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WHCMUD #11

WHO: WEST HARRIS CO. MUD #11

WHAT: WATER DISTRICT MEETINGS

WHEN: 3RD MONDAY OF EACH MONTH

WHERE: PARK LAUREATE BUILDING

10100 MEMORIAL DRIVE - SUITE 260 (77024)

Meetings are open to the public; however, if you have business to bring before the board you must be added to the agenda at least 72 hours prior to the meeting. To be put on the agenda, contact Young & Brooks, Attorneys at (713) 951-0800 or contact one of the board members listed below:

- Carey Johnson, President
- John Link
- Angelica Garcia
- Jim Roddy
- Mark Hubenak

October's meeting will be held on the 20th and is also this year's meeting date for the public hearing on the proposed tax rate for 2014.

BIG WELCOME TO OUR NEW NEIGHBORS!

Provided by the Welcome Committee

- Palacios Ct. - Kumar Family*
- Pearsall Dr. - Wright Family*
- Skipping Stone Ln. - Kelley Family*
- Therrell Dr. - Barrera Family*
- Therrell Dr. - Davaney Family*
- Therrell Dr. - Orr Family*
- Throckmorton Ln - Arguello & Kaliskek Families*
- Wheatland Dr. - Starnes Family*

The School Zone

By: Barbara Lallinger

School has been back in session for several weeks now and various fundraising campaigns have already come and gone. Please support our school's efforts any way that you're comfortable with (donation of products, purchase of products, collecting Box Tops and Labels for Education, volunteering, etc.).

GLEASON ES

2014-15 PTO COMMITTEES & CHAIRPERSONS

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| Auction:
Kristah Slate | Staff Appreciation:
Sarah Williams |
| Rose Sales:
Barbara Lallinger | 5th Grade Day:
Jennifer Rayphole |
| Carnival:
Amy Simcik | VIPS Room:
Stephanie Schick |
| Sci. Resource Ctr.:
Jennifer Magness | Hearing & Vision:
Barbara Lallinger |
| Directory:
Krystal Bivens | Winter Social:
Kristah Slate |
| Spirit Shop:
Kim Flaviana | H/R Parent Coord.:
Tara Sal |
| Field Day:
OPEN-Your Name Here | |

JVHS

- 11/06 (Th)**
PP 2015 Spirit Night – Chick-Fil-A
- 11/11 (Tu)**
PP 2015 Parent Meeting
- 11/13 (Th)**
PP 2015 Golf Tournament (details below)
- 12/05 (F)**
Mr. Falcon

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IMPORTANT NUMBERS

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Harris County Sheriff.....	713-221-6000
Harris County Animal Control	281-999-3191
Cy-Fair Hospital.....	281-890-4285
Street Lights & Outages - CenterPoint Energy.....	713-207-2222
CenterPoint Energy.....	713-659-2111
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Poison Control Center	800-222-1222
AT&T - Repair	800-246-8464
Billing	800-585-7928
Trash – Royal Disposal & Recycle	713-526-1536
Vacation Watch - Harris County District 5	281-290-2100
W. Harris County MUD #11	281-807-9500
Willow Place Post Office	281-890-2392
Willowbridge Website	www.willowbridgehoa.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 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.

STREET LIGHT OUT?

If you notice a street light out PLEASE report it to CenterPoint Energy. We pay for all of the street lights in our subdivision... every month...regardless if they are illuminated or not!! This is also a serious safety issue. To report an outage, follow these steps:

1. Dial (713) 207-2222.
2. Choose a language preference.
3. Select option "4" (for street light outages).
4. Provide the 6 digit number (located approximately 5 feet up the pole), street name and closest address.

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JVHS Senior parents of the class of 2015 invite you to support Project Prom 2015 (PP 2015). Project Prom is a safe and chemical free night for the graduating seniors of JVHS and their guests. It is a non-profit organization, chartered 28 years ago, that relies on the support of parents, businesses and our community. You can make PP 2015 successful by becoming a volunteer, business contributor, with monetary donations and/or supporting fund raisers such as the two listed above.

