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## Yard of the Month September 2005



Paul & Paula Prestridge 9834 Therrell Drive

Paul and Paula Prestridge have lived at 9834 Therrell Drive since April 1998. Paul is self-employed and Paula works as an accountant. Their son, Austin, age 14, attends Jersey Village High School. The Prestridge's have a 14 year-old Pomeranian that barks at everyone on the sidewalk and two cats that sit in the front window and watch over the yard.

Paul designed and planted all of the flowers, plants and trees in their yard. He designed and built the beautiful rock borders along the front flowerbeds. They installed a magnificent swimming pool in their back yard, surrounding it with Queen Palms, Banana trees and bougainvillea to create the atmosphere of living in Hawaii.

## View the WillowTalk each month on-line at www.PEELinc.com

## Willowbridge/Stonebridge

Annual Homeowners Meeting

Our annual HOA meeting will be held on Thursday, October 20 7:00pm -9:00pm at the Willowbridge Clubhouse. Please attend in person or send your completed proxy form to PCMI. There will be an election for two HOA director positions. For further information, call PCMI- Myla Chandler 281-870-0585 x1313.

## **Garage Sale**

Willowbridge/Stonebridge will have a neighborhood wide, one day only garage sale October 15. Our deed restrictions prohibit garage sales but due to a petition that was submitted to the HOA Board of Directors requesting a neighborhood garage sale, an exception was made allowing this for one day only. So start getting those treasures organized and ready to sell!



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### **Important Numbers**

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#### Willowbridge Homeowners Association Inc. - PCMI

Myla Chandler	
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Fax	
If you have any questions or comm	ents regarding the neighborhood
please contact the #'s above.	

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Matthew Louderback	12/29/88	281-807-7970	Truman & Dena Louderback
Carmen Colmenero	3/9/89	281-890-3223	Jaime & Juanita Colmenero
Jennifer Guzman	16 years old	281-970-7476	Ramiro & Sarah
		713-412-8153	Guzman
Catherine Tran	12/21/88	832-452-2439	Hiep & Yen
		281-897-9031	Tran



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Family Fall Fun Day Jersey Village Church of Christ 8810 Jones Road

Come join us October 29, 2005 from 3:00-6:00pm, with a Noah's Ark Play starting @ 3:00pm and other great activities to follow. We welcome adults and children of all ages; free. Refreshments will be served. For any questions, call our office@ 832-237-7550 or check the website, www.jvchurchofchrist.org.

## **To Submit Articles:**

**E-Mail** articles to the following address: *articles@PEELinc. com.* Photos may be mailed to P.O. Box 886; Littlefield, TX 79339. Articles must be received by the 10<sup>th</sup> of the month for the following month's issue. Please specify on the article that it is to be published in the *WillowTalk*.

#### Questions, complaints, comments?

Contact Myla at PCMI by e-mail: myla@pcmi-us.com or calling 281-870-0585. To ensure prompt attention and response please make sure you include your full name, address, and a contact number. Please remember that being polite and practical helps. We are all trying to do a good job and keep our neighborhood a pleasant place for residents.



## Mosquitoes: More Than a Nuisance

(NAPSA)-As the cold weather slowly escapes, we find ourselves looking for more reasons to bask and play outdoors. But be advised: spending time outdoors may come with mosquito-related risks.

Mosquitoes inevitably accompany warm weather and are much more than just a nuisance during outings and picnics. Though typically feared for the dangers they pose internationally where they carry and transmit the infectious agents that cause malaria, lymphatic filariasis, yellow fever and dengue fever, mosquitoes should not be taken for granted in North America. Approximately 200



Take preventative measures to protect yourself from mosquito-borne diseases. (photo courtesy of CDC)

of the more than 3,000 mosquito species worldwide are found in North America, and some are capable of transmitting a number of viruses causing encephalitis (swelling of the brain), including West Nile virus. According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, more than 16,000 people in the United States have become ill with West Nile virus since it was first identified in New York in 1999. Serious symptoms resulting from West Nile virus can include high fever, headache, neck stiffness, disorientation, convulsions, muscle weakness, vision loss, numbness or paralysis, and the disease can even be fatal. "Mosquitoes only need a small amount of water with nutrients to breed and survive, making them very hard to control," says Frank Meek, Technical Director for Orkin, Inc. "It is important to take prevention measures seriously to reduce populations and the accompanying risk of diseases."

