

West Bellfort Property Owners Association

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Monthly Newsletter

December 2016

SEE PAGES 6 AND 7
FOR IMPORTANT
SAFETY TIPS!!

ATTENTION!
Annual Homeowner's
Meeting is scheduled for
Monday, December 5th
and will be at the
Braesridge Clubhouse

WBPOA BOARD MEMBERS:

Barbara Hite, President
Jeannette Calhoun, Vice President
Phil Abrams, Secretary
Marc Warren, Treasurer
Jonah Nathan, Board Member
Tom Roberts, Board Member
Dyaz Godfrey, Board Member
Mari Angelo, Board Member
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WBPOA MANAGEMENT COMPANY

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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>

2017 POA DUES

PLEASE NOTE: INVOICES FOR THE 2017 POA DUES HAVE BEEN MAILED. IF YOU HAVE NOT YET RECEIVED YOUR 2017 INVOICE, PLEASE CONTACT STERLING MANAGEMENT. YOU CAN SPEAK WITH ANYONE WHO 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 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.

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 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 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 upcoming WBPOA Board Meeting on Tuesday, October 25, 2016, at 6:30pm, Braesridge Clubhouse.

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 will also be available on the website for the next couple of months.

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.**



Good news from Heaven the angels bring, glad tidings to the earth they sing: To us this day a child is given, to crown us with the joy of Heaven. – Martin Luther

The Community

Community School

Sephardic Gan/Torat EMET School is one of the many things our community is blessed with. Please be cognizant of our community's greatest treasures... our children. Too many mothers with children in their cars are running the stop sign at Braesridge and Teal Run, and continuing their high speed through the school zone. You would feel awful if you hit someone's child, so PLEASE SLOW DOWN!!

Community Clubhouses

The holidays are here and we have plenty of space for your family and friends at our two clubhouses! 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

One of the many perks of living in Houston is that we continue to enjoy warm weather well into the "Fall". So you can still get out and enjoy our neighborhood parks, located on Ludington or Kittybrook.

You can also grab a few rackets and some friends and enjoy the warm weather on our community tennis court!!

Ludington Pool

The pool season has wrapped up for the year, and the pool is now closed. But no worries! It will open again Memorial Weekend in May 2017!

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. . **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!

The community recently had an issue with someone (or someones) entering backyards and destroying air conditioners to get to the copper. While this issue has been addressed, you can keep your property safe by doing a very simple act: LOCK YOUR GATE. Also, **YOUR EYES ARE ONE OF THE BEST CRIME PREVENTION TOOLS OUT THERE!!** 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 – 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 help keep an eye on your home.

CitizensNet

The City of Houston eNewsletter



Sylvester Turner, Mayor

Super Bowl 51 is Coming to a Neighborhood Near You Join in the Excitement with the Touchdown Tour!

The Touchdown Tour is the Houston Super Bowl Host Committee's traveling celebration of football. It will travel all over Houston throughout the fall, raising awareness and excitement in the community for Super Bowl LI, which will be played at NRG Stadium on Feb. 5, 2017. Each stop of the tour will feature games, exhibits, appearances, food and fun for people of all ages. It is all free!

TOUCHDOWN TOUR SCHEDULE

10 a.m. - 2 p.m.

October 8 -- Mason Park, 7th @ Tipps, 77023

October 15 -- Sylvester Turner Park, 2800 West Little York, 77091

October 22 -- MacGregor Park, 5225 Calhoun, 77021

October 29 -- Sunnyside Park, 3502 Belfort, 77051

November 5 -- Agnes Moffitt Park, 10645 Hammerly, 77043

November 12 -- Finnigan Park, 4900 Providence, 77020

November 19 -- Kingwood High School, 2701 Kingwood Drive, 77339

December 3 -- Moody Park, 3725 Fulton, 77009

December 10 -- Blueridge Park, 5600 Court Road, 77053

January 7 -- Burnett Bayland Park, 6000 Chimney Rock, 77081

January 14 -- Alief Community Park, 11903 Bellaire Blvd., 77072

Learn more about the Touchdown Tour activities at: <http://www.housuperbowl.com/touchdown-tour> #SB51 #HOUSUPERBOWL

SUPER BOWL 51 IS COMING TO HOUSTON IN FEBRUARY, 2017!!

