

*West Bellfort Property Owners Association*  
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**Monthly Newsletter**

April 2015

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**SAVE THE DATES!**

Pool Tags Pickup  
May 9 & 10, 2015  
and  
May 16 & 17, 2015  
See Page 3 for more  
details!

**2015 POA DUES**

The 2015 payment notices for your POA dues have been out for some time, so hopefully you have already paid. For the POA to best serve the community and properly maintain our amenities, we need to receive your payment promptly. Please be aware that non-payment of dues severely impacts our community, as we cannot maintain the common areas, clubhouses, parks, pool and tennis court without your dues. As such, please ensure you pay your POA dues as soon as you receive your invoice. If for any reason you have not received your notice already, please contact Ry Reid with Sterling ASI as soon as possible.

While planning your vacation, don't forget to register for a deputy vacation watch by visiting the Precinct 7 website and select "Vacation Watch" - <http://www.harriscountytexas.gov/conpct7/>

**ADVERTISE IN OUR NEWSLETTER!!**

Beginning with our January, 2015 newsletter, business owners will be able to advertise in our newsletters! Please see pages 5 and 6 for further details!

WBPOA is patrolled by :  
Harris County Constable Precinct 7  
Constable May Walker  
Precinct 7 Dispatch 713 / 643-6602

**Deputies assigned to WBPOA:**

Sgt. P. Basralian  
Deputy Antone  
Deputy Nowlin  
Deputy Simon

Please contact your alarm company and have the Constable's precinct listed as the first police authority contact.



## *Volunteers Needed to Serve as Block Captains*



Block Captains are residents who volunteer their time and efforts to The community to serve as “point persons” between the residents, the POA Board, its committees and The property management team. Some of the responsibilities of a Block Captain could include the following:

- Get to know your neighbors, at least by sight, so you will know when someone is around who doesn't belong
- Encourage your block neighbors to keep an eye out for each other (for safety, emergencies, welfare checks, etc.)
- Encourage National Night Out meetings for your block
- Welcome new neighbors on your block and ensure they know about amenities, POA regulations, etc.
- Help keep neighbors informed of emergency situations such as hurricanes, etc.
- Assist the POA Board by notifying them of issues on the block (any suspicious activities, code violations, etc.). You will NOT be asked to handle these issues directly
- Make sure all neighbors receive the neighborhood newsletter or other informational flyers
- Assist the POA Board by obtaining signatures on proxies, if ever required
- Attend POA Board meetings (your option) to help keep your neighbors informed

You will not be asked to do anything that puts yourself in harm's way. The time involved is minimal. By serving as the “eyes and ears” of The community, you will play a big part in keeping it safe, friendly and beautiful. You can even “co-share” and team up with a neighbor. If you have an interest in serving as a Block Captain, please contact any of the Board members or Ry Reid, or attend the next POA meeting (see calendar for date).

### *POA Rules Regarding Garbage / Recycling / Yard Waste / Junk & Tree Waste*

**PLEASE SEE THE CITY OF HOUSTON' S ARTICLE “TRASH FACTS” ATTACHED TO THE BACK OF THIS NEWSLETTER!**  
The article is also be available on the WBPOA website.

**Garbage Bins:** Weekly pick up. To be placed at the curb the night before scheduled pick up date (ie, Wednesday before a Thursday pickup)

**Recycle Bins:** Bi-weekly pick up. To be placed at the curb the night before pick up date (See Schedule A attached)

**Yard Waste (grass and flower bed clippings, etc.):** Weekly pick up with regular household trash, but must be in City approved clear plastic compostable bags with a city seal on the bag (found at hardware stores and most grocery stores)

**Junk Waste & Tree Waste (tree trimmings, large limbs, etc.):** Alternate Monthly pick up. Can be placed at the curb up to 4 days prior to scheduled pick up date. Pick up dates for Junk Waste and Tree Waste alternate months (Junk Waste – even months / Tree Waste – odd months).

If for any reason a household has too much trash to fit inside the black garbage bin, residents can purchase city stickers to place on the outside of large plastic garbage bags. The stickers can be purchased from Fiesta or Seller's Brothers customer service windows. The stickers **MUST** be visible street side, or the bags will not be picked up.

Residents with physical limitations can contact 311 and complete a Solid Waste Pickup Request Form (for either regular trash or recycles, or both) to qualify for special pick up services. If qualified, city services will then pick up from the residents' specified locations and return them to the same location when emptied. The location **MUST** be out of sight from the street, but accessible to the city services (ie, behind unlocked fence gate).

All bins, yard waste, junk waste and / or tree waste **MUST** be removed from sight by the end of the scheduled pick up date. **ALL BINS MUST BE KEPT OUT OF SIGHT AT ALL TIMES OUTSIDE OF TRASH PICK UP DAYS – NO EXCEPTIONS.**

# *The Community*

## *Community School*

The 20 mph school zone signs are up in front of the Sephardic Gan/Torat EMT school. However, sadly, it seems as if our community ignores these signs and continue to speed passed the school, as well as run the stop signs at Teal Run with regularity. PLEASE KEEP THE CHILDREN IN MIND!! Slow down, be aware of the children and families at all times, keep your eyes open and your speed slow.....AND STOP.

### *Community Clubhouses*

Want to have a party, but are tight on space? No worries!! Your community has two great clubhouses available for your events! Jeannette Calhoun or Joy Cunningham will be happy to assist you in providing nice facilities that are close to home. Their contact details are on the front of the newsletter.

