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OH, COME, ALL YE HOMEOWNERS!

By Barbara Lallinger

It's hard to believe, but another year has almost come and gone, precipitating the Annual Homeowner's Association Meeting in the near future. This year's meeting will be held Thursday, October 23rd, 7:00 pm, at the clubhouse. Graham Management will be mailing a Notice of Annual Meeting of Members which notifies members in good standing of the date, time and location of the meeting. This notice will also include a proxy for voting.

In order to conduct official business, the annual meeting requires 10% (83) of the votes of all members/property owners (in good standing and only 1 per address), to be present either in person or by proxy. The proxy allows you to let the individual named on the proxy (usually the HOA President or Secretary) to vote for you. A second option allows you to appoint a Designated Proxy (trusted Member such as a friend/neighbor attending the meeting) to vote for you. Should you choose to appoint a Designated Proxy other than the individual named on the Proxy, you MUST fill in the name of your selected Proxy Designee. If not filled in, the voting privilege is negated and your proxy will be used to establish a quorum only. You may also mail the Proxy back to Graham

Management (don't wait if choosing this option, as there is a cut-off date after which your proxy will not be accepted).

The annual meeting conducts business as designated by the Willowbridge HOA By-Laws. Below is a general outline of business conducted:

- Confirmation of a Quorum
- · Call to order
- Election of (2) directors to serve a (3) year term
- Financial presentation
- Confirm Rollover of Operating Funds to subsequent year for tax filings

Should you wish to be placed on the ballot or nominate someone (after getting their permission), please call Graham Management (281) 497-4320. Nominations will also be taken from the floor. Nominees must be present to be on the ballot.

Please make this meeting a priority in your schedule! It is your best opportunity to learn more about the management of your neighborhood and to support the volunteers who work all year, massing countless hours (unpaid) on your behalf!

***Please note that this will be the last meeting of the year under the new meeting rules (quarterly, beginning January 22, 2015)



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Harris County Animal Control281-999-3191
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neighborhood please contact the numbers above.	

HOA MEETINGS

Willowbridge/Stonebridge Homeowner's Association Meetings are held the fourth Thursday of each quarter (Jan, Apr, Jul, & Oct) 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.

BIG WELCOME TO OUR NEW NEIGHBORS!

Ricaby Dr. **Dolezal Family**Ricaby Dr. **Alley Family**Wheatland Dr. **Strebel Family**Willowbridge Park Blvd. **Brady Family**

PROVIDED BY THE WELCOME COMMITTEE

NATIONAL NIGHT OUT FESTIVAL

By Julie Dubros, HOA Security Director

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 7, 2014 6:00 – 8:30 PM WILLOWBRIDGE CLUBHOUSE

National Night Out (NNO) is designed to heighten crime and drug prevention awareness, generate support for participation in local anti-crime efforts, strengthen neighborhood spirit and police-community partnerships, and to send a message to criminals letting them know that neighborhoods are organized and will not tolerate crime.

Willowbridge/Stonebridge will host a NNO festival at the clubhouse on the date and times noted above. Residents will be asked to lock their doors, turn on outside lights, and spend the evening with neighbors and local law enforcement. There will be plenty of fun activities, crime prevention information, drinks, snacks, games, bounce houses, face painting, finger printing kits and much more. Come and meet other residents along with our local law enforcement representatives from the Harris County Sheriff's Office, EMS and Fire Department who help serve and protect our community. Individual block party awards will not be given this year, however, neighbors may decide to hold them in lieu of attending festivities at the clubhouse. The main thing is getting to know your neighbors!

Volunteers are needed to help set-up (before) and tear down/clean up (after). If you can volunteer, please email: martin@juliedubros.com.