In February 2017, the world's eyes will be on Houston during Super Bowl LI, and the accompanying festivities. There are a number of ways to take part and support Houston's Big Game but the most rewarding way to feel the excitement of Super Bowl LI week is to volunteer. The public response to join the Host Committee team as a volunteer has been outstanding. **As a result, based on our expected needs we have filled our current roster of volunteers – but don't be discouraged if you want to apply!** Applications will be put on a waitlist. The Host Committee is constantly evaluating needs around Super Bowl LI and will use the list as a resource if additional volunteer opportunities arise. Thank you for your interest and we look forward to sharing a great Super Bowl experience with you! <http://www.housuperbowl.com/volunteer>

AVAILABILITY:

Check your calendar, Super Bowl celebrations will be focused around January 27 – February 5th 2017. Successful applicants will be invited to attend our Houston Super Bowl LI Host Committee Recruitment Center for a face-to-face interview and applicable training sessions to be fully prepped for their role.

TIME:

You must agree to be available and commit to a minimum of three 6-8 hour shifts (8-10 hours for Volunteer Team Leaders) from January 27th – February 5th and attend the mandatory Recruitment Center and Training events.

PERSONALITY:

You need to be:

- A team player (reliable, supportive, flexible)
- Open (welcoming, friendly, empathetic)
- Represent integrity (take responsibility to deliver, proactive)
- Respectful (inclusive, collaborative)
- Strive for excellence (inspiring, passionate, enthusiastic)

In addition, to help ensure the safety and security of Super Bowl LI, all volunteer applicants must pass a background check. If you have the right stuff, your next step is to complete the official volunteer application form.

<http://www.housuperbowl.com/volunteer>



For more information about Super Bowl 51, visit <http://www.housuperbowl.com/>

Houston Fire Department's OPERATION: STOCKING STUFFER

- Begins Friday, November 18 from 6:00 AM - 6:00 PM
- All Houston Fire Stations, including our very own Fire Station #82 at 11250 Braesridge Drive
- The 2016 Toy Drive "Operation: Stocking Stuffer" will begin on November 18, 2016 thru December 16, 2016. Just drop a new unwrapped toy donation at your local Houston Fire Department fire station. For a list of fire stations please go to www.houstonfire.org

If your company or organization is interested in donating toys, please email paul.box@houstontx.gov or call 832.394.6636. You can also visit the Facebook Page at <https://www.facebook.com/OperationStockingStuffer/>

The Great Toy Giveaway is Dec. 21, 2016 beginning at 6 a.m., at the New Light Christian Center located at 7317 E. Houston Road, 77028 near Ley Road in northeast Houston. Toys will be distributed on a first come, first serve basis, so there is no need for families to pre-register. Due to the tremendous demand, there is no guarantee that everyone will receive toys. We highly recommend that children do not attend.

Call 832-394-6632 for a recorded message in both English and Spanish with information on The Great Toy Giveaway.

