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HONORING VETERANS

We'd like to say Happy Veterans Day to all the men and women who served and/or are serving in the armed forces. Your sacrifice did not, does not and will never go unnoticed. Thank You for Your Service to Our Country! Here are two veterans who call Willowlake their home.

Gene Pace
Spec 5, US Army
Service from 1967-1973

Bobby O'Pry
SP4, US Army
Service from 1964-1967



They Keep Us Free

In time of need their will is sure
American, their freedom pure

Protect our life and liberty
Unselfishly, they keep us free

Each soldier knows what is at stake
The risk is grave, there's no mistake

With pride they serve our country strong
They face each foe to come along

Remember them while in your home
Or where you choose to freely roam

Don't take for granted what you see
Some left this life, so it could be

To God I urge you all to pray
For soldier's brave, to face each day

We should be thankful, one and all
For those who march to meet each call

By Roger Robicheau

Veterans Day November 11

VETERANS DAY IS THE DAY SET ASIDE TO THANK AND HONOR ALL THOSE WHO SERVED HONORABLY IN THE MILITARY - IN WARTIME OR PEACETIME. In fact, Veterans Day is largely intended to thank LIVING veterans for their service, to acknowledge that their contributions to our national security are appreciated, and to underscore the fact that all those who served - not only those who died - have sacrificed and done their duty.

Veterans Day honors all veterans of the United States armed forces. A traditional observation is a moment of silence at 11:00 a.m. remembering those killed in war. (Commemorates the 1918 armistice, which began at "the eleventh hour of the eleventh day of the eleventh month.")



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Nov. 8 Election Day
Nov. 11 Veterans Day
Nov. 17 Board Meeting
Nov. 24 Thanksgiving Day

Kids' Corner

Young Simon was sitting in his grandmother's kitchen, watching her prepare the Thanksgiving meal.

"What are you doing?" Simon inquired.

"Oh, I'm just stuffing the turkey," his grandmother replied.

"Wow, that's cool." Simon remarked.

"Are you going to hang it next to the deer?"

Military Humor

I didn't enlist in the Army - I was drafted. So I wasn't going to make life easy for anyone. During my physical, the doctor asked softly, "Can you read the letters on the wall?" "What letters?" I answered slyly. "Good," said the doctor. "You passed the hearing test."

- **Robert Duprey**

A hospital corpsman and I were getting an elderly retired master chief petty officer out of his wheelchair, when I noticed the man had a tattoo on his knee. "What's that?" I asked, unable to make out the design. "It's a banjo," he said sheepishly. "I'm from Alabama."

- **Mary K. Parker**

After joining the Navy, my husband underwent a physical. During the exam, it was discovered that, due to a bum shoulder, he couldn't fully extend his arms above his head. Perplexed, the doctor conferred with another physician. "Let him pass," said the second doctor. "I don't see any problems unless he has to surrender."

- **Betty Lee**

As a group of soldiers stood in formation at an Army Base, the Drill Sergeant said, "All right! All you idiots fall out." As the rest of the squad wandered away, one soldier remained at attention. The Drill Sergeant walked over until he was eye-to-eye with him, and then raised a single eyebrow. The soldier smiled and said, "Sure was a lot of 'em, huh, sir?"



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Sheriff Launches Mobile App For Citizens to Turn In Crime Tips *iWatchHarrisCounty. Do You?*

(HOUSTON, TX) – Sheriff Adrian Garcia and the Harris County Sheriff's Office (HCSO), in collaboration with iThinQware, Inc. ©, announced today the launch of a free mobile application that allows citizens to turn in crime tips using their mobile device.

iWatchHarrisCounty is a virtual crime watch program that empowers citizens across the county to report suspicious behaviors or activities by turning in tips as text messages and emails with image and video attachments, and phone calls directly to the HCSO from almost any mobile phone or PC. Citizens can remain anonymous or may choose to disclose their identity.

