

Monthly Newsletter

July 2018

This Month's Highlights

- The pool is open!! If you did not pick up your tags, please contact Sterling today!
- See page 3 for information on how to protect your credit!
- July 15th is National Ice Cream Day! Celebrate with a very easy and tasty treat – See page 3 for recipe!
- Do you have curb appeal?? See page 5 to see why it is important to have!
- Worried about skimmers? There's an app for that! (see page 6)
- Looking for fun things to do for July 4th on a budget?? Check out the list of July 4th events around town at the back of the newsletter!!



Tuesday, July 24, 6:30pm

Braesridge Clubhouse
10810 Braesridge

WBPOA BOARD MEMBERS:

Barbara Hite, President
Jeannette Calhoun, Vice President
Phil Abrams, Secretary
Mari Angelo, Board Member
Asher Belles, Board Member
Joy Cunningham, Board Member
Dyaz Godfrey, Board Member
Lorie Gonzalez, Board Member
Glenn Gundy, Board Member
Marc Warren, Board Member
Marcy Williams, Board Member
TWO OPEN POSITIONS AVAILABLE

WBPOA MANAGEMENT COMPANY

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Alternatively can ask for Amy
Duran or any other Sterling
Representative

2018 POA DUES

Are you current on your 2018 dues?? 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 your use of community amenities** as it is not right to allow usage if you are not paying for the upkeep. The invoices were mailed in November 2017. **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.** See box below for more helpful details.

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 2018 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 2018, 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 2018 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.

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 Nowlin
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 Board Meeting on **Tuesday, July 24, 2018 at 6:30pm.**



July is...

TREE / YARD WASTE PICK UP MONTH!

Northfield III & IV (North of West Bellfort): July 13th
Northfield V (South of West Bellfort): July 19th

Tree / Yard Waste
ODD months

January / March /
May / July /
September / November

Junk / Heavy Waste
EVEN months

February / April / June /
August / October /
December

The tallest oak in
the forest was once
just a little nut that
held its ground.



Recycling in WBPOA



July Pickup Dates:
July 5th and July 19th

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

Important Recycling Info:

- Use the Green Bin for recycling ONLY
- NO GLASS in the recycling bins
- 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.
- Glass may 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
- JUNK / HEAVY trash / waste pickup is other month (“even”s)
- Junk / heavy trash can be taken to:
Southwest Trash Dispository / 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).

PROTECTING YOUR CREDIT JUST GOT EASIER!

President Trump recently signed a bill into law which includes a provision that requires credit bureaus to let consumers freeze their credit for free. Up to now, each of the three credit bureaus would charge you if you wanted to put a freeze in place (usually around \$10 at each bureau). Then you often had to pay again to unfreeze or thaw your credit if you wanted to do something that required a credit check, like applying for a new loan. However, after last year's massive Equifax data breach, consumer advocates called on Congress to provide free access to credit freezes.

What does freezing my credit do? When you freeze your credit, the credit reporting bureaus cannot give any information to someone who makes an inquiry about you. Typically, businesses inquire about your credit when you (or someone posing as you) are trying to, for instance, open a new credit card, buy a car or rent an apartment. The credit check helps the business determine if they want to lend or rent to you, and it can help set your rates and lending terms for loans and credit cards. When your credit is frozen and the business cannot get any information about you, it stops the process — which means a fraudster will be unable to open an account while using your identity.

If it is free now, why shouldn't everyone just freeze their credit? While freezing your credit won't guarantee safety, it's a pretty strong defense against identity theft. But remember — you still need to unfreeze your credit if you legitimately want to apply for a loan or line of credit. You do that with a PIN that you get when you freeze it. While it's not a heavy burden, it does add extra steps anytime you do something that requires a credit check.

You could opt for credit monitoring instead of a full freeze. You can request a free copy of your credit report annually from each of the major credit bureaus, and check it for any activity you don't recognize. If you find anything suspicious, report it immediately and take steps to lock down your credit through a fraud alert or credit freeze.

You can also pay for a credit-monitoring service, which alerts you about any activity involving your credit report. This can quickly bring a potential problem to your attention — but it's not preventative, so you won't know if someone has used your identity until after it happens.

How do I freeze my credit? If you want to freeze your credit, you need to contact each of the credit bureaus: Equifax (1-800-349-9960), TransUnion (1-888-909-8872) and Experian (1-888-397-3742). If you request a freeze, be sure to store the PIN to unfreeze your accounts in a safe place.

Whether or not you choose to freeze your credit, fraudsters could still take advantage of you by getting things like your credit card number(s) or passwords to online accounts. So you will need to continue to ensure you take proper steps to secure your information so that it doesn't fall into the wrong hands.



