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From your Safety Committee

We have observed many vehicles parking in different areas and directions throughout our subdivision and thought we might pass on the Texas Department of Transportation's view on this subject.

TRANSPORTATION CODE

CHAPTER 545. OPERATION AND MOVEMENT OF VEHICLES

SUBCHAPTER G. STOPPING, STANDING, AND PARKING

§ 545.301. STOPPING, STANDING, OR PARKING OUTSIDE A BUSINESS OR RESIDENCE DISTRICT. (a) An operator may not stop, park, or leave standing an attended or unattended vehicle on the main traveled part of a highway outside a business or residence district unless:

(1) stopping, parking, or leaving the vehicle off the main traveled part of the highway is not practicable;

(2) a width of highway beside the vehicle is unobstructed and open for the passage of other vehicles; and

(3) the vehicle is in clear view for at least 200 feet in each direction on the highway.

(b) This section does not apply to an operator of a vehicle that is disabled while on the paved or main traveled part of a highway if it is impossible to avoid stopping and temporarily leaving the vehicle on the highway.

Acts 1995, 74th Leg., ch. 165, § 1, eff. Sept. 1, 1995.

§ 545.302. STOPPING, STANDING, OR PARKING PROHIBITED IN CERTAIN PLACES. (a) An operator may not stop, stand, or park a vehicle:

(1) on the roadway side of a vehicle stopped or parked at the edge or curb of a street;

(2) on a sidewalk;

(3) in an intersection;

(4) on a crosswalk;

(5) between a safety zone and the adjacent curb or within 30 feet of a place on the curb immediately opposite the ends of a safety zone, unless the governing body of a municipality designates a different length by signs or markings;

(6) alongside or opposite a street excavation or obstruction if stopping, standing, or parking the vehicle would obstruct traffic;

(7) on a bridge or other elevated structure on a highway or in a highway tunnel;

(8) on a railroad track; or

(9) where an official sign prohibits stopping.

(b) An operator may not, except momentarily to pick up or discharge a passenger, stand or park an occupied or unoccupied vehicle:

(1) in front of a public or private driveway[0];

(2) within 15 feet of a fire hydrant;

(3) within 20 feet of a crosswalk at an intersection;

(4) within 30 feet on the approach to a flashing signal, stop sign, yield sign, or traffic-control signal located at the side of a roadway;

(5) within 20 feet of the driveway[0] entrance to a fire station and on the side of a street opposite the entrance to a fire station within 75 feet of the entrance, if the entrance is properly marked with a sign; or

(6) where an official sign prohibits standing.

(c) An operator may not, except temporarily to load or unload merchandise or passengers, park an occupied or unoccupied vehicle:

(1) within 50 feet of the nearest rail of a railroad crossing; or

(2) where an official sign prohibits parking.

(d) A person may stop, stand, or park a bicycle on a sidewalk if the bicycle does not impede the normal and reasonable movement of pedestrian or other traffic on the sidewalk.

(e) A municipality may adopt an ordinance exempting a private vehicle operated by an elevator constructor responding to an elevator emergency from Subsections (a)(1), (a)(5), (a)(6), (a)(9), (b), and (c).

(f) Subsections (a), (b), and (c) do not apply if the avoidance of conflict with other traffic is necessary or if the operator is complying with the law or the directions of a police officer or official traffic-control device.

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Please contact us via our community website at www.willowpointe.org if you have questions, comments or concerns. Our e-mail box can be found by clicking on the HOA Board Box.

Cypress Assistance Ministries School Supplies Needed

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Families of hundreds of school-aged children in the Cypress/Northwest Houston area are depending on CAM to assist them with necessary school supplies for their children. These start-up supplies can be impossible to fit into an already strained budget. Your donations of the following would be greatly appreciated:

- pocket folders with brads
- washable markers
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- pencil boxes
- scissors and rulers
- new socks and underwear in all sizes

For the Food Pantry, donations of the following will help families with children home for the summer:

peanut butter & jelly, cold cereal, pasta, Spaghetti Os, snack foods

Donations can be made Monday through Wednesday from 10AM – 6PM and Thursday through Saturday from 10AM – 3PM.