Like us on Facebook: JVHS Project Prom or JVHSprojectprom2015@gmail.com.

Golf Tournament – Thursday November 13 – Jersey Meadows Golf Course

Cost: \$115 per player/\$460 per team

Registration: 6:30 am, with 8:00 am shotgun start

Entry fee includes: green fees, ½ cart (shared with another golfer), range balls, putting green, refreshments and lunch. Prizes will be awarded and a silent/live auction will be held. Sponsorships Available!!

Contact: Larry Martinez (281) 799-7795 or hmartinez2@comcast.net

PROJECT PROM PARENT MEETINGS

Want to get involved in supporting Project Prom? Come to a parent meeting! Plenty of opportunities to support a safe/fun filled environment for the JVHS Seniors. All meetings are held in the JVHS Small Commons at 7:00 pm.

MR. FALCON

Mr. Falcon is a contest among Senior guys who are sponsored by various organizations and clubs at JVHS. The night includes formal wear, swimsuit and talent competition. The contest is Friday, December 5th at 7:00 pm in the JVHS Auditorium. Tickets are \$15 and can be purchased at the door.

Be sure your Senior pays their \$20.15 entry fee for PP 2015 – ASAP!! The sooner they register, the more chances they have to win AWESOME prizes! Drop your payment in the Project Prom box in the front office.



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TALKING TRASH

By: Barbara Lallinger

FIRE DANGERS OF OLD BATTERIES IN YOUR HOME BY: HARRIS CO. HHW

Did you know that old batteries, or even new batteries, that are not properly stored in your home can cause a fire? The fire occurs when the terminals from two batteries touch one another and short out the terminals. Even a metal object like a paper clip, scissors or steel wool touching a battery can short the terminals. When these are placed in a junk drawer the movement of the drawer being opened and closed provides the perfect environment for a disaster. This is common with 9-volt and Lithium batteries.

What can you do to prevent this from happening to you? Place each battery in a separate plastic bag or cover the terminals with electrical tape or another type of insulated tape. Used batteries are considered to be toxic waste and should never be disposed of

in ordinary household trash. HCHHW recommends that you bring used batteries to their facility located at 6900 Hahl Rd. (see "Talking Trash" September 2014 issue), frequently and to not wait until you have collected a bag full. It is a good practice to do this for all of your batteries.

Below are 3 links where more information can be found on these types of fires:

1. <http://www.kctv5.com/story/24594124/kctv5-exposes-the-9-volt-battery-fire-danger>
2. <http://pittsburgh.cbslocal.com/2012/08/22/experts-warn-against-storing-9-volt-battery-fire-danger>
3. <http://www.doityourself.com/stry/safety-considerations-for-an-alkaline-battery#.U9pVHgo6t8>

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PET PLACE

“Should my pet be eating that?”

By: ASPCA Animal Poison Control Center

Listed below are foods your pet(s) should AVOID:

Chocolate/Coffee

Can Cause: Vomiting, Diarrhea, Hyperactivity, High Heart Rate, Tremors, Seizures and Even Death.

Alcohol

Can Cause: Vomiting, Drunkenness, Coma And Death.

Avocado

Can Cause: Fatality To Birds And Rabbits, Vomiting and Diarrhea In Dogs.

Macadamia Nuts

Can Cause: Temporary Hind Leg Weakness, Paralysis and Tremors In Dogs.

