

West Bellfort Property Owners Association

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Monthly Newsletter

February 2020



WBPOA BOARD MEETING

Tuesday, February 25, 2020

6:30pm

Braesridge Clubhouse

10810 Braesridge



Leap Day
Sat, Feb 29th

*Be sure to see pages 5 and 6 for
tax preparation tips and
information about the new IRS
Form 1040-SR*

2020 POA DUES

INVOICES FOR 2020 WBPOA DUES ARE NOW DUE. If for any reason you did not receive your notice, contact Sterling ASI as soon as possible at (832) 678-4500 and ask for Roxanne, Amy or anyone at Sterling, who will be more than happy to assist you. For the POA to best serve the community and properly maintain our amenities, POA dues are to be paid promptly. Non-payment of dues severely impacts our community, as we cannot maintain the common areas, clubhouses, parks, pool and tennis court without your dues. **Therefore, non-payment of dues will restrict use of community amenities** as it is not correct to allow usage to those whom are not paying for the upkeep.

POA DUES – ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Payment coupons for POA dues were **are not an agreement to enter into a payment plan; however, there is a payment plan option.** However, you must have selected the payment plan option before the end of February 2020. **If for any reason you were not be able to make payments or select the payment plan option prior to the deadline, then 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 2020 Budget.** If you lost the payment coupon, you are welcome to pay **via the WBPOA website** or to mail your payment to the following:

West Bellfort POA
c/o Sterling ASI
PO Box 38113
Houston, Texas 77238-8113

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 BOARD MEMBERS:

Barbara Hite, President
Jeannette Calhoun, Vice President
Phil Abrams, Secretary
Marc Warren, Treasurer
Mari Angelo, Board Member
Pesach Baral, Board Member
Asher Belles, Board Member
Joy Cunningham, Board Member
Ben Helstein, Board Member
Isaac Herbst, Board Member
Eleni Saatsoglou, Board Member
Allen Segal, Board Member
Marcy Williams, Board Member

WBPOA MANAGEMENT COMPANY

Roxanne Martinez, CMCA, AMS
Sterling Association Services
6842 N Sam Houston Parkway N
Houston, TX 77064
Phone 832-678-4500
Fax: 832-678-4510
Email: roxanne@sterlingasi.com
Any other Sterling Representative
should be able to assist as well.

Ludington Clubhouse Rental

Joy Cunningham 713 / 417-8154
Joycunningham@sbcglobal.net

Braesridge Clubhouse Rental

Jeannette Calhoun 713 / 203-2407
jcalhoun@insurepointe.com

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

Deputies assigned to WBPOA:

Sgt. J. Meek
Deputy Ferrettis
Deputy Manzanare
Deputy Pyland

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

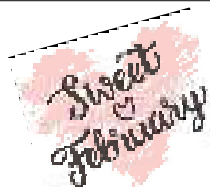


Volunteers Needed to Serve as Block Captains



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.

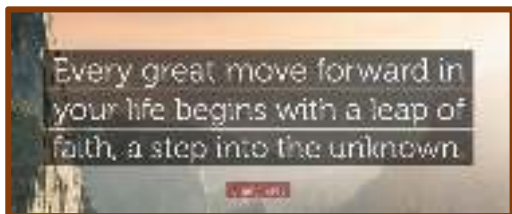
You will not be asked to do anything that puts yourself in harm’s way. The time involved is minimal. By serving as the “eyes and ears” of The community, you will play a big part in keeping it safe, friendly and beautiful. You can even “co-share” and team up with a neighbor. If you have an interest in serving as a Block Captain, please contact any of the Board members or Roxanne Martinez of Sterling Management, or attend the upcoming WBPOA Board Meeting on **Tuesday, February 25, 2020 at 6:30pm.**



JUNK / HEAVY WASTE PICKUP MONTH!
Northfield III & IV (North of West Bellfort): Feb 14th
Northfield V (South of West Bellfort): Feb 20th

Tree / Yard Waste
ODD months
January / March /
May / July /
September / November

Junk / Heavy Waste
EVEN months
February / April / June /
August / October /
December



Recycling in WBPOA

February 2020 Pickup Dates:
Feb 13th and 27th



All WBPOA residents are on Schedule A/Thursdays for recycling pickup, which occurs ever other week.