For a description of the services and volunteer opportunities at Cypress Assistance Ministries, please see our web site, www.cypressassistanministries.com

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(g) If the governing body of a municipality determines that it is necessary to improve the economic development of the municipality's central business district and that it will not adversely affect public safety, the governing body may adopt an ordinance regulating the standing, stopping, or parking of a vehicle at a place described by Subsection (a)(1), other than a road or highway in the state highway system, in the central business district of the municipality as defined in the ordinance. To the extent of any conflict between the ordinance and Subsection (a)(1), the ordinance controls.

Acts 1995, 74th Leg., ch. 165, § 1, eff. Sept. 1, 1995. Amended by Acts 1999, 76th Leg., ch. 814, § 1, eff. June 18, 1999.

§ 545.303. ADDITIONAL PARKING REGULATIONS.

(a) An operator who stops or parks on a two-way roadway shall do so with the right-hand wheels of the vehicle parallel to and within 18 inches of the right-hand curb or edge of the roadway.

(b) An operator who stops or parks on a one-way roadway shall stop or park the vehicle parallel to the curb or edge of the roadway in the direction of authorized traffic movement with the right-hand wheels within 18 inches of the right-hand curb or edge of the roadway or the left-hand wheels within 18 inches of the left-hand curb or edge of the roadway. This subsection does not apply where a local ordinance otherwise regulates stopping or parking on the one-way roadway.

(c) A local authority by ordinance may permit angle parking on a roadway. This subsection does not apply to a federal-aid or state highway unless the director of the Texas Department of Transportation determines that the roadway is wide enough to permit angle parking without interfering with the free movement of traffic.

(d) The Texas Department of Transportation, on a highway under the jurisdiction of that department, may place signs prohibiting or restricting the stopping, standing, or parking of a vehicle on the highway where the director of the Texas Department of Transportation determines that stopping, standing, or parking is dangerous to, or would unduly interfere with, the free movement of traffic on the highway.

(e) To the extent of any conflict between Subsection (a) or (b) and a municipal ordinance adopted under Section 545.302 (g), the ordinance controls.

Acts 1995, 74th Leg., ch. 165, § 1, eff. Sept. 1, 1995. Amended by Acts 1999, 76th Leg., ch. 814, § 2, eff. June 18, 1999.

Greg Decker, Vice-President WPHOA

Cancer Counseling, Inc Support Group Comes to Cypress

A support group for cancer patients and caregivers is beginning on Thursday, June 14 at 7 PM at Messiah Lutheran Church in Cypress, 11522 Telge Road, one-half mile north of Highway 290. The group will be led by licensed therapists from Cancer Counseling, Inc, a non-profit organization located near the Medical Center, 713-520-9873. Messiah Lutheran is hosting a satellite group of Cancer Counseling for folks in the Cypress area who need some support and who don't need another drive to the Medical Center. The group will be ongoing, meeting on the 2nd and 4th Thursday evenings of the month. The meetings are FREE, and all people in the community who are dealing with cancer are invited. Questions? Call 281-890-3013, and ask for Lynette.

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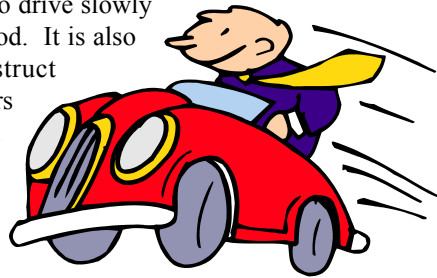


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PLEASE...SLOW DOWN!

Drive slowly through the subdivision & always come to a complete stop at the stop signs.

Please take the time to drive slowly through the neighborhood. It is also important that you instruct your friends and visitors to also be cautious and drive slowly while in our Community.



Do you have an article for the newsletter?

If you would like to submit an article or any information for the Willow Pointe Homeowners Newsletter, you may do so by sending the information in Word format to stevenrlewis@sbcglobal.net. Please include your name and a means to contact you. *All information is due no later than the 5th of the month and is subject to editorial approval as well as available space.*

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The Pearl Days Bus Trip to the Museum of Fine Arts Houston

The Pearl Fincher Museum of Fine Arts-Cypress Creek is offering northwest residents a bus excursion to the Museum of Fine Arts, Houston on Friday, June 29, 2007.

