

West Bellfort Property Owners Association

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Monthly Newsletter

April 2017

SAVE THE DATE!

Pool Tags will be available in May – see page 3 for more details. Please ensure your POA dues have been paid or you cannot pick up tags!

SAVE THE DATE!

WILLOW WATERHOLE MUSIC FEST – April 22nd and 23rd!
See pages 7 and 8 for more information on this fun annual event!!

WBPOA BOARD MEMBERS:

Barbara Hite, President
Jeannette Calhoun, Vice President
Phil Abrams, Secretary
Marc Warren, Treasurer
Mari Angelo, Board Member
Asher Belles, Board Member
Joy Cunningham, Board Member
Dyaz Godfrey, Board Member
Glenn Gundy, Board Member
Neal Harris, Board Member
Zally Lazarus, Board Member
Jonah Nathan, Board Member
Marcy Williams, Board Member

2017 POA DUES

PLEASE NOTE: If you have not paid them yet, then....YOUR POA HOMEOWNER DUES ARE NOW PAST DUE!! If for any reason you believe you did not receive or cannot find your 2017 dues invoice, please contact Sterling Management IMMEDIATELY. You can speak with whomever answers. ALTERNATIVELY, PLEASE REACH OUT TO A BOARD MEMBER.

For the POA to best serve the community and properly maintain our amenities, we need to receive payment of your POA dues 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. **Non-payment of dues will also restrict your use of community amenities** as it is not right to allow usage if you are not paying for the upkeep. As such, please ensure you pay your POA dues as soon as you receive your invoice. If for any reason you do not receive your notice, contact Sterling ASI as soon as possible at (832) 678-4500. Anyone at Sterling will be more than happy to assist you. See box on the bottom of this page for more helpful details.

WBPOA MANAGEMENT COMPANY

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Sugar Land, TX 77498
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or 832-678-5390
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For your vacation planning needs, please be sure to register for a deputy vacation watch by visiting the Precinct 7 website and select "Vacation Watch" – or visit
<https://constable7.harriscountytexas.gov/Pages/VacationWatchRequest.aspx>

Ludington Clubhouse Rental

Joy Cunningham 713 / 417-8154
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Braesridge Clubhouse Rental

Jeannette Calhoun 713 / 203-2407
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POA DUES – ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Payment coupons are included with the invoice for your POA dues to be paid in advance. **Those coupons are not an agreement to enter into a payment plan, but there is a payment plan option.** However, you **MUST** notify the management company that you are selecting this option before January 2017 by sending in your first payment by the date specified on the coupon. **If for any reason you cannot make payments by end of January 2017 please contact Sterling or your POA Board AS SOON AS POSSIBLE, as it is imperative that the HOA receives payments so as to stay in line with the 2017 Budget.** Should you lose the payment coupon, you are welcome to mail your payment to the following:

West Bellfort POA
c/o Sterling ASI
PO Box 38118
Houston, Texas 77238-8118

Please specify the property address you are making payment for in the memo line of the check; alternatively, you are welcome to include a separate piece of paper with the address and any other particulars to ensure your payment is properly applied.

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

Deputies assigned to WBPOA:

Sgt. J. Meeks
Deputy Antone
Deputy Nowlin
Deputy Pitts

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 upcoming WBPOA Board Meeting on Tuesday, April 25, 2017, at 6:30pm, Ludington Clubhouse.

It's spring fever. That is what the name of it is. And when you've got it, you want – oh, you don't quite know what it is you do want, but it just fairly makes your heart ache, you want it so! ~ Mark Twain

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

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

Please keep a careful watch during the school year for children and families walking to the Sephardic Gan/Torat EMET School on the corner of Braesridge and West Bellfort. We are blessed to have this school in our community, so please pay attention and SLOW DOWN in the neighborhood in general, but most specifically during school hours around the school!

Speaking of the school....are you looking for ways to help reduce your taxes owed to the IRS? Then consider a donation to the school! Not only do you get a great tax donation credit for 2017 taxes, you also help support the children of our very own community!! Visit <http://www.ytehouston.org/sponsor-a-day-of-learning> to see how you can sponsor a day, a month or even a year of education!!

Community Clubhouses

With the recent updates to the Ludington Clubhouse, we now have two beautiful places available to host your events! Be sure to get with Joy Cunningham for the newly renovated Ludington Clubhouse or Jeanette Calhoun for the Braesridge Clubhouse. Their contact details are on the front of the newsletter.

Community Parks

We hope you are enjoying the gorgeous Spring weather by taking advantage of two of our best community features – the parks at Kittybrook and Ludington!!

And you can enjoy the weather even more with a great game on our community tennis court!!

Ludington Pool

The pool is set to open on Memorial Day Weekend in May 2017. Pool tags will be available for pick up the second and third weekends in May: May 13, 14, 20 and 21. A pool tag notice and full pool schedule will be mailed to residents in early May. But in the meantime, **please ensure your POA fees are paid in full before May, or you will not be able to pick up your tags.**

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. . **PLEASE NOTE: This also includes obtaining approval for any dumpsters that may be required during improvements / renovations, no matter the size or location. Failure to obtain prior approval may result in the requirement to remove the dumpster from the site.**

See Something, Say Something!

YOUR EYES ARE ONE OF THE BEST CRIME PREVENTION TOOLS OUT THERE!! The security reminder above is a good indication how alert neighbors can notify each other of potential danger. So please keep alert at ALL times, enter the Precinct 7 Constable's Dispatch number in your phones and be sure to have the Constable Dispatch the first law enforcement contact for your home alarms. As always, if you see something suspicious, be sure to report it immediately – you do not have to endanger yourself as our patrol officers are quick to respond and will address issues ASAP. If you plan a trip to visit family, please get registered with Precinct 7 for a vacation watch – our patrol officers will be happy to help keep an eye on your home.