Important Recycling Info:

- Use the Green Bin for recycling ONLY
- Recycle Schedule A – every other week
- Pickup on Thursdays
- Bins may be put at the curb late Wednesday evenings and must be at curb by 7:00am Thursdays
- Bins MUST be removed from the curb on Thursday evenings
- **Bins MUST be stored out of sight.**
- Recycling may also be taken to:
 - Westpark Consumer Recycling Center, 5900 Westpark, Houston, TX 77057

Important Trash Facts:

- Regular pick up every Thursday
- Bins may be set out at the curb the evening before
- Bins **MUST** be removed from curb by Thursday evenings
- **Bins MUST always be stored out of site**
- **TREE / YARD** waste is every “odd” month
- **JUNK / HEAVY** trash pickup is every “even” month
- Junk / heavy trash can be taken to:
Southwest Trash Depository / Recycle Center
10785 Southwest Freeway
Hours: Wed – Sun, 9am to 6pm
Accepts junk and tree waste and recyclables



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 or at hardware stores. 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).

Our WBPOA Community

Community Dollars

It is very important to pay your WBPOA dues in order for the Board to address continuous needs for the common areas of the neighborhood. This includes maintenance and cleaning of the clubhouses, the pool, the parks and the landscaping needs of the community. There are plans in the works for upgrades to the parks during 2020. Unfortunately, the improvements will be a big impact on the budget, but the work is very much needed. The Board appreciates your continued patience as the Parks and Recreation Committee hashes out the details, and more information will follow in later newsletters. However, the Board must have the operating budget in order to address these and other issues, so would appreciate your prompt payment of your 2020 dues.

Community Schools

The editor is VERY pleased to see that the Jewish school on Braesridge at West Belfort has enlisted the aide of HPD to help keep speeders to a minimum during the mornings, but there are still far too many people who run the stop signs with out slowing down (examples: a dark sedan with specialty tags and a mommy mobile light tan SUV with children in the car which runs the sign at Braesridge and Teal Run EVERY morning). There are other schools in our community, so please keep an eye out for the children walking to / from school, especially at intersections. Please SLOW DOWN, pay attention to the speed limit and stop signs in all areas of our neighborhood!



Community Parks

Our winter has been warmer than usual, which means you don't have to wait for Spring to enjoy our parks and tennis court!!

Reminder: Your POA dues have to pay for cleaning the parks, so please respect our community parks and ensure to place garbage in the provided bins. Thank you!



Community Clubhouses

Our clubhouses stand at the ready to host family events during the holidays! Please contact Joy Cunningham to book the Ludington Clubhouse or Jeannette Calhoun for the Braesridge Clubhouse. Their contact details are on the front of the newsletter.



Ludington Pool

The pool is now closed until May – but don't worry, swim time will be here again before you know it!

Community Involvement

We want you.... to be an active member of your community!! Come to a Board meeting, contact one of your POA Board Members or Roxanne Martinez of Sterling Management to find how you can serve on one of the Board committees or serve as a Block Captain!



LEAP YEAR TRIVIA

IT'S LEAP YEAR!!! Which means this year there are 29 days in the month of February. When the use of the modern Gregorian calendar was adopted in the 1500's, leap days were added in order to keep the calendar in alignment with Earth's revolutions around the Sun. It takes Earth approximately 365.242189 days, or 365 days, 5 hours, 48 minutes, and 45 seconds, to circle once around the Sun. This is called a tropical year, and astronomers measure this from the March equinox. However, the Gregorian calendar has only 365 days in a year. If we didn't add a leap day on February 29 nearly every four years, we would lose almost six hours off our calendar every single year. After only 100 years, our calendar would be off by around 24 days! Here are a few Leap Day / Year fun facts! :

Women Propose to Their Men: According to an old Irish legend, St Brigid struck a deal with St Patrick to allow women to propose to men every four years. This is believed to have been introduced to balance the traditional roles of men and women in a similar way to how leap day balances the calendar. In some places, leap day has been known as "Bachelors' Day" for the same reason.

12 Pairs of Gloves: A man was expected to pay a penalty, such as a gown or money, if he refused a marriage proposal from a woman on Leap Day. In many European countries, especially in the upper classes of society, tradition dictates that any man who refuses a woman's proposal on February 29 has to buy her 12 pairs of gloves. The intention is that the woman can wear the gloves to hide the embarrassment of not having an engagement ring. During the middle ages there were laws governing this tradition.