THE LEGEND OF ST. NICHOLAS

Santa. The Jolly Old Elf. Who is he? Some would say nothing more than a myth, scorned as a symbol of commercialism. Many people do not "believe" in Santa Claus, and some even refuse to allow their children to celebrate the myth, stating he has no connection to Christ and the celebration of His birth. Yet some hold on diligently to the magic of Santa Claus all of their lives, long after the childish years of make believe are past. For those who question what connection Santa has to Christmas (other than perhaps the best advertising campaign ever done), it may be surprising to learn that in fact, the figure of Santa Claus has a very strong connection to a man who was a very staunch man of God. The origins of Santa Claus can be traced back hundreds of years to a monk named St. Nicholas. It is believed that Nicholas was born sometime around 280 AD in Patara, near Myra in modern-day Turkey. Much admired for his piety and kindness, St. Nicholas became the subject of many legends. It is said that he gave away all of his inherited wealth and traveled the countryside helping the poor and sick. One of the best known of the St. Nicholas stories is that he saved three poor sisters from being sold into slavery or prostitution by their father by providing them with a dowry so that they could be married. Over the course of many years, Nicholas's popularity spread and he became known as the protector of children and sailors. His feast day is celebrated on the anniversary of his death, December 6. By the Renaissance, St. Nicholas was the most popular saint in Europe. Even after the Protestant Reformation, when the veneration of saints began to be discouraged, St. Nicholas maintained a positive reputation. Over the centuries, St. Nicholas became known by various names throughout the world: Father Christmas (Britain), Sinterklaas (Dutch), Christkind or Kris Kringle (Germany), Pere Noel (France), Babbo Natale (Italy), and Julenissen (Norway) to name a few. The traditions followed by these various countries, combined with the ancient holidays and winter events of the Twelfth Night and Epiphany and their associated figures of the Magi and Nativity and Befana (an Italian legendary figure) all combine to create the modern Christmas and Santa Claus. It is also said that Santa Claus has elements of the Germanic god of Wodan, who led the Yule event of the Wild Hunt, a ghostly procession through the sky. Today's version of Santa Claus is generally depicted as a portly, joyous, spectacled elf with a big white beard, wearing a red and white suit with black leather belt and boots and carries a bag full of gifts for children. This image became popular in the 19th century due to the significant influence of the 1823 poem "A Visit from St. Nicholas", by Thomas Nast. This image has since become the most popular one of Santa Claus, particularly in the US and Canada. But regardless of what he is called or how he is depicted, and despite the commercialism surrounding his image, the figure of Santa Claus has become synonymous with the beauty and meaning of Christmas and the birth of the Christ Child the holiday celebrates. Santa Clause embodies the love of children, goodness and kindness to others, the spirit of grace and giving, the celebration of joy, the placing of others before yourself. So even if Santa may not exist in the classic sense, he is based on a true man of God. So do as Ms. Sarah Eberspacher does: "Give in to the magic of Christmas. Believe in what Santa Claus stands for and how he makes us feel...Put some trust in the magic of the inexplicable and the traditions of the season because something special is at work. Because even after being frazzled by the gifts to be bought and parties to be attended and storms to be braved, I bet this season still makes you feel a little more goodwill toward other people. I bet you say "Happy Holidays" to strangers at the store or donate money to a good cause close to your heart. I bet that this time of year, you're a little more thankful for those you love, you spend a little more time with those you like, and you're even a little more patient with those you don't.... 'Seeing isn't believing. Believing is seeing.' So you don't need to see a fat man dressed up in a red suit to know Santa Claus' magic is real. You just need to look around this time of year." *Sarah Eberspacher, Why I Believe in Santa Clause, The Week, December 2014*



The constant demands of work and personal responsibilities have made multi-tasking a necessity, but you should never multi-task while driving. The National Safety Council states that car crashes are the No. 1 cause of workplace death. Operating a motor vehicle is the most dangerous thing we do every day. According to the Occupational Safety and Health Administration, drivers make more than 200 decisions during every mile. Those decisions should be focused on the road, and not on the next call, email, text or tune. The Texas Department of Transportation estimates there are more than 100,000 crashes in Texas each year involving distracted driving. In 2015, about 38 percent of Texas drivers admitted to using a device while driving. The safety message found in this video is aired on television, but please go online to watch it in its entirety to see how one glance at your phone can change everything:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=OVnRclXEqaU&t=54s>

Common Driving Distractions



According to the National Safety Council, distracted driving is any activity that could divert a person's attention away from the primary task of driving. In 2014 alone, 3,179 Americans were killed in distracted driving crashes. In addition to talking and texting, these activities are driver distractions:

- Posting to social media or checking email
- Eating and drinking
- Talking to passengers
- Smoking
- Grooming or applying makeup
- Reading
- Programming a navigation system
- Adjusting the car stereo or media player

Statistics found on Distraction.Gov* show that because text messaging requires visual, manual and cognitive attention from the driver, it is by far the most alarming distraction. Five seconds is the average time your eyes are off the road while texting. **When traveling at 55mph, that's enough time to cover the length of a football field blindfolded.** In 2014, 3,179 people were killed, and 431,000 were injured in motor vehicle crashes involving distracted drivers. Ten percent of all drivers 15 to 19 years old involved in fatal crashes were reported as distracted at the time of the crashes. This age group has the largest proportion of drivers who were distracted at the time of the crashes. Drivers in their 20s are 23 percent of drivers in all fatal crashes, but are 27 percent of the distracted drivers and 38 percent of the distracted drivers who were using cell phones in fatal crashes. At any given daylight moment across America, approximately 660,000 drivers are using cell phones or manipulating electronic devices while driving, a number that has held steady since 2010. A 2015 Erie Insurance distracted driving survey reported that drivers do all sorts of dangerous things behind the wheel including brushing teeth and changing clothes. The survey also found that one-third of drivers admitted to texting while driving, and three-quarters saying they've seen others do it. Hold yourself accountable and "snap to!". **Take the pledge to stop distracted driving by signing the attached form and encourage others to do the same!!!**

*<http://www.distraction.gov/stats-research-laws/facts-and-statistics.html>

Distracted Walking



Distractions aren't limited to drivers. Pedestrians need to be more aware of their surroundings. Many cities including Houston are actively work to increase walkability, but pedestrians still have to be wary. According to the National Safety Council:

- In 2013, 6,100 pedestrians were killed by motor vehicles.
- That same year, about 160,000 pedestrian injuries required medical attention.
- 23 percent of deaths and injuries result from pedestrians darting into the street.
- 52 percent of cell phone distracted walking injuries happen at home.
- 54 percent are age 40 or younger
- Nearly 80 percent of the injuries were due to a fall.
- More than half (53%) of all adult cellphone owners have been on the giving or receiving end of a distracted walking encounter.

