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## YARD OF THE MONTH



**8802 Wheatland Dr.**

Marsha Nelson, her mother, Bertha and her 11 year old yellow lab, Annie moved to Willowbridge from the Memorial area in May, 2014. Yard of the Month signs were put up late on July 8th and she didn't see it until the next morning. At first, she was a little upset, thinking someone had put a political or sales sign in her yard, but upon further examination found it was the YOM sign.

Marsha, retired from Schlumberger after 32 years and is currently consulting for a law firm in international trade compliance. She, Bertha and Annie moved here to be closer to Martha's nephew (Bertha's grandson and his family, residents on Willowbridge Park Blvd.) and help with the children.

Her yard includes Katie ruella, cordyline, roses, lantana, hibiscus, ferns, firecracker plant and palms. Marsha likes to pull weeds from her flowerbeds, bike and walk Annie (who will not walk with anyone else); however, all of that is on hold because she recently fractured her leg and is under doctor's orders to stay off it as much as possible to avoid surgery. She also feeds the roses in the corner round and her sprinkler system waters it.



**9707 Throckmorton Ln.**

Barbara and Stephen Coats, along with their miniature schnauzer, Sophie, moved to Willowbridge in July 2007. Barbara's mother joined them 2 years ago. Barbara is retired and Stephen, a corporate relocation consultant, owns his own company. Barbara and Stephen have 5 grown children and 12 grandchildren.

The Coat's yard was picked by the YOM Committee for its clean lines and manicured lawn. It includes loropetalum, day lilies, hibiscus, vincas, bottle brush, ornamental grass and pink crape myrtles (and a few other plants neither of us knew the name of). Barbara said the back yard has oleanders, knockout roses, hibiscus and crape myrtles.

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Harris County Animal Control .....	281-999-3191
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Vacation Watch - Harris County District 5 ....	281-290-2100
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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](http://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.

## NEWSLETTER ARTICLE SUBMISSION

Newsletter Article submission Deadline is 3rd of each month. Please give a 2 month advance notice.

## NUISANCE NOISES

### What Should You Do?

The Texas Penal Code Chapter 42, Section 42.01 deals with disorderly conduct, loud music or noise. The code basically states that a person commits an offense if he intentionally or knowingly makes unreasonable noise in a public place other than a sports event or in or near a private residence. A noise is presumed to be unreasonable if the noise exceeds decibel level of 85 after the person making the noise receives notice from a judge or peace officer that the noise is a public nuisance. An offense under this section is a Class C Misdemeanor. If you have a neighbor who is making excessive noise, i.e. music, barking dog, yelling or other disturbances, that would fall under this section and you should call the Sheriff's Department at (713) 221-6000 and advise them.

The normal procedure is for law enforcement to make contact with the person or persons making or allowing the loud noise and advises them to stop. If they refuse and continue to create a disturbance, a citation (ticket) is issued and they will be given a court date to appear before a Judge to answer the charges. In most cases when law enforcement contacts the perpetrator, it is settled and the loud noise is stopped. In some cases, law enforcement is called out more than twice in which case a citation is almost certain. One of the major problems for law enforcement is when they arrive (remember this is a non-emergency); the loud noise has already stopped and can't be witnessed by the officer. In this case, only a warning can be given. When that is the case, it usually requires an extra patrol in the area to see if the disturbance reoccurs.

## DON'T TOUCH. DO TELL!

*Harris County Sheriff's Office-Public Information Office*

Tragedy hit Harris County once again on Sunday, July 5, when a three-year-old boy died after preliminary information shows he may have shot himself with a gun he found at a home. The case is being referred to the Harris County District Attorney's Office for a Grand Jury review.

If you are going to keep a firearm in your home it should always be stored in a locked safe, gun vault, or storage case, and out of reach of children. Use gun locks for added safety. Don't have one? The HCSO has FREE gun locks readily available for our community at any of our storefronts.

