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Take a Leadership Role in Willowbridge/Stonebridge

By Fred Edler

The May 7th Houston Chronicle Real Estate Section was primarily devoted to "Houston Area Home Price Trends" from 2004 to 2005. The Chronicle reported the average Harris County Home Sale per Square foot in 2005 was \$70.04. The average percentage increase in value from 2004 to 2005 was 3.8%.

Willowbridge beats the Harris County percentage of increase with a significant 6.9% increase in Home Values with the average Home selling for \$77.07 per square foot.

For most of us our personal Home Value protects one of our single largest investments. You don't have to drive very far to observe what can happen when homes and subdivision communities began to age and are not cared for on a long term basis.

Fortunately the Willowbridge/Stonebridge HOA is working very hard to protect your investment. Sometimes the protection of that investment comes directly to your home in the form a "Deed Restriction or ARC Guidelines" violation. When you purchased a home in our community you signed, as part of the sale agreement, a statement that you agreed to abide by the HOA Rules.

The HOA Board is charged with enforcing those rules. The Board, ARC and PCMI look not just at the single Home in violation but how that violation effects the entire Willowbridge/Stonebridge community and how it effects the long term community property values. Please help us with your co-operation.

You're elected HOA Board and associated committees are completely made up of VOLUNTEERS. No one on the Board or serving on a committee is paid a salary.

We serve because we choose to help our community be the very best we can make it. The key words here are WE CAN MAKE IT. Since members of the Board are elected by the Home Owners, the "WE" in WE CAN MAKE IT changes every year. The "WE" is chosen by the entire community if they chose to vote and can be any home Owner in the community, even you.

Members of the Board serve for three year terms. The terms are staggered so that they are changing regularly. Personally, I believe an elected member of the Board should only be allowed to serve one term. This would allow for the constant influx of NEW ideas, thoughts, strategies, and fresh eyes looking at financials.

Unfortunately, there is a great deal of apathy in our community. At

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YARD OF THE MONTH May 2006



*Pat and Jeannette Smith
9719 Rock Pass Drive*

The Smiths have lived at 9719 Rock Pass Drive since April 2005. Pat is a Criminal Investigator with the Harris County District Attorney's Office. Jeannette works as a commercial insurance broker with Myron Steves Company. Chelsea, their 22-year-old daughter, is a senior at Texas State University in San Marcos. Their beautiful dog, a Labrador Retriever, appears with them in the photo.

Their front yard has completely new landscaping with Encore azaleas (Coral & Starlight), dwarf blue agapanthus and variegated ginger. Their side yard, facing Stoney Lake Drive, has pink velour crepe myrtles, dwarf blue and white agapanthus, Encore azaleas and Knockout red roses.

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Safety Issues at Gleason Elementary

Providing a safe environment for students is the number one priority at Gleason Elementary. Therefore, it is important for staff, parents, and community to periodically review and revise safety procedures. The following reminders to the parents of Gleason students will help ensure their safety.

- Please get in the car rider line if you are dropping your child off in the morning. Please do not walk your child to the front door, unless you have business at the front office or a teacher conference. If you park on Willowbridge Park Blvd. and allow your child to cross over the car rider line to get to the front door, you are creating a dangerous situation for your child, as cars, day care vans, and buses enter the school drive and are moving every few minutes.

- Please do not park on either side of Willowbridge Park Blvd. to pick up your child at dismissal time for the same reason as arrival time. Your child would have to cross over moving traffic to get to your car. For this reason, at dismissal time, we do not release children to parents who are parking and waiting for their child in their cars or walking to the front entrance to pick up their children.

- One of our major concerns is the safety of the walkers and bikers because the location of the crosswalk is in close proximity of the school entrance. Many students exit the building as walkers and bikers, and it is a very congested area. Please do not park on Willowbridge Park Blvd. at the crosswalk to pick up a child who is a walker. If you are driving to the school and parking to pick up your child, then you child

is a car rider and not a walker. We appreciate the parents who get in the car rider line for pick up rather than parking on the street.