ICE CREAM SANDWICH CAKE

*This recipe made without variations
tastes exactly like a Dairy Queen Peanut
Buster Parfait!*

24 plain ice cream sandwiches
1 to 2 jars of hot fudge sauce (or one very large one) – NOT heated
1 to 2 small containers of Spanish peanuts (aka, Redskin)
1 large container Cool Whip, thawed

Unwrap 12 ice cream sandwiches and place them in the bottom of a 9 X 12 pan, cutting to fit if needed (keep the other 12 in the freezer for now). Spread with hot fudge sauce (straight out of the jar, NOT heated) on top of the ice cream sandwiches. Sprinkle 1/2 of the peanuts on top of the fudge sauce (if you like a lot of peanuts, use one small container now, save second container for top).

Unwrap remaining 12 ice cream sandwiches and layer on top of the peanuts. Can spread with more fudge sauce if preferred, opening second jar if required. Top with cool whip. Sprinkle more peanuts on top. Wrap with plastic wrap and keep in freezer until ready to serve.

VARIATIONS:

- (1) Use Neapolitan or "Mississippi mud" sandwiches (if using the Mississippi mud ones, cut down on the amount of the fudge sauce).
- (2) Counting calories? Make "lighter" version by using diet ice cream sandwiches, sugar free fudge sauce and light Cool Whip.
- (3) Substitute almonds or other nuts instead of Spanish peanuts (note, regular jarred peanuts are not as good as the Spanish ones)
- (4) Nut allergy concerns? Use sliced strawberries, crushed Oreos or crushed Girl Scout Thin Mints, or leave out altogether and just use fudge sauce and plain or Neapolitan ice cream sandwiches.

The Community

"People coming together as a community can make things happen."

Jacob Rees-Mogg

Community School

The Sephardic Gan/Torat EMET School located on the corner of Braesridge and West Bellfort serves children from age 15 months through eighth grade. If you are interested in enrolling your child and would like a tour of the school, the opportunity to see the classrooms in action and meet the staff, please feel free to contact them at 713-721-3900. You may also email office@ytehouston.org for more information.



Community Parks



We have two very beautiful parks just waiting for you to get out and enjoy your summer!! Come out and play at our Kittybrook and Ludington Parks!!

Work up a great sweat and burn off calories by enjoying a great game of tennis at our community Tennis court!



Community Involvement – Board Member Positions Available

Want to be an active member of your community? Then come on down!! We have two positions open on the Board waiting for the right volunteers to ensure our community is well taken care of. **Bring your credentials and come speak to the Board on Tuesday, July 24th at 6:30pm to put your name into the hat!** These two positions are to complete the terms of two positions that had to step down, so you will serve out the remainder of this year. You will then be up for election to continue (if you so desire) at the Annual Homeowners Meeting in December. Contact one of your POA Board Members or Roxanne Martinez of Sterling Management for more details on becoming a Board Member and an active participant in your community well-being!



Community Clubhouses

Be sure to book your events at either of our clubhouses. 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

Cool off in the Ludington pool all summer!! Pool schedule is attached to this newsletter. If you have not yet received your pool tags, please contact Roxanne or Amy at Sterling. All WBPOA dues and fees must be paid in full on all homes owned in order to receive tags. **HAPPY SPLASHING!!!**



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.





REFRESHING WATERMELON PUNCH

From: Suburban Simplicity

- 1 oblong seedless watermelon (about 10 pounds), washed completely
- 1 (12 oz.) can frozen lemonade, thawed
- 2 cups unsweetened pineapple juice

Cut the top of the watermelon off about 1/6 of the way down. Cut the bottom end enough to make sure the watermelon will stand on its own. Scoop out flesh and put in a blender. Process until smooth. Strain through a fine-mesh strainer; discard solids. Return watermelon to the blender. Add lemonade concentrate and pineapple juice and blend well. Transfer to watermelon bowl. Served chilled over crushed ice. To make sure all ingredients are combined, give the punch a little stir before you enjoy it.



ADOPT-A-DRAIN HOUSTON

Join Houston and others in helping to keep drains clear of leaves and garbage to reduce flooding – It's easy and fun!! For more information, see last month's newsletter or visit adoptadrain@houstontx.gov



This App Can Tell You If A Criminal Is Trying To Skim Your Credit Card

By: Lee Mathews for Forbes Magazine, September 20, 2017



Criminals have plenty of different ways to get their grubby little mitts on your credit card numbers. Sometimes they steal them in bulk from vulnerable servers, like the ones that were breached at Equifax. Other times they snatch them from ATMs, gas pumps and other point-of-sale terminals using something called a skimmer. A skimmer is a small electronic device that a criminal physically hacks into (or onto) a payment card reader. They're designed to be installed quickly (often in less than 30 seconds) so that the crook can get in, make the modification, and get out without raising suspicions.

