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HO-HO-HO-HOLIDAY EVENT: HUGE SUCCESS!

Santa Claus Ho, Ho, Hoed for over two solid hours to the delight of the children and adults alike, attending this new event presented by your HOA Board. Children were given a goody bag with activity and coloring books, crayons and holiday themed pencils. They also selected a craft which many finished at the event while enjoying hot chocolate and cookies. In attendance were children from almost newborn to 16 years old. For children too young to participate in the crafts, parents were given a book to read to them such as The Ugly Duckling and Three Billy Goats Gruff. Children's parents in attendance were surprised at the number of activities available; some thought it was just going to be Santa Clause for pictures.

Children were given a fill in the blanks "Dear Santa Letter" which was a huge hit! A few requests are printed below with first names only and spelled as received (to protect the innocent!).

1. Oliver (2 y.o.) – Donut holes and milk and Santa was told to watch out for: the dog(s), Mom & Dad, fish & lizards
2. Gavin (11 y.o.) – A heghog and Santa was told to watch out for: the dog(s) and cat(s), Mom & Dad, and Other (?)
3. Isaac (2 y.o.) – Blocks, Dinosaurs, Little People
4. Beh (6 y.o.) – Skat Board (with a picture of it) and he checked for Santa to watch out for Other and drew a picture of a Christmas Tree
5. Sofia (7 y.o.) – my baby boy, three dresses with Christmas, one with orderments, candy cans & sonow flakes
6. Liam (10 y.o.) – walkie talkie with a picture and also drew a picture by Other block that was either a Christmas tree with a rather large trunk or fireworks
7. Hannah (16 y.o.) – A Jeep! Preferably a Blue, Pink or yellow 2 door and Santa was told to watch out for the cat(s), Mom & Dad, and Maw Maw

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HOLIDAY YARD AWARDS December 2019

Lights, lights, lights...everywhere! Lights abounded in many more yards than they have for the last 5 or 6 years. There were many contenders for these awards this year and committee persons went through the neighborhood several times to make sure that every home had a fair chance at winning.*

1st Place – 10111 Dallam Ln. (Willowbridge) Michael & Tracy Ehrhardt – The Ehrhart Family moved to Willowbridge a year ago from "next door", Winchester Village and loves this area. They have a child at Gleason ES and Cook MS and 2 in college. As new residents, they were unaware there was a contest and were surprised to find the 1st Place Sign in their yard. They love Christmastime and Christmas is their favorite holiday. Mrs. Ehrhart commented that it was a lot of fun displaying the decorations and they said that they can't wait for next year. One highlight of their yard: an inflated drummer boy that seemed to be marching when the wind blew.

2nd Place – 9219 Stone Porch Ln. (Stonebridge) William & Michelle Marks – The Marks Family moved to Stonebridge earlier this year, but have been trying to move to our neighborhood for over 5 years. They also resided "next door" in Winchester Village for 22 years, after purchasing

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FINE POLICY EFFECTIVE JANUARY 1, 2020

If you did not receive correspondence from Graham Management, via regular mail, regarding this new policy please call Leigh Allen, Willowbridge HOA Community Manager, at 713.334.8000 or email her at lallen@grahammanagementhouston.com.

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If you have any questions or comments regarding the neighborhood please contact the numbers above.

BOARD MEETINGS

QUARTERLY MEETINGS: 4th Thursday of January, April & July @ 6:00 pm. **ANNUAL HOMEOWNER'S MEETING:** 4th Thursday of October @ 6:00 pm. Additional meetings may be held as determined and NOTICED by the Board of Directors via the marquee and website.

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. WillowTalk@ProtonMail.com

"Ho, Ho, Ho, Holiday Event" (Continued from Cover)

Plans are already being made for next year's event. Please plan to attend. If you would like to **VOLUNTEER** for this or any other event, please contact Barbara Lallinger: blallinger@hotmail.com.