The MFAH is currently showcasing several exhibits including: The Great Wall of China: Photographs by Chen Changfen, Arms and Armor from the Ancient World and Fit for a King: English Silver from the Collection of Geroge S. Heyer, Jr.

Participants will have the opportunity to attend a private docent-conducted tour of the exhibition at 10:30 a.m. as well as the noon Lunchtime Tour of Highlights of the European Galleries.

The bus leaves the parking lot behind the Cypress Creek Christian Church/Barbara Bush Library at 6815 Cypresswood Drive promptly at 9:00 a.m. Participants must be 50 years of age or older to ride the bus. If you are under the age of 50, we encourage you to carpool and meet the bus at MFAH. The Pearl Days Bus Trip is sponsored by the Volunteer organization for The Pearl Fincher Museum of Fine Arts-Cypress Creek. A \$5.00 non-refundable donation to The Pearl Fincher MFA will reserve your seat.

It's your museum! The renovation process of turning what once was the Harris County Library into a world class museum of fine arts is underway. Don't miss your chance to become a part of this exciting time. Participating in Pearl Days is one way you can show your support of our new museum. Don't miss the bus! Reserve your seat today by calling Laura Barousse at 281-370-5474 or Judi Redilla at 281-469-3434.

Visit online at www.pearlmfa.org to find out more ways you can support The Pearl and about upcoming events.

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Accident/Minor	1	1	2
Alarm Holdup	1	1	2
Alarm Local	2	10	12
Alarm/Hold-up	1	0	1
Alarm/Rep. Site	0	1	1
Animal/Humane	0	1	1
Assault	0	1	1
Assault/Agg	0	2	2
Burglary/Hab	1	1	2
Check Park	0	12	12
Contract Check	102	219	321
CreditCard Abuse	0	1	1
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Dist/Family	2	2	4
Dist/Juvenile	0	1	1
Dist/Loud Noise	4	4	8
Dist/Other	0	3	3
Domestic/Prevent	0	1	1
Drug/OD/Poss	0	1	1
Follow Up	0	3	3
Forgery	0	2	2
Information Call	2	1	3
Injury to Child	0	1	1
Meet the Citizen	3	4	7
Meet the Officer	0	1	1
Mud Building Ck	0	20	20
Open Door/Window	0	1	1
Robbery/Agg	0	1	1
Susp Person	1	3	4
Theft/Residence	1	1	2
Traffic Stop	10	33	43
Veh Abandoned	0	1	1
Veh Suspicious	1	3	4
Warrant Service	0	1	1
Welfare Check	0	1	1
Total	133	344	477

Garage Doors Certainly are "Beasts of Burden"

Submitted by Bill Cook

One of the most ignored and overlooked maintenance components of your home is your garage door and opener. These "beasts of burden" are frequently ignored, neglected and taken for granted...that is until they stop working.

An average two-car garage door has nearly forty moving parts and weighs approximately 300 pounds. When in the up position, the door is usually 8 feet above the floor with your second most expensive investment parked directly underneath. Last year approximately 20,000 garage door related injuries were treated in America's emergency rooms.

Given these facts, proper maintenance and repair should be a higher priority on our never-ending "to do lists".

Basic routine maintenance should be performed every six months to maximize performance and extend the life of the moving parts of your garage door(s). While repairs should be left to the professionals, the following activities should be completed every six months:

Door:

1. Lubricate hinge joints with a silicone-based lubricant. Be careful in selecting a product as many common spray lubricants are alcohol-based and can actually dry out moving parts.
2. Do not lubricate track and rollers. This common misconception only serves to attract dust particles and cause further wear. While it does appear to be a short-term fix, over that short time, problems will become worse.

3. Release the door from the opener by disengaging the trolley (pull the red string down). * Raise the door to the halfway point. A properly balanced door should remain in that position. If the door falls or rises on its own this is a symptom of spring failure. Improperly balanced garage doors can cause opener and/or door damage. * Raise and lower the door manually. The door should require no more than ten pounds of force to raise. This is the maximum weight residential openers are designed to raise. Clacking, screeching or popping sounds also indicate moving parts failure. * Please Do Not attempt any repairs as certain garage door components can cause serious injury!

