# West Bellfort Property Owners Association www.westbellfortpoa.com

A big welcome to our new POA Board Members: Joy Cunningham, Glenn Gundy and Marcy Williams!! See page 8 for more details!

## Monthly Newsletter

January 2017

Be sure to check out the new addition to the newsletter – important community information from Bays Oaks Super Neighborhood! (see page 9)

#### **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

#### WBPOA MANAGEMENT COMPANY

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#### 2017 POA DUES

PLEASE NOTE: YOUR POA HOMEOWNER DUES ARE DUE!! IF YOU HAVE CANNOT FIND 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.

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.harriscountyt x.gov/Pages/VacationWatchReq uest.aspx <u>Ludington Clubhouse Rental</u>
Joy Cunningham 713 / 417-8154
Joycunningham@sbcglobal.net

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

#### 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 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.

### 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 new year will bring many opportunities for family events and celebrations. We have plenty of room to host your events at our two clubhouses! The Ludington Clubhouse has been updated and looks fantastic! 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.

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!

#### Community Parks

Since our "winter" does not seem to be happening, you can still enjoy our two community parks with your families.

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!



#### 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 holiday season is behind us, but that does not mean to let down your guard. 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.

## 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 Bellfort, 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.

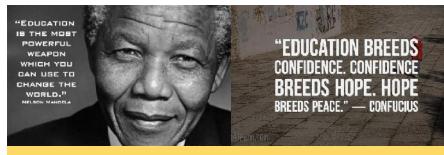
#### **PERSONALITY:**

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/



# WELCOME TO OUR COMMUNITY, HOUSTON COMMUNITY COLLEGE!!



The Houston Community College - Brays Oaks Campus had its ribbon cutting ceremony on Tuesday, December 6, 2016. The brand new campus is ready to accept brand new students and is located on West Bellfort at Riceville School Road. An excerpt from the December 8, 2016 article by Brays Oaks Management District states "'We needed this campus in this area and there was nothing going to stop us from making sure we were partners in this project,' said Houston City Council Member Larry Green, District K. 'This will be the campus that the community built.' The

HCC Brays Oaks Campus will offer continuing education courses that support a curriculum of training in GED, ESL, information technology, and health education fast- track programs. 'We want to help students transition into a 21st Century college education,' said Dr. Cesar Maldonado, HCC chancellor. 'Academics are critical to student success, but finding careers with job opportunities is what is going to bring success to families.' Norman Mitchell had job creation in mind with his Bee Busy Wellness Center right next door. The Federally Qualified Health Center offers medical, dental and mental health services. 'We noticed a huge gap in services and access and felt this corridor is the perfect place to launch our business,' said Mitchell. 'Our goal is to partner with HCC and hire individuals who graduate from this institution." read more about cutting ceremony http://www.braysoaksmd.org/2016/12/new-hcc-campus-sparks-rebirth-in-brays-oaks-district/. To learn more about programs offered at HCC visit hccs.edu/programs. Remember, it is never too late to learn new things!







Houston Community College will hold Saturday Registration on **January 7 and January 14** from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. **at the following locations ONLY:** 

Northwest - Spring Branch, Katy & Alief-Hayes

Southwest – West Loop & Stafford

Southeast - Eastside & Felix Fraga

Central – Central & South Campus

Northeast - North Forest, Northline, Pinemont, Codwell, Coleman College of Health Sciences

HCC West Loop is located at 5601 West Loop South, in the Pin Oak Shopping Center (610 at Westpark). The Stafford location is also brand new and is located at 10041 Cash Road in Stafford (corner of Cash Road and Stafford Road, off of Highway 90).

These one-stop shop events are designed to help students:

- Avoid long lines
- Apply for admissions and submit documents
- Meet with an academic advisor
- Meet with a financial aid representative
- TSI testing
- Pay for classes at the business office
- Attend an advising and registration session

Can't wait? Then REGISTER ONLINE NOW AT

http://www.hccs.edu/district/students/apply/

Dear Neighbor,

We would like to update you on the current status of the Dallas-to-Houston High-Speed Rail (HSR) project, and let you know what Our coalition has done over the past 12 months to enhance transportation in Houston and also protect Houston neighborhoods.



#### Where the HSR Project Stands Now:

We are still waiting for the Federal Railroad Administration (FRA) to release their draft Environmental Impact Statement (EIS), now expected in early 2017. The EIS document will outline all the concerns, suggestions and alternatives the project has received from the public since it was first introduced. It will also explain how Texas Central plans to address any issues. Texas Central has indicated that the Houston terminal will be located somewhere around the 610/290 interchange; however, the exact location is still pending and the City of Houston is still testing the feasibility of the HSR going into downtown.