The Board (and especially the Social Events Coordinator) would like to thank the following **VOLUNTEERS** for **AGAIN giving the gift of time** and helping to make this event a huge success. **It truly could not have come to fruition without them.**

Rossy El-Kareh – gets triple kudos: she helped put up the Neighborhood Decorations, worked tirelessly late into the night on the craft packets and goody bags, and then helped disburse them to the kids. Amy Sonnier – gets double kudos for helping retrieve the decorations from the warehouse and helped serve the refreshments. **Penny Jones, Wanda Wiggins, Claudia Mullins, Carol Wedge, Lillian Wilson and HOA President, Thomas Wilson** – They all contributed by manning the various refreshment tables, Letters to Santa table (new VOLUNTEER, Carol set the bar pretty high when she expanded the Peppermint Duster Duties at the table), setting up more craft tables when the others were full, cleaning up during and afterwards, and replacing tables and chairs in the storage closet. **THANK YOU LADIES and GENTLEMAN!!!**

"Holiday Yard Awards..." (Continued from Cover)

the model home. Shelly was a VOLUNTEER at Gleason ES through their two children's elementary school years and now VOLUNTEERS at Cook MS where both of their children attend. Returning from celebrating Shelley's birthday, they came home on Christmas Eve to find the award sign posted in the yard and were totally shocked. Bill loves Christmas and always goes all out with the lights. They said that Winchester didn't have a holiday contest, but they were known as the "Griswold's" there. Bill is super proud that his efforts has finally yielded recognition and has been telling everyone about it. They love our neighborhood. They're in good company on Stone Porch Ln. which yielded 2 different winners of Yard of the Month awards this past summer (and those 2 are next door neighbors of the Marks). One highlight of their yard: 2 lit peacocks.

3rd Place – 8806 Willacy Ct. (Willowbridge) Eric Heynen & Kimberly Hughes – The Heynen-Hughes family also moved here a year ago. They previously resided in the Loop 610 South/South Post Oak area. Conveniently located to Ms. Hughes parents, who live in Winchester Country, they love the area. The family was totally surprised to find the sign in their yard on Christmas Day. Their 4 year old son completes the family and he has enjoyed riding around the neighborhood and seeing the decorations and lights. His mother said he is really going to be disappointed when they all come down. One highlight of their yard: all of the lights went through a rotation, changing colors.

*Please note that residents receiving Holiday Yard Awards and Yard of the Month Awards are required to be in good standing with the HOA (all dues and fees paid).



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IT'S A NEW YEAR... WHY NOT VOLUNTEER?

Are you interested in getting more involved in your community? Your HOA Board would like you to please consider joining (VOLUNTEERING) for one of the committees listed below. It seems that the same VOLUNTEERS are tagged with helping out year-after-year. You can make a difference. So many of our homeowners have talents and experience that could contribute to the value of our neighborhood. Please consider a VOLUNTEER position to help our neighborhood maintain its property values and increase awareness and safety in our community for one of your biggest investments, your home. Your time commitment will be sincerely appreciated.

ARC COMMITTEE – Reviews submitted ARC applications to ensure they are in compliance of the Governing Documents of the Association.

BEAUTIFICATION COMMITTEE – Presents recommendations for landscaping, fencing and lighting improvements at the entrances (main entrance to Willowbridge, Stonebridge entrance off Willowbridge Park Blvd., and Stone Villa entrance to Stonebridge off West Road); amenity areas, and all other common areas. Also presents recommendations for holiday decorations.

FINANCE COMMITTEE – Assists the Board of Directors with budget recommendations and reviewing financials.

NOMINATION COMMITTEE – Oversee and evaluate the Board as well as assess the skills needed for candidates to be placed on the ballot for the Annual Meeting.

RECREATION COMMITTEE – Recommends use of and rules of the recreation amenity areas (tennis court, soccer field, pool, playground and pavilion), additions/upgrades to the areas, and recommends maintenance to the areas and equipment of each.

SOCIAL & EVENTS COMMITTEE – Presents recommendations for community events. This committee creates the event, assists in marketing the event and assists during the event.

WEBSITE COMMITTEE – Posts updates and E-Blasts on the website; maintains and upgrades the site and handles registrations as necessary.

FEDERAL REAL ID ACT: Do You Have Your Gold Star?

The Texas Department of Public Safety is committed to protecting the citizens of Texas by only licensing individuals who are properly identified and can demonstrate their ability to safely operate a motor vehicle on public roadways.