Two New Subdivisions In the Works for Brays Oaks

Excerpted from: Brays Oaks Management District Newsletter - March 16, 2017

The Venician, a 9.5-acre planned community, is in development from AC Home on the west side of South Gessner, north of West Bellfort... will include a landscaped detention pond. The Venician will consist of 99 new homes with a variety of floor plans, including 2BR 2B 1-story, 3BR 2 or 2.5B 2-story, and 4BR 2.5 or 3B 2-story homes, ranging from 1,250–1,650 SF and priced affordably for new buyers between \$170,000 and \$240,000. Lot frontages will average around 37 feet, similar to many of the new communities being built throughout Houston. Construction is underway ...and is expected to complete the project within two to three years.

In contrast, the Netivot Braeswood hopes to cater to a more upscale homebuyer. KinghornDriverHough (KDH) is developing the 12-home project on the southwest corner of South Braeswood and Glenfield, just west of Hillcroft. This small, single-family home community is situated on a one-acre parcel, purchased from MC Management & Development, Inc. in 2015 by Netivot LLC. Development will be high density, featuring 3-story homes with shared driveways priced above \$500,000.

The Brays Oaks District is happy to see these projects break ground. The District believes they will not only support existing retail and restaurants in Brays Oaks, but also aid in the District's ongoing efforts to bring new businesses into the community.

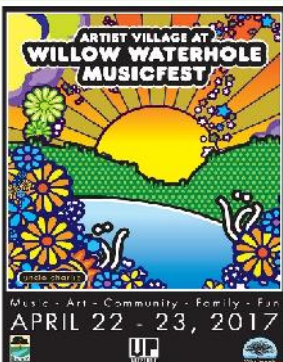


CIGNA SUNDAY STREETS KICKS OFF IN GARDEN OAKS/OAK FOREST

Cigna Sunday Streets returns March 26, 2017 with three brand new locations - Garden Oaks/Oak Forest, Spring Branch and Brays Oak. Cigna Sunday Streets, a project of the Mayor's Office of Special Events and the Health and Human Services Department, provides a family-friendly opportunity for being physically active. For four hours one Sunday a month during the spring months, selected Houston streets are closed to motorized traffic, allowing Houstonians to cycle, walk, run, dance, and socialize in the street. Stores and restaurants along the routes will also be open for business. This Spring 2017, Cigna Sunday Streets will be in the following neighborhoods:

- **March 26: Garden Oaks / Oak Forest** -- 43rd St. between Ella Blvd. and Rosslyn Rd. (1.0 mile)
- **April 23: Spring Branch** -- Gessner Rd. between Kempwood Dr. and Tiger Trail (.92 miles)
- **May 21: Brays Oaks** -- Fondren Rd. between S. Braeswood Blvd. and W. Bellfort Ave. (1.3 miles)

All events during the spring season will take place from 12 - 4pm. Cigna Sunday Streets is modeled after other events around the world. The concept originated 30 years ago in Bogota, Colombia. U.S. cities with similar events include San Francisco, Portland, St. Louis, Dallas, Los Angeles, New York and Minneapolis. Cigna Sunday Streets is a project of the Mayor's Office of Special Events. For more information visit <http://www.houstontx.gov/specialevents/sundaystreets.html>



BRAND NEW TO MUSICFEST!!!

Launching for the first time at the annual Willow Waterhole MusicFEST, the Artist Village will feature at least 40 vendors selling their art work and performing live exhibitions. See the flyer at the back of the newsletter for more information about MusicFEST 2017 – now in its fifth year!!



FREE TAX ASSISTANCE!

April 15th is coming up fast!! Neighborhood Tax Centers offers free, quality tax preparation services at 15 convenient locations throughout the Greater Houston Area during the tax season. Neighborhood Tax Centers, United Way of Greater Houston and Houston Community College have partnered to offer this free service. There more than a dozen Neighborhood Tax Centers offering free help for tax payers who earn less than \$30,000 (singles) to \$50,000 (families). The centers offer free tax preparation, free e-filing and free direct deposits. See the supplement at the back of the newsletter for more details!

FLOOD INSURANCE – WHY YOU NEED IT!

Houston's nickname "The Bayou City" comes from the fact that the city is home to 11 major bayous, numerous "minor" runoff bayous, the San Jacinto River and at least 7 creeks – totaling more than 2,500 miles of waterway, all of which lead into the Gulf of Mexico. The longest, Buffalo Bayou, is 53 miles, and with all of its smaller minor tributary bayous, is considered to be a total of 102 square miles. In comparison, our bayou, Brays Bayou, is 31 miles long but is approximately 128 square miles with all of its tributaries.

Brays Bayou runs through southwest Harris County and portions of Ft. Bend County and drains parts of the cities of Houston, Missouri City, Stafford, Bellaire, West University, Southside Place and the Meadows. Over 700,000 people live along this massive waterway.

Houston is a "flat" city, being only about 50 miles above sea level. All of the streets are designed to drain into the bayous, then out to the Gulf. Given its location along the Gulf, Houston is subject to hurricanes, tropical storms and sudden rain events where rainfall rates per hour can overwhelm our bayou system – the rain simply falls faster than it can flow out of the streets and bayous. Contributing to the scientific calculations of "faster input than outflow", is the fact that Houston does not have zoning. As such, rather than being forced to tear down vacant shopping centers and rebuild, developers are allowed to go through and cut down trees and forests, overlaying the new ground with concrete, homes, etc. This type of development unfortunately contributes to flooding, as the water literally has no where to go. The construction of homes, roads, commercial development, etc. creates impermeable surfaces, so there is less and less ground and plant life to soak up the water. In addition, people throw trash into our drains and bayous, which then clog up the system and does not allow water to flow freely.