Unlucky?: In Scotland, it used to be considered unlucky for someone to be born on leap day. Greeks consider it unlucky for couples to marry during a leap year, and especially on Leap Day.

Grow Your Love: In southern German villages, it is old tradition for boys to put a May tree (aka Hawthorn Tree) in their true love's garden on the evening before May Day. In leap years, girls get to put up a tree.

Frogs: The frog is a symbol associated with February 29, due to their great leaping abilities. For example, the Australian rocket frog can leap over 6 and 1/2 feet in a single bound!



Mardi Gras 2020 - Tuesday, February 25, 2020

Fat Tuesday is the last day of the Carnival season. It always falls the day before Ash Wednesday, the first day of Lent. Because Lent follows the liturgical calendar, the exact date that Lent falls each year changes but is always held 46 days (40 fasting days and 6 Sundays) before Easter Sunday. Lent has been a traditional time for Christians to fast or giving something up (abstinence). To be true to the Lenten purpose, the matter given up in abstinence is something one really enjoys. It is a Christian season of celebration and honor of Christ, but is also a time when one can reflect on their values and life's purpose. Mardi Gras celebrates life to the fullest in preparation for the upcoming six weeks of abstinence and reflection. In more recent years, some (not necessarily those of Christian faith) chose this time frame to develop healthy habits and / or do more for other people. Happy Mardi Gras and wishing you the best this Lenten Season!

TAX PREPARATION ASSISTANCE

Although we have an extra day this year, it is never too early to start preparing your taxes! Tax preparations can get very confusing so you may want to opt for getting professional assistance. It can get VERY expensive though, with costs starting at \$100. However, there are several programs geared for seniors or those with limited funds. A few popular options are noted below. PLEASE NOTE: this list is being provided for informational purposes only and is in no way a recommendation of the editor. Please be sure to do your research to ensure you are selecting the correct method to use for preparing your taxes:

Beyond Careers Facilitated Self Assistance (FSA): is for taxpayers who are able to prepare their own tax return at no cost. It is powered by TurboTax and should be available around mid-January. It appears there are no annual income limits. Those who need help with tax preparations can submit an RSVP for Beyond Careers Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA) free tax preparation for taxpayers in the low-to-moderate income bracket making under \$58,000 annually. Visit <http://www.beyondcareers.org/current-events/> for more information.

AARP Tax Aide Program: AARP offers free tax preparation services to through their Tax-Aide Program — AARP membership is NOT required, and there are no age or income restrictions. The program is especially suited to low- to moderate-income taxpayers who are 50 and older. Tax-Aide sites will be open February 1 through April 15, 2020. Find out more online or call 888-AARP-NOW (888-227-7669). AARP Tax Aide Locations within a file mile radius of our area is as follows:

- **BAYLAND COMMUNITY CENTER** 6400 BISSONNET ST, HOUSTON 77074
- **ALIEF LIBRARY** 7979 S KIRKWOOD RD, HOUSTON
- **HCC SOUTHWEST - MISSOURI CITY CAMPUS** 1600 TEXAS PKWY, MISSOURI CITY
- **TRACY GEE COMMUNITY CENTER** 3599 WESTCENTER DR, HOUSTON

Tax Counseling for the Elderly (TCE) and Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA): TCA is a federal grant program provides tax preparation assistance to those 60 and older from IRS-certified volunteers. Most TCE sites are operated by AARP Foundation Tax-Aide, but additional sites exist. For more information on TCE, call 888-227-7669. VITA is another IRS certified federal grant program providing tax preparation services to older Americans, low- and moderate-income filers, people with disabilities and those with limited English language skills. Generally, taxpayers must have an annual income below \$55,000 to qualify. Call 800-906-9887 to find a nearby VITA site. TCE and VITA locations can also be found at: <https://irs.treasury.gov/freetaxprep/>.

