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Yard of the Month

James and Janie Spriggs who reside at 9526 Willowbridge Park Blvd were awarded the Yard of the month honors for March. The Spriggs' were chosen because of their freshly cut green grass and its balanced look and feel. James and Janie have lived in Willowbridge for 20 years and were the 34th family in the neighborhood. Congratulations James and Janie!

An Alternative to Garage Sales

By: A Concerned Neighbor

I read the garage sale notice in the Willowbridge News. However; I am not sure which residences or how many are asking "when are we going to have another garage sale?" One thing can be said for annual garage sales though; they attract high volumes of traffic which will block street access and driveways.

Door-to-door garage sales in upscale communities will aid to solicit criminal activity from many surrounding locations. These types of events help fuel thieves with a free access cover to gain knowledge of home property security weaknesses, ages and sex of family members, and the types of vehicles and other equipment they own. These type of events can also create an atmosphere for future

vandalism and life treating situations if the more experience predators decide to come back later with additional resources to cause a more long lasting chaos effect.

As we continue to have more home burglaries in this down economy and try to keep solicitors out of our community that may have alternative reasons why they are actually here, we need to keep our guard up to be successful in protecting the environment we live in and not invite events that may cause more harm than good for our community security efforts.

There are many ways to sell or donate surplus items without putting the community at risk for possible security problems. I encourage and recommend folks to join in with a friend or family member that lives in a community

that allows these types of sale events.

The below websites offer free ads that can bring much more money than a typical garage sale ever could. If you have access to a digital camera and know someone with decent computer writing skills the financial rewards will be much more beneficial and safer for everyone.

<http://houston.craigslist.org/>

<http://houston.ebayclassifieds.com/>

<http://www.houstonsuperads.com/Classifieds/index.aspx>

Trader's Village also hosts large weekend roof covered community garage sale events for reasonable prices. This is an affordable way for residences to group together and organize their own garage sale.

<http://tradersvillage.com/houston>

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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.
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The School Zone

By: Barbara Lallinger

Have you noticed the new safety fence installed near the walker/bike rider door at Gleason? It looks great and addresses an important safety issue. It's another fine example of your PTO dollars at work.

SAVE THE DATE

4/14...(Sat.).....Gleason PTO Carnival & Silent Auction
2:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.....It just keeps getting better & better!

4/20....(Fri.).....VIPS Appreciation Luncheon @ Berry Center
11:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.....(For volunteers with logged hours)

5/14... (Tues.).....PTO Elections @ Gleason.....All Day
New process to allow busy parents more time to vote – officers will be announced at General Board Meeting that night)

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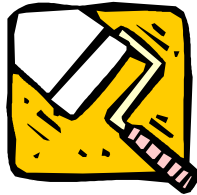
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IMGREEN Recycling at Gleason

Out with the blue...in with the bright green! Gleason EL has recently replaced the blue Abitibi paper retrievers with bright green IMGREEN dumpsters (that's what the company calls them). Sustainable Recycling located at 9210 Emmott Rd is the owner of the new dumpsters.

Three are designated for paper (newspaper, copies, phonebooks, envelopes--do not have to remove cellophane windows, magazines & inserts) and cardboard (please flatten for optimum filling of the dumpsters). The new dumpsters have a large grate on the front which aids the drivers in determining if contaminants such as paint and/or oil has been placed in them (if the driver has picked up at several other schools this can contaminate everything picked up to this point).

When putting shredded paper in the dumpsters, please put in a plastic bag, to prevent the shreds coming out through grates and blowing all over the parking lot and/or playground. The fourth dumpster is designated for plastic and aluminum. Plastics with a recycle code of 1, 2, 3, 4 & 5 may be deposited in it. Aluminum, including soda, beer and food cans and clean aluminum containers may also be deposited. Gleason receives credit for the plastic and cans only if they are bagged (any type/color garbage bag) and a UPC sticker attached to the front. The UPC stickers may be found in a plastic folder attached to the front of the dumpster.

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Butterfly Festival

Fun for Family

Sunday, April 22, 12-3:00 PM

Messiah Lutheran Church is hosting its annual Butterfly Family Festival on Sunday, April 22, 12-3:00 PM at 11522 Telge Road in Cypress. The event will include a barbecue lunch, a silent auction, a raffle, a live butterfly release, and games and activities for all ages. Raffle items include an iPad 2 and other popular electronics. The silent auction includes great items, large and small.

There will be lots of free activities, including two free shows with a professional puppeteer and a chance to meet a clown and her friend (pictured)! This year there will be an opportunity

to view Messiah's staff locked in combat via sumo wrestling, and even participate if you choose!

The day's events will benefit Chrysalis, A Grace Place for Children, featuring a Christian preschool, after school, and summer camp programs. Chrysalis Christian Preschool admits students of any race, color, and national or ethnic origin. Bring the whole family to see the butterfly release, eat some great food, and have some fun! Craft booths are invited. Call 281-807-0764 or go to www.messiahlc.org for further information.

Messiah Lutheran Church is a grace place, a congregation of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America (ELCA). Messiah is located at 11522 Telge Road, ½ mile north of Highway 290. Regular Sunday worship times are: 8 am—Traditions; 9:30 am—The Gathering; and 10:45 am—The Crossing. The Discovery (education) Hour is 9:15-10:15 AM on Sundays. For more information, 281-890-3013 or www.messiahlc.org. All people are welcome at Messiah.



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RECIPE OF THE MONTH

Carrots au Gratin

Ingredients

- 2 lbs. carrot, sliced
- 1/8 tsp. pepper
- 1/2 Cup chopped onions
- 1 1/2 C milk
- 1/4 Cup oleo, divided
- 4 oz. processed
- 3 T. flour
- American cheese, cubed
- 1/2 tsp. salt
- 1 T. dried parsley

Cook carrots until tender crisp. Drain. In saucepan saute onions in 3 T butter. Stir in flour, salt, & pepper. Gradually add milk and bring to boil. Cook for 1 minute or until thickened. Stir in cheese until melted. Add carrots and parsley. Pour in greased 2 quart baking dish. Melt remaining butter and pour over carrots. Bake at 350° 20-25 minutes or until bubbly. (8-10 servings)

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