Talk with your children about the importance of gun safety. Remind them: Don't touch. Do Tell!

For additional gun safety tips go to: <http://ow.ly/Pi14b>. If message is expired, choose update. For a list of storefronts that have FREE gun locks go to: <http://ow.ly/Pi2GY>.



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## WEST HARRIS CO. MUD #11 IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENT Do Not Disregard

Did you disregard it? This announcement was recently included in your water bill. It was colorful (red, blue and white). It was provided to you to ensure the safety of you and your family.

WHCMUD #11 has implemented a new mass notification service, IRIS (Immediate Response Information System). The IRIS system will be utilized for both emergency and non-emergency situations and allows authorized WHCMUD #11 officials to create and rapidly disseminate time-sensitive messages to every customer by landline telephone, cell phone, SMS text message and/or email addresses stored in the notification database. However, this database requires you, the customer, to log in and create and/or update your contact information. This can be completed through the secure link on the District Operator's web site: [www.topswater.com](http://www.topswater.com). We know that keeping your information personal and secure is important, but we encourage you to provide as many points of contact as possible. We believe that the ability to contact you in a time of crisis is vital. Please

rest assured that we will not share any of your information from the database with anyone. The goal of WHCMUD #11 is to be able to reach all customers quickly to keep you informed on issues that affect the community's safety and welfare. For example, we would inform you about boil water notices, drought water restrictions, water mainline breaks resulting in water service interruptions, and similar issues. The IRIS service is provided to WHCMUD #11 customers at no extra charge. If you have questions related to this service or if you need assistance with adding your information to the database, please contact Texas Operations & Professional Services (TOPS) at (281) 807-9500 and a customer service representative will be happy to assist you. \*Hints: You will be asked for your Local ID – this is your 20 digit account number. You will be asked for a password and to verify it. The password requires a minimum of 6 characters which includes at least (1) lowercase letter and (1) uppercase letter.

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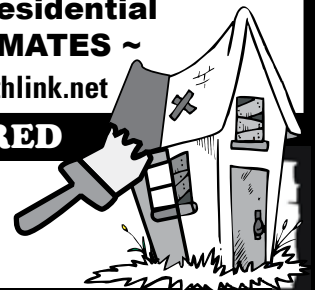
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### SCHOOL DATES – HIGHLIGHTS

08/24/15	First day of school
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12/21/15 – 01/04/16	Winter Break
03/14/16 – 03/18/16	Spring Break
06/01/16	Last day of school

### GLEASON ES – There's a new Principal in Tiger Town!

Christine Melancon, the Principal at Francone ES was named Principal of Gleason ES on 6/2. She replaces Melody Goffney, who accepted the position of Senior Education Specialist at the Region 4 Education Service Center.

Ms. Melancon received her Bachelor of Arts in Education from the University of Southwestern Louisiana and her Master of Education and Principal certification from Sam Houston State University.

Ms. Melancon has served 16 years in public education, including 14 years in CFISD. She began her teaching career with two years in Crowley, La., then came to CFISD in 2001 as a teacher at Adam ES. She served 4 years at Adam, then 1 year as the math helping teacher at Frazier. She then spent 2 years as the instructional specialist at Reed ES before being promoted to an Assistant Principal (AP) at Reed. After 2 years as AP at Reed ES she served 1 year as an AP at Rennell ES. After serving as the summer school Principal at Duryea ES in 2011, she accepted CFISD's elementary math coordinator position for 2011 – 2012. She was named Francone's Principal in May 2012.

"It is an honor to have been selected as the next Principal of Gleason Elementary," said Ms. Melancon, "I am excited to begin working with the staff, students and parents and community as we will build on the great traditions that have been established. Together, we will continue to provide a quality education for all students. I am thrilled to become a Gleason Tiger!"

### MORE CHANGES AT GLEASON ES

Nurse Kathy Bunte, retired in June and a replacement has been hired. Due to the opening of the new Woodard ES for the 2015-16 school year Gleason is also losing several teachers including the Art and Music teachers.