Most cases of mosquito-related disease show up in late summer or early fall when populations are largely prevalent. Fortunately, a few preventative measures will allow you and your family to continue to enjoy the pleasures of the changing weather:

- When outdoors, spray an EPA-approved insect repellent on exposed skin and over clothing.
- During prime mosquito biting hours of dusk to dawn, wear long sleeves and pants in addition to repellent, or consider staying indoors.
- Make sure screens on windows and doors fit tightly and have no holes.
- Eliminate breeding sites by emptying standing water from objects around the home, including flower pots, buckets, tire swings and children's wading pools when not in use. Change the water in pet dishes and replace the water in bird baths weekly.

In addition to these preventative measures, professional help is also available through Orkin, the only national pest control provider offering mosquito control and treatment services.

For more information on how to prevent mosquitoes, or for a free inspection, visit www.orkin.com or call 1-800-800-ORKIN. To learn more about mosquito-related diseases, visit www.cdc.gov.





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Dr. Nguyen is the most hitech-savvy dentist I have ever met. I have been a patient of Dr. Nguyen for 7 years. His ability and knowledge to utilize computerized equipment and hi-tech (laser etc.) equipment have amazed me. Dr. Nguyen works hard and do the best for his patients. I highly recommend Dr. Nguyen to be your dentist.

Jason Wong - Houston, TX USA



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# FROM THE AMERICAN COUNCIL ON EXERCISE\*

# Teens, Fitness and You

With all the pressures today's teenagers have to deal with, it's no wonder so many are in trouble.

Statistics show that teen suicide and teen pregnancy are on the rise, as is the firearmhomicide rate for teens. Smoking among teens is in vogue, and two-thirds of eighth-graders report that they have tried alcohol. And only about 38 percent of them get enough exercise - which means the other 62 percent are setting themselves up for a sedentary life and all the problems that come with it.

Now's the time to change these statistics. Research has shown that kids who play sports, or who are physically active, are less likely to have these problems. But getting kids to exercise is no easy task unless you're willing to spend time with them and learn to speak their language.

#### Quality time, quality talk

It's impossible to have good relationships with teenagers if you don't spend time with them. Don't expect teens to automatically think you're cool and trustworthy - you'll have to prove it.

Accept them for who they are and show them that you are genuinely concerned about them. Look past the way they dress or wear their hair, and learn to understand their language so you can relate to what they have to say.

A person who is a good listener has a good chance of developing relationships with teens, since most of them would rather talk than listen. Whatever it takes, learn to listen to teenagers, and offer your words of wisdom only when necessary. It's the only way to figure them out.

#### They're listening - What do you say?

The number-one thing you can do to help teens get active is to be a good role model. Live the life that you advocate; show them



that being active can be fun, and they will follow your example. Let them know that being physically active does not necessarily mean going to exercise classes or playing sports, although these are two great options.

Hiking and camping, body surfing and playing Frisbee or paddleball are activities the whole family can enjoy. And, since they're having so much fun, teens will hardly realize that what they're doing is actually good for them.

Teenagers can participate in just about any fitness activity, whether it be weight training, mountain biking or martial arts. Many gyms are lowering their age requirements and offering family memberships and discounts to reach the younger market. Organized sports also are an excellent means of improving socialization and developing discipline and teamwork skills.

#### Competing with the negative

It's not easy to get your message of good health and fitness across when you're competing with the lure of television and video games. That's why it's so important to appeal to a teenager's sense of fun and need for social interaction.

Whenever possible, include others, such as their friends, in your fitness activities. Encour-aging a teenager (or an adult, for that matter) to become more active can be discouraging, particularly when they seem to be tuning you out.

At some point, that encouragement may become counter-productive. Instead, continue to serve as a role model for an active lifestyle and perhaps they will one day follow your lead.

The most important thing you can do for today's youth is to help them value their lives. Being healthy and fit will put them in touch with their bodies, increase their self-esteem and help them to establish a desire to set personal goals.

Bottom line, however, is that in order to get anyone to exercise, teenager or not, it has to be fun. Teenagers aren't likely to do something just because they're told it's good for them. But with your support and encouragement, you can help put them on the path to better health that lasts a lifetime.



