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Yard of the Month



APRIL YARD OF THE MONTH

9710 Slate Field Drive in Stonebridge was selected yard of the month for their colorful arrangement of spring flowers, and manicured lawn. The French's yard is adorned with petunias, begonias, marigolds, Gerber Daisies, red coleus, salvia, Day Lillies, hibiscus plants, jasmine ground cover, sego palms, azalea bushes, boxwoods, pear tree, palms, and fountain grass. Please take a moment to drive by this home and admire their beautiful gardens. Congratulations to the French Family on a yard well done!

The YOM Program Grows!

Spring has sprung and the flowers and yards are looking great! With so many beautiful yards in our community, your board members agreed that one Yard of the Month award is not enough for all the hard work going into keeping our neighborhood looking great. Starting in May, we will be picking at least one in Willowbridge and Stonebridge. It could be up to four homes each month that will be picked. So please, keep working on that beautiful yard. You could be the next lucky winner! And by all means, if you have a Yard of the Month candidate, please email your nomination for Yard of the Month to Jennifer Y'Barbo at jhybarbo@subhou.com.

Garage Sale Reminder

If you are interested in having a neighborhood garage sale, please contact Barbara with the following wording (only 1 vote counts per family). I/We support a community garage sale in Willowbridge/Stonebridge. And please include your Name, Address and Telephone Number(s).

Email: wb-garagesale@live.com

Phone: (713) 827-7999

*Voting in no way obligates you to participate in the event.

*Also, for your vote to count, your annual HOA dues must be current.

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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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Spring Has Sprung!

By: Barbara Lallinger

But the HOA Spring Festival didn't. A festival coordinator did not come forward in time to have this event in April. Also, Easter was early, Gleason EL had their annual PTO Carnival & Auction scheduled months in advance for 4/14, and the MS150 Bike Ride was scheduled for 4/21 (busy month).

Don't despair....A group of Gleason Volunteers and a resident have agreed to help out for an event to be held in May. Many more Volunteers are needed to make this a fun event. Please call Barbara Lallinger at (281) 890-8464.

Hold the Date – SATURDAY, MAY 19 for a fun packed family oriented event. Watch for additional details on the Marquee.



Leaf Raking

By Nick Hamilton

My name is Nick Hamilton. I am in 4th grade at Gleason Elementary. I love to clean in any way. I'm writing this article on leaf raking because I've had a great leaf raking service.

How It Started

I was walking around the neighborhood and realized that raking leaves could help the neighborhood. I rushed to get flyers. I could make this successful!

Rewards

I love rewards a lot! Whether it's a compliment or money, I love them. They make me feel like a brand new person, a better person.

My Secret

My secret is that sometimes, I don't physically rake. If it's a huge yard, I wouldn't want to spend eight hours there raking physically. I would take the shortcut, two hours. The blower does a nice job and I'm happy.

I love raking leaves and cleaning in any way I can to make Willowbridge a cleaner place. I may be in 4th grade, but I'm very helpful. I like it. Thank you to the people who let me rake their yards.



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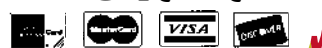
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Talking Trash

By: Barbara Lallinger

GOING GREEN IS GREAT!

Except...when that green comes in the form of a green tag from Waste Management (WM). Listed below are most of the reasons you may come home and find a WM tag on your trash or recycle bin.

- *Tree limbs must be under 4 ft. in length, cut, tied and under 40 lbs. per bundle.*
- *Construction Debris: rocks, bricks, concrete, dirt, roofing, lumber, carpet, sheetrock, etc., can't be picked up.*
- *Unsafe containers (sharp edges, holes, cracks, etc.) will not be emptied.*
- *Container or bag is over 40 lb. weight limit, unload for next pickup day.*
- *Container is over 32 gal. standard size limit. No drums.*
- *Unacceptable Items: any vehicle parts or tires, batteries, paint, hazardous chemicals, large tree trunks, etc.*
- *Item must be drained of refrigerant and tagged by certified refrigerant recycler. Unacceptable Recyclable Materials: ceramics, mirrors, plates, glass or other.*
- *Unacceptable medical waste or biohazard disposal bags.*
- *Trash is blocked by vehicle(s).*

So you might ask – What do I do with all this stuff? With the help of resident, Melissa O'Brien, I have an answer for you. Take it to Sommermeyer Neighborhood Depository/Recycling Center, formerly Windfern Recycling. They accept Junk Waste, Tree Waste and Recyclables. Although the website says services are restricted to residents of Houston only (and we're in the county, not the city) we may use it if your driver's license says Houston.

The facility is located at 14400 Sommermeyer (off Windfern and Hempstead Highway). It is open daily 10 am - 7 pm Daylight Savings Time and 9 am – 6 pm non-DST. Telephone: 713.895.1002, Key Map #410W.

Citizens are limited to use of this depository 4 x per month and are encouraged to arrive at least 30 mins. before closing to allow adequate time to unload. Each user must provide the following as proof of residency: Texas Driver's License, Texas ID or a current utility bill or city property tax receipt.

This site accepts: #1, 2, 3, 4, 5, & 7 plastic food & beverage bottles and jars with a narrow neck. No wide mouth containers will be accepted (how wide is wide-I don't know); aerosol cans (must be empty), aluminum beverage & food cans, & bi-metal cans; clear, green and brown glass food & beverage containers, glass bottle lids, metal lids tin & steel cans; paint cans; large appliances, household & office furniture and mattresses; used motor oil & motor oil containers; tree trimmings; and used tires.

For more information visit their website at www.houstontx.gov/solidwaste/sommermeyer.html

THE RECIPE BOX

Submitted by: Amy Sonnier

Ingredients

- 2 bags premiere white chocolate chips (Nestle, Hershey's)
- 32 oz. Heavy whipping cream
- 1 c. sugar
- 1 t. vanilla
- 1 loaf French bread

Tear bread into pieces into 9 x 13 inch pan/dish. Microwave cream and chips in 2 min. intervals on high. Stir well after each 2 minutes. Continue until chips are dissolved. Stir in sugar. Add eggs and vanilla. Pour over torn bread. Using the bottom of a spoon, mash bread down, making sure all is soaked in milk mixture. Bake at 350 degrees for 40 mins. or until golden brown.

Note: This is a very sweet, decadent dessert that stands on its own without a sauce. In fact it's so sweet the sugar can be cut back to ¾ cup without a noticeable difference.

Share your favorite recipe: leroylallinger@live.com



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Don't Forget To Vote

TEXAS PRIMARY ELECTION DAY IS MAY 29

A Federal Court has approved May 29 as Primary Election Day in Texas. Challenges are still possible and the date may still change. But for now, May 29th is on the calendar. Early Voting is scheduled for May 14-25. Any needed run-off elections will be held on July 31.

If you plan to vote in the Democratic Primary Elections, you might want to visit the Harris County Democratic Party website for specific information on the election and the selection of delegates to the 2012 Senate District, State and National Conventions.

If you plan to vote in the Republican Primary Elections, you might want to visit the Harris County Republican Party website for specific information on the election and the selection of delegates to the 2012 Senate District, State and National Conventions.

All Harris County registered voters may participate in either party's primary election. Voters do not need to indicate their party affiliation in advance of the election. We encourage everyone to visit www.hcvoter.net to confirm their voter registration status. If you've moved or if you've changed your name please visit www.hcvoter.net for information on how to update your voter registration details.



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