#### What Houston High-Speed Rail Watch Has Accomplished This Past Year:

In addition to tracking the developments of Texas Central and the HSR project through our contacts and media, our coalition members have:

- Gone before Houston City Council, and questioned the need for a proposed City-commissioned study to analyze taking HSR into downtown Houston.
- Met with various transportation leaders to develop a plan that would provide HSR connectivity from its near northwest terminus into downtown without damaging neighborhoods.
- Met with numerous local civic clubs, homeowner's associations, and super neighborhoods to provide information and garner support for our position paper.
- Attended numerous transportation meetings throughout the year held by Texas Central, the Houston-Galveston
  Area Council's (HGAC) Technical Advisory Committee, HGAC's Transportation Policy Council, Houston City
  Council's Transportation and Technology Infrastructure Subcommittee, Gulf Coast Rail District, and METRO to
  keep informed of any discussions regarding the HSR project.

We want you to know that **Houston High-Speed Rail Watch** is actively watching, advocating and working to make sure our neighborhoods are heard and protected. We look forward to continuing our efforts in 2017. **Houston High-Speed Rail Watch** is watching out for you.



# ARBOR DAY January 21, 2017

Mayor Sylvester Turner, the Houston Parks and Recreation Department and hundreds of volunteers will celebrate the City of Houston's 31<sup>st</sup> Annual Arbor Day on Saturday, January 21, 2017, at Herman Brown Park. The day commemorates the City's designation as a Tree City USA by the National Arbor Day Foundation. The Tree City USA designation is awarded by the Foundation in recognition of the City's and its citizens' commitment to the stewardship of trees. Four standards must be met.

Following the official Arbor Day ceremony, volunteers will plant 1,000 trees at Herman Brown Park. Registration is required for this. Please contact the Houston Parks and Recreation Department at <a href="mailto:oneika.shelby@houstontx.gov">oneika.shelby@houstontx.gov</a> to register and for more information on volunteering.

Arbor Day Tree Planting Saturday, January 21, 2017 Herman Brown Park, 200 Mercury Drive, Houston, TX 77013

8:30 a.m. - Volunteer Check-in / 9:00 a.m. - Official Arbor Day Ceremony / Tree Planting follows ceremony

The Arbor Day Foundation was formed in 1972 as an outgrowth of a movement that began in 1872 with a call to plant trees on the open plains of Nebraska. It is estimated that one million trees were planted in that state on that first Arbor Day. In Houston, the optimum tree planting time is October through February, due to our climate and summer temperatures. The Houston Parks and Recreation Department celebrates Arbor Day throughout this time frame with smaller tree planting events and the Official Arbor Day Celebration, held in January. For more information on Arbor Day and the Houston Parks and Recreation Department, please visit www.houstontx.gov/parks or write to askparks@houstontx.gov.

#### THE COMPANY ONSTAGE HAS A NEW HOME!!!

Many of you may remember the little community theater called "The Company OnStage" that was quietly tucked away in the old Westbury Square, located at 536 Westbury, just off West Bellfort and a little west of Chimney Rock. The theater existed at the old Westbury Square location for many. many years but sadly had to move out as the old square is to be demolished. Over the last couple of years, COS was basically homeless... bouncing around trying to find a new home. The volunteer troupe of actors did not give up, following the tried and true adage "the show must go on" in full throttle! The theater has been presenting shows from time to time as they found various places to put on plays while they looked for a new "permanent home". Most recently, the troupe has been performing at St. John's Presbyterian Church, located at 5020 West Bellfort, across from the Meyer Neighborhood Library. Thanks to the diligent efforts of the determined theater troupe, we are happy to report that The Company OnStage has found a permanent home!! Please be sure to come get the scoop on all the exciting news by attending the open house for The Company OnStage set for Friday, January 27th from 6pm - 8pm in the Family Life Center of the Salem Lutheran Church, located at 4930 West Bellfort (entrance on Runnymeade). If you have not ever had the opportunity to attend a production at this theater, now is your chance to learn about one of the best amenities of our local community! If you are interested in attending one of the shows that are currently scheduled to be performed at St. John's Presbyterian, please visit http://www.companyonstage.org - you will not be disappointed in the quality of the productions, especially at such reasonable prices!!!



#### Open House

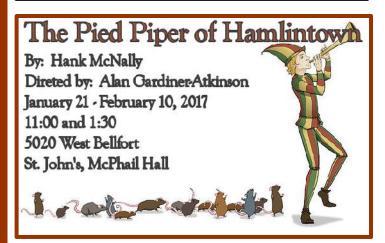
4930 W Bellfort
Entrance on Runnymeade

Friday, January 27 6 - 8pm

We have reached an agreement with Salem Lutheran Church to transform their Family Life Center into The Company OnStage.

Join us for a wine and cheese reception as we reveal our plans for the design of our new performance space and celebrate the return of the evening series for the 2017-2018 season.