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# Willowbridge - Stonebridge Texas Events - October

1—HOUSTON: Susan G. Komen Breast Cancer Foundation Race for the Cure Includes a competitive 5-K run, non-competitive 5-K run, 5-K walk, Kids K/Family Walk and more. Downtown. 713/867-3233 Gulf Coast

**6-8—HOUSTON: Festival Chicano** Miller Outdoor Theatre, Hermann Park. 713/284-8350 **Gulf Coast** 

**6-9—HOUSTON: Greek Festival** Enjoy authentic Greek food, wine, dancing and artifacts. Grounds of the Annunciation Greek Orthodox Cathedral. www.greekfestival.org 713/526-5377 **Gulf Coast** 

**8-9—HOUSTON: 21st Annual Wings Over Houston Airshow** Includes the Canadian Forces Snowbirds Jet Demonstration Team, F-19F Super Hornet, AH-64 Apache Attack Helicopter, A-10 Thunderbolt II, World War II air power re-enactment of "Tora! Tora! Tora!" and static displays. Gates open at 8 a.m. Ellington Field. www. wingsoverhouston.com 713/266-4492 **Gulf Coast** 

**8-9—HOUSTON: 27th Houston Festa Italiana** Features live entertainment, children's area, bocce ball, grape stomp, pasta-eating contest, Italian car show, Italian heritage area and delicious homemade food. Houston Farm and Ranch Club. www.houstonitalianfestival. com 713/524-4222 Gulf Coast

**8-9—HOUSTON: Bayou City Art Festival** This annual juried fine art event boasts 300 acclaimed artists from throughout Texas and the

world. Hours are 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. In front of Houston's City Hall, around Hermann Square and Sam Houston Park downtown. www. bayoucityartfestival.com 713/521-0133 **Gulf Coast** 

**9—HOUSTON: Fifth Annual Art Car Show** See more than 40 vehicles of all sorts painted, pasted and carved into artistic masterpieces on wheels. Begins at 10 a.m. Traders Village. www. tradersvillage.com 281/890-5500 Gulf Coast

**14—HOUSTON: Dia de la Hispanidad Festival** Miller Outdoor Theatre, Hermann Park. 713/284-8350 **Gulf Coast** 

15—HOUSTON: All-British Motor Vehicle Expo

www.houstonmgcarclub.org 281/346-2417 Gulf Coast

5—HOUSTON: Ninth Annual Museum District Day Fifteen museums participate. www.houstonmuseumdistrict.org 713/529-9802 Gulf Coast

**22-23—HOUSTON: Asian-American Festival** Enjoy Asian music, dancing and demonstrations of other Asian arts. Includes cultural exhibits and children's activities. Miller Outdoor Theatre, Hermann Park. 713/861-8270 or 713/284-8350 Gulf Coast

**22, 25, 28, 30—HOUSTON: Fall Repertory: Mussorgsky's** *Boris Godunov* Houston Grand Opera. Wortham Theater Center. 713/228-6737 or 800/626-7372 **Gulf Coast** 

27-30-HOUSTON: International Quilt Festival More than

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900 quilts, original cloth dolls, warable and related textile arts are displayed. Includes expert demonstrations and mini-classes. George R. Brown Convention Center. www.quilts.com 713/781-6864 Gulf Coast

**28-Jan. 22—HOUSTON:** *Robert Gober: The Meat Wagon* The Menil Collection. www.menil.org 713/525-9400 **Gulf Coast** 

**29—HOUSTON: Mozart's** *The Marriage of Figaro* Houston Grand Opera. Wortham Theater Center. 713/228-6737 or 800/626-7372 **Gulf Coast** 

**29-30—HOUSTON: MECA Day of the Dead Festival** Includes traditional celebrations and arts & crafts. www.meca-houston.org 713/802-9370 **Gulf Coast** 

**30—HOUSTON: Seventh Annual Halloween Boo Bash for Kidz** Presents continuous live musical entertainment and activities from 1 to 4 p.m. Trick-or-treating is from 2:30 to 3:30 p.m. Traders Village, 7979 N. Eldridge Road. www.tradersvillage.com 281/890-5500 **Gulf Coast** 

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## WILLOWBRIDGE MARKET REPORT

Courtesy of "Super Dave" #1 in Sales in Jones Rd and West Rd Area!

This market information report is provided to keep you informed of resale market activity in your subdivision. Mar 05 Apr 05 May 05 Jun 05 Jul 05 Aug 05 1 0 0 2 \$730,000 + 1 1 5210,000-229,999 2 2 0 2 0 0 0 0 2 0 5190,000-209,999 1 1 0 2 \$170,000-189,999 1 0 Ð 0 0 0 2 \$150000-169,999 1 0 0 0 0 0 0 5150,000 -Ŭ, 5 TOTAL 4 1 5 4 3 Highest S/Sq Ft 88.89 84.19 69.70 88.53 73.00 76.43 This chart represents resule homes that have sold and closed in the past 6 months according to the Houston Multiple Listing Service.

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