### *Community Parks*

Spring is in the air!! The Kittybrook and Ludington Parks are just waiting for you and your family to come out and enjoy the weather!!

The tennis court is also available year round, so please take advantage of having this great amenity in your own backyard. Even if you aren't the best at playing tennis, you will still get great exercise chasing after the balls!

### *Ludington Pool*

Reminder! **Pool tag pick up will be May 9 and 10 and again on May 16 and 17.** You should receive a letter soon with more details, but be sure to mark your calendars now!

**Want to be an active member of your community? Come to a Board meeting , contact one of your POA Board Members or Ry Reid to find how you can serve on one of the Board committees or serve as a Block Captain!**

### *POA Rules Regarding Home Improvements*

Reminder that before doing any landscaping or home improvement project involving the exterior of your home (including the front AND back yards), such as painting, the construction of patio covers, pools, etc., you MUST obtain approval first from the Architectural Control / Review Committee by completing the Architectural Control Application. The application can be found on the WBPOA website, and a copy is attached to this newsletter. Failure to receive approval for the improvement and / or change may result in you having to remove, alter or change the improvement in order to comply with the rules and regulations of the POA.

### *See Something, Say Something!*

We live in a wonderful, safe community, but Houston is a large city, which means crime is always just around the corner. So please always be diligent and do your part to help keep our neighborhood safe. Be sure to put the Constable Dispatch number in your speed dials, and if you see or hear anything suspicious, please practice the SEE SOMETHING, SAY SOMETHING motto – nothing is too insignificant to bring to the attention of our deputies. This also helps us determine where to request focused attention from our police authorities as well. SAFETY STARTS WITH YOU!!!!

# Community News

## *WBPOA Safety Committee News*

To address some concerns about an increase in criminal activity in the neighborhood or the perception thereof, the WBPOA Safety Committee arranged for a meeting on Wednesday, March 18, 2015 and invited all WBPOA residents, residents in surrounding areas, Precinct 7 Constable May Walker and Sgt. Peter Basralian, City Council Member Larry Green, an HPD Lieutenant and HPD Sr. Police Officer Shawn Demaree. The meeting was generously hosted by Rabbi Yerachmiel Garfield at the Yeshiva Torat Emet.

Many who attended addressed their concerns about break-ins of motor vehicles, an armed robbery at one intersection, an armed assault of a resident walking in the neighborhood, an attempted kick-in of a residence, running stop signs, speeding, etc. The primary concern was that these crimes appear to be on the increase, and residents wanted to know what is being done by the WBPOA currently and what plans are in place to address criminal activity in and around our neighborhood.

Several ideas were presented, such as buying and mounting cameras in strategic locations throughout the neighborhood to discourage non-residents from "cruising" the neighborhood, etc. Some residents expressed an interest in becoming trained to participate in a Citizens on Patrol program and signed up to be contacted. Council Member Green will approach the Brays Oaks Management District to discuss adding more patrolling to the Brays Oaks area. HPD Capt. Bob Robertson with the South Gessner Police Station also indicated that overtime funds had become available for a brief period; he plans to use some of the funds to have his officers patrol in and around West Bellfort POA until the funding is exhausted.

The meeting was very positive and the Board will continue to examine all available ways to address and reduce crime as best as it can be eliminated. However, our residents were reminded by the police authorities at the meeting that individuals must do all they can to avoid becoming a victim. Advice given in order to accomplish this was to be sure to close garage doors, lock car doors, park in the garage (preferred) or driveway, leave nothing inside the car no matter how insignificant, walk in pairs or groups, put away children's toys from sight, affix outside lighting around the house and by all means use your home security system if installed. It was also suggested that alarm company dispatchers have Constable Precinct 7 Dispatch's phone number (713 / 643-6602) listed as first police authority contact in the event the house alarm does go off, since our deputies can arrive quickly. Another suggestion is to be sure to register for Constable Precinct 7's vacation watch whenever you are away from home (see first page of newsletter for instructions).

Periodic safety meetings will continue to be held in future and all interested parties are always encouraged to attend. Together, we will continue to keep the WBPOA neighborhood as safe as possible.

### **FREE FUN!!!! WILLOW WATERHOLE MUSIC FEST SATURDAY, APRIL 25 – 11AM TO 10PM!!**

The Willow Waterhole Greenspace Park is located just east of Chimney Rock Road, and bordered by South Post Oak. The park can be accessed by turning off Chimney Rock close to Westbury High School onto a small street called Dryad (also the street leading to the Westbury Little League Ball Field). Parking is free and ample. You'll need to bring your own blanket to sit on or folding/lawn chairs. There will be food for sale, but you can bring your own. For those who observe Sabbath on Saturdays, the event goes until 10pm, and some of the more entertaining music is scheduled for later in the day and evening, so you will not miss any of the fun!! Come enjoy this great park and its 4<sup>th</sup> Music Fest!! See attached flyer for more details – hope to see you there!! IT'S FREE!!!! Great fun for children and it just keeps getting bigger and better!

## Advertise in the WBPOA Newsletter!

We are very excited to extend the latest feature of the WBPOA newsletter!! Advertising!! Effective with the January 2015 newsletter, those of you in our community who have your own businesses or know people in our area who have small businesses, here is an excellent opportunity to help your business grow! Please see the instructions on the next page on how to proceed with placing your ads. See also sample ads below. Ads will appear in the newsletter as they are received and/or as they best fit the space allowed by each newsletter edition published.