Our District does not provide trained crosswalk guards because Cy-Fair provides bus service for all students in the District, even if they live across the street from the school. School employees assist children into the building as soon as they arrive on the campus grounds and when they are leaving; but they do not direct traffic on Willowbridge Park Boulevard because they are not trained.

We are fortunate to have Constable Tracy Shillock who periodically patrols the area in and around Gleason in the mornings and helps with safety issues. He is not assigned to our campus on a daily basis, as he is responsible for all schools that feed into Cook Middle School. Constable Shillock has assured me that he does not direct traffic to use the semi circular driveway of the community clubhouse as a "turn-around."

We know that traffic conditions near schools can seriously affect the safety of school children as well as cause traffic conditions for home owners in the community. We are a team, so any safety suggestions will be well taken.

At Gleason Elementary, the administration and staff are committed to the safety of our students. We thank our parents for following the above guidelines, and we appreciate the community for helping keep our children safe.

Sandra McNeely, Principal, Gleason Elementary

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Over the past year, our tennis courts have encountered increased utilization, which is a good sign. It is comforting to see that our Homeowner's fees are being used to provide an environment that allows residents to enjoy a healthy and fun sport such as tennis. In some cases, residents have been unable to play because of the high demand.

As Spring approaches and the weather improves we expect that the interest will continue to increase and have considered different ways to provide a fair and organized process to allow all interested residents an opportunity to enjoy our well-maintained tennis courts.

The Willowbridge Board of Directors have decided to implement a reservation process that will allow any Willowbridge/Stonebridge resident to reserve time on the tennis courts up to one week in advance.

This is how it will work:

1. Any resident who wishes to reserve time on the court makes the request by sending an email to willowbridge_neighbors@yahoo.com
2. Reservations must be made by Saturday at midnight for the following Monday through Sunday.
3. The reservations will be posted by the pool restrooms on Sunday for the following week.
4. Each household may reserve up to 3 non-consecutive hours per week.
5. If a reservation is made and is not claimed within the first 10 minutes then it is automatically cancelled.

To reserve court time, send your name, address, and reservation times to the email above.

Of course, if no one has reserved the courts, they can be used on a first come, first serve basis, as usual.

The first week that will be available for this reservation process is beginning Monday May 1st. In order to reserve time for Monday, May 1st through Sunday, May 7th, your reservation email must be sent Saturday, April 29th.

In addition, we are also soliciting interest for residents who may be interested in participating in a friendly neighborhood Tennis Ladder (one for Men and another for Women). If there is enough interest, we will create one. Send an email to the address above if you are interested. -Thanks, Willowbridge/Stonebridge Board of Directors

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June 2006

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4	5	6 	7 Men's Game Night	8 Health Fair 10-2pm	9 	10 Newsletter Deadline
11	12 Bunko	13 Ladie's Night Out  Bridge	14 Flag Day	15	16 	17
18 Father's Day	19	20 	21	22	23 	24
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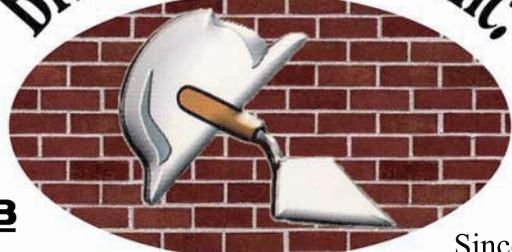
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1-Jul. 2—HOUSTON: Contemporary Kiln-Glass: A Survey of Works from the Bullseye Collection, 1980 to the Present Experience spectacularly vibrant colored glass created for art and architecture through fusing, blowing, torch work and casting. Houston Center for Contemporary Craft. www.crafthouston.org 713/529-4848

1-Jul. 16—BEAUMONT: The Big Big Picture Show Artist Paul Manes' large-scale paintings and drawings are of subjects ranging from airplanes to collections of precariously-stacked empty bowls. Art Museum of Southeast Texas. www.amset.org 409/832-3432

