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November HOA *Meeting Highlights*

- Due to the Thanksgiving holiday falling on the last Thursday of the month in November, November's HOA meeting was moved to December 2.
- Nine homeowners joined the board members for the November meeting.
- President, Julie Dubros, introduced our new PCMI coordinator, Margie Naranjo. Khara Mathews will no longer be managing the Willowbridge/Stonebridge account.
- Several homeowners voiced concern over the new tennis court program and the program's ability to judiciously reserve court time for homeowners. The board is looking into online reservation applications that will allow reservations on a first come; first serve basis and will allow a limited number of reservations at one time.
- We had two homeowners volunteer to be on the Tennis Committee.
- Board member, Robert Logsdon, is evaluating irrigation cycles and consumption in an attempt to better understand the system and eliminate inefficiencies.
- The corner rounds along Willowbridge Park Blvd were once again a topic of discussion. Some rounds look healthy while others are not so healthy. It appears the rounds that look unhealthy are located on corners where irrigation is not available. The board continues to struggle with ways to better maintain the corner rounds.
- New board member, Patrick Smith, has been discussing enhancements to the pool program with our pool maintenance group, Texas Aquatics. A couple of the ideas included a tag program that would allow the lifeguards and fellow swimmers to identify less experienced or non-swimmers. Another program includes swim lessons. These are just a couple of the offered programs discussed.
- Patrick also submitted revised ARC guidelines for the board to review. The board agreed to a few changes and will vote on the revised guidelines once a final document is presented.

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We will have:

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HOA MEETINGS

Willowbridge/Stonebridge Homeowner's Association meetings are held the fourth Wednesday of each month at the community clubhouse at 7:00 pm.

WELCOMING COMMITTEE

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

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.

Talking Trash

A neighborly reminder from the Trash Lady: Garbage and/ or recyclables should not be placed at the curb for pick-up any earlier than the night before the scheduled pick-up. This includes grass clippings. Please help keep the neighborhood looking its best by minimizing the time our garbage and garbage cans are visible to our neighbors and our visitors.

November HOA Meeting - (Continued from Cover Page)

- The board agreed that the current clubhouse rental fee is inadequate to maintain the clubhouse as needed. As a result, the board agreed to increase the rental rate to \$250 per rental.
- Several homeowners discussed the speed limits posted throughout the neighborhood and feel they are too high. The board advised that attempts to lower the speed limit in the neighborhood can be submitted to Harris County.
- Officer Delatorre stated that the neighborhood has been calm lately. He reminded the homeowners to be mindful of their surroundings during this holiday season.
- Each year the board elects new officers. Kyle Survance was elected as president and Karen Roush was elected as vice-president. Robert will remain treasurer and Julie and Patrick are directors.
- Monthly HOA Meetings will be moved to the 4th WEDNESDAY of the month.

The HOA does not hold a monthly meeting in December due to the holiday season. The next meeting will be Wednesday, January 26. If you wish to provide input or discussion topics for the committee, come join us on the fourth Wednesday of each month or send an email to Margie Navanjo at PCMI. We hope to see you on January 26.



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TALKING TRASH

by Barbara Lallinger

Everyone has been doing a really great job with their holiday trash up to the date this went to the printers (Dec. 10). Hopefully, Christmas trash followed suit! Thursday—our normal pick-up dates) that you can clip or copy and put in a handy place for reference throughout the year. Please note that T & R at the end denotes: Trash and/or Recycle. Remember....Heavy Trash pick-up is on Thursdays.

