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## Finding Lost Pets *by Sonia Moore*

In the event your beloved pet escapes your possession and forgets where home is, preplanning and quick action provide the best chance for their safe return.

- Always keep identification on your pet! Put ALL your phone numbers on the tag. Check tags often to make sure they are legible.
- Microchip your pet. Talk to your veterinarian.
- Have your pet spayed or neutered.
- Repair loose boards and holes in your fencing

Immediately take the following actions. The longer you wait, the farther your pet travels and the more likely your pet is to become injured.

- Post signs at grocery stores, pet stores, veterinary clinics, churches, and apartment complex laundry-mats.
- Walk, bike, or drive slowly through your neighborhood several times a day. Call your pet's name, and then listen and look. Do this OFTEN. Hearing your voice may encourage your pet to answer you. After you call your pet's name a few times, remain in one place long enough for your pet to find you. Go out at night with a flashlight and call for your pet.
- Ask neighbors and post people if they have seen your pet. Print and hand out flyers with your pet's photo and your phone numbers. On top of the flyer put the word "REWARD" in large print so it can be seen from a car.
- Visit animal shelters, rescues, and animal-control agencies in your city. File a "Lost" pet report with them. Provide an accurate description and a photo of your pet. Check with the shelters every few days. Notify the police if you believe that your pet may have been stolen.
- If lost near a busy highway or road, contact the Texas Department of Transportation.
- When you find your pet! Make certain to inform all the places you contacted and remove all flyers.
- Lost Cat Tip: The majority of «lost» cats remain in the general area from which they disappeared.
- Lost Dog Tip: A «lost» dog will likely travel into the oncoming wind. Make this your first direction of search.

### FREE RESOURCES

- |  |                |                       |
|--|----------------|-----------------------|
| • Citizens for Animal Protection (CAP) | • Pets911      | • Houston Community   |
| • Houston Area Animal Shelters         | • Findtoto.com | • Newspapers          |
| • Houston Chronicle Lost Pets          | • Craig's List | • Help Me Find My Pet |
| • Pet Finder                           | • Find Fido    |                       |
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## SCOUTING FOR FOOD PICKUP

Cub Scout Pack 866 (Gleason Elementary) is collecting for Northwest Assistance Ministries (NAM)

Please help by contributing non-perishable food and personal care items. Bags can be left on your front porch by 8am for pickup that morning.

THANK YOU FOR HELPING!!

(for information, contact Rebecca Jones @ rjones6736@yahoo.com)



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

## 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](http://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.

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## CRIME TIP

### *Reporting Suspicious Activity*

The sheriff's department cannot function effectively without the assistance of responsible citizens. We need your help in reporting suspicious activity. Some people fail to call because they are not aware of what is considered suspicious. Others notice suspicious activity and assume someone else will call. Still, others fail to call because they feel they are bothering the police. We encourage everyone to call the police IMMEDIATELY if they feel a situation or circumstance is suspicious. DO NOT think you are bothering the police; this is why they are here! DO NOT be embarrassed if your suspicions prove unfounded.

IF IN DOUBT, CALL! It is better to err on the side of safety. Following is a list of incidents that should be reported to the police by dialing 9-1-1. This list is not intended to be complete. Use your own judgment when calling the sheriff's department.

- Someone needing police, fire, or medical assistance
- Alarms sounding or glass being broken
- Someone loitering around cars or going car to car peering into them

- Slow moving vehicles (at night without lights) driving aimlessly.
- Apparent business transactions being conducted from a vehicle
- Someone seen being forced into a vehicle
- Abandoned vehicle parked on your block
- Someone seen with a weapon
- Someone loitering, entering or leaving a business before or after hours

While some, if not all, of the above situations could have innocent explanations, the police would rather prevent illegal activity than be called to investigate a crime after it is committed. Please remember, timely reporting is important. Call the Sheriff's Department at 713-221-6000 as you witness suspicious activity! If you have any questions or concerns regarding the Willowbridge Crime Watch Group, e-mail our Security Coordinator at [martin@juliedubros.com](mailto:martin@juliedubros.com)



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## Parking Violations & Texas State Laws

If you have received an orange flyer on your windshield of your vehicle, here is why; the state law prohibits the following:

- Blocking driveways
- Parking too close to intersections
- Parking too close to corners
- Blocking fire hydrants
- Parking in fire lanes

### BLOCKING SIDEWALKS

If a vehicle is parked blocking a sidewalk, it becomes very difficult for pedestrians, bicycles, children, strollers and wheelchairs to pass safely. Blocking the sidewalk can result in forcing these people to enter into the street causing unsafe conditions.