# **PLAYING NOW AT COMPANY ONSTAGE!**



The residents of Hamlintown have an ineffective mayor and have been overrun by rats! Is the celebrated and mysterious piper able to play these unwanted guests out of town? Come and see what happens!!! This production is appropriate for all ages!! TICKETS ARE ONLY \$10!!

January 21 - February 11 Saturdays at 11am & 1:30pm

All performances take place at St. John's Presbyterian Church 5020 W. Bellfort



#### **JANUARY 2017**



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8	9	10	11	12	13 Tree Waste North Side*	14
15	<b>16</b> Martin Luther King Day	17	18	19 Tree Waste – South Side* Recycle Pick Up	20 Presidential Inauguration	21
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<sup>\*</sup> WBPOA – Northfield III and IV (North Side of West Bellfort): Junk Waste 2<sup>nd</sup> Friday of even months / Tree Waste 2<sup>nd</sup> Friday of odd months \* WBPOA – Northfield V (South Side of West Bellfort): Junk Waste 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday of even months / Tree Waste 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday of odd months

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THOUGH NO ONE CAN GO BACK AND MAKE A BRAND NEW START, ANYONE CAN START FROM NOW AND MAKE a brand new ending.

A new year is like a blank book. The pen is in your hands. It is your chance to write a beautiful story for yourself.

HAPPY NEW YEAR

#### **WELCOME NEW MEMBERS TO WBPOA BOARD!!!**

At the Annual Homeowner's Meeting on Monday, December 5<sup>th</sup>, your HOA Board gained three new members: Glenn Gundy, Joy Cunningham and Marcy Williams. Mary and Joy are already familiar with most of our community: Marcy served previously on the Board for many years and we are happy she is back. Marcy also serves as President of the Brays Oaks Super Neighborhood and is excited to share her knowledge with our community. Joy has been serving on the Clubhouse committee for innumerable years and handles reservations for the Ludington Clubhouse – we are all pleased she finally decided to make her position "official"! Tom Roberts, who has served on our Board for several years, and Glenn were tied for the votes – the very first time this has happened in our POA history! It literally came down to a coin toss – and Glenn won! Glenn is brand new to our community, and even though he called "heads" at the coin toss, he certainly is jumping in feet first into serving his new community! We are sad to see Tom leave the Board – we cannot thank him enough for his tireless efforts in overseeing the recent renovations of the Ludington Clubhouse and for his dedicated service to our community during his term. We are excited to ring in 2017 with our new Board members, and we hope you will attend our next monthly Board meetings to give them all a warm welcome!

#### BRAYS OAKS SUPER NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL #36 KEY POINTS FROM THE NOVEMBER 1, 2016 MEETING

Guest Speaker Michael Huffmaster, the co-chairperson of the Flooding and Drainage committee with the Super Neighborhood Alliance ("Alliance"), addressed the meeting. He became concerned with the City of Houston because of the destruction of wooded areas in the detention ponds for Buffalo Bayou. Michael has been flooded twice in the last 18 months. Some consider flooding to be man-made because of all of the impervious surfaces created by development. The bayous are not capable of handling all of the rain. Therefore, detention ponds were created to accumulate water which the bayous cannot handle. Prior to 1987, flooding was not an issue. However, there has been so much development since 1987 that the bayous often cannot handle the amount of rain the City receives. In the last two years there has been two to three "100-year" flooding events, but our bayous are said to only be able to handle 25-year events. Alliance has created its top 10 flooding and drainage priorities:

- 1. Address regional detention needs (for example, Project Brays);
- 2. Remedy projects known to cause flooding;
- 3. Coordinate Houston flood management;
- 4. Build drainage and detention for expected impervious cover with no "grandfathering" other than for a few exceptions;
- 5. Require developers to provide detention with no fee allowed in lieu of creating the detentions:
- 6. City of Houston adopts Alliance's revisions to Chapter 9 of the infrastructure design manual;
- 7. Placement of "fill" evaluate, manage, permit;
- 8. Designate areas known for flooding as "Special Flood Hazard Areas";
- 9. Utilize under-street detention; and
- 10. Preserve and restore natural areas, such as planting of trees.

Alliance will work with civic leaders to establish effective guidelines to manage mitigation, development and redevelopment in order to properly address area flooding in a manner that does not cause destruction of mature trees and change the character of the neighborhoods.