**PLEASE NOTE:** *Placing advertising in the newsletter is not to be interpreted as approval to run a business from your home. This practice is strictly prohibited by POA rules and will not be tolerated by the community or the Property Owners Association.*

### Examples of 1/4 page & smaller ads:



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Owner, LMT MT044756

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**Example of 1/2 page ad (provided for size estimation). Please note, while all efforts for clarity will be made, some stretching may occur based on "copy" provided and due to publication limitations.)**



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## WBPOA NEWSLETTER ADVERTISING

- Advertising to be paid in full in advance
- Deadline to submit ads is the 7<sup>th</sup> of each month (*example: ads submitted by April 7<sup>th</sup> would appear in May newsletter. Advertiser will be charged for May through December*)
- Ads will run for full (or remaining) year term after first submission (ie, if submit for January issue, will run until December issue; if ad submitted for May issue, will run through December).
- Advertising will stop in the December newsletter at the end of every year
- Ad renewals for the following year will need to be paid by December 7<sup>th</sup>
- Advertisers may change ad design mid-year, but cannot change the ad size until the term ends (if start with half page ad, need to stay with half page ad through end of term)
- Advertisers are to notify the editors when they wish to stop or change their ads before the deadline of the 7<sup>th</sup> of each month
- Ads must be “copy ready” when submitted and must be legible in black and white. While the WBPOA newsletters are published in color electronically, any hard publications may be printed in black and white
- To express interest in advertising, please visit the WBPOA website for the email link to the editor
- Payment instructions will be conveyed once the advertiser has contacted the editor
- **NO REFUNDS will be issued once ads are submitted, even if advertiser decides to stop their ads mid-term**

**The WBPOA Board and newsletter editors reserve the right to reject any advertisements that may be deemed inappropriate and / or offensive, or otherwise not provide a service to our residents**

FULL PAGE ADVERTISING		
Month	Submission Deadline	Price
January 2015	Dec 7, 2014	\$ 300
February 2015	Jan 7, 2015	\$ 275
March 2015	Feb 7, 2015	\$ 250
April 2015	Mar 7, 2015	\$ 225
May 2015	Apr 7, 2015	\$ 200
June 2015	May 7, 2015	\$ 175
July 2015	Jun 7, 2015	\$ 150
August 2015	Jul 7, 2015	\$ 125
September 2015	Aug 7, 2015	\$ 100
October 2015	<b>NO NEW ADS ACCEPTED FOR THIS PERIOD</b>	
November 2015		
December 2015		
1/1/2016 (Full Year)	Dec 7, 2015	\$ 300

HALF PAGE ADVERTISING		
Month	Submission Deadline	Price
January 2015	Dec 7, 2014	\$ 180
February 2015	Jan 7, 2015	\$ 165
March 2015	Feb 7, 2015	\$ 150
April 2015	Mar 7, 2015	\$ 135
May 2015	Apr 7, 2015	\$ 120
June 2015	May 7, 2015	\$ 105
July 2015	Jun 7, 2015	\$ 90
August 2015	Jul 7, 2015	\$ 75
September 2015	Aug 7, 2015	\$ 60
October 2015	<b>NO NEW ADS ACCEPTED FOR THIS PERIOD</b>	
November 2015		
December 2015		
1/1/2016 (Full Year)	Dec 7, 2015	\$ 180

QUARTER PAGE ADVERTISING		
Month	Submission Deadline	Price
January 2015	Dec 7, 2014	\$ 120
February 2015	Jan 7, 2015	\$ 110
March 2015	Feb 7, 2015	\$ 100
April 2015	Mar 7, 2015	\$ 90
May 2015	Apr 7, 2015	\$ 80
June 2015	May 7, 2015	\$ 70
July 2015	Jun 7, 2015	\$ 60
August 2015	Jul 7, 2015	\$ 50
September 2015	Aug 7, 2015	\$ 40
October 2015	<b>NO NEW ADS ACCEPTED FOR THIS PERIOD</b>	
November 2015		
December 2015		
1/1/2016 (Full Year)	Dec 7, 2015	\$ 120

# Fun Stuff

## Cantaloupe Bread with Praline Glaze

Yes, you read that right! Cantaloupe bread! This bread has a texture similar to banana or pumpkin bread, is very moist and simply amazing. You can puree and freeze any extra cantaloupe; just let thaw to make this bread again. The praline glaze is included, but honestly, the bread does not really need it, so can just skip. The recipe works best with a very ripe cantaloupe. Please note, the bread is super moist, so you will definitely need to grease and lightly flour the baking pans. Can use either regular loaf pans or a Bundt cake pan – I like the presentation of the Bundt pan myself. Surprisingly, this bread is a HUGE hit with children, even without the glaze.

3 Eggs	3 cups all purpose flour	FOR PRALINE GLAZE:
1 cup vegetable oil	1 teaspoon salt	
2 cups white sugar	1 teaspoon baking soda	1/2 cup butter
1 tablespoon vanilla extract	3/4 teaspoon baking powder	1-2/3 cups brown sugar
2 cups of pureed cantaloupe (about 1/2 a melon)	1 teaspoon ground cinnamon	1/2 cup chopped pecans
	1/2 teaspoon ground ginger	

Preheat oven to 325 degrees. Lightly grease and flower two 9X5 inch loaf pans, or one Bundt cake pan.