Please find below the 2011 Holiday Trash/Recycle Schedule for Waste Management's holidays observed (Monday and

HOLIDAY	DATE	PICK-UP Y/N	NEXT PICK-UP DATE
New Year's Day	01-01-11	No (Saturday)	01-01 (Monday – T Only)
Memorial Day	05-30-11	No (Monday)	06-02 (Thursday – T & R)
Independence Day	07-04-11	No (Monday)	07-07 (Thursday – T & R)
Labor Day	09-05-11	No (Monday)	09-08 (Thursday – T & R)
Thanksgiving Day	11-24-11	No (Thursday)	11-28 (Monday – T Only)
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Well, personally, I think it's about time for one!!! Spring is right around the corner just waiting to call each one of us outdoors again. And in what better way can a homeowner say, "I love my home, and my neighborhood" than to try to have a beautiful yard?

Did you know that gardening is a tradition that spans hundreds of years and all continents? Yet, it is an ever-changing creative process, too. Gardeners must apply techniques that fit their particular situation. These techniques sometimes are promoted as new, but often turn out to be little more than innovative updates of good old common sense. So do you have a creative side? Do you have gardening techniques that you would be willing to share to make our neighborhood more beautiful?

Some people call gardening a form of magic, others call it a therapy. Still others say its good exercise; some will call it only an excuse – an excuse to be outdoors or to slow down for a moment to nurture a plant. No matter what you call gardening; I hope you'll want to join us in January to discuss the formation of a garden club – nothing formal, just getting our hands dirty and having some good old-fashioned fun. Meet your neighbors, share your gardening tips, or just come and learn something new! If you are interested, contact Theresa Honeycheck at honeyt1@comcast.net. Hope to see you at the Willowbridge Club House on Tuesday evening, January 11th, 2011 at 7:00 p.m.! Happy New Year!

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NEW TENNIS TAGS

We have new tennis tags for Willowbridge Residents. Four tags will be distributed per family; two resident tags and two guest tags. We only have two courts therefore a large family may not be able to play all at once. Tennis players must wear tags while playing on courts. This will help identify who should and should not be on our courts.



- Residents will receive two green "member" tags and two "white" guest tags that have identical numbers on both of the tags.
- Every guest must be accompanied by a resident host and wear the white tag that has the host member's number.
- Any resident who allows another player to use their tag agrees to forfeit their tennis court rights for twelve months.
- If a guest plays with a guest tag without being accompanied at the courts by the member, the white guest tag will be confiscated indefinitely.

To reserve the courts on-line, please visit the neighborhood website. The HOA wants to ensure that all residents have equal opportunity playing time on the courts. Perry Sontag has volunteered to be our Tennis Coordinator; if you have any questions regarding "Tennis in Willowbridge" e-mail Perry at sontagp@sbcglobal.net.



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Community Garage Sale Fun and Profitable---A Form of Recycling by Walter Griffin

A garage sale, also known as a yard sale, rummage sale, tag sale, attic sale, moving sale, or junk sale, is an informal, irregularly scheduled event for the sale of used goods by private individuals. Typically the goods in a garage sale are unwanted items from the household with the home owners conducting the sale. The goods are sometimes new, likenew, or just usable, offered for sale because the owner does not want or need the item, to minimize their possessions, or to raise funds. Popular motivations for a garage sale are "Spring Cleaning" or the owner's move to a new residence, to even getting some well-earned spending money. The sales venue is typically a garage, driveway, carport, front yard porch, or occasionally, the interior of a house.

Staples of garage sales include old clothing, books, toys, household knickknacks, lawn and garden tools, sports equipment, and board games. Larger items like furniture and occasionally home appliances are also sold. Garage sales occur most frequently in suburban areas on good-weather weekends, and usually have designated hours for the sale. Buyers who arrive before the hours of the sale to review the items are known as "Early Birds;" they often are professional restorers or resellers. Such sales also attract people who are searching for bargains or for rare and unusual items. Bargaining, also known as haggling, on prices is routine, and items may or may not have price labels affixed. Some people buy goods from these sales to restore them for resale.

If you are interested in having a community garage sale in the WillowBridge and StoneBridge communities, send me a note with your email address to: wbgarage10@ gmail.com. I will forward to you a copy of the rules and guidelines as set forth by our HOA for conducting a

garage sale in our community.

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