MYTH versus REALITY

MYTH '1 Drivers can multitask

REALITY

The human brain **cannot do two things at the same time** – like watch tv and hold a phone conversation.

I'm good.
How ya doing?
Great.



The same is true when driving and talking on your phone. The brain switches between the two tasks which **slows reaction time**.

..... **BOTH THINKING TASKS**



MYTH '2 Talking on a cell phone is just like speaking to a passenger

REALITY

Backseat drivers are good for you. **Adult passengers help the driver and alert drivers to traffic problems.**



MYTH '3 Speaking hands-free is safe to use while driving

REALITY

Drivers talking on cell phones can miss seeing up to **50% of their driving environments**, including pedestrians and red lights.



MYTH '4 I only use my phone at stop lights so it's ok

REALITY

27 SECONDS

Even at stop lights, it is important to remain an attentive driver. For example, a recent AAA study shows that people are **distracted up to 27 seconds** after they finish sending a voice text.



MYTH '5 Voice-to-text is safe to do while driving

REALITY

It is **actually still very distracting**. You're not only mentally distracted, but you're visually distracted due to the common autocorrect errors.



December 2016

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1	2	3
4	5 ANNUAL HOMEOWNERS MEETING BRAESRIDGE CLUBHOUSE	6	7	8 Recycle Pick Up	9 Junk Waste North Side*	10
11	12	13	14	15 Junk Waste – South Side*	16	17
18	19	20	21	22 Recycle Pick Up	23	24 Chanukah Begins Christmas Eve
25 Chanukah Christmas	26 Chanukah Kwanzaa	27 Chanukah	28 Chanukah	29 Chanukah	30 Chanukah	31 Chanukah

* 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

Junk Waste EVEN months
February
April
June
August
October
December

Tree Waste ODD months
January
March
May
July
September
November



HAPPY NEW YEAR! Yes, it is time for New Year's Resolutions!! But... you try every year but always break them by February?? Then try these for a healthier and happier you in 2017!

Get in shape. Eat healthier; and less. **Stop procrastinating.** Improve your concentration and mental skills. **Meet new people.** Get more active. **Become more confident and take some chances.** Earn more money. **Be more polite.** Reduce your stress. **Learn to be happier with yourself.** Get more quality sleep. **Stop smoking – for real this time.** Read more books. **Find your significant other (if you have one already, re-discover each other).** Learn to dress with style. **Get creative.** Spend more time with people who matter. **Adopt a pet.** Become tidier. **Get out of debt.** Volunteer. **Let go of grudges – they hurt no one but you.** Travel more. **Learn to cook.** Stop being late. **Spend less time on social media.** Face your fears and insecurities. **Learn a new skill or hobby.** Do random acts of kindness throughout the year. **Complain less, compliment more.** Take makeup lessons. **Treat yourself to a “you” day.** LIVE EACH DAY TO THE FULLEST.



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- Smoking
- Grooming or applying makeup
- Reading
- Programming a navigation system
- Adjusting the car stereo or media player

TAKE THE PLEDGE

The fight to end distracted driving starts with you. Make the commitment to drive phone-free today.

Distracted driving kills and injures thousands of people each year. I pledge to:

- Protect lives by never texting or talking on the phone while driving.
- Be a good passenger and speak out if the driver in my car is distracted.
- Encourage my friends and family to drive phone-free.

SIGNATURE: _____

DATE: _____

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, 2016, which is also a City holiday

January 2016 7 and 21	February 2016 4 and 18	March 2016 3, 17 and 31	April 2016 14 and 28
May 2016 12 and 26	June 2016 9 and 23	July 2016 7 and 21	August 2016 4 and 18
September 2016 1, 15 and 29	October 2016 13 and 27	November 2016 10 and 25*	December 2016 8 and 22

- **November 24, 2016** is Thanksgiving day so Friday November 25th will be weekly trash pickup / recycling pickup / grass clippings pickup.
- There will be no trash pick up on December 24th, 25th and 26th 2016.
- **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 2nd Friday on the north side of West Bellfort POA
Heavy Trash is picked up on the 3rd 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.