1-Aug. 20—HOUSTON: Frank Stella 1958 Bringing these works together for the first time, the exhibition tracks the many changes of a young painter experimenting with the wide array of styles and formal possibilities available at a vital juncture in American art history. The Menil Collection. www.menil.org 713/525-9400

4-Sep. 14—HOUSTON: The Architecture of Gee's Bend Quilts Exhibition examines in detail the basic structural patterns that appear to form the foundation of Gee's Bend quilt making. The Audrey Jones Beck Building, Museum of Fine Arts, Houston. 713/639-7300

8, 10-11, 16-18—HOUSTON: Don Quixote Ends the Houston Ballet

season. The idealistic, eccentric Quixote goes on a quest in search of his ideal woman Dulcinea. Wortham Theater Center. www.houstonballet.org 713/227-2787

11—ALVIN: 13th Annual Tour de Braz Bike Ride Offers five historical and scenic rides from which to choose. Begins at 7 a.m. Alvin Community College, 3110 Mustang Road. www.alvintexas.org 281/585-3359

11—PORT ARTHUR: Alligator Spotlight Count Take a boat trip and census the alligators. Hours are 8:30 to 10:30 p.m., weather permitting. Reservations required. J.D. Murphree Wildlife Management Area. 409/736-2551 ext. 23 or ext. 25

11-17—VICTORIA: Victoria Bach Festival Leo J. Welder Center for the Performing Arts and other venues. E-mail: info@victoriabachfestival.org • www.victoriabachfestival.org 361/570-5788

16-18—GALVESTON: The Jubilee Banjo Band The Grand 1894 Opera House, 2020 Postoffice St. www.thegrand.com 409/765-1894

16-18—WHARTON: Juneteenth Celebration Riverfront Park. 979/532-1862 or 979/531-0916

17—BAY CITY: Market Day More than 100 vendors sell handmade crafts, homemade jellies and more. Courthouse Square. www.visitbaycity.org 800/806-8333

17—BEAUMONT: Juneteenth Blowout Celebration www.beaumontcvb.com 409/880-3749

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- 17—EL CAMPO: Ricebelt Antique Tractor Show & Pull Features antique tractors, antique engines, machinery and harvesting equipment. Includes demonstrations, first-time peddle tractor pull, craft show and more. E-mail: sherry_rrprint@sbcglobal.net 979/543-9498
- 17—HARLINGEN: Blues on the Hill Features blues music with several bands participating. Hours are 6 to 10 p.m. McKelvey Park, 1325 S. 77 Sunshine Strip. 956/216-5950
- 17—PORT ARTHUR: Garage Sale Bob Bower Civic Center. 409/985-8801
- 17—PORT NECHES: Trade Day on the Avenue 409/722-4023
- 18—SANTA FE: Sweet Mama Cotton Hours are 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. Haak Winery, 6310 Ave. T. www.haakwine.com 409/925-1401
- 18-Sep. 10—HOUSTON: Courbet & the Modern Landscape Exhibition brings together about 50 landscape paintings by Gustave Courbet. The Audrey Jones Beck Building, Museum of Fine Arts, Houston. 713/639-7300
- 19—GALVESTON: Juneteenth Includes a ceremony and parade to commemorate the end of slavery in the south. 409/744-1491
- 19—PORT ARTHUR: Juneteenth Celebration Includes a pageant on Friday, lecture series on Saturday, gospelfest on Sunday and parade on Monday. Downtown Port Arthur. 409/982-8040 or 409/985-7768
- 23—GALVESTON: Dance Tree The Grand 1894 Opera House, 2020 Postoffice St. www.thegrand.com 409/765-1894
- 23-24—WHARTON: Freedom Fest Riverfront Park. 979/532-0927 or 979/532-0134