There are four ways to report crime tips:

- Online at iWatchHarrisCounty.com
- Text a tip to 1-855-HCSO-iWatch (1-855-427-6492)
- Use the downloadable app found on iWatchHarrisCounty.com
- Call 1-855-HCSO-iWatch (1-855-427-6492)*

****iWatchHarrisCounty is for submitting crime tips only, not emergencies. Emergency calls should be made to 9-1-1.***

The HCSO is the first sheriff's office in the country to use the **iWatch** mobile app.

"The iWatchHarrisCounty app helps us reach out to a digitally connected community in ways never before possible," said Sheriff Adrian Garcia. "Nowadays, almost everyone has a cell phone or a computer. Now you can use that mobile device, that technology to help us prevent or solve crimes by sending us a tip from anywhere, anytime – if you see something, say something."

The "If You See Something, Say Something™" public awareness campaign was launched nationally last year by the Department of Homeland Security to raise awareness of indicators of terrorism and violent crime, and to emphasize the importance of reporting suspicious activity to the proper law enforcement authorities.

"Until we invented the iWatch application, no citizen could say something with enough immediacy or with the precise detail that a criminal investigations agency could fully benefit from having," said Dan Elliott, founder of *iThinQware, Inc.* ©.

The iWatch application will allow the HCSO to receive, vet, track, forward and share crime tips within its own organization, as well as to push out tips, photos, videos and information to other agencies if applicable.

For more information on iWatchHarrisCounty visit www.iWatchHarrisCounty.com or www.hcso.hctx.net.

For more information on *iThinQware, Inc.* © visit www.ithinqware.net.

Remember to lock your cars, close and lock your garage doors, lock your doors and latch your windows, set your alarm. Please continue to call in any and all suspicious activity, people or vehicles immediately to the Sheriff's Office:

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Sheriff Launches Mobile App - (Continued from Page 4)

- Sheriff's Office non-emergency number at 713.221.6000 (Option 1 for dispatch).
- For life threatening emergencies call 911.
- Harris County Crime Map: For daily crime updates visit the Harris County Crime map on the Sheriff's website at: <http://www.crimereports.com/>

Please keep me posted of any criminal activity in our neighborhood, or if you see suspicious people or vehicles that do not belong, and I will send an e-mail to others in our community.

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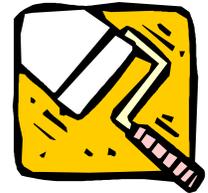

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Watch for Article in December Newsletter On Feeding Ducks

Attention residents: Watch for a long article entitled Bread and Ducks, Breaking the Bread Habit in our upcoming December newsletter. After reading this article, you might change your mind about ever wanting to feed the ducks again.

- By Linda O'Pry, Newsletter Editor

Report Streetlight Outages

To Report Streetlight Outages:

1. Write down the 6-digit streetlight number (easily seen on the front of each pole) to be repaired.
2. You will need the home address closest to the streetlight in need of repair and the description of that location.
3. Go to <http://cnp.centerpointenergy.com/outage> and follow the easy steps.
4. If you request, Center Point Energy will contact you by email when the streetlight work has been completed.



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The Top 10 Reasons Why You Might Not be Getting/ Reading Your Newsletters (Light-Hearted Humor)

10. The postman couldn't see your mailbox because it was covered with soliciting material and tape.
9. Even after you solicited someone to remove the soliciting material and tape from your mailbox, the postman didn't want to touch it because it was too sticky.
8. It was delivered to you but you failed to check your mailbox for over a month.
7. Your dog found it on the table first and you had trouble piecing it back together to see what it was.
6. The postman put your newsletter in a neighbor's mailbox by mistake and the neighbor didn't return it to you because they don't like you or perhaps they wanted two newsletters for themselves.
5. The postmen are on strike, but just in Willowlake and only on your street.
4. When the weather turns cold, your husband snatches up all the paper clutter he sees, including the newsletter and the bills, and uses the paper to jump-start the wood-burning fireplace.
3. You broke your eye glasses and threw the newsletter away thinking it was junk mail.
2. You think the newsletter is one too many magazines your wife subscribes to, so you call and cancel it.