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 Condoment bottles	# 5 Plastics Yogurt containers, caps, straws and empty medicine bottles	# 6 Plastics Styrofoam blocks <small>(Not Accepted in Curbside Recycling Program. Accepted at the Westpark Recycling Center and ESC - South only)</small>
		
# 7 Plastic Large water bottles	Mail, Envelopes, and Paper	Newspapers, Magazines, Telephone Books and Catalogs
		
Flattened Cardboard	Glass <small>Accepted in automated recycling, neighborhood depositories, dropoff locations and Westpark</small>	Aluminum & Tin Cans
		
	Used Motor Oil <small>Do not place in recycling bin. Place on curb or bring to Westpark or ECS.</small>	



City of Houston
Solid Waste Management
Department

Follow us:
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www.houstonolidwaste.org
or call 3-1-1 for additional information.

2016 Bi-Weekly Collection Schedule

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

January							February							March						
S	M	T	W	T	F	S	S	M	T	W	T	F	S	S	M	T	W	T	F	S
3	4	5	6	7	8	9	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	6	7	8	9	10	11	12
10	11	12	13	14	15	16	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	13	14	15	16	17	18	19
17	18	19	20	21	22	23	21	22	23	24	25	26	27	20	21	22	23	24	25	26
24	25	26	27	28	29	30	28	29	27	28	29	30	31	27	28	29	30	31		
31																				

April							May							June						
S	M	T	W	T	F	S	S	M	T	W	T	F	S	S	M	T	W	T	F	S
3	4	5	6	7	8	9	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	5	6	7	8	9	10	11
10	11	12	13	14	15	16	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	12	13	14	15	16	17	18
17	18	19	20	21	22	23	22	23	24	25	26	27	28	19	20	21	22	23	24	25
24	25	26	27	28	29	30	29	30	31	26	27	28	29	30	26	27	28	29	30	

July							August							September						
S	M	T	W	T	F	S	S	M	T	W	T	F	S	S	M	T	W	T	F	S
3	4	5	6	7	8	9	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
10	11	12	13	14	15	16	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	11	12	13	14	15	16	17
17	18	19	20	21	22	23	21	22	23	24	25	26	27	18	19	20	21	22	23	24
24	25	26	27	28	29	30	28	29	30	31	25	26	27	28	29	30				
31																				

October							November							December						
S	M	T	W	T	F	S	S	M	T	W	T	F	S	S	M	T	W	T	F	S
2	3	4	5	6	7	8	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
9	10	11	12	13	14	15	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	11	12	13	14	15	16	17
16	17	18	19	20	21	22	20	21	22	23	24	25	26	18	19	20	21	22	23	24
23	24	25	26	27	28	29	27	28	29	30	25	26	27	28	29	30	31			
30	31																			

- 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 7th & 21st.
- 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 12th and 26th.

*For the Holiday Schedule and additional information, visit our website at www.houstonolidwaste.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>	
Architectural Review (ARC):	Barbara Hite, Jeannette Calhoun, Marc Warren, Tom Roberts
Clubhouse:	Jeannette Calhoun, Tom Roberts, Joy Cunningham
Landscape:	Jeannette Calhoun, Tom Roberts
Newsletter:	Dyaz Godfrey, Mari Angelo
Parks & Recreation:	Zally Lazares, Asher Belles, Neal Harris
Pool:	Phil Abrams
Safety:	Barbara Hite, Yonah Nathan
BLOCK CAPTAINS:	Volunteers Needed!

WEBSITE INFORMATION:	
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/compct7/
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/events/category/events/
Cynthia Woods Mitchel 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.visit-houston-texas.com/things-to-do/	
Volunteering Opportunities:	
City of Houston	http://volunteerhouston.org/
Harris County	http://www.harriscountycitizen corps.com/