IRS Free File: About 70 percent of taxpayers are eligible to file federal tax returns online through IRS Free File, which connects single filers and families with annual income below \$69,000 to free filing software from select partners like TaxAct and TurboTax. To browse options and confirm your eligibility, visit <https://apps.irs.gov/app/freeFile/>

IRS Taxpayer Assistance Centers (TACs): Help is also available at local IRS offices that host a Taxpayer Assistance Center. All TACs now operate by appointment; services may vary by office. Check either of these two sites to find a location near you: <https://www.irs.gov/help/contact-your-local-irs-office> or <https://apps.irs.gov/app/officeLocator/index.jsp>

MilTax Filing Service: A Department of Defense-funded program (Military OneSource) provides e-filing software to active duty military personnel and select others, including spouses, dependent children and survivors. Consultants are available to provide 24/7 phone assistance at 800-342-9647. Check the Military OneSource site at <https://www.militaryonesource.mil/financial-legal/tax-resource-center/miltax-military-tax-services> for more information.

Do-it-yourself online options: Several for-profit tax providers offer online filing tools, including no-cost filing for federal 1040 and state returns (those with complex filing needs, like freelancers or business owners, typically need to pay for upgraded versions of these tools, and prices vary). Check H&R Block's free online tax filing, Intuit's TurboTax, Credit Karma Tax, TaxAct, DIY Tax and TaxSlayer Simply Free.

Your local tax professional: The National Society of Accountants says nearly 90 percent of accountants and tax prep professionals offer free client consultation and can help you decide if it makes sense for you to file on your own. Should you decide to hire a tax professional, typical rates range from \$100 to \$225 for individuals, and can go even higher for more complex taxes.

TAX FRAUD ALERTS. Scam artists today are very slick and can appear quite legitimate. You must be exceptionally careful in selecting whom you have prepare your taxes and ensure they are in fact IRS certified. **NEVER** give your social security number, bank account details or other personal information to anyone over the phone. The IRS will NEVER call you for ANY reason, so anyone posing as an IRS agent is a FRAUD. For more information on frauds, scams, etc. visit <https://www.irs.gov/compliance/criminal-investigation/tax-fraud-alerts>. Be on the alert!

Form 1040-SR, U.S. Tax Return for Seniors

If you are 65 or older or turned 65 any time in 2019, you will have the option to use a new simple tax form for seniors, known as Form 1040-SR, when you file your 2019 taxes in April 2020. To use the new form, filers, including both spouses, must be at least age 65 though they don't have to be retired. Also, you need to take the standard deduction; the form incorporates the higher standard deduction for taxpayers age 65 and older. For 2019 taxes, the ones you file in 2020, the standard deduction for taxpayers 65 and over will increase. Form 1040-SR is similar to the now defunct Form 1040-EZ, which was designed for those with a straightforward tax scenario, such as taxpayers who take standard deductions.

KEY TAKEAWAYS

- The new Form 1040-SR is a simplified tax form for seniors who have uncomplicated finances and who otherwise would have to file Form 1040.
- Form 1040-SR allows an individual to report income from wages, salaries, tips, and other income sources.
- The new form requires a senior to be 65 or older by the end of either 2019 or by the end of the tax filing year.
- Both spouses must be over 65, but do not need to be retired. Early retirees (younger than 65) cannot use Form 1040-SR.
- Other senior-friendly features include larger font and spaces to fill in information.
- The new form also has no income tests and expanded income categories.
- Form 1040-SR starts for the tax year 2019, so seniors will fill out these forms for the first time in 2020.

What You Need to Know About Form 1040-SR: Form 1040-SR was designed to be similar to Form 1040-EZ, and is a simplified tax form for seniors with uncomplicated finances. While Form 1040-EZ only allowed the reporting of income from wages, salaries, and tips, Form 1040-SR allows income from certain other sources. The new form is also designed with aging eyes in mind—it features larger spaces to enter information and a bigger front size than a 1040 form.