And finally, the #1 reason that you might not be getting/reading your newsletters is... You are too busy watching football, eating nachos and drinking that keg of root beer (yea, sure) to bother with the newsletter, so you leave that job to your wife who does most of the reading in the family.

All kidding aside, I hope all of you are receiving your newsletters and that you are enjoying the articles within. So, don't neglect to check your mail because the newsletter could be under that pile of mail you have put off going through.

The fact is, occasionally some residents do not receive their newsletter, and those who do might not get them on the same day as their neighbor, but they should. I am in contact with the post office manager to resolve this issue. As always, I appreciate your comments and concerns.

- By Linda O'Pry, Newsletter Editor

Classified Ads

Personal classifieds (one time sell items, such as a used bike...) run at no charge to Willowlake residents, limit 30 words, please e-mail mommyma1422@sbcglobal.net.

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Harris County Sheriff's Office Crime Report Willowlake

(8/1/2011 - 8/31/2011) (9/1/2011 - 9/30/2011)

Pro-Active Calls

Meet the Citizen	3	0
Solicitors	0	0
Suspicious Person	2	1
Suspicious Vehicle	4	1
Traffic Stop	2	1
Traffic Initiative	0	0
Welfare Check.....	0	0
Vacation Watch	0	0

Re-Active Calls

Aggressive Animal	0	0
Assault.....	0	0
Burglary/Hab	1	0
Burglary/Motveh.....	1	2
Credit Card Abuse	0	0
Crim. Mischief	0	0
Disturbance/Juvenile	0	0
Disturbance/Loud Noise	3	0
Disturbance/Other	1	0
Drug/OD/Poss	0	0
Forgery.....	1	0
Fraudulent Use ID	0	0
In Progress	0	0
Missing Person	0	0
Open Door/Window	0	0
Robbery/Aggravated.....	0	0
Theft/Residence.....	0	0
Vehicle Stolen.....	0	0

Livening Up Thanksgiving Dinner

Bring along old recorded football games, pop them in the VCR when Dad's not looking.

When everyone says, in turn, what they are thankful for, say, "I'm thankful I didn't get caught," and refuse to say anything more.

DID YOU HEAR?

Did you hear about the latest diet? You can eat what you want, as much as you want and as often as you want. You don't lose any weight, but it's really easy to stick to.

Why Wait? When You Can Do It Now

Situation: You spot a streetlight out on your own street, or maybe a block over from you, that no one has taken the time to report. Why wait? Don't be in the dark when you can contact Center Point Energy at CenterPointEnergy.com/outage and they will repair it right away.

Situation: You notice pot holes on your street or other roads you travel. Why wait? When you can call Harris County Road and Bridge at 281-353-8424 and the matter will be taken care of.

Situation: You notice that a stop/street sign has either been stolen or destroyed by heavy winds. Why wait? When you can call the Harris County Road and Bridge at 281-353-8424 and they will replace the missing stop/street sign.

Situation: You see a dead duck on the street or at the park. Why wait? When you can call Harris County Animal Control at 281-999-3191 and they will take care of the matter.

The bottom line is: when there is a need, whether it's on your street or another close by, step up to the plate; make the call. If everyone waits for someone else to do it then nothing will ever get done, and being too busy is a poor excuse for not volunteering. It takes very little time to make a call or go online to report a problem. The result is a win/win situation for all of our residents. And remember, all the telephone numbers on page two of our newsletter are listed as "Important Numbers" because they are, so please keep them handy.
- By Linda O'Pry, Newsletter Editor

Recipe of the Month *Stonewall Peach Pie*

Double Crust:

- 2 cups flour
- 1 teaspoon salt
- 3/4 cup Crisco
- 6 tablespoons cold water

Combine ingredients as usual for piecrust, and roll out top and bottom crust.

Filling:

- 3 cups peaches
- 1 cup sugar
- 3/4 teaspoon cinnamon
- 1/8 teaspoon nutmeg
- 2 tablespoons cornstarch

Combine all ingredients and pour into unbaked piecrust. Cover with top crust, crimping edges and making vents for steam. Sprinkle top crust with milk and sugar. Bake one hour at 350F degrees.

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