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January HOA Meeting Highlights

- The HOA board members had fourteen homeowners join them at the January HOA meeting which was held on January 28th. The board continues to encourage everyone to come and participate in our HOA meetings every 4th Thursday of the month.
- A homeowner requested that the board allow a neighborhood garage sale this summer. Although our deed restrictions forbid garage sales in our community, the board agreed to allow the garage sale if a coordinator could be appointed and if community interest exists.
- Two of our resident Scouts proposed Eagle Scout projects to the board for consideration. Approval to construct benches near the playground/soccer field area was granted.
- The group assembled to address neighborhood traffic and parking concerns provided the board with an update.
 - o The group will spend the upcoming weeks seeking to determine exactly what the issues are.
 - o They have invited the local fire dept. to drive their emergency vehicles through the neighborhood to determine if community access issues exist.
- Our Security Coordinator, Julie Dubros, reported that our neighborhood remains relatively quiet with regard to criminal activity. She also reported that there have been reports of kids having "air-soft gun wars" which have resulted in minor damage to some homes and vehicles.
- The board is looking for a volunteer to be the website administrator for the Willowbridge/Stonebridge website. Please contact Kyle Survance if you are interested.

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Nominate your favorite at: willowbridgehoa.com or Call	
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Fax

281-870-9170

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

HOA MEETINGS

HOA meetings are held on the 4th Thursday of each month, 7:00 p.m. at the Clubhouse, unless otherwise noted on the marquee. Meetings are open to members and your attendance and participation are encouraged!

WELCOMING COMMITTEE

The Welcoming Committee meetings are the last Monday of each month.

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January HOA Meeting Highlights-

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- It was reported that we had “questionable” solicitors combing the neighborhood in January. Our community has a No Solicitation policy. If you witness this type of activity, please contact the Sheriff’s office.
- This year’s Spring Festival will be held March 7th. Details can be found elsewhere in this newsletter.
- The board agreed to renew the Pest Control contract.
- Renovations to the interior of the clubhouse are complete. A new roof will soon be installed.

If you wish to provide input or discussion topics for the committee, come join us on the fourth Thursday of each month or send an email to Khara Mathews at PCMI. The next meeting is scheduled for February 25th, 2010. Hope to see you there.

Green Up Your Home

- **Leaky Toilets, Sinks and Showerheads:** One drip can waste up to 20 gallons of water a day! To diagnose a toilet leak, add a few drops of food color (not blue or green) to the tank. Wait 30 minutes, check to see if the color has seeped into the bowl.
- **Shower Curtains:** Many are made of PVC (polyvinyl chloride), which contains volatile organic compounds (VOCs) that have been linked to a variety of health problems. Replace with cloth or look for PVC-free plastic shower curtains.
- **Closets/Dressers:** Don’t use mothballs! They contain naphthalene, a chemical classified as a potential carcinogen by the EPA. Keep pests out of your clothes with pine or rosemary sachets.
- **Air Fresheners:** Many contain phthalates, which have been linked to health risks. Instead, grind lemon, lime or orange peels or baking soda in the garbage disposal. You can also put baking soda in trash cans. And on a pretty day, open the windows and let the fresh air (or as fresh as it gets here) in.
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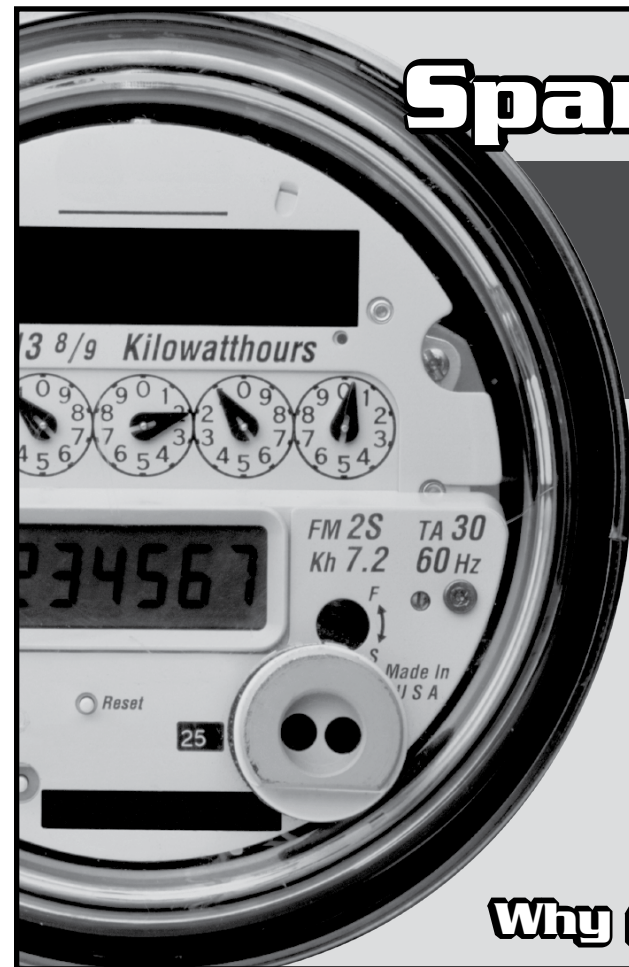
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I BRAKE FOR GARAGE SALES!!