Guest Speaker Barber Mohammd, who works with the Federal Monitor for airbag recalls, addressed the meeting to discuss the recall of defective airbags. The airbag recall has been going on since 2008. Eleven people in the U.S. have died from explosions of defective airbags. Twenty airbags per week are repaired in Houston. The Monitor was appointed to do outreach to consumers. Alpha cars manufactured from 2001 - 2003 have the highest risk of injuries. In Houston they are targeting owners of alpha cars. The can which inflates the airbag ruptures and becomes shrapnel. As a result, even minor accidents can result in deaths from this shrapnel. They are going door to door to locate alpha car owners. They are also asking the Super Neighborhoods' assistance in getting the word out about the airbag recall. The airbag replacement is free. You can check whether a car is on the airbag recall list by going to AirbagRecall.com or SaferCar.gov and entering your vehicle's 17-digit VIN number. The chance of injury or death is 50/50 (1 in 2) if the airbag deploys. The risk of the airbag canister exploding is more of an issue in older cars because time and humidity affects the stability of the chemical in the canister which causes airbags to inflate. The website is updated daily. If buying a used car, there is no way currently to determine whether the car's airbag has been repaired as auto companies are not keeping track of which cars have been repaired. It is critical to check your vehicle and if it is on the recall list, please schedule your free repair today with a dealership for your automobile make.

Guest Speaker Nikki Ellis with Trusted Senior Specialists addressed the meeting. They help seniors apply for Medicaid. Medicaid coverage must be renewed, and a lot of seniors lose their Medicaid benefits because they fail to renew their coverage. The Medicaid application is 23 pages. She also helps low income people obtain prescriptions. She wants to make certain that people understand the changes to Medicare in 2017. Please contact Marcy Williams (WBPOA Board Member) for further information on how to contact Nikki or others for assistance in understanding the changes to Medicare.

Barbara Hite announced that the painting on the electrical box at Brays Ridge and South Braeswood will become daises. On Arbor Day, City Council Member Larry Green will be partnering with Trees for Houston to plant 50, 15-gallon trees in the Brays Oaks and Westbury communities. Volunteers are needed for the planting. There is more information regarding the Arbor Day project in the WBPOA newsletter.

Sheri Cortez announced that the Citizens Advisory Council ("CAC") will be holding a 5k run/walk fundraiser for the HPD Braeburn Storefront. The CAC is considering dates in April 2017 OR possibly May 13, 2017 which is part of Police Week. The registrations for the 5k run/walk will be on-line. The CAC is considering holding the event at the Willow Waterhole. The event will be open to runners, walkers, and strollers. Consideration is being made for opening the event to dog walkers. The event will be held with the Susan G. Komen Foundation, and part of the proceeds will be donated to the Komen Foundation. Barbara Hite explained that the CAC maintains the HPD Braeburn Storefront. She wants the event to be fun and involve the community. More information will follow in the February WBPOA newsletter.



# TRASH FACTS



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 curbline 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.

#### 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 /iunk 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 con-crete) 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 multiresidential structures of more than eight units.

#### Tree Waste/Junk Waste Collection Schedule

**Tree Waste January Feburary Junk Waste** March **Tree Waste** April **Junk Waste** May **Tree Waste** Junk Waste June **Tree Waste** July **Junk Waste** August 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 (#I-#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

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# Going Green

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 I, 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.





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

Houston, TX 77251

PO Box 1562

#### 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.

The Trash Facts is a newsletter published by the Solid Waste Management Department. Information may be reproduced for public dissemination by civic groups and neighborhood organizations.

Harry J. Hayes, SWMD Director

Irma Reyes, Public Information Officer

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



Detergent bottles shampoo bottles

#3 Plastics



# 5 Plastics

Yogurt containers, caps, straws and empty medicine bottles

Condiment bottles

#4 Plastics





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Aluminum & Tin Cans

Magazines, Telephone Books and Catalogs

Mail, Envelopes,

and Paper

Large water bottles

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**Used Motor Oil** 

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Do not place in recycling bin. Place on curb or bring to Westpark or ECSs.



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

Cardboard Flattened





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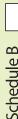
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or call 3-1-1 for additional information. Solid Waste Management Department

# **2017 Bi-Weekly Collection 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 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.houstonsolidwaste.org or call the Houston Service Helpline 3-1-1.

#### WEST BELLFORT PROPERTY OWNERS ASSOCIATION, INC. ARCHITECTURAL CONTROL APPLICATION

In accordance with the governing documents of your Association, all exterior improvements and/or changes from the original construction must be submitted for and approved by the Architectural Control/Review Committee (ACC/ARC). 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 Association. Please complete the application below in its entirety and return to STERLING ASSOCIATION SERVICES, INC. (SASI) to 11201 LAKE WOODBRIDGE, SUGAR LAND, TX. 77478 (Phone 832-678-4500) Email: ry@sterlingasi.com or Facsimile 832-678-4497)

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PROPERTY ASSOCIATION COMMITTEES:  If you would like to serve on one of these committees, please come to the next Board meeting				TEXAS DPS OFFICE Driving Tests / In-Person Driver's License New & Renewal Closest (South Gessner close to West Airport - Approx 2 Miles)					
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