Even with Houston being so prone to flooding, many homeowners and renters do not have flood insurance. Tenants / renters are not aware they can carry flood insurance (even if they do not have a renters home insurance policy). Many homeowners believe their homeowners insurance covers flooding – IT DOES NOT!!! Also, others think it is not necessary because "I do not live in a flood zone". However, although your home may not be in the "official" flood zone, it is pretty safe to say that every single home in the city of Houston is in a flood plain!!! We have had at least one 500 year flood event in the last 20 years, which was Tropical Storm Allison in 2001. Thousands of people were caught unprepared as many areas of the city which had never flooded were under water by over 50 feet! FEMA remapped the flood zones all along the Gulf Coast area due to the unprecedented flooding created by this storm.

As you can see, it is absolutely critical to carry flood insurance on your home. Flood insurance is available to renters as well! Flood insurance can be purchased through any insurance company – rates are set by FEMA, not by the companies. Depending on size and location, the average home costs about \$700 per year for flood insurance. This cost is less than most people pay for their cell phones!!

Here are some FEMA flood insurance facts – these are general statements that apply nationwide; your agent will clarify what FEMA's requirements / coverages are for the Houston Gulf Coast area:

- Just a few inches of water from a flood can cause tens of thousands of dollars in damage. From 2010 to 2014 the average residential flood claim amounted to more than \$39,000. The average flood insurance policy premium is about \$700 per year.
- **Flood insurance is available to homeowners, renters, condo owners/renters, and commercial owners/renters.** Costs vary depending on how much insurance is purchased, what it covers and the property's flood risk.
- All policy forms provide coverage for buildings and contents, but remember the contents portion is optional....so know exactly what coverage is being purchased.
- **There is a 30-day waiting period from date of flood policy purchase before a policy goes into effect.** That means now is the best time to buy flood insurance. There are few exceptions to this rule, but mostly involve a new home purchase.

Please see the flyer at the back of this newsletter for more information regarding flood insurance. Be sure to contact your insurance agent today and get this important coverage for your home, or visit <https://www.fema.gov/national-flood-insurance-program> for more information on the importance of flood insurance.

"It wasn't raining when Noah built the ark." – Richard Cushing, Archbishop Emeritus of Boston



APRIL 2017



<p>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!</p>						1 April Fool's Day
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9	10 Passover	11 Passover	12 Passover	13 Passover Recycle Pick Up Junk Waste – South Side*	14 Passover	15 Passover
16 Passover Easter	17 Passover	18 Passover	19	20	21	22 Willow Waterhole Music Fest 2017
23 Willow Waterhole Music Fest 2017	24	25 POA Board Meeting 6:30pm Ludington Clubhouse	26	27 Recycle Pick Up	28 Arbor Day	29
30	<p>* WBPOA – Northfield III and IV (North Side of West Bellfort): Junk Waste 2nd Friday of even months / Tree Waste 2nd Friday of odd months * WBPOA – Northfield V (South Side of West Bellfort): Junk Waste 3rd Thursday of even months / Tree Waste 3rd Thursday of odd months</p>				<p>Junk Waste EVEN months February April June August October December</p>	<p>Tree Waste ODD months January March May July September November</p>

April Showers Bring May Flowers – Discussing the Rhyme

Published April 1, 2008 | By [Ken Bolt](#)

The following is an excerpt from Ken Bolt's thoughts on the popular saying "April showers bring May flowers.":

"We've all heard this rhyme at some point, usually having been taught it at an early age by our parents or teachers. It's a popular thing to say and hear around the springtime, but one thing you might not know is where the rhyme originated from. It can be traced back to the mid-1500s, although earlier use of "April showers bring May flowers" may have existed. In 1557 a gentleman by the name of Thomas Tusser compiled a collection of writings he called A Hundred Good Points of Husbandry. In the April Husbandry section he wrote:

'Sweet April showers
Do spring May flowers'

As you can see, the rhyme was originally a short poem. There is meaning behind the words, as well. "April showers bring May flowers" is a reminder that even the most unpleasant of things, in this case the heavy rains of April, can bring about very enjoyable things indeed – in this case, an abundance of flowers in May. "April showers bring May flowers" is a lesson in patience, and one that remains valid to this day. Many of life's greatest things come only to those who wait, and by patiently and happily enduring the clouds and damp of April you can find yourself more easily able to take in the sights and smells of May."

So even though the rhyme is simple, sweet and maybe even a little trite and old fashioned, it is a nice reminder that the sun does shine after every rain. And that we do need both to occur for there to be new life... literally and figuratively. The reason this simple saying has been around for over 500 years is because it does contain a very simple truth...the storm always ends, and rains always bring beauty. So if you find yourself immersed in one of the storms that life likes to throw at us every now and again, hopefully this little rhyme will bring you peace that you can make it through to the new beginnings that await, and you will experience growth through the process!

• zydeco • big band • rock • r&b •
• blues • latin • cuban • jazz •

Willow Waterhole 2017 MUSICFEST

Saturday & Sunday

April 22nd & 23rd
11am-9pm • 10am-8pm

Willow Waterhole

 PARKING HAS CHANGED! SEE MAP AT:
WillowWaterhole.org/musicfest-parking

TWO DAYS OF
FREE LIVE MUSIC
in a
RELAXING SETTING!