- 23-Jul. 1—WHARTON: The Wizard of Oz Presented by The Community Theatre of Wharton. 979/282-2970
- 24—BEAUMONT: Beaumont Enterprise Garage Sale Hours are 8:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. Beaumont Civic Center. www.beaumont-tx-complex.com 409/838-3435
- 24—KEMAH: Classic Car Show See automobiles from the 1920s through the 1970s. Kemah Boardwalk. www.kemahboardwalk.com 281/334-9880
- 24-25—CORPUS CHRISTI: Seashore Marketplace Includes arts & crafts vendors from around Texas, specialty displays, live bands and more. On Padre Island. www.seashoremarketplace.com 361/779-6989
- 24-25—GALVESTON: Bonnie Sisco School of Dance The Grand 1894 Opera House, 2020 Postoffice St. www.thegrand.com 409/765-1894
- 25—SANTA FE: Prime Time Band Hours are 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. Haak Winery, 6310 Ave. T. www.haakwine.com 409/925-1401
- 30-Jul. 1—BEAUMONT: Kidmunity Presents Its 4th-7th Grade Production www.beaumontcommunityplayers.com 409/842-4664
- 30-Aug. 5—GALVESTON: 1776 Musical follows John Adams, Benjamin Franklin, Richard Henry Lee and Thomas Jefferson as they attempt to convince the members of the Second Continental Congress to vote for independence. Island Etc. 409/762-3556

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Swimming Pool Improvements for 2006

The Willowbridge/Stonebridge Swimming Pool was replastered this winter, new lifeguard stands were installed and depth tile markers were replaced to meet new pool safety codes. The pool opened on Saturday, April 22 to 90 degree weather and a record crowd of excited swimmers.



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Leadership Role- (Continued from Cover Page)

the annual General Meeting, in October, when elections are held, we usually have less than 150 people attend. A few more vote through a Proxy Ballot. This means the majority of Home Owners allow a small minority to elect your Board who in turn appoint committee members. The Leaders of your community.

Many Home Owners are quick to criticize, even though they don't vote or volunteer; even though they didn't take an interest in electing the Board. That's OK. Everyone is entitled to their opinion. But if you really don't like what's happening in your community there's 3 ways to have a significant voice in changing it:

- 1-VOTE
- 2-Run for a Board position
- 3-Get involved-Volunteer

It is unbelievably difficult to get volunteers to serve long term on a committee or short term to help with an event. It always seems to be the same people volunteering/ helping. Recently our Easter Egg Hunt was cancelled because the Home Owners who usually produce the event did not volunteer this year. The Good News is we have had two new individuals who have stepped up and volunteered to lead the Welcoming Committee and the annual Easter Egg Hunt. As soon as they are confirmed we will make their names public.

A Special Salute to that core group of volunteers who often serve unnamed and sometimes without thanks. Volunteers, who spend time away from their families and time away from doing activities that, may be much more enjoyable.

A Special Salute to those Volunteers who endure criticism, when they are trying to do what they believe is best for the community.

If you disagree with the current HOA Leaders, GET INVOLVED. My Board seat is going to be up for election in October. I will not run for re-election. HERE IS YOUR OPPORTUNITY TO LEAD!

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- How life changes with AD
- Caregiving needs
- Maintaining dignity
- Asking for help

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Monday, June 12th

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Building A

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Catherine Tran	12/21/88	832-452-2439 281-897-9031	Hiep & Yen Tran
Jade Smith	4/16/92	281-469-5601	Don & Mary Smith
Jordan Smith, (chess lessons) age 17		281-469-5601	Don & Mary Smith

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.

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WILLOWBRIDGE MARKET REPORT

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This market information report is provided to keep you informed of resale market activity in your subdivision.

	Nov 05	Dec 05	Jan 06	Feb 06	Mar 06	Apr 06
\$230,000 +	0	0	0	0	0	0
\$210,000-229,999	1	0	0	0	0	0
\$190,000-209,999	1	0	0	1	0	0
\$170,000-189,999	1	2	0	0	0	0
\$150,000-169,999	0	0	2	0	0	1
\$150,000 -	0	0	0	0	0	0
TOTAL	3	2	2	1	0	1
Highest \$/Sq Ft	80.72	73.27	74.19	89.81		76.19

This chart represents resale homes that have sold and closed in the past 6 months according to the Houston Multiple Listing Service.

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