Grapes/Raisins

Can Cause: Kidney Failure

Raw Yeast Bread Dough

Can Cause: Bloat And Drunkenness

Products Containing Xylitol

Can Cause: Seizures and Liver Failure
(Found in Sugar Free Gum)

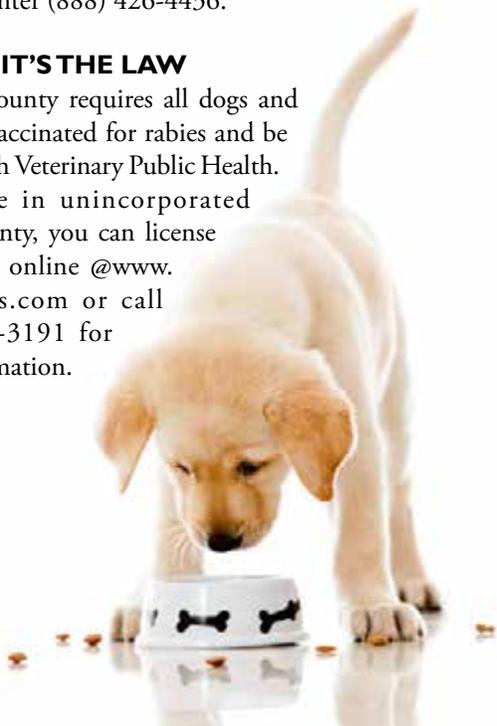
Onions/Garlic

Can Cause: Vomiting and Red Blood Cell Damage

If you think your pet has eaten something dangerous, stay calm and contact your vet for advice. OR, call the ASPCA Animal Poison Control Center (888) 426-4436.

IT'S THE LAW

Harris County requires all dogs and cats to be vaccinated for rabies and be licensed with Veterinary Public Health. If you live in unincorporated Harris County, you can license your pet(s) online @www.countypets.com or call (281) 999-3191 for more information.



TREES

CHAPTER 7 – CHINESE TALLOW TREE

By: Glen Telge



The Chinese Tallow - *Sapium sebiferum* is a fast-growing, deciduous shade tree with really fantastic fall color (you would think that you are in New England). In December, you can see these trees turn an unbelievable array of colors from yellow to deep red to purple. Unfortunately, the Chinese Tallow is a short-lived, messy tree that re-seeds rampantly. Its leaves are small and light green before turning color in the

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fall. Small yellowish-green flowers are produced in the summer and are fragrant. They are followed by clusters of small berries which have a white, waxy vegetable tallow coating (thus, the name Tallow tree). These berries will cause gastric distress if ingested.

Chinese Tallows were introduced from China in the late 1700s and became naturalized to the Gulf Coast. They quickly out-competed the native plants and transformed the coastal prairie woodlands into what you are seeing today. For that reason, The Nature Conservancy has cited the Chinese Tallow as one of the most serious examples of an alien plant species invading a natural US ecosystem.

Willowbridge is full of Chinese Tallows. They are in our front yards, next to our clubhouse, and at the Waller Park pond area. Good places to observe the Chinese Tallow's fall color display is in Bear Creek Park along Eldridge Parkway and all along the West Belt feeder roads where the land has not been cleared for commercial development.

The largest Chinese Tallow on record in Texas is located in Vidor, Texas and is 69 feet high and has a spread of 68 feet.

KALLING ALL KEENAGERS!

By: Carol Newsome

Are you a senior in Willowbridge/Stonebridge that would be interested in forming a Keenagers (Senior Citizens) Club? Suggested activities might be day trips, game day, pot luck dinners, etc. The ideas are endless. Some of our neighboring subdivisions have very successful/active clubs. If interested, please contact Carol Newsome at (281) 970-9443 or txs_sweetie@hotmail.com.

IMPORTANT REMINDER ***Speed Limits Vary***

1. The MAXIMUM Speed Limit within Willowbridge/Stonebridge is 30 MPH!
2. We have several school zone signals inside the community & surrounding areas such as West Rd. and Wheatland and the speed limits are different. Inside WBSB - Willowbridge Park Blvd. and Wheatland in front of Cook MS: 20 MPH
West Rd.: 25 MPH by Gleason (none by Cook MS).



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