In a large bowl, beat together the eggs, vegetable oil, sugar, vanilla and pureed cantaloupe. In a separate bowl, lightly sift the flour, add the salt, baking soda, baking powder, cinnamon and ginger. Slowly add the flour mixture to the cantaloupe mixture, a little at a time, stirring to combine. Once well combined, pour the batter into the prepared pans.

Bake for about 1 hour if using the loaf pans, or about 1 hour and 15 minutes for the Bundt pan, until a toothpick inserted into the center comes out clean.

When bread is finished, let cool until you can invert onto serving plate / platter. Combine the butter and brown sugar, microwave on low for about 3 minutes, stirring at every 1 minute interval. Mix in the pecans and pour the sauce over the bread while still warm. Cool for at least one hour before serving.

## Planting in Full Sun and Shade

The Texas heat can take a big toll on our landscape, even items planted in the shade. Here are few examples of plants which hold up well in the heat, broken out by full sun and shade. Please be careful when planting any vines, as they do have a tendency to overrun. Check with your local nursery for more ideas on which plants work best for the area you're planting in.

*REMINDER: you may need an ARC approval form before beginning any landscaping work; please contact Sterling Management if you are in doubt.*

### **Full Sun:**

Vine: Ipomoea quamoclit (cypress vine); passion flower; bougainvillea; flowering jasmine; morning glory; Asian Jasmin (mostly used as ground cover)

Shrubs / Trees: Various Palms, Banana Trees, Century plant, red tip photina; bottle brush (attracts bees); wax ligustrum (bees); gardenias (bees); crape myrtles (dwarf versions also can be found); oleanders (are poisonous)

Tall height (back part of the garden / bed): Amaranthus; Celosia spicata (flamingo flower); Cleome hassleriana (spider flower); Mexican sunflowers; regular sunflower; most salvias

Medium (middle part): Cosmos bipinnatus (Mexican aster); Cosmos sulphureus (yellow or orange aster); Eschscholzia californica (California Poppy);

Lower (front part): Gazania; Lantana; petunias; moss rose; zinnias; marigolds; verbena

### **Shade / Partial Shade:**

Vine: Algerian or English Ivy (can take over)

Shrubs: Hydrangea; Pink Indigo;

Very tall: Elephant ears (are poisonous);

Tall: Agapanthus (Lilly of the Nile); Cast Iron Plant; Calla lily; Ginger; Obedient Plant; Pentas; Persion shield; Shrimp Plant

Medium: Ageratum (floss flower – can get taller); browallia; caladiums; coleus; flowering tobacco; some salvias

Lower: wax begonia, chocolate plant; impatiens; monkey grass (can be invasive); monkey flower; violets, wishbone flower

Ground cover: Jacobinia; Lamium ; lily turf; pigeonberry; purple heart (can be invasive)

*Some people may be tempted to plant a tree that is commonly known as a Golden Raintree. Please note, while this tree is pretty and very fast growing, it is also extremely invasive. As such, the State of Texas is in the process of considering banning this tree, so although you can find it being sold, it is highly recommended that you NOT plant it.*

# Andy, The Awesome Possum



Well, hello everybody!! It has been a while, so I hope you have not forgotten about me! I am so excited about Spring – I hope you are too! Spring is the time of year when I just get itching to get out and explore. Some of my favorite places to do that is the city and state parks, and one that I like to go to a lot is the Lake Houston City Park. It is huge, with about 4,800 acres!! The park used to be managed by the state, but was turned over to the city a few years ago. There is so much to do and lots of wildlife to see!

One of the most interesting species that lives in the park are wild pigs, which are sometimes called razorbacks or boars. Boars are fascinating, but they have a reputation for being dangerous and attacking humans. I do have a very healthy respect for boars, particularly momma boars, but actually, like most wild animals, feral pigs prefer to stay away from humans, so you may never see one!

Boars get their reputation for being dangerous because they are often hunted by people who do not know what they are doing. Often, the people try to back boars into tight spaces to “corner” or trap them. Boars do not like to be cornered, nor do they back down easily, so they will charge at that point. Now... momma boars. Well, momma boars are one of the most protective of all mammals, and they will charge anything they think is hurting one of their babies. So just don’t hunt boars without proper training and never mess with a wild baby pig, and you should be fine.

Feral hogs (*Sus scrofa*) are an old world species belonging to the family Suidae. Originally, feral pigs were domestic hogs that either escaped or were released for hunting purposes. In Texas, pigs were brought in by the Spaniards almost 300 years ago. Then in the 1930’s, European wild hogs (“Russian boars”) were imported and introduced into Texas by ranchers and sportsmen for sport hunting. The boars eventually escaped and bred with wild hogs. Today, what is considered “wild pigs” or “boars” in Texas include European wild hogs, feral hogs and European-feral crossbreeds. Feral hogs look pretty much the same as domestic hogs and vary in color. A mature feral hog can reach as tall as 3 feet and weigh from 100 to over 400 pounds. The extreme larger hogs are generally not far removed from domestication. Males are usually larger than females. They have long, stiff, grizzled colored hairs, long side whiskers, a long straight tail, and in European hogs and crossbreeds, a nape on the neck giving “razorback” appearance. Hogs have four continuously growing tusks (two on top, two on bottom) and the lower tusks are kept sharp by the habit of foraging. Pigs have poor eyesight but a very keen sense of hearing and smell. They are very highly intelligent animals. Baby boars are called piglets, females are sows and the males are boars. Nests are pretty much just anywhere on the ground, although sometimes “hollowed” out a bit, and a litter can be anywhere from 2 to 6 piglets. Boars travel together in groups called “sounds”, although male boars tend to travel alone as they get older.