by: Barbara Lallinger

Do you? Are you a garage sale enthusiast? Or, would you just like to have a little extra money in your pocket?

At the February HOA meeting a new resident inquired about having a community garage sale. She was told that first and foremost, garage sales are not allowed in our community according to our deed restrictions. However, in the past the board has considered allowing a garage sale if enough residents show interest by signing a petition.

Garage sales are another form of recycling (and you get paid for it!). They can be beneficial financially and help you clean out your garage, attic and house. With today's economic woes, who can't use a little extra money? We need your request as soon as possible so that the petition can be presented to the board for approval and to get started on the tremendous amount of planning that goes into it. We plan to have it in late April or early May, hopefully avoiding our heat. This year we may also request a small fee (no more than \$5 per home) from participating residents to help offset some of the marketing/signage costs.

If interested in petitioning/requesting the board to approve a community garage sale, please do so by emailing your request in the following format. Only one email per household please.

To: wb-garagesale@live.com

I declare my support for a request to the Willowbridge/Stonebridge HOA for a community garage sale.

Name

Address

Telephone number(s)

If you are interested in serving on the Garage Sale Committee, please note on your email or contact me at (281) 890-8464.

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Book Exchange

Most of us have old books lying around that we know we'll never pick up again. If this is you, then come participate in Girl Scout Troop 15014's book exchange at the Willowbridge/Stonebridge Spring Festival on March 7. We will have a booth set up where you can swap books! Bring any books you no longer want to read and exchange them for other books. You can exchange as many books as you like. The only rule is that you only take the amount of books that you leave. Bring "old" books to the festival, and you'll go home with "new" ones! This is open to everyone, so feel free to bring books for all ages. Remember, you will not get back the books you exchange, so make sure you don't regret giving away wanted books. Any books not exchanged will be donated to charity.

THE RECIPE BOX

Field Greens, Crumbled Blue Cheese and Spicy Pecans

By: *Debbie Slater*

VINAIGRETTE

- 2/3 c. sugar
- 1 t. dry mustard
- 1 t. salt
- 2/3 c. distilled
- 3 T. apple cider vinegar
- 4 1/2 t. onion juice
- 2 T. Worcestershire sauce
- 1 c. vegetable oil