Who Can File Form 1040-SR?:

- **65 and Older** - One major difference between Forms 1040-EZ and 1040-SR has to do with age. Form 1040-EZ was available to any taxpayer under the age of 65 who otherwise met income and filing requirements. To use 1040-SR, you must have turned 65 or older by Dec. 31, 2019, or by the end of the tax year for which you are filing. For example, if you turned 65 on Dec. 31, 2019, you can use Form 1040-SR when you file your 2019 taxes in April 2020. If you are 65 any time in 2020, you can use Form 1040-SR to file your 2020 taxes in 2021.
- **No Income Test** - Unlike Form 1040-EZ, which limited interest income to \$1,500 and total income to \$100,000 or less, Form 1040-SR has no limit on the amount of your total income for a given taxable year.
- **Expanded Income Categories** – the new form allows the reporting of several types of income in addition to those allowed by the Form 1040-EZ. Specifically, Form 1040-SR allows you to report Social Security benefits as well as distributions from qualified retirement plans, annuities, or similar deferred-payment arrangements. You may also include unlimited interest and dividends and capital gains and losses.
- **What About Tax Deductions?:** Seniors who fill out Form 1040-SR must take the standard deduction, (those 65 or over are entitled to a higher deduction). Form 1040-SR features a chart on the first page chart that spells out standard deductions based on filing status. All pages of Form 1040-SR are available on the IRS website at www.irs.gov.

Special Considerations for Form 1040-SR: Form 1040-SR simplifies tax-filing requirements for seniors and is much easier to complete than the much longer Form 1040 and the now-defunct Forms 1040-EZ and 1040-A. However, if you are a retiree under the age of 65, even if your income sources include Social Security, pensions, and investment income, you cannot use Form 1040-SR and must use Form 1040. Despite this, the introduction of Form 1040-SR is a big step in the right direction when it comes to the simplification of tax-filing requirements.

Other Considerations for Form 1040-SR: Tax-preparation software will be able to generate a 1040-SR, but the new form will provide the most significant benefit to some of the fewer than 10% of taxpayers who still fill out and file their returns on paper. The new form may feel more comfortable to some seniors and will make it easier for them to calculate the standard deduction. However, people who file electronically or use a tax preparer won't benefit as much from the redesign. Older people who are small business owners still will need to use the standard form, including Schedule C, to show profits and losses.

THE IMPORTANCE OF CURB APPEAL

Your home is one of the most major investments you will make in your lifetime. Maintaining a home from the inside out is critically important to retaining its value over time. The more mature your home becomes, the more important it is to maintain it. This applies to your curb appeal as well.

Curb appeal is very important, not just for the appearance of your home, but for the entire neighborhood. Keeping up the appearance of the exterior of your home may not be as exciting as decorating the interior, but in many ways it is much more important. If a majority of the homes in the neighborhood are allowed to fall into poor condition, this screams “we don’t care about our homes”.

Attached to this newsletter is some further information about curb appeal. It should start with the condition of your house, the grass, landscaping, plants, fencing, etc. Little things like keeping bins out of sight, cleaning leaves out of the gutters, power-washing mold and fungus off the bricks or hosing the driveway may seem insignificant, but it all adds up to an attractive, well-kept appearance. Things like loud exterior paint colors, broken down cars, piles of trash, boats in driveway, falling gutters, broken fences can make your house look trashy and ill-maintained... and makes the entire neighborhood look trashy and ill-maintained. Worn down houses invite things like rodents, snakes and crime!

Your POA Board is charged with protecting the overall value and appearance of the neighborhood. Their duty is to ensure all homeowners follow the deed restrictions. The Board and property management company are not being “mean” by enforcing the rules and regulations – they are doing it because they care about the community and wish to protect not only your home values, but our neighbors as well. A poorly maintained community is a magnet for the criminal element. So by simply maintaining your home, inside and out, you are actively participating in maintaining your home value, the overall home values in the neighborhood and helping to reduce crime. Therefore, please do your part by respecting the rules and regulations of WBPOA. **REMINDER: any improvements or major exterior work to your home (front and back) including painting, landscaping, etc. must be approved by the ARC Committee. The ARC Committee approval form is located at the back of this newsletter.**

Grocery carts = convenient in stores In WBPOA = eyesores!