The United States Congress passed the REAL ID Act in 2005 in response to the terrorist attacks on 9/11. The REAL ID Act requires states to adopt and implement uniform standards for the issuance and production of state-issued driver licenses and identification cards if they are to be accepted as identity documents by the federal government. This Act strengthens the integrity and security of state-issued cards in an effort to reduce identity fraud and terrorism.

Beginning October 1, 2020, only state-issued driver licenses and identification cards that are fully compliant with the REAL ID Act will be accepted for official federal purposes, such as entering secure federal buildings or boarding domestic flights. Texas began issuing REAL ID compliant cards on October 10, 2016, and these cards are marked with a gold circle with an inset star located in the upper right-hand corner.

All Texas driver licenses and identification cards, both compliant (star) and non-compliant (no star) are valid until the expiration date shown on the card. If you replaced or renewed your card after October 10, 2016, and have a gold star in the right-hand corner, your card is REAL ID compliant and no further action is required on your part. You may continue to use your compliant card for federal identification purposes until it expires.

If the card does not have the star, you can continue to use the card after October 10, 2020, but it will only be accepted for state-related purposes such as driving (driver license only), banking, and voting. It will not be accepted as identification for federal purposes.

To determine what documents you will need for the issuance of a REAL ID compliant driver license or identification card, visit the Texas Department of Public Safety (REAL ID Document Check Application).

ADULTS ONLY!

It seems that most of our social events are geared to parents and their children. The following proposal of activities **will be limited to ADULTS ONLY (18 and older)**.

The Social Events Committee would like to know if there is an interest in the community for hosting either a Bunko or Casino Night. Due to our Clubhouse Rental Policy there will be no alcohol served. In lieu of alcohol, Mocktails (the alcohol free rising star at some clubs and events will be served. As with any other event, it will be free to residents and their guests (limit 1 per adult resident).

If you are interested in the Social Events Committee hosting either of these events (or another type adult's only event) please contact Barbara Lallinger: blallinger@hotmail.com.

WANTED – HANDYMAN, WOMAN, PERSON



The HOA is in need of a Handyperson for minor repairs. The ideal candidate will be able to perform minor plumbing, electrical, woodwork and general repairs on an as needed basis. If you are that person or know someone that fits the specifications, please have them call Leigh Allen, Willowbridge Community Manager at Graham Management @713.334.8000.

DO YOU HAVE QUESTIONS or CONCERNS TO BE ADDRESSED BY THE HOA?

PLEASE REMEMBER THERE IS A PROCESS IN PLACE TO ADDRESS YOUR QUESTIONS AND CONCERNS . THESE ISSUES MUST FIRST GO TO GRAHAM MANAGEMENT WHO WILL FORWARD THEM TO THE HOA BOARD. THE VERY BEST METHOD IS TO COME TO A BOARD MEETING (CALL LEIGH ALLEN, WILLOWBRIDGE HOA COMMUNITY MANAGER AT GRAHAM MANAGEMENT 713.334.8000 OR EMAIL HER AT lallen@grahammanagementhouston.com TO BE PLACED ON THE AGENDA). THE BOARD MEETS ALMOST EVERY MONTH ON THE 4TH THURSDAY OF THE MONTH (ANY CHANGES WILL BE POSTED ON THE MARQUEE AND EMAILED TO HOMEOWNERS THAT HAVE REGISTERED FOR GRAHAMGO).

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- 14 graham crackers, crushed
- 4 T. butter, melted
- ¼ t. kosher salt
- 2 blocks cream cheese, softened
- 2 large eggs
- ½ c. sour cream
- ¼ c. sugar
- 1 t. vanilla
- Pinch of salt
- 1 c. melted chocolate
- 12 strawberries

1. Preheat oven to 325° and line a 12-cup muffin tin with paper liners. Spray liners with cooking spray. In a large bowl, combine

crushed graham crackers, melted butter, and salt and stir until completely moistened.

2. Press graham mixture into paper liners and set aside.

3. In a large bowl, beat cream cheese until light and fluffy. Add eggs, sour cream, sugar, vanilla, and salt and beat until combined. Pour filling over graham crusts.

4. Bake until center is slightly jiggly, 20 minutes. Let cool in muffin tin, then refrigerate at least 2 hours before topping with chocolate.

5. Spoon melted chocolate over cheesecake tops, then dip strawberries in melted chocolate and rest on top.

6. Let set until firm.

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