SPICY PECANS

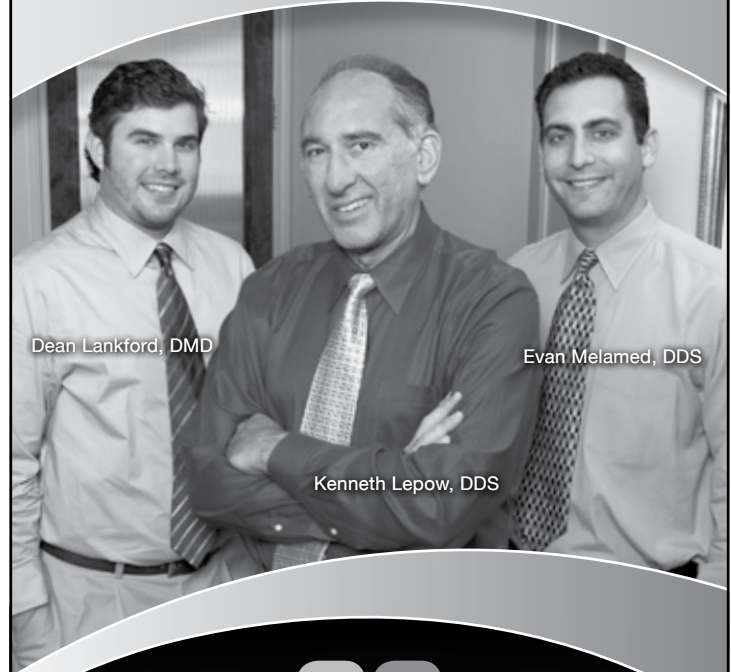
- 2 large egg whites
- 1 1/2 t. salt
- 3/4 c. sugar
- 2 t. Worcestershire sauce
- 2 T. Hungarian paprika
- VINAIGRETTE: Combine sugar, dry mustard, salt and vinegars. Stir until sugar is dissolved. Whisk in onion juice and Worcestershire. Add oil slowly, whisking continuously until blended.
- SALAD: Toss greens, onions, blue cheese, apple and pecans in a salad bowl. Add vinaigrette, tossing to coat.
- SPICY PECANS: Preheat oven to 325 degrees. Beat egg whites with salt until foamy. Add sugar, Worcestershire paprika and cayenne. Fold in pecans and melted butter. Spread pecans evenly on a baking sheet. Bake 30 to 40 minutes, stirring every 10 minutes. Remove from oven and cool. Store pecans in an airtight container (may be frozen). Yields 4 1/2 cups.

SALAD

- 4 c. mixed field greens
- 2 green onions, chopped
- 4 oz. blue cheese, crumbled
- 1 Granny Smith apple, cored, seeded & chopped
- 1/4 c. Spicy Pecans, coarsely chopped

- 1 1/2 t. cayenne pepper
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- 6 T. unsalted butter, and cooled

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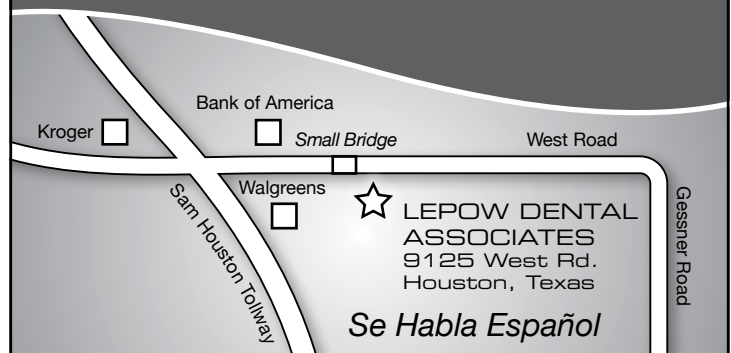
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Scouting For Food Pickup

SATURDAY MARCH 6

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TALKING TRASH

by: Barbara Lallinger

At the February monthly homeowner's meeting an attendee asked what we were doing to comply with the new law requiring trash bags to be biodegradable. Please be advised that this is a City of Houston law, not Harris County (at least not yet). These bags cost more than regular trash bags but are also better for the environment. At this time we can continue using any type of bag we prefer.

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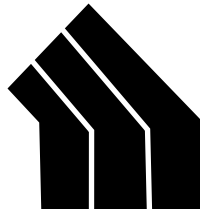
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