PROFESSIONAL
BANDS &
AREA SCHOOLS



ART FAIR

BOTH DAYS 11AM TO 6PM



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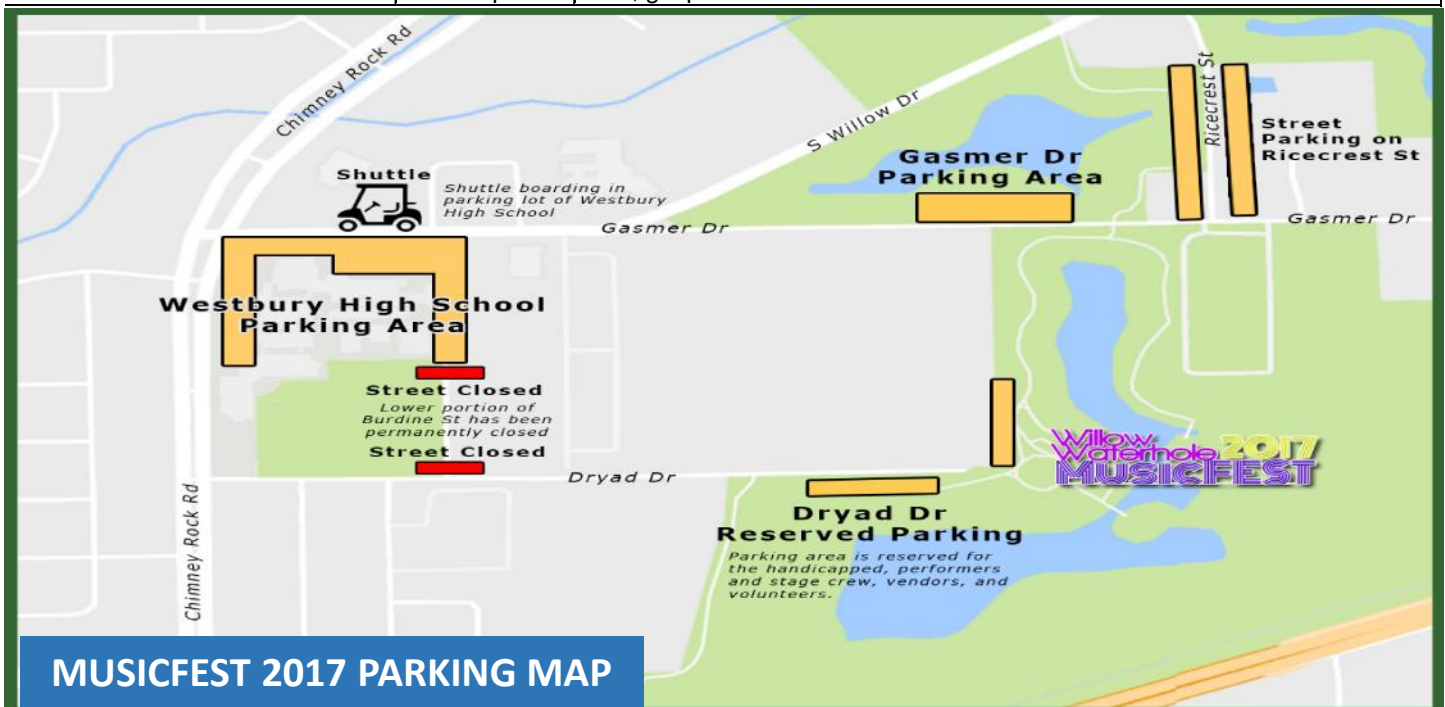
WILLOW WATER HOLE MUSICFEST 2017 PERFORMERS

Saturday, April 22

Band	Time	Style
The Recollection	11:00am	Bluegrass
Runaway Radio	12:00pm	Mix of rock, blues, country and garage band
Crocro y su Tambaká	1:00pm	Latin-jazz, percussion, batá and more!
Pat Williams Group	2:00pm	Jazz, fusion, funk, soul, R&B
Charlie Perez's Latin Caravan	3:00pm	Local cultural music
Conrad Johnson Orchestra	4:00pm	Band of over 20 professional musicians
Mark Dini Band	5:00pm	Jazz, Funk, latin, blues and more!
The Classix	6:00pm	Variety of music featuring two-time Grammy Award winner Michael Aguilar
Soul Dig	7:00pm	Funk, soul, R&B, jazz, latin and more!
Kyle Turner Band	8:00pm	Jazz and more!

Sunday, April 23

Band	Time	Style
Student Performers	10:00am	Westbury HS Southwest Feeder Pattern Jazz Band featuring: Parker Elementary, Meyerland Middle School and Westbury High
	10:30am	Houston Youth Klezmer Band
	11:00am	Kipp Academy Jazz Ensemble
	11:30am	Summer Jazz Workshop All-Stars
	12:00pm	Pin Oak Middle School Stage Band
	12:30pm	Emery Weiner School Rock Band
	1:00pm	Houston School for Performing & Visual Arts Combo
TKOh!	2:00pm	Mix - Keeping it real!
Jelando Johnson & the Movement	3:00pm	Jazz
La Tribu	4:00pm	Latin / Afro-Cuban
Joe Carmouche	5:00pm	Jazz guitar
Luther & the Healers	6:00pm	Blues
Diunna Greenleaf	7:00pm	Jazz, gospel and soul



MUSICFEST 2017 PARKING MAP

THE FLOOD ZONE

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Flooding doesn't just happen
on the coast ...

