, Pavers, Painted Concrete
11. Antennas
12. Fencing
13. Landscaping, Tree Removal/Replacement
14. Yard Decorations (birdhouses, birdbath, benches, statues, signs, flagpole, lighting, etc.)

For an ARC Application: willowbridgehoa.com, select About Willowbridge, select Forms and Documents, select ARC Application, then select ARC Application Instructions. Remember a properly completed form with requested documentation will prevent delays.

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HOW BEING A SPORTS FAN MAKES YOU HEALTHIER AND HAPPIER

It's easy to be cynical about professional sports — especially the NFL. But despite the disturbing headlines the league earned this year, ranging from lax penalties for domestic violence to a growing awareness of the impact of traumatic brain injuries, there will always be at least one silver lining for professional football.

That would be the undisputed, research-supported evidence that there are very real mental health advantages to claiming a sports team as your own. Yes, there are studies that show blood pressure rises during games or testosterone plummets after a loss. But epic fandom is also linked to higher levels of well-being and general happiness with one's social life, as well as lower levels of loneliness and alienation, according to research by sports psychology professor Daniel Wann of Murray State University.

Wann, author of the book *Sport Fans: The Psychology And Social Impact Of Spectators*, explains that there are two routes to feeling good through sports fandom.

“One would be following a successful team, and the second

would simply be identifying with them,” Wann told The Huffington Post. “You can get these well-being benefits even if your team doesn't do well; we've found this with historically unsuccessful teams as well,” he added.

In the end, said Wann, it all comes down to how community lifts our spirits. Sports fandom is simply another kind of community, much like the community fostered among costumed Star Wars fans or opera season tickets holders.

“You have no idea who's going to win the Super Bowl, and you won't know who's going to win next year's Super Bowl,” said Wann. “But if you go see the new Star Wars movie, and then you go to see it twice, I'm pretty sure it's going to be the same ending.”

So the next time anyone gives you flack about your epic fandom, just let them know that all the face paint, fantasy leagues, tailgating and game-day viewing parties are crucial to your mental health. Read on to learn more about the benefits of being a die-hard (or even fair-weather) fan.



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THE SCHOOL ZONE

Bullying Law Passed

“David’s Law” was passed and signed into law during the 85th Texas Legislature (SB179), effective September 1, 2017. The newly enacted law relates to harassment, bullying and cyberbullying of a public or charter school student or a minor. It encourages certain mental health programs for public school students, increasing the criminal penalty and providing a civil remedy.

The Texas School Safety Center has developed a bullying checklist for schools to assist in determining if an action(s) constitutes bullying or cyberbullying under the Texas Education Code. The checklist facilitates a step by step decision process that is mapped to the various components of the law

WHAT IS BULLYING? Bullying is a significant act (s) by one or more students directed at exploiting another student or involves any verbal or written statement, electronic communication or physical act that results in:

- physical harm to a student
- damaging a student’s property
- causing a student reasonable fear of harm

Bullying also occurs when there is ongoing severe and persistent statements or physical acts that create an intimidating, threatening or abusive educational environment for a student.

WHAT IS CYBERBULLYING? Cyberbullying includes conduct that substantially interferes with a student’s education, substantially disrupts school or infringes on the rights of the victim at school. It occurs when a person uses any electronic communication device to engage in any type of bullying described above. Relevant communications include, for example, statements made through social media outlets, text messages or email.

Under “David’s Law” bullying or cyberbullying applies to bullying that takes place on school property, during any school sponsored or school related activity or in a vehicle operated by the school district (i.e. a school bus). Additionally, the law includes cyberbullying that occurs off campus and outside of a school sponsored or school related activity. The school’s responsibilities for preventions include:

- Must install a way/system for students to report bullying/cyberbullying anonymously
- Upon receiving a report, school officials must report the incident to the alleged victim’s parents within 3 business days and to the alleged bully’s parents within a reasonable time

In addition, a new law allows a victim to take their case to court to seek injunctive relief under Civil Practices & Remedies Code 129A.002, via the parent or parental relation, if under 18 years of age. According to this law’s author, the law is designed to empower school administrators and law enforcement to go after and reprimand bullies, while focusing on rehabilitation.

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TALKING TRASH

Household Hazardous Waste (HHW)

Please remember that Household Hazardous Waste (HHW) can't be put in your normal trash. Keep our waterways clean by taking your items to the Harris County HHW Collection Facility (281.560.6200), located at 6900 Hahl Rd. 77040 (in the corner pocket surrounded by Gessner and the 290 frontage road). Residents of unincorporated Harris County may take their unwanted and leftover household items to this facility at no charge!

ACCEPTED ITEMS

Household Cleaners
Yard/Pesticide Products
Automobile Products (gas, oil, oil filters, etc.)
Pool Chemicals
Paint & Paint Related Products
Tires (LIMITED to 4 per visit)
Batteries
Mercury Thermometers
Aerosols
Cooking Oil
SMALL BBQ size propane cylinders
Compact Fluorescent Lights & Fluorescent Tubes

UNACCEPTED ITEMS

Electronics
Traditional Recyclables (paper, plastic, etc.)
Household Trash
Household Appliances
Compressed Gas Cylinders
Items Not Used for Household Purposes
Business Waste
Medical/Biological/Radioactive Materials

TIPS FOR TRANSPORTING WASTE

Place chemicals in a box to prevent spills.
Do not mix chemicals!
Label containers that are not marked.
Secure the items and place them in your trunk or bed of your vehicle.
Once you enter the facility, drive slowly between the orange cones and follow instructions on the posted signs. Drive slowly over the speed bumps and stop at the stop sign for further instructions. You will be advised when to drive under the awning for offloading. For safety reasons, you must put your vehicle in park, turn off your ignition and remain in your vehicle while being offloaded. Also for your safety, no one may smoke while on facility property and cell phone use by the driver is prohibited.

COLLECTION TIMES

9:00 am - 3:00 pm Every Wednesday
9:00 am - 2:00 pm Every 2nd & 4th Saturday of the month
The facility may close during inclement weather. Please call 281.560.6230 for closure information.

For information on the disposal of waste from businesses, schools, churches and non-profit organizations, please call the TCEQ at 800.447.2827,

Please visit their website at: www.eng.hctx.net/watershed/hhw_home.html for more information.



ATTENTION KIDS: SEND US YOUR MASTERPIECE!

Color the drawing below and mail the finished artwork to us at:

Peel, Inc. - Kids Club

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DUE: March 31st

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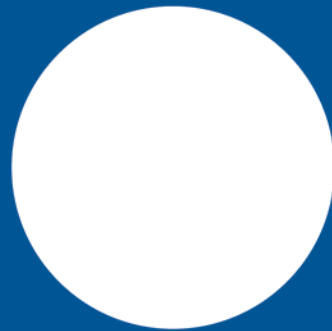
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