Opener:

1. Chain and belt drive openers should have a light coating of silicone-based lubricant sprayed on the boom (bar from the motor unit to the door) twice per year.
2. If the system has safety eye sensors (located at the bottom of the door tracks), make sure these are properly aligned and free of dust and debris. An obstruction could stop the opener from closing the door.

POWER SURGES to your home can severely damage the electronics of electric door openers. Should your opener operate erratically, DO NOT attempt to continue using it as it may damage your garage door.

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Summer Camps at Cypress Christian School

Cypress Christian School will once again host summer camps for children and adults in the community.

Camp Invention - June 4 - 8: This is a week-long summer enrichment program in the fields of science, mathematics, history, and the arts for children entering grades 1 - 6.

Computer Explorers Summer Camp - June 11 - 15: During this week-long summer camp, elementary students will discover how to become Master Builders with hands-on exploration of engineering, construction, and programming.

High Touch - High Tech Science Camp - June 18- 22: This is a one-week session that brings a child's imagination to life as he/she enjoys a variety of interactive, science-related activities. It will be an inspiring week of fun and learning!

St. Thomas University Summer Reading Enrichment Program - June-August: CCS will host this program again this summer. It is scheduled to run from June to early August and is available to children and adults.

Sports Camps - June-July:

- **Volleyball Camps** - Most Mondays and Fridays from June 4 through July 30
 - Students of all grade levels are encouraged to attend to improve skill levels and knowledge of the game.
 - All grade levels through grade 8 (2007-2008) - 5:30 to 7:00 pm (Students in grades 6-8 can qualify for the Advanced session upon recommendation by the Coach)
 - Grades 9-12 (2007-2008) - 7:00 - 9:00 pm
- **Basketball Camps** - The main purpose of the camps is to teach the fundamentals of dribbling, shooting, passing, and defense, while also developing self-confidence and a positive mental attitude.
 - CCS Basketball Camp 1, June 18 - 21, 9:00 am to 12:00 pm (Camp 1 is for students entering 2nd- 6th)
 - CCS Basketball Camp 2, June 25 - 28, 9:00 am to 12:00 pm (Camp 2 is for students entering 7th-12th)
- **Sports Quest Soccer Camp** - June 25 - 29, 5:30 pm to 8:30 pm

Speed Limit Reduction Initiative

A new bill has recently passed in the Texas Senate. Senate Bill 540 gives the Harris County Commissioner's Court the authority to declare a lower speed limit of not less than 20 miles per hour in residential neighborhoods throughout Harris County.

In order to move this initiative forward, Paul Morgan, Willow Pointe resident, is circulating a petition which must be signed by 51% of the homeowners residing in Willow Pointe. If you are interested in supporting this initiative, please contact Paul at 281-807-9118.

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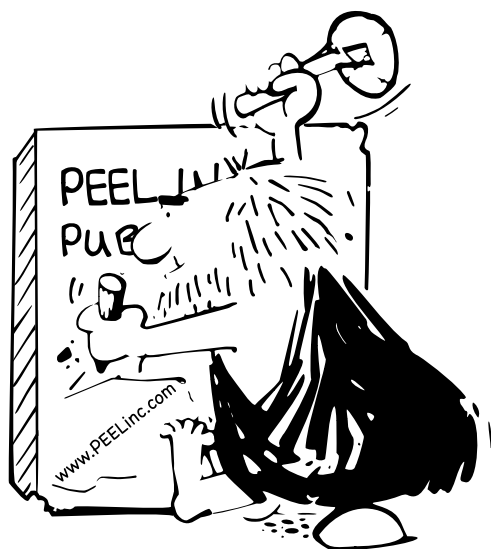
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This market information report is provided to keep you informed of resale market activity in your subdivision.

	Nov 06	Dec 06	Jan 07	Feb 07	Mar 07	Apr 07
\$180,000 Above	1	0	0	0	0	0
\$160,000-179,999	1	1	0	0	0	0
\$150,000-159,999	0	0	0	0	0	0
\$140,000-149,999	0	0	2	0	0	0
\$120,000-139,999	0	1	0	2	0	1
\$120,000 Below	0	0	0	0	0	0
TOTAL	2	2	2	2	0	1
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