If you see empty grocery carts in the WBPOA subdivision, please call and report to:

Fiesta Mart: 713-272-2700
Gray and red or has Fiesta logo



Walmart: 713-771-4740
Green and gray or has Walmart logo

Joe V's: 713-721-0100

Texas Transportation Code - TRANSP § 545.302

Stopping, Standing, or Parking Prohibited in Certain Places

The City of Houston and the WBPOA are very strict about enforcing the State’s neighborhood parking regulations. Non-adherence to these regulations will result in a parking violations / fines from the City, as well as violation notices from WBPOA. **The homeowner illegally parked or whose tenants are illegally parked will be financially responsible for any resulting fees incurred by the WBPOA to enforce the regulations.**

Under 545.302(a), An operator may not stop, stand, or park a vehicle in the following manners:

1. on the roadway side of a vehicle stopped or parked at the edge or curb of a street;
2. on a sidewalk;
3. in an intersection;
4. on a crosswalk;
5. between a safety zone and the adjacent curb or within 30 feet of a place on the curb immediately opposite the ends of a safety zone, unless the governing body of a municipality designates a different length by signs or markings;
6. alongside or opposite a street excavation or obstruction if stopping, standing, or parking the vehicle would obstruct traffic;
7. on a bridge or other elevated structure on a highway or in a highway tunnel;
8. on a railroad track; or
9. where an official sign prohibits stopping.

(b) An operator may not, except momentarily to pick up or discharge a passenger, stand or park an occupied or unoccupied vehicle:

1. in front of a public or private driveway;
2. within 15 feet of a fire hydrant;
3. within 20 feet of a crosswalk at an intersection;
4. within 30 feet on the approach to a flashing signal, stop sign, yield sign, or traffic-control signal located at the side of a roadway;
5. within 20 feet of the driveway entrance to a fire station and on the side of a street opposite the entrance to a fire station within 75 feet of the entrance, if the entrance is properly marked with a sign; or
6. where an official sign prohibits standing



See a summary of the
parking regulations
attached to the
newsletter for a quick
reference.



February 2020

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
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2 Groundhog Day	3	4	5	6	7	8
9	10	11	12	13 Recycle Pick Up	14 Valentine's Day  Heavy / Junk Waste Pick Up North*	15
16	17 President's Day	18	19	20 Heavy / Junk Waste Pick Up South*	21	22
23	24	25 WBPOA Board Mtng Mardi Gras Braesridge Clubhouse 6:30pm	26 Ash Wednesday	27 Recycle Pick Up	28	29 

* 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

WBPOA ASSOCIATION COMMITTEES	
Please come to a Board Meeting if you wish to serve on a committee or as a Block Captain:	
Architectural Review (ARC):	Barbara Hite, Jeannette Calhoun, Eleni Saatsoglou, Allen Segal, Marc Warren, Marcy Williams
Clubhouse:	Jeannette Calhoun, Joy Cunningham
Landscape:	Marcy Williams
Newsletter:	Mari Angelo
Parks & Recreation:	Asher Belles, Isaac Herbst
Pool:	Phil Abrams
Safety:	Barbara Hite, Pesach Baral, Ben Heistein
BLOCK CAPTAINS:	Volunteers Needed!

VACATION WATCH

WBPOA residents can request vacation watches from Constable Precinct 7 for vacation planning needs. You can register for a deputy vacation watch by visiting the Precinct 7 website

<https://constable7.harriscountytexas.gov> and select "Vacation Watch". Forms need to be completed at least 7 days in advance.



See Something, Say Something!

PLEASE NOTE: There has recently been some questions about the Precinct 7 Constables in our contract patrolling the new neighborhood along Pembridge and the end of Ludington. THESE ARE SEPARATE DEPUTIES who are assigned to that community and they are NOT the deputies assigned to our contract. Our deputies are listed on the front of this newsletter. While the deputies in the new contract are not assigned to our neighborhood, the fact they are with the same Precinct will only enhance our patrol as well. Should you have any concerns about our coverage, please contact Barbara Hite, your Board president, any Board member or Sterling ASI. You are also welcome to come to a Board meeting to express your concerns. **If you plan a trip out of town, please get registered with Precinct 7 for a vacation watch – our patrol officers will be happy to help keep an eye on your home.**

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 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 Bottles & Jars
Accepted in curbside automated recycling, neighborhood depositories, dropoff locations and Westpark



NO Used Motor Oil
Do not place in recycling bin. Motor Oil is not collected in your curbside recycling or trash, bring to Westpark, ECS's or auto parts store.
Beginning February 1, 2020

Follow us:

@houstontrash /houstonsolidwaste

www.houstonsolidwaste.org

or call 3-1-1 for additional information.

2020 Bi-Weekly Collection Schedule

Schedule A

Schedule B

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

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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 2nd, 16th & 30th.
- 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 7th and 21st.

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



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