### COOK MS

Nurse Vickie Le is moving to JVHS, so Cook will have a new nurse for 2015-16.

## TALKING TRASH STOP DON'T PUT IN THE RECYCLE BIN!

These items have actually been put into our recycle bins and it's hard to understand why anyone would ever conceive that they are recyclable.

- used, dirty, wet, snotty Kleenex, paper towels and toilet tissue
  - air conditioning filters (dust, dirt, pollen and pet dander/hair are not recyclable)
  - egg shells (good for the compost pile)
  - fireworks refuse (paper, sticks, plastic caps)
- Items conceivable but Waste Corporation of America (WCA) does not accept them.

- wax coated cartons (milk, juice, ice cream, etc.)
- styrofoam/foam of any kind
- plastic bags/package or any plastic with a #6 recycle code
- computers and other electronics
- paints and solvents
- broken glass and mirrors (must be placed in a box and put in trash)
- dishes, ceramics, cooking utensils, pots and pans
- PVC or iron pipe, wire
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(Makes about 2 dozen)

- 1 (5 oz.) can tuna, no salt added packed in water, drained
- 1 cup oat flour\* 1 large egg
- 1 heaping Tablespoon dried catnip 1 Tbsp olive oil
- Place a rack in the upper third of the oven and preheat oven to 350 degrees. Line a cookie sheet with parchment paper and set aside.
- In the bowl of a food processor fitted with a blade attachment, combine all ingredients. Blend until mixture is smooth. It will be thick, but pliable and not terribly sticky.
- Roll dough into half teaspoon balls and place on prepared cookie sheet. Use a skewer to press an X-shape into each cookie ball.
- Bake cookies 10 to 12 minutes, until they are dried on top and slightly browned. Allow to cool completely.
- Place treats in an airtight container and store in refrigerator for up to seven days.

\*Note: It's easy to make your own oat flour. Simply grind old-fashioned oats in a spice grinder (or a super clean coffee grinder) until it is transformed into a light powder.

#### CHEWY CAT TREATS

(Makes about 50 small treats)

- 1 (4 oz.) jar of chicken and brown rice baby food (or something meaty, can use wet cat food)
- 1 large egg 2 teaspoons olive oil
- 2 Tablespoon water ¼ cup parsley, coarsely chopped
- 1 cup brown rice flour ½ cup cooked white (or brown) rice
- 1. Prepare same as #1 above (Tuna Catnip Kitty Treats).
- 2. In a medium bowl, whisk together egg, baby food (or wet cat food), parsley, olive oil and water. Add brown rice flour and cooked rice. Stir to incorporate. Mixture will be thick but spreadable.
- Spread mixture onto prepared baking sheet, creating a rectangle that is about 1/3 inch thick. Bake for 12 to 15 minutes.
- Remove from the oven. Let rest until cool enough to handle, then slice the soft dough into bite-size pieces. Return pieces to the oven to bake for 8 more mins.
- Remove from the oven. Allow to cool completely. Store in an airtight container in the refrigerator.



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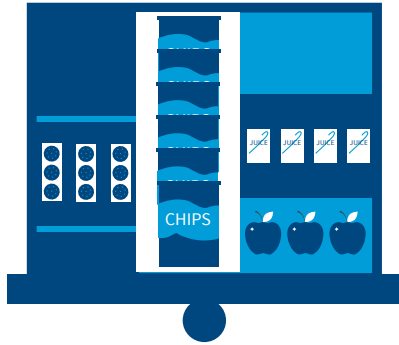
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## GIVE YOUR REFRIGERATOR A RECESS

Does it always seem that your fridge is stocked, but there's nothing to eat? Organize your fridge by putting foods in clear containers. Not only will you see what you have on hand, it will stay fresher longer! It also makes pre-packing lunches for the kids easier!



## HAVE MORE THAN ONE KID?

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