USEFUL NUMBERS	
Name	Phone Number
Animal Control (BARC)	713-229-7300
Anti-Gang Office	832-393-0931
Brays Oaks Management District	713-595-1221
Citizens' Assistance	832-393-0955
City Council District J	832-393-3015
City Council District K	832-393-3016
City of Houston Services:	311
Constable Precinct 7 - General Info	713-643-6118
Constable Precinct 7 - Dispatch	713-643-6602
Emergency	911
Harris County Flood Control:	713-684-4197
Health and Human Services	832-393-5169
Houston Fire Department Non-Emergency	832-394-6700
Houston ISD	713-556-6000
Houston Police Department District #17	713-773-7901
Houston Police Department Non-Emergency	713-884-3131
Mayor's Office	832-393-1000
Milne Elementary School	713-778-3420
Parks Department	832-395-7000
Public Works and Engineering	832-395-2511
Solid Waste Management	713-956-6589
Sterling Association Services (WBPOA's Property Management)	832-678-4500 x253
Welch Middle School	713-778-3300
Westbury High School	713-723-6015

TEXAS DPS OFFICE		
Driving Tests / In-Person Driver's License New & Renewal		
Closest (South Gessner close to West Airport - Approx 2 Miles)		
22220 South Gessner	Mon - Thur:	7:30am - 6:00pm
Houston, TX 77071	Fri:	7:30am - 5:00pm
Phone: 713/219-4100	Sat:	Closed
Second Option (Rosenberg - US 59 @ Hwy 36 - Approx 20 Miles)		
28000 Southwest Freeway, Suite A	Mon - Thur:	7:30am - 6:00pm
Rosenberg, TX 77471	Fri:	7:30am - 5:00pm
Phone: 281/517-1630	Sat:	Closed

More Info:
http://www.txdps.state.tx.us/administration/driver_licensing_control/rolodex/searchresults.asp

LOCAL LIBRARIES		
City of Houston Libraries		
Morris Frank Library	Mon & Thur	11am - 6pm
Brays Oaks Towers Building	Tue	12pm - 8pm
10103 Fondren	Wed	10am - 6pm
Houston, TX 77096	Fri	1pm - 5pm
Phone: 832/393-2410	Sat	10am - 5pm
<i>(on Fondren just passed Willowbend)</i>	Sun	Closed
Meyer Branch Library	Sun & Mon	Closed
5005 West Bellfort Street	Tue & Wed	10am - 6pm
Houston, TX 77035	Thur	12pm - 8pm
Phone: 832/393-1840	Fri	1pm - 5pm
<i>(on West Bellfort just before Kroger's)</i>	Sat	10am - 5pm
Houston Main / Central Library	Mon - Thur	10am - 8pm
500 McKinney	Fri & Sat	10am - 5pm
Houston, TX 77002	Sun	1pm - 5pm
Phone: 832/393-1313	<i>(Located Downtown at McKinney & Smith. Garage Parking - \$2 per hour, max \$16 - NO STREET PARKING EXCEPT ON SUNDAYS - TOWING ENFORCED; Street parking is free on Sundays)</i>	

Harris County Library		
West University Branch	Mon	10am - 8pm
6108 Auden	Tue & Wed	10m - 6pm
Houston, TX 77005	Thur & Fri	1pm - 6pm
Phone: 713/668-8273	Sat	10am - 5pm
<i>(@ Corner of Auden & Milton in West U)</i>	Sun	Closed

STATE, COUNTY & CITY OFFICIALS		
Position	WBPOA's District	Currently Held By
Mayor	Houston	Sylvester Turner
County Judge:	Harris County	Ed Emmett
Tax Assessor-Collector:	Harris County	Mike Sullivan
Treasurer:	Harris County	Orlando Sanchez
County Attorney:	Harris County	Vince Ryan
District Attorney:	Harris County	Kim Ogg
County Clerk:	Harris County	Stan Stanart
District Clerk:	Harris County	Chris Daniel
County Sheriff:	Harris County	Ed Gonzalez
County Constable:	Precinct 7	Constable May Walker
County Commissioner:	Precinct 1	Rodney Ellis
Metro Transit Authority Chairman:	Houston Metro Area	Gilbert Andrew Garcia
City of Houston Council Member:	District K	Larry Green
HISD School Superintendent:	Houston	Open
HISD School District:	District 9	Wanda Adams
Houston Community College District:	District 9	Christopher W. Oliver
Justice of the Peace (Precinct 7):	Position 1	Judge Hillary H. Green
Justice of the Peace (Precinct 7):	Position 2	Judge Zinetta Burney
State Board of Education:	District 4	Lawrence A. Allen, Jr
State Senator:	District 13	Borris Miles
State Representative:	District 131	Dr. Alama A. Allen
Governor:	Texas	Greg Abbott
US Representative:	District 9	Al Green
US Senators:	Texas	John Cornyn Ted Cruz