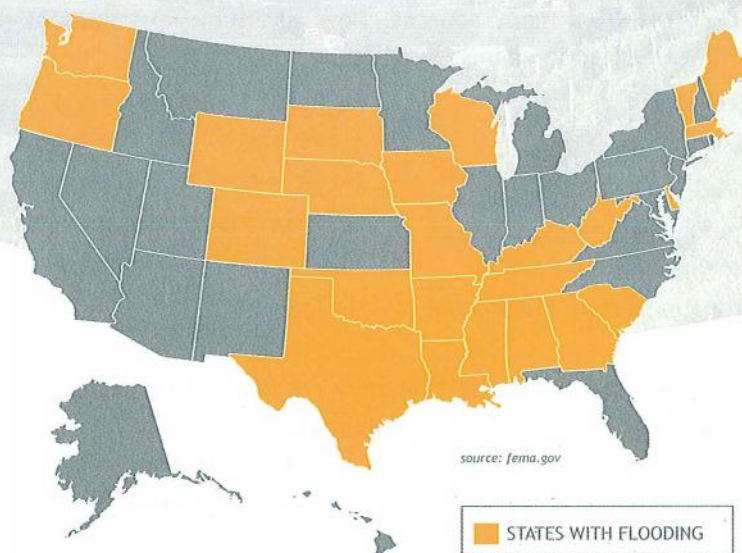
10 WAYS TO BE PREPARED

1. Maintain a flood insurance policy.
2. Review your policy to become familiar with what is covered and to make sure your limits are adequate.
3. Itemize and photograph possessions.
4. Save your flood insurance agent's contact information in your phone.
5. Make an emergency kit and include a spare cellphone charging cord.
6. Keep important papers in a safe, watertight, portable container.
7. Plan an evacuation route.
8. Have a phone plan worked out with family members.
9. Have a place to meet in case you get separated.
10. Have a plan for any pets, too.

For additional policy information, contact the agent listed on your policy, and for more information on flood preparedness, visit www.FEMA.gov.

Just because you haven't experienced a flood in the past, doesn't mean you won't in the future.

States With Major Disasters Resulting in Flooding in 2015 and the Beginning of 2016



Why Renew?

- If you live in a Special Flood Hazard Area (SFHA) or high-risk area and have a federally-backed mortgage, your mortgage lender requires you to have flood insurance.
- If you do not purchase flood insurance, your lender may purchase it on your behalf, and charge you through your escrow account. The average cost of lender-placed policies is 1.5 to 2 times that of a National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP) policy.
- If your policy lapses and you reinstate coverage at a later date, due to rate changes it may cost more than paying the renewal.
- Flood damage is not typically covered by homeowners policies.

Flood is the Nation's Number #1 Disaster

RENEW TODAY!

IF YOU EVACUATE YOUR HOME, DO NOT LEAVE YOUR PETS BEHIND! MAKE A PLAN!

WWW.READY.GOV/ANIMALS



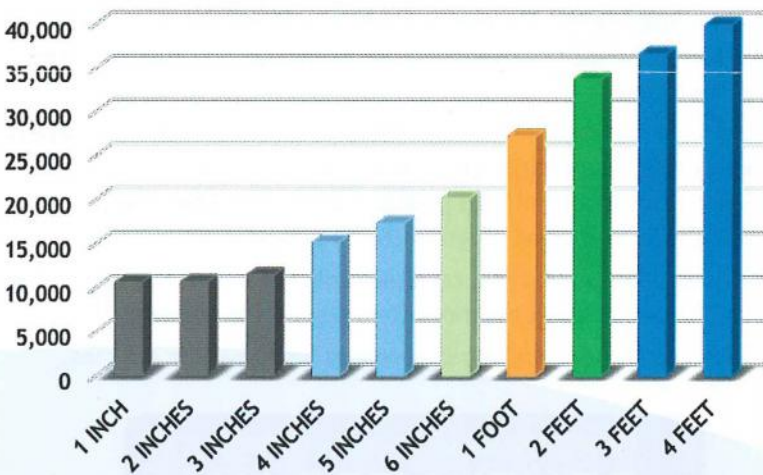
Not all Flood Claims are From Hurricanes

Flooding comes from many sources. Here are some examples of flood sources that resulted in claims:

- Melting snow
- Unusually heavy rain
- Levee breaking
- Community releasing water to relieve pressure on a dam
- Water runoff from putting out forest fire
- Rain causing flooding due to defoliation after a forest fire
- City water pipe bursting
- River overflowing its banks
- New land development
- Tsunami

Flooding is defined as a general temporary condition of partial or complete inundation of two or more acres of normally dry land or of two or more properties (one of which is yours) from overflow of inland or tidal waters, unusual and rapid accumulation, or runoff of surface waters from any source (see policy for additional information).

Even a Little Flood can Cost a Lot



NFIP Flood damage cost estimates for a 1,000 square foot home. Visit www.floodsmart.gov to experience FEMA's interactive tools in more depth.

HURRICANE SEASON

Although hurricanes can form as early as May and continue into December in the Caribbean Sea or the Gulf of Mexico, the official Atlantic hurricane season starts June 1 and ends November 30. In the eastern North Pacific, the official season begins May 15 and ends November 30.

The storm names for 2017 are as follows:

ATLANTIC	PACIFIC
Arlene	Adrian
Bret	Beatriz
Cindy	Calvin
Don	Dora
Emily	Eugene
Franklin	Fernanda
Gert	Greg
Harvey	Hilary
Irma	Irwin
Jose	Jova
Katia	Kenneth
Lee	Lidia
Maria	Max
Nate	Norma
Ophelia	Otis
Phillipe	Pilar
Rina	Ramon
Sean	Selma
Tammy	Todd
Vince	Veronica
Whitney	Wiley
	Xina
	York
	Zelda



During an active hurricane season, an average of two to four will make landfall on the continental U.S.



Sylvester Turner, Mayor

the TRASH FACTS



Harry J. Hayes Director

The Citizen's Guide to City of Houston Solid Waste Management Department Services

Residential Services: At Your Curbside



Garbage Collection

Household garbage must be put inside the city-provided container which should be placed at the curb between 6 p.m. the day before and 7 a.m. on the scheduled collection day. The container must be accessible to the automated collection truck and not blocked by obstacles, including parked cars. Drivers will not move improperly placed containers. Containers must be removed from the curblines and/or public view by

10:00 p.m. on the day of collection and stored in a secure location. The garbage container is for disposing of regular household garbage only. Certain items should not be disposed of in your garbage container either because they are too heavy for SWMD equipment or because they may harm employees, property, neighbors, pets, and the environment. Therefore, do not put 1) household chemicals, 2) construction, demolition, and remodeling debris, 3) dead animals, 4) computer equipment, 5) recyclables or 6) yard trimmings in the container.