Feral hogs are omnivorous, eating both plant and animal matter. Much of their diet is based on seasonal availability, and includes grasses, roots and tubers, acorns, fruits, bulbs and mushrooms. They will also eat insects, snails, earthworms, reptiles, amphibians, and carrion (dead animals), as well as live mammals and birds if given the opportunity. Feral hogs are especially fond of acorns and corn, rice, wheat, soybeans, peanuts, potatoes, watermelons and cantaloupe. Feral hogs feed primarily at night and during twilight hours, but will also feed during daylight in cold or wet weather.

It would be hard for any Texan to believe that boars were once close to extinction. Since they were able to breed with domestic escaped hogs however, expanding feral hog numbers now represent a significant threat to agriculture and water quality in many areas of the state. As such, unlike most wild animals, feral hogs are actually a detriment to the environment. As boars “root” for their food, foraging and digging up whatever is in their way, they can cause native plants to die out. As their population increase, landscape damage also increases. Feral pigs also carry diseases that can transmit to cattle and horses. Since the pigs are intelligent enough to figure out how to get around, through or under fencing, keeping their numbers under control has proven difficult. The state will sometimes call for “hog hunts”, but because hogs are not considered “game”, there are no established rules for hog hunts. Although one does need a hunting license to hunt feral pigs, the hunt process is dangerous as this is when people who do not know how to properly hunt feral pigs can get hurt. Another method to control hogs is through the careful use of coyotes, which are really the other only predator for hogs other than humans. Obviously, the use of coyotes is tightly controlled and cannot be widespread. Through institutions such as Texas A&M, Texas and other states are working to figure out additional ways to best control feral pig populations.

I hope you enjoyed learning about feral pigs. Despite their presence at our large parks, I hope you still get out and enjoy the bike trails, camping and other fun at the parks! Always remember, feral pigs have excellent noses and hearing. As such, they stay away from places where humans are, and even if you go deep in the parks on the mountain bike trails, they will hide if you are around. You may see them from far off as they are leaving, but as with any wild animal, rarely will feral pigs take on a human if not provoked. They much prefer to stay away from you!



**Be sure to stay posted for more fun Texas wildlife facts from Andy, the Awesome Possum!**



April 2015						
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1	2 Maundy Thursday Recycle Pick Up	3 Passover (Begins @ sundown) Good Friday	4
5 Easter	6	7	8	9	10 Junk Waste North Side*	11 Passover (Ends)
12	13	14	15 Tax Day	16 Junk Waste – South Side* Recycle Pick Up	17	18
19	20	21 WBPOA Board Meeting – 7pm Braesridge Club House	22	23	24	25 Willow Water Hole Music Fest 11am – 10pm
26	27	28	29	30	<b>PLEASE SEE ATTACHED:</b> - Trash Facts - WBPOA Architectural Review Approval Form - 2015 Recycle Calendar - Useful Numbers	

\* WBPOA – Northfield III and IV (North Side of West Bellfort): Junk Waste 2<sup>nd</sup> Friday of even months / Tree Waste 2<sup>nd</sup> Friday of odd months  
 \* WBPOA – Northfield V (South Side of West Bellfort) – Junk Waste 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday of even months / Tree Waste 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday of odd months

## Did You Know?

April is an important month in Texas History. The official timeline for the fight for Texas Independence starts with the Battle of Gonzales in October 1835 and ends with the Battle of San Jacinto in April 1836. There were several skirmishes before, during and after, but three of the battles stand out the most in Texans' hearts: The Goliad Massacre, the Alamo and our victory at San Jacinto. Mexico's refusal to accept Texas Independence eventually led to the Mexican American War of 1846, ending two years later with Mexico's final defeat and Texas being annexed as a State after being a Lone Republic for 12 years.

Two women played very important roles in the fight for Texas' freedom from Mexico: Francisca Alvarez and Emily Morgan. While there is some debate as to her history, most agree that Emily was actually Emily West, who worked for Captain James Morgan in Galveston, but was kidnapped by General Santa Anna. Ms. Morgan is credited with keeping the general's attention "elsewhere", allowing the Texan Army to seize San Jacinto, and in a battle that last a total of 18 minutes, captured the general and declared the state's independence. Emily's heroism led her to be named the "Yellow Rose of Texas" and a song of the same name is said to be about her. The historic Emily Morgan Hotel in San Antonio, located next door to the Alamo, is named in her honor.

Even less is known about Ms. Alvarez. Not even her name can be agreed upon by those who wrote of her. But the base story is that Ms. Alvarez, who is said to have been married to Captain Alvarez of the Mexican Army at Goliad, begged for the mercy of the Texans at the Battle of Goliad, and even hid a few away. It is said that approximately 340 men were massacred by the Mexican Army after a truce was called; however, several other men were able to escape with the aid of Ms. Alvarez. Most of these men did not know her name, and those who had a name wrote it differently in their accounts of that day. Although no one can agree on her name or even what happened to her after, Ms. Alvarez is forever credited and honored as the "Angel of Goliad".