### BLOCKING DRIVEWAYS

When a vehicle is parked blocking a driveway, it creates an inconvenience for the homeowners attempting to leave, or enter his/her driveway.

### 48-HOUR PARKING

No vehicle can be parked on any residential street for more than 48 consecutive hours.

### PARKING TOO CLOSE TO AN INTERSECTION OR CROSSWALK

Vehicles may not be parked within 30 feet of a stop sign or within 20 feet of a crosswalk.

### BLOCKING A FIRE HYDRANT

This is one of the most common violations is when a vehicle is parked blocking a fire hydrant, or fire lane. This can create problems for emergency vehicles and hinders their ability to do their job effectively. No vehicles may be parked within 15 feet of a fire hydrant.

### PARKING NEXT TO CURBS AND ONCOMING TRAFFIC

Vehicles cannot be more than 18" away from the curb and must be parallel to curb – the vehicle cannot park with the front or rear of the vehicle pointing to the curb (cul-de- sacs). The vehicle must be parked in the same direction as the traffic flow.

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### SWIM TEAM REGISTRATION

Make a splash this summer! Register for the Winchester Hurricanes Swim Team on Saturday April 14th at the Winchester Country Clubhouse at 9607 Rio Grande Road, from 10 am to noon. Who Can Join? You Can! The requirements to join the team are simple:

- You must be between the ages of 4 and 18 and be able to swim one length of the pool unaided. The "6 & under" age group can stop and hold the lane line if necessary.
- We especially need swimmers in the "6 & Under" age group.
- We will be offering our "Guppy school" again this year for those of you who are not sure about joining. After the first week of practice, if you or the coach decides your swimmer is not ready for the team, your registration fees will be refunded.

You can fill out the registration forms ahead and bring them with you by visiting our website: <http://winchesterhurricanes.com/Registration.aspx>. You can also get information and registration forms at the Winchester Country Easter Event on March 24 at the Winchester Country Clubhouse. The cost is \$95 each for the first 2 swimmers, \$50 for the 3rd swimmer, and \$40 for the 4th swimmer. This is a great deal for 10 weeks of practice and swim meets! A

refundable volunteer deposit check is required at registration. Fees include a trophy, a team t-shirt, and the team party.

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## THE RECIPE BOX

### Breast of Chicken with Shrimp and Pecan Brown Rice

#### INGREDIENTS

- 2 large chicken breasts
- ½ c. chopped onion
- 1 clove of garlic, minced
- ¾ c. dry white wine
- Nutmeg, salt and pepper, to taste
- 1 ½ c. shrimp
- 2 T, butter or margarine
- ½ c. all-purpose flour
- 2 T. parsley, chopped
- 2 T. butter or margarine
- ½ c. sour cream
- ½ c. celery, chopped
- Pecan Brown Rice
- 1 ½ c. fresh mushrooms, sliced

#### DIRECTIONS

- Rinse chicken and pat dry. Cut into bite-sized pieces. Sprinkle with seasonings.
- Let stand in refrigerator for 30 minutes. Coat well with flour. Brown in 2 tablespoons butter in skillet. Add celery, mushrooms, onion and wine. Simmer, covered, for 30 minutes. Saute shrimp in 2 tablespoons butter in skillet for 5 minutes. Add to chicken mixture. Add parsley and sour cream. Cook until heated through. Serve over Pecan Brown Rice. Yields: 4 servings

#### Pecan Brown Rice

- 3 ¼ c. cold water
- 1/8 t. pepper
- 1 ½ c. brown rice
- ¾ c. pecans, coarsely chopped & toasted
- 2 T. butter or margarine
- 2 t. instant chicken bouillon
- ¼ c. parsley, chopped
- Combine rice, water, butter, bouillon and pepper in large saucepan; cover tightly. Bring to a boil; reduce heat. Cook for 40 minutes; do not remove cover.
- Remove from heat. Let stand, covered for 10 minutes. Stir in toasted pecans and parsley. Yields: 4 servings.

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