Yard Trimmings

Yard Trimmings, grass clippings, small branches and leaves must not be placed in the automated garbage cans. They must be in city-approved compostable bags not weighing more than 50 pounds, and placed at the curb 3 feet away from the automated container for separate yard trimmings

collection. Small branches may be put in bundles as long as each bundle is less than 4 feet in length and 18 inches in diameter and weighing less than 50 pounds. Yard Trimmings mixed with paper, plastic, or any other type of waste will not be collected. Work performed by a contractor must be removed by the contractor.

TO BAG... yard trimmings recycling
...OR NOT TO BAG!
 You have **CHOICES!**
 Find out how easy your choices are!
 Compostable Bags! Grasscycling! Composting!
 Visit www.houstonsolidwaste.org for details!

Working to make Houston a Cleaner, Greener Place to Live
 Visit www.houstonsolidwaste.org for details!

Adopt - A - Container Program

Non-profit organizations may request large bulk containers for weekend neighborhood cleanup campaigns. Requests must be sent to the SWMD in writing at least 14 days prior to the anticipated cleanup date. Bulk containers are provided on a "first come, first serve" basis and are delivered on Friday and collected on Monday. Only non-profit organizations and civic organizations coordinating a neighborhood cleanup campaign are eligible to sponsor bulk containers. For more information, call 3-1-1.

Dead Animals

Dead animals can be picked up by calling 311, the City's Customer Service Hotline. A fee is required for large dead animal pickup. For large animal pickup during the weekend, please call 311 from 7:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. Do not place dead animals with household garbage or tree waste / junk waste collection.

For dead animals on the freeway and feeder, call TXDOT at 713-802-5000.

Fines

Violation of any provision of the solid waste ordinance is punishable upon first conviction by a fine of no less than \$50 nor more than \$2,000. Each subsequent conviction is punishable by a fine of no less than \$250 nor more than \$2,000. Each day that any violation continues may be punishable as a separate offense. To report a violation or to file a complaint, call 311. SWMD Supervisors can write citations.

...for more information,
visit our website at www.houstonsolidwaste.org or call 3-1-1

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Tree Waste / Junk Waste Recycling Program

The City will collect tree waste exclusively on odd months on the resident's current tree waste /junk waste collection day. "Tree waste" is defined as "clean wood waste", which consists of tree limbs, branches or stumps. Lumber, furniture and treated wood will not be accepted. On even months residents may set out their junk waste at the curb for city collection. "Junk waste" is used to describe items such as furniture, appliances and other bulky materials. These items should be placed adjacent to the front curb in a location easily accessible to the collection vehicle between the hours of 6:00 p.m. the Friday before, and 7:00 a.m. on the scheduled collection day. No more than eight cubic yards per residence will be collected on the scheduled tree waste/junk waste collection day. *Of this amount, only a maximum of four cubic yards of building material (not to include roofing shingles, brick, plaster or concrete) generated by the resident in connection with the maintenance of the residential property may be collected by department personnel.* A maximum of four (4) tires per month, per household may be placed curbside for collection. Sheet rock must be bagged. Appliances containing refrigerant must have a tag attached to them certifying that a qualified technician has removed the refrigerant. Materials should not be stacked under low overhead cabling,



Tree Waste Recycling reduces loads headed to the landfill

signs, or mailboxes; next to fences or posts; or on top of water meters, gas meters, fire hydrants, or other exposed utility components. Also, materials should not be placed in the street, on the sidewalk, or other right-of-way, or in any manner that would interfere with pedestrian or vehicular traffic. Tree waste and junk waste collection is limited to residential units and vacant residential lots only if the waste generated is in connection with the maintenance of the property. The SWMD is not allowed to collect any material that was generated by contractors who were retained by a resident to perform work on his or her residential



property. It is the responsibility of the contractor to remove, or cause to be removed, all debris that may arise from the course of his or her activities. These contractor related activities include, but are not limited to, trimming and removal of trees, remodeling, new construction and roofing. If authorized items placed for collection are mixed with unauthorized items, department personnel shall not be obligated to sort the materials and may refuse the entire load. Solid waste collection services are not available to multi-residential structures of more

than eight units.

Tree Waste/Junk Waste Collection Schedule

January	Tree Waste
February	Junk Waste
March	Tree Waste
April	Junk Waste
May	Tree Waste
June	Junk Waste
July	Tree Waste
August	Junk Waste
September	Tree Waste
October	Junk Waste
November	Tree Waste
December	Junk Waste

Neighborhood Depositories/Recycling Centers

Residents may dispose of tree waste / junk waste at one of the City's neighborhood depository facilities. Each user must provide proof of residency, including a Texas Driver's License or ID, a current utility bill or city property tax receipt. The depositories accept the same materials as the tree waste / junk waste collection (furniture, stoves, refrigerators, etc.) Depositories will accept up to 10 tires per month, per household. Residents must unload their tires and place them in a specified container. Materials brought in a commercial vehicle will not be accepted. SWMD

personnel will not unload your tires or tree waste / junk waste. Residents may use depositories four times per month. Locations are now open Wed. - Sun., except holidays from 10 a.m. to 7 p.m.* Citizens are encouraged to arrive at least 30 minutes before closing to allow adequate time to unload. All depositories also accept recyclables. Materials accepted include aluminum and tin cans, tree waste, plastic bottles and jugs (#1-#5 and #7), newspapers and magazines, glass bottles and jars, and used motor oil.

* Daylight Savings - Hours change from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m.