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FREE SELF DEFENSE CLASS



By Julie Dubros, HOA Security Director

The Harris County Sheriff's Office (HCSO) will again sponsor and teach a free self-defense class known as Rape Aggression Defense (RAD). RAD is a free 15 hour self-defense class for women ages 12 years and up. The program teaches realistic self-defense tactics and techniques for women. The RAD System is a comprehensive, women only course that begins with awareness, prevention, risk reduction and risk avoidance; while progressing on to the basics of hands-on defense training. RAD is not a Martial Arts program. Courses are taught by nationally certified RAD instructors and provide each student with a workbook/

reference manual. The manual outlines the entire Physical Defense Program for reference and continuous personal growth, and is the key to their lifetime return and practice policy for RAD graduates. Very sensitive material is covered in the class (mothers of "teens", please attend this course with your daughters). For more information about RAD, please visit HCSO website at: www.hcso.hctx.net/.

The RAD class will again be hosted at the Willowbridge Clubhouse from 6-9 pm on October 14, 15, 16, 20 and November 2. If you would like to attend, you must RSVP to Julie Dubros at: martin@iuliedubros.com.



Chapter 6 – Ash Tree

(Originally published, January 2000 by: Glen Telge)

The Arizona Ash - Faxinus velutina is a nonnative tree to our area. Some are planted along the sides of West Road near Rio Grande and all along the center esplanade of West Road. It is a fast-growing shade tree that can grow easily in poor soil. They have been deemed a "weed tree" because they have such a short life span, are susceptible to pests and disease, and have a habit of constantly dropping small dead branches. Leaves are compound, usually with 3 or 5 leaflets. Individual leaflets are about 3 inches long. The Ash is one of the first trees to leaf out in the spring and its leaves turn yellow in the fall before dropping.



Native local Ash species are the Green Ash - Faxinus pennsylvanica and the Texas Ash - Fraxinus texenis. These two Ash species do not share the Arizona Ash's poor reputation and make excellent shade trees for landscaping in the Houston suburbs. It is a shame that more are not planted. Texas Green Ash is planted by the Clubhouse parking lot.

The largest Arizona Ash on record in Houston is located near Hobby airport and is 51ft high, 158 inches in circumference and has a spread of 55ft.



Begins October 1st 1st & 3rd Wednesdays 9:30-11:30 at HFC

MOPS, for moms with young children. A way to meet together and form lasting relationships. MOPS believes that better moms make a better world, and work with you to be the best YOU. Contact *Amanda@hfcnaz.org* for information.



Saturday, Oct. 25th at Willowlake Gazebo A free, fun family event!

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CALLING ALL GARAGE SALE ENTHUSIASTS

Enthusiasts can be sellers, buyers, or looky-loos. Whatever your passion you will be able to pursue it on Saturday October 25th . Last year's sale had about the best weather we could have wished for but lower than expected turnout. Was it the Estate Sale on Willacy Ct. or the first day of deer season? Who knows, let's hope for the same or better weather and a good sale for all participants: The rules have not changed, but time periods have

(to avoid setting up in the dark!). It will run from 8 am -4 pm (signs to be removed from yards at this time, with all items to be removed and out of sight by 5 pm).

- 1. You may place a sign in your yard on the day of the sale only.
- 2. Your customers must not block neighbor's driveways and/or sidewalks. It is your responsibility to manage this.
- 3. No loud music or other noise nuisance is to be allowed during the sale.
 - 4. Personal signs MAY NOT be

placed on the West Rd. esplanades or on easements (grass) between the Willowbridge/Stonebridge fence and West Rd. (these are technically considered to be "bandit" signs and are ILLEGAL in Harris County).

5. Community Garage Sales signs will be placed at all (3) entrances: Willowbridge Park Blvd., Wheatland Dr. and Stone Villa Ln. on Friday night.

6. Residents are not allowed to leave any unsold items or trash on lawns, driveways, sidewalks or curbs. Please pick up any litter left by customers from gutters and street. Leftover items may be taken to a donation site such as NAM, Goodwill (on West Rd. open till 6 pm?) or the Salvation Army.

If you have any questions, please call Barbara Lallinger at (713) 827-7999.



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