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 alternative • blues • latin • rhythm & blues • jazz • hip hop

# Willow Waterhole 2015 MUSICFEST

## Saturday

April 25<sup>th</sup> 11<sup>am</sup> to 10<sup>pm</sup>

raindate: Sunday April 28

### Willow Waterhole Park

5300 Dryad enter Dryad from Chimney Rock behind Westbury High School  
 For map, visit <http://goo.gl/maps/Cp7Bw> or scan code below

Professional Artists:

- Zydeco Dots • Conrad Johnson Big Blue Sound
- Nobody's Fool • Crossroads • Corey Stoot
- TKOh! • Luther & The Healers • La Tribu
- Bayou City Brass • Kyle Turner
- Joe Carmouche

Area Schools:

- Parker Elementary • Emery/Weiner
- St. Thomas Episcopal • Westbury Christian
- Westbury HS • Bellaire HS • Johnston MS • HSPVA

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## ***IMPORTANT TRASH FACTS***

### **Weekly trash pickup (96 gallon black rolling bin)**

Weekly trash pickup is EACH Thursday, usually in the morning  
(Trash may *legally* be placed at the curb after 6 p.m. the night before or before 7 a.m. the morning of trash pickup)

### **Recycling (96 gallon green rolling bin)**

Recycling occurs every other week on Thursday morning in WBPOA  
(Recycling cans may *legally* be placed at the curb after 6 p.m. the night before or before 7 a.m. the morning of recycling trash pickup)

#### **Recycling dates (ALL THURSDAYS):**

**If the service day lands on a CITY HOLIDAY—trash will be collected the following day except December 25, 2015 is also a City holiday**

January 2015 8 and 22	February 2015 5 and 19	March 2015 5 and 19	April 2015 2, 16 and 30
April 2015 2 – 16 and 30	May 2015 14 and 28	June 2015 11 and 25	July 2015 9 and 23
August 2015 6 and 20	September 2015 3 and 17	October 2015 1 – 15 and 29	November 2015 12 and <b>27*</b>

December 2015

10 and 24\* city holiday

\*28<sup>th</sup> trash pickup / recycling pickup / yard waste pickup

- **November 26, 2015 is Thanksgiving day so Friday November 27th will be weekly trash pickup / recycling pickup / grass clippings pickup**
- **December 24<sup>th</sup> and 25<sup>th</sup> 2015 are City holidays. There will be trash service on December 26<sup>th</sup>**
- **BOTH TRASH CANS ARE TO BE REMOVED FROM THE CURB BY 6 P.M. ON TRASH PICKUP DAY.**
  - **TRASH CANS ARE TO BE HIDDEN FROM VIEW ONCE RETURNED TO YOUR HOUSE.**

## Grass Clippings / Tree Waste

Grass clippings are collected weekly on the same day (Thursday) as your weekly trash pickup. Grass clippings **MUST** be placed in a City of Houston approved compostable bag with the City of Houston seal on the bag. Absolutely nothing other than grass clippings may be in the bag or the trash driver will leave your grass clippings at the curb.

If the compostable bag should break and drop the grass clippings in the street and the driver does not pick it up, call 3-1-1 / 713-837-0311 and your District K City Council office to report it 832-393-3016.

## Small Bundles

Tree branches **MUST** be bundled and less than 3 ft. in length and placed 3 ft. apart from the other debris.

## Heavy Trash / Junk Waste

Heavy Trash is picked up on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Friday on the north side of West Bellfort POA  
Heavy Trash is picked up on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday on the south side of West Bellfort POA

**ALL ODD NUMBERED MONTHS ARE GRASS CLIPPINGS / TREE WASTE ONLY**  
**January, March, May, July, September, November**

**ALL EVEN NUMBERED MONTHS ARE JUNK WASTE ONLY**  
**February, April, June, August, October, December**

Heavy Trash *MAY legally* be placed at the curb on the Friday prior to your heavy trash pickup day and the pile **MUST** be less than 8 cubic yards (one standard truck bed).

## **ADDITIONAL AND USEFUL INFORMATION**

\*\*If you or a neighbor is physically challenged and unable to take the trash can(s) to the curb please call 3-1-1 / 713-837-0311 to ask for an application to apply for assistance from the Solid Waste Department (SWD). Once the application is approved by your doctor and Supervisor (this indicates you are eligible) the trash truck driver will come to the side of your house or up to the garage door to get the trash can(s) and return them.

\*\*\*If your trash (household, recycling, grass clippings, heavy trash) has been missed and you know you had placed it at the curb well in advance of the trash truck coming down your block, please call 3-1-1 / 713-837-0311 to report it, wait till you're given a "service request number" then call your District K City Council office 832-393-3016 so we can assist with the matter.

\*\*\*\*If you have filled up your black 96 gallon trash can to capacity but you still have more trash SWM will collect the overage ONLY if the extra bags are tagged with a 'tag for bag' sticker (this is the tags for bags program). You can purchase a sticker for about \$1.00 from the courtesy booth at Fiesta or Sellers Brothers Grocery Stores (Courtesy Booths). Put your trash in any plastic bag, affix the sticker onto the bag facing the curb so the driver can see it and they will pick it up on your scheduled trash day.

\*\*\*\*\*If you are moving into a house in the neighborhood and you will have emptied boxes you want picked up you can call 3-1-1 / 713-837-0311 and your District K City Council office at 832-393-3016 to ask for a one-time ONLY "NEW MOVE-IN".

\*\*\*\*\*If you have a gardener/landscaper mowing your lawn, you should be paying that individual/company to remove the cut grass each time they mow. The City will not pick up grass clippings if Solid Waste becomes aware that you have someone {a vendor} mowing your lawn. These grass clippings should not be placed at the curb till the evening prior to your weekly trash pickup day.

If you do allow a gardener/landscaper to mow your lawn and place the bags of grass clippings at the curb sooner than *legally* allowed you will run the risk of being reported to 3-1-1 who will then notify the Department of Neighborhoods of the violation and thus the risk of being fined.

\*\*\*\*\*Trash violations can and should be reported to 3-1-1 / 713-837-0311, be sure to get the "service request number" and also call your District K City Council office 832-393-3016. Such violations do carry a rather expensive fine.

**PLEASE REMEMBER THAT NONE OF YOUR NEIGHBORS APPRECIATES LOOKING AT YOUR TRASH SITTING AT THE CURB. NO ONE APPRECIATES HAVING THE NEIGHBORHOOD LOOK LIKE A TRAILER PARK. WE URGE YOU TO BE A GOOD NEIGHBOR AND FOLLOW THE RULES, THE RULES THAT APPLY TO ALL WEST BELLFORT POA RESIDENTS AS WELL AS ALL OTHERS ACROSS THE CITY.**



PROPERTY ASSOCIATION COMMITTEES:		TEXAS DPS OFFICE		
<i>If you would like to serve on one of these committees, please come to the next Board meeting</i>		Driving Tests / In-Person Driver's License New & Renewal		
Architectural Review (ARC): Barbara Hite, Jeannette Calhoun, Marc Warren, Tom Roberts		Closest (South Gessner close to West Airport - Approx 2 Miles)		
Clubhouse:	Jeannette Calhoun, Tom Roberts, Joy Cunningham	22220 South Gessner	Mon - Thur:	7:30am - 6:00pm
Landscape:	Jeannette Calhoun, Tom Roberts	Houston, TX 77071	Fri:	7:30am - 5:00pm
Newsletter:	Dyaz Godfrey, Mari Angelo	Phone: 713 / 219-4100	Sat:	Closed
Parks & Recreation:	Zally Lazares, Asher Belles, Neal Harris	Second Option (Rosenberg - US 59 @ Hwy 36 - Approx 20 Miles)		
Pool:	Phil Abrams	28000 Southwest Freeway, Suite A	Mon - Thur:	7:30am - 6:00pm
Safety:	Barbara Hite, Barbara Getzer, Yonah Nathan	Rosenberg, TX 77471	Fri:	7:30am - 5:00pm
BLOCK CAPTAINS:	Volunteers Needed!	Phone: 281 / 517-1630	Sat:	Closed
WEBSITE INFORMATION:		More Info: <a href="http://www.txdps.state.tx.us/administration/driver_licensing_control/rolodex/searchresults.asp">http://www.txdps.state.tx.us/administration/driver_licensing_control/rolodex/searchresults.asp</a>		
City of Houston (General Info):	<a href="http://www.houstontex.gov">www.houstontex.gov</a>	LOCAL LIBRARIES		
City of Houston Services (311 Online):	<a href="http://hfdapp.houstontx.gov/311/index.php">http://hfdapp.houstontx.gov/311/index.php</a>	City of Houston Libraries		
Constable Precinct 7 Vacation Watch:	<a href="http://www.harriscountytexas.gov/compct7/">http://www.harriscountytexas.gov/compct7/</a>	Morris Frank Library	Mon & Thur	11am - 6pm
Texas DPS Driver's License Renewal:	<a href="http://www.txdps.state.tx.us/driverlicense/">http://www.txdps.state.tx.us/driverlicense/</a>	Brays Oaks Towers Building	Tue	12pm - 8pm
West Bellfort Property Owner's Association:	<a href="http://www.westbellfortpoa.com">www.westbellfortpoa.com</a>	10103 Fondren	Wed	10am - 6pm
ADDITIONAL INFORMATION		Houston, TX 77096	Fri	1pm - 5pm
Concert Arenas		Phone: 832 / 393-2410	Sat	10am - 5pm
Arena Towers	<a href="http://www.arenahouston.com/events/category/events/">http://www.arenahouston.com/events/category/events/</a>	<i>(on Fondren just passed Willowbend)</i>		
Cynthia Woods Mitchell Pavilion	<a href="http://www.woodlandscenter.org/">http://www.woodlandscenter.org/</a>	Meyer Branch Library	Sun & Mon	Closed
Miller Outdoor Theater	<a href="http://milleroutdoortheatre.com/">http://milleroutdoortheatre.com/</a>	5005 West Bellfort Street	Tue & Wed	10am - 6pm
Sports Complexes		Houston, TX 77035	Thur	12pm - 8pm
BBVA Compass - Dynamo Soccer/TSU Football	<a href="http://www.bbvacompassstadium.com/">http://www.bbvacompassstadium.com/</a>	Phone: 832 / 393-1840	Fri	1pm - 5pm
Minute Maid Park - Astros	<a href="http://houston.astros.mlb.com/hou/ballpark/index.jsp">http://houston.astros.mlb.com/hou/ballpark/index.jsp</a>	<i>(on West Bellfort just before Kroger's)</i>		
NRG Stadium & Park - Texans & Rodeo	<a href="http://nrgpark.com/nrg-stadium">http://nrgpark.com/nrg-stadium</a>	Houston Main / Central Library	Mon - Thur	10am - 8pm
Toyota Center - Rockets	<a href="http://www.houstontoyotacenter.com/">http://www.houstontoyotacenter.com/</a>	500 McKinney	Fri & Sat	10am - 5pm
Things to do in Houston:	<a href="http://www.visit-houston-texas.com/things-to-do/">http://www.visit-houston-texas.com/things-to-do/</a>	Houston, TX 77002	Sun	1pm - 5pm
Volunteering Opportunities:		Phone: 832 / 393-1313	<i>(Located Downtown at McKinney &amp; Smith. Garage Parking - \$2 per hour, max \$16 - NO STREET PARKING EXCEPT ON SUNDAYS - TOWING ENFORCED; Street parking is free on Sundays)</i>	
City of Houston	<a href="http://volunteerhouston.org/">http://volunteerhouston.org/</a>	Harris County Library		
Harris County	<a href="http://www.harriscountycitizen corps.com/">http://www.harriscountycitizen corps.com/</a>	West University Branch	Mon	10am - 8pm
USEFUL NUMBERS		6108 Auden	Tue & Wed	10m - 6pm
Name	Phone Number	Houston, TX 77005	Thur & Fri	1pm - 6pm
Animal Control (BARC)	713-229-7300	Phone: 713 / 668-8273	Sat	10am - 5pm
Anti-Gang Office	832-393-0931	<i>(@ Corner of Auden &amp; Milton in West U)</i>		
Brays Oaks Management District	713-595-1221	STATE, COUNTY & CITY OFFICIALS		
Citizens' Assistance	832-393-0955	Position	WBPOA's District	Currently Held By
City Council District J	832-393-3015	Mayor	Houston	Anrise D. Parker
City Council District K	832-393-3016	County Judge:	Harris County	Ed Emmett
City of Houston Services:	311	Tax Assessor-Collector:	Harris County	Mike Sullivan
Constable Precinct 7 - General Info	713-643-6118	Treasurer:	Harris County	Orlando Sanchez
Constable Precinct 7 - Dispatch	713-643-6602	County Attorney:	Harris County	Vince Ryan
Emergency	911	District Attorney:	Harris County	Devon Anderson
Harris County Flood Control:	713-684-4197	County Clerk:	Harris County	Stan Stanart
Health and Human Services	832-393-5169	District Clerk:	Harris County	Chris Daniel
Houston Fire Department Non-Emergency	832-394-6700	County Sheriff:	Harris County	Adrian Parker
Houston ISD	713-556-6000	County Constable:	Precinct 7	Constable May Walker
Houston Police Department District #17	713-773-7901	County Commissioner:	Precinct 1	El Franco Lee
Houston Police Department Non-Emergency	713-884-3131	Metro Transit Authority Chairman:	Houston Metro Area	Gilbert Andrew Garcia
Mayor's Office	832-393-1000	City of Houston Council Member:	District K	Larry Green
Milne Elementary School	713-778-3420	HISD School Superintendent:	Houston	Terry B. Grier
Parks Department	832-395-7000	HISD School District:	Position 9	Wanda Adams
Public Works and Engineering	832-395-2511	Houston Community College District:	District 9	Christopher W. Oliver
Solid Waste Management	713-956-6589	Justice of the Peace:	Position 1	Judge Hillary H. Green
Sterling Association Services (WBPOA's Property Management)	832-678-4500 x253	Justice of the Peace:	Position 2	Judge Zinetta Burney
Welch Middle School	713-778-3300	State Board of Education:	District 4	Lawrence A. Allen, Jr
Westbury High School	713-723-6015	State Senator:	District 13	Rodney G. Ellis
		State Representative:	District 13a	Dr. Alama A. Allen
		Governor:	Texas	Rick Perry
		US Representative:	District 9	Al Green
		US Senators:	Texas	John Cornyn
				Ted Cruz

# RECYCLE MORE

The City of Houston accepts recyclables at curbside, the Neighborhood Depository/Recycling Centers and drop-off facilities.

## Examples of acceptable plastics and materials:



**# 1 Plastics**  
Soft drink and water bottles



**# 2 Plastics**  
Milk jugs, juice bottles, and food containers



**# 3 Plastics**  
Detergent bottles, shampoo bottles



**# 4 Plastics**  
Condiment bottles



**# 5 Plastics**  
Yogurt containers, caps, straws and empty medicine bottles



**# 6 Plastics**  
Styrofoam blocks

(Not Accepted in Curbside Recycling Program. Accepted at the Westpark Recycling Center and ESC - South only)



**# 7 Plastic**  
Large water bottles



**Mail, Envelopes, and Paper**



**Flattened Cardboard**



**Glass**  
Accepted in automated recycling, neighborhood depositories, dropoff locations and Westpark



**Used Motor Oil\***  
\*Accepted in the Curbside Recycling Program, depositories, ESCs and Westpark.



**Newspapers, Magazines, and Catalogs**

**Aluminum, Tin, and Empty Aerosol Cans**



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or call 3-1-1 for additional information.

# 2015 Bi-Weekly Collection Schedule

Schedule A

Schedule B

○ City Holiday \*(Follow the adjusted "Holiday Schedule")

**January**

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**February**

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**March**

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**May**

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**June**

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**July**

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**September**

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**November**

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**December**

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- If your collection day is during the "A Week" then follow the schedule for the shaded yellow week. Ex: Thursday A service days in January are the 8th & 22nd.
- If your collection day is during the "B Week", you will follow the unshaded week's schedule. Ex: Tuesday B service days in January are the 13th and 27th.

\*For the Holiday Schedule and additional information, visit our website at [www.houstonwaste.org](http://www.houstonwaste.org) or call the Houston Service Helpline 3-1-1.