Some skimmers can simply be stuck on top of a card reader. They're somewhat easy to spot if you're exercising caution when you use a card. There might be a slight difference in the color of the plastic, for example. It might move -- or even pop right off -- if you give it a little tug, too.

At the gas pump, however, a skimmer can be nearly impossible to detect. That's because criminals will often open a pump with a master key and install the skimmer *inside* the pump. There often aren't any clues on the outside that would clue you in to the skimmer's presence... except the Bluetooth signal that criminals use to stealthily retrieve stolen card data.

Fortunately for the rest of us, that signal can also set off the alarm bells on a brand new security app called Skimmer Scanner. The app, created by the white hat hardware hackers over at Sparkfun, scans for those Bluetooth transmissions, communicates with the source, and figures out whether it behaves like a skimmer would.

If suspicious behavior is detected, you'll see an alert like the one above. It's pretty unlikely that Sparkfun's app would show you one for a non-malicious device that happened to be in the vicinity. They've worked on skimmers for law enforcement agencies numerous times and their engineers have a firm handle on how skimmers behave.





Those of you looking for a little extra protection when you pay at the pump can grab Skimmer Scanner from Google Play. **Sorry, iPhone users... there's no iOS version yet.** **Note from newsletter editor: after checking the scanner, remember to put your cell phone away before you start pumping gas to avoid risk of severe injury.**

Apple Iphone User? Or simply prefer not to use the app? You can still avoid card skimmers!!

- First and foremost: PAY ATTENTION to your surroundings.
- Avoid going to the ATMs or getting gas at night.
- Choose gas pumps closest to and within sight of cashiers.
- Use ATMs in well-lit, secure locations. Avoid standalone ATMs in corners of stores or out-of-the-way areas.
- At both ATM and pump: check for tampering and wiggle everything. Look at the card reader slot and surrounding areas for anything that looks out of place, mismatched, or loose. At gas station, if the security seals are broken or if the pump's face plate is loose, rickety or open, don't use it.
- Make sure no one is watching you enter your PIN, or filming you on a cell phone.

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1	2	3		Recycle Pick Up	6	7
8	9	10	11	12	Tree/Yard Waste Pick Up	14
15	16	17	18	Recycle Pick Up Tree/Yard Waste Pick Up	20	21
22	23	WBPOA Board Meeting Braesridge Clubhouse 6:30pm	24	25	26	27
29	30	31				

* 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 odd months / Tree Waste 3rd Thursday of odd months



*See Something,
Say Something!*



WBPOA residents who are current on POA dues 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". You can also call (713) 643-6118 and request a watch.

We have a great team of deputies who watch over our neighborhood, but one person cannot watch over 800 homes at once. So let's do our part!! Report criminal offenses to the authorities. Take note of suspicious activities that occur inside and outside your neighborhood. Contact the police with eyewitness information such as a suspect description to assist law enforcement in their crime prevention efforts. Avoid looking the other way when criminal offenses occur. You could find yourself in need of another citizen's assistance if you become a crime victim. Secure your valuables. Use monitored alarm systems to protect your home and vehicle. Avoid leaving high-priced items in plain view of others. Store yard and portable items in your garage. Use a heavy duty lock to protect your bicycle from theft. Never flaunt large amounts of cash or jewelry. Travel with a group. Use the strength of numbers to help prevent crime. Never go to unfamiliar places by yourself, especially at night. Bring a cell phone and extra money for emergency use. Walk along well-lit paths when traveling outside. Never try to apprehend a suspect. Let the police handle this responsibility. Never assume that any location is totally safe. Always remain cautious of suspicious people and activities. Also, be sure to have the Constable Dispatch the first law enforcement contact for your home alarms. As always, if you see something suspicious, be sure to report it immediately – you do not have to endanger yourself as our patrol officers are quick to respond and will address issues ASAP. **If you plan a trip 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.**

4TH OF JULY CELEBRATIONS FOR HOUSTON AND SURROUNDING AREAS - 2018

Near Downtown: CITGO Freedom Over Texas is the city's signature show with live music and stunning fireworks over Buffalo Bayou. This year, the event will have four main stages at Eleanor Tinsley and Sam Houston Parks on July 4th from 4pm to 10 pm. Tickets are just \$8 online (visit <http://www.houstontx.gov/july4/>) and you can bring blankets, lawnchairs, and small umbrellas to help keