



A Packed House

By: Barbara Lallinger

The annual meeting held October 24th. If you read the front page article in September's issue of Willow Talk titled: Home Sweet Homeowner's Association Meeting, then you will remember that it addressed last year's issue of not having a quorum in attendance and/or proxies to conduct a legal meeting. Attendees left the meeting to acquire additional proxies from friends and neighbors and the meeting finally started, approximately 45 minutes late. Not so this year! In fact, almost every seat was taken, with 150+ votes represented in person or by proxy!

After a quorum was announced the following business was conducted (excerpt from meeting agenda):

1. Adoption of Agenda
2. Police Report
3. Association Information Reports
 - a. Financial Report
 - b. 2013 Budget Approval
 - c. Review/Goals/Accomplishments
4. Election of Directors
 - a. Nominations
 - b. Introduction of Candidates
 - c. Balloting
5. Resident Forum (Q&A period)
6. Election Results
 1. Brian Fisher/Director 3 year term
 2. Rebecca Peters/Director 3 year term

Monthly meetings of the board are held on the 4th Thursday of the month (unless otherwise notified) at 7:00 pm at the Clubhouse. As noted in the same article referenced above, these meetings provide the best opportunity to learn more about the management of your neighborhood, how your homeowner's annual assessment dollars are spent and to meet and support the volunteers who work all year, massing countless hours (unpaid) on your behalf. If

You don't attend and don't speak up – how are they supposed to know your issues/concerns (good and bad) with community management?

COMMUNITY GARAGE SALE A SUCCESS!!!

By: Barbara Lallinger, GS Chairman

It's still very dark and chilly, but garage sale enthusiasts are forging forward, setting up for the day's event, hoping everything will be sold, lots of money will be made and they won't have to take anything to Goodwill after the sale is over. Participation was lower than expected (next time we won't schedule it on opening day of Deer Season). However, those that did participate seemed to be having a good time and people that I have talked to since seemed to be satisfied with the results.

Instead of participating, two friends (Betty & Katy) and I rode around, visiting, shopping, looking for bargains, "haggling" on prices and thoroughly enjoying the community participation (the weather could not have been much better). The best sales job I saw was on Stone Castle Drive by a young garage sale enthusiast (approximately 5 yrs. old), who sold my friend Katy a "stick" he had picked up from the yard for 25 cents (which she borrowed from me as she had already spent the \$40.00 she allotted for purchases!). As we left to go across the street, the young man was picking up more sticks for the next kid sucker!

The rest of our time was spent being "Garage Sale Police", making sure that there were no unauthorized signs, loud music being played, etc. as banned by the Garage Sale Rules. We did not see any trucks/cars racing from one house to another (as feared by some Garage Sale Unenthusiasts), "mowing" down anyone or anything in their way. Some streets were definitely congested, with the most problematic being Bexar St. where Willacy Ct. intersects it (the worst "blind curb" in all of Willowbridge), but GUESS WHAT? This also happened on Friday when an unauthorized "Estate Sale" was held on Willacy Ct. Friday could have been worse for residents in this area since it was trash and recycle day. Fortunately, Royal's trucks came later after the initial huge wave of traffic/shoppers had temporarily cleared out.

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HOA MEETINGS

Willowbridge/Stonebridge Homeowner's Association Meetings are held the fourth Thursday 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.



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By 4:30 pm you could not tell that a Garage Sale had been held in the neighborhood with the exception of a few participants leaving unsold items on the curb and several signs left posted on corners, stop signs and light poles. Most people were asked to remove the items and did so. I removed and disposed of the signs (I heard I missed a couple). There wasn't trash flying around with the exception of some candy and wrappers left on the ground from Halloween (which was the LEAST amount I have seen in many, many years).

KUDOS to Skipping Stone Ln. for having the most residents participating!!

On Sunday, November 10, I visited with a friend that has never done a garage sale and didn't really see why we liked them. However, she lives very close to where the Estate Sale was held and did visit it and went up and down Willacy meeting neighbors she didn't know (she's lived in her house 15+ years). She said she had so much fun she went home and started gathering things for the next sale!! This is a true story. Welcome convert!!

THANK YOU participants for your support and adherence to the rules!



MARQUEE MARAUDED!

By: Barbara Lallinger, Marquee Coordinator

The marquee has been egged!! No, it was not on Halloween, rather several weeks before when "egggers" hit neighborhood garages, sidewalks and cars. If you see "egggers" doing this please call the **Sheriff's Department @ (713) 221-6000**. Eggs can be very hard to remove from these surfaces and can sometimes damage paint (*especially on our garage doors and the polycarbonate door on the marquee*).

PLEASE NOTE that the **marquee is the official site of notification** for HOA meetings, neighborhood activities, holiday greetings, etc. for the neighborhood. The newsletter is another notification vehicle, however, due to the article submission deadline of the printers, the time it takes to print and mail it, etc. some things have already happened by the time you receive it. If you don't use the Willowbridge Park Blvd. entrance, please make an effort to do so a couple of times a month to be updated.

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TALKING TRASH

By: Barbara Lallinger

Just a reminder...there are NO Trash Holidays for the remainder of this year. Royal observes the following holidays: New Year's Day, Memorial Day, Independence Day, Labor Day, Thanksgiving Day and Christmas Day. I've checked the 2014 calendar and found that July 4th will be the only holiday affected in 2014. This year it comes on Friday, therefore, there will be no trash or recycle pick up until the next regularly scheduled



day (Tuesday July 8th). This tends to be the 2nd "smelliest" trash day (led only by Memorial Day). Please be a responsible/ considerate neighbor and don't put your trash out any earlier than late on July 7th. To cut down on the smell, you can freeze shrimp/crawfish shells, leftover steak/chicken fat/skin trimmings. If you don't have an extra freezer to accommodate this, dry ice can be purchased (you must be 18 yrs. of age) at Kroger for ice chest storage.

THE SCHOOL ZONE

By: Barbara Lallinger

GLEASON EL DECEMBER DATES TO REMEMBER:

Wednesday 12/4
Tuesday 12/10
Friday 12/13
Monday 12/16
Thursday 12/19
Friday 12/20
Monday 12/23
Tuesday 1/7
Friday 1/10
Thursday 1/16
Monday 1/27

Willie's Ice House Spirit Night*
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PTO Monthly Board Meeting
Winter Social & 4th Grade Program
Chick-fil-A Spirit Night*
Winter Class Parties***
Winter Break Begins
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Chick-fil-A Spirit Night*
VIPS Spring Breakfast

SAVE THE DATE:

Friday 2/7-2/14
Saturday 4/12

Book Fair
Carnival & Auction

**Tell the cashier you are with Gleason EL and the PTO will receive part of the receipts.*

****Sending a Big Mia Culpa to Lara Cheves (Willowbridge resident). Her name was omitted from the PTO Committee List in the September issue. She is the Homeroom Parent Coordinator and has been doing a great job!!*



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Products frequently sold "from door to door" include home improvements, such as siding and storm windows, funeral service contracts, living trusts, books, and magazines. Door-to-door sales are especially common in areas that have been hard hit by storms, where nearly every house needs some kind of clean-up or repair

WHAT THE LAW SAYS

A "home solicitation transaction" takes place whenever a consumer purchases goods or services for more than \$25 payable in cash or installments at a place other than the seller's place of business. The place other than the seller's place of business may be the consumer's home, but it may also be a place that the merchant has rented on a temporary basis, such as a hotel room or convention center.

Door-to-door sales laws do not apply to certain transactions, such as:

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- Sales conducted entirely by mail or telephone, with no other contact between the buyer and seller.

Under Texas law [Texas Business & Commerce Code Ann., Sec. 601.001 et seq.], the door-to-door seller must advise you orally and in writing that you have a right to cancel the sale within three days. He or she must also give you a contract or receipt stating the date of the sale, the name and address of the merchant, and a statement of your right to cancel the contract which includes the address where you send your cancellation notice.

The contract or receipt and the notice of your right to cancel must be in the same language as that principally used in the sales presentation. For example, if the buyer and the salesperson spoke in Spanish during the sale, the contract must be in Spanish.

Resist high-pressure sales tactics and pressure to "buy now." Shady door-to-door sales are common in the aftermath of disaster precisely because so many people are desperate to repair leaky roofs and clear up dangerous debris. Slow down, take precautions, and don't fall prey to a door-to-door scam.



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