Neighborhood Depository & Recycling Center Locations

North	9003 N Main	3-1-1
Northwest	14400 Sommermeyer	3-1-1
Northeast	5565 Kirkpatrick	3-1-1
South	5100 Sunbeam	3-1-1
Southwest	10785 SW Freeway	3-1-1
Southeast	2240 Central Street	3-1-1

City Recycling Centers *(Junk Waste not accepted)*

Westpark Recycling Cntr. 5900 Westpark, 77057	Kingwood Recycling Cntr. 3210 West Lake Houston Pkwy
Ellington Airport/Clear Lake 246 Loop Rd., 77034	

...for more information, visit our website at www.houstonsolidwaste.org or call 3-1-1.

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Automated Recycling - utilizes a 96-gallon green cart rolled to the curb for collection.

Recycling must be put inside the city-provided container which should be placed at the curb between 6 p.m. the day before and 7 a.m. on the scheduled collection day. The container must be accessible to the collection truck and not blocked by obstacles, including parked cars. Drivers will not move improperly placed containers. Containers must be removed from the curbline and/or public view by 10:00 p.m. on the day of collection and stored in a secure location.

What items can you recycle?

Newspaper
Magazines
Catalogs
Phone Books
Used Motor Oil



Plastic Containers #1 - 5 and 7 (rinsed & drained)
Aluminum and Tin Cans (rinsed & drained)
Cardboard (flattened)

Effective immediately, glass is no longer accepted in the green curbside recycling bin. You may still recycle glass at all City of Houston drop-off locations. For locations, please visit our website www.houstonsolidwaste.org/recycling.

Environmental Service Centers

The Environmental Service Centers provide drive through drop-off locations for Houston residents to bring their household hazardous waste such as anti-freeze, batteries, fuel, oil, paint, paint thinner, pesticides, herbicides and household cleaners. Residential electronic scrap items will also be accepted (monitors, televisions, printers, keyboards, mice, scanners, fax machines, telephone handsets, VCRs, CPUs, cellular phones and other small consumer electronics). These items should not be placed on the curb with or in your container for collection with garbage or tree waste / junk waste pickup. Clean, white styrofoam blocks (plastic #6) are now accepted at the ESC- South location. Packing "peanuts" are not accepted.

North - 5614 Neches, Building C (open 2nd Thursday of the month from 9 a.m.-3 p.m.)

South - 11500 South Post Oak (open every Tuesday and Wednesday from 9 a.m.- 3 p.m. and the 2nd Saturday of the month from 9 a.m. - 1 p.m.)

Free Reuse Chemical and Paint Take-Away

Every Friday from 9 a.m. – 12 p.m., household chemicals and paint that were brought to the ESC for disposal, but appear to be in good condition are made available for citizen reuse. Citizens may take away these items at no charge. A signed liability waiver will be required before removing materials from the site. There is a limit of six (6) chemical items and a cart load of paint per week. This service is only available at the ESC South location.

WESTPARK RECYCLING CENTER

The Westpark Consumer Recycling Center, 5900 Westpark, allows Houstonians the opportunity to recycle their used goods. The center accepts aluminum and tin cans, batteries, oil filters, used tires, computers and other residential electronic scraps, #1-7 plastic containers, glass bottles and jars, telephone books, office paper, cardboard, magazines, and used motor oil. Newspapers placed in a brown bag will also be accepted.

Clean, white styrofoam blocks (plastic #6) are accepted at the Westpark Recycling Center and ESC South. Packing "peanuts" are not accepted. Styrofoam is not accepted in the curbside recycling program.

The center is open Monday through Saturday from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

B.O.P.A.

(Batteries, Used Oil, Latex Paint, & Antifreeze)

The SWMD has a B.O.P.A. recycling operation at the Westpark Recycling Center. Residents may drop off batteries, used oil, latex paint, anti-freeze and tires from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., Monday through Saturday, except holidays. The facility is a drive through operation so you do not have to unload your own vehicle.

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ReUse Warehouse

Construction material accounts for 38% of the waste stream in the Houston area. The Reuse Warehouse, a component of the City of Houston Solid Waste Management Department, benefits the community by providing space for excess building materials that would otherwise be dumped in local landfills. The facility accepts material from individuals, supply companies, and builders, and makes it freely available for reuse by any non-profit organization. The Reuse Ware-

house is funded in part by a grant from the Houston-Galveston Area Council.

Location:
9003 N. Main St.
Houston, TX 77022

Contact Information:
3-1-1 or
reuse.warehouse@houstontx.gov

HOURS OF OPERATION:

Tuesday - Friday:
8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

Every 2nd and 4th Saturday of the month
8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

Closed: Sunday - Monday

Extra Capacity Collection Fee

On June 19, 2002, Houston's City Council approved an ordinance amending Article IV of Chapter 39 of the Houston Code of Ordinances, approving and authorizing the creation of an Extra Capacity Collection Fee (ECC) for the SWMD. Under the umbrella of the ECC ordinance, the Add-A-Can and the Tags for Bags Program were created. Implementation of both programs began October 1, 2002.

Add-A-Can

This program provides residents with the opportunity of having a second or third garbage can serviced for a fee. Residents will have their first 96-gallon can serviced free. The fee for servicing the second/ third can may be added to the citizen's monthly water bill upon request of the service. Citizens who already have an extra can and wish to continue to have it collected will need to request a sticker for it. Call 3-1-1 to enroll in Add-A-Can.

Tags For Bags

Extra bags of garbage are collected only if they have a special tag attached. The "Tags for Bags" program allows residents the convenience of purchasing "tags" instead of additional cans if they require extra service occasionally. These tags may be purchased at Fiesta, HEB, Sellers Bros. and participating Kroger stores. Residents may also download an order form at houstonsolidwaste.org and send the completed form and payment through the mail. Yard waste bags do not require tags.



REQUEST THE SOLID WASTE MASCOT

To request the Solid Waste Management Department mascot or a Speaker from the SWMD please call 3-1-1, the City's Customer Service Hotline.

City of Houston
Solid Waste Management Department
PO Box 1562
Houston, TX 77251

www.houstonsolidwaste.org

Houston residents can dial 3-1-1 for non-emergency calls. The 3-1-1 Service Center provides Houstonians with one easy to remember telephone number for quick reliable access.

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Harry J. Hayes, SWMD Director

Irma Reyes, Public Information Officer

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



Newspapers, Magazines, Telephone Books and Catalogs



Aluminum & Tin Cans



Flattened Cardboard



Glass
(Not Accepted in Curbside Recycling Program. Accepted at Neighborhood Depository/Recycling Centers and drop-off facilities.)



Used Motor Oil
Do not place in recycling bin. Place on curb or bring to Westpark or ECS's.



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or call 3-1-1 for additional information.

2017 Bi-Weekly Collection Schedule

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

Schedule A Schedule B

January

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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 5th & 19th.

• 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 10th and 24th.

*For the Holiday Schedule and additional information, visit our website at www.houstonwaste.org or call the Houston Service Helpline 3-1-1.

PROPERTY ASSOCIATION COMMITTEES: <i>If you would like to serve on one of these committees, please come to the next Board meeting</i>		TEXAS DPS OFFICE Driving Tests / In-Person Driver's License New & Renewal		
Architectural Review (ARC):	Barbara Hite, Jeannette Calhoun, Marc Warren	Closest (South Gessner close to West Airport - Approx 2 Miles)		
Clubhouse:	Jeannette Calhoun, Joy Cunningham, Barbara Hite	12220 South Gessner	Mon - Thur:	7:30am - 6:00pm
Landscape:	Jeannette Calhoun, Glenn Gundy	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, Glenn Gundy	28000 Southwest Freeway, Suite A	Mon - Thur:	7:30am - 6:00pm
Safety:	Barbara Hite, Yonah Nathan	Rosenberg, TX 77471	Fri:	7:30am - 5:00pm
BLOCK CAPTAINS:	Volunteers Needed!	Phone: 281 / 517-1630	Sat:	Closed
		More Info: http://www.txdps.state.tx.us/administration/driver_licensing_control/rolodex/searchresults.asp		
City of Houston (General Info):		www.houstontex.gov		
City of Houston Services (311 Online):		http://hfdapp.houstontx.gov/311/index.php		
Constable Precinct 7 Vacation Watch:		http://www.harriscountytexas.gov/conpct7/		
Texas DPS Driver's License Renewal:		http://www.txdps.state.tx.us/driverlicense/		
West Bellfort Property Owner's Association:		www.westbellfortpoa.com		
ADDITIONAL INFORMATION				
Concert Arenas				
Arena Towers	http://www.arenahouston.com			
Cynthia Woods Mitchell Pavilion	http://www.woodlandscenter.org			
Miller Outdoor Theater	http://milleroutdoortheatre.com			
Sports Complexes				
BBVA Compass - Dynamo Soccer/TSU Football	http://www.bbvacompassstadium.com			
Minute Maid Park - Astros	http://houston.astros.mlb.com/hou/ballpark/index.jsp			
NRG Stadium & Park - Texans & Rodeo	http://nrgpark.com/nrg-stadium			
Toyota Center - Rockets	http://www.houstontoyotacenter.com			
Things to do in Houston:	http://www.visithoustontexas.com			
Volunteering Opportunities:				
City of Houston	http://volunteerhouston.org			
Harris County	http://www.harriscountycitizenrcps.com			
USEFUL NUMBERS		STATE, COUNTY & CITY OFFICIALS		
Name	Phone Number	Position	WBPOA's District	Currently Held By
Animal Control (BARC)	713-229-7300	Mayor	Houston	Sylvester Turner
Anti-Gang Office	832-393-0931	County Judge:	Harris County	Ed Emmett
Brays Oaks Management District	713-595-1221	Tax Assessor-Collector:	Harris County	Ann Harris Bennett
Citizens' Assistance	832-393-0955	Treasurer:	Harris County	Orlando Sanchez
City Council District J	832-393-3015	County Attorney:	Harris County	Vince Ryan
City Council District K	832-393-3016	District Attorney:	Harris County	Kim Ogg
City of Houston Services:	311	County Clerk:	Harris County	Stan Stanart
Emergency	911	District Clerk:	Harris County	Chris Daniel
Harris County Flood Control:	713-684-4197	County Sheriff:	Harris County	Ed Gonzalez
Health and Human Services	832-393-5169	County Constable:	Precinct 7	Constable May Walker
Houston Fire Department Non-Emergency	832-394-6700	County Commissioner:	Precinct 1	Rodney Ellis
Houston ISD	713-556-6000	Metro Transit Authority Chairman:	Houston Metro Area	Gilbert Andrew Garcia
Houston Police Department District #17	713-773-7901	City of Houston Council Member:	District K	Larry Green
Houston Police Department Non-Emergency	713-884-3131	HISD School Superintendent:	Houston	Open
Mayor's Office	832-393-1000	HISD School District:	District 9	Wanda Adams
Milne Elementary School	713-778-3420	Houston Community College District:	District 9	Christopher W. Oliver
Parks Department	832-395-7000	Justice of the Peace (Precinct 7):	Position 1	Judge Hillary H. Green
Precinct 7 Dispatch	713-643-6118	Justice of the Peace (Precinct 7):	Position 2	Judge Zinetta Burney
Public Works and Engineering	832-395-2511	State Board of Education:	District 4	Lawrence A. Allen, Jr
Solid Waste Management	713-956-6589	State Senator:	District 13	Borris Miles
Sterling Association Services (WBPOA's Property Management)	832-678-4500 x253	State Representative:	District 131	Dr. Alma A. Allen
Welch Middle School	713-778-3300	Governor:	Texas	Greg Abbott
Westbury High School	713-723-6015	US Representative:	District 9	Al Green
		US Senators:	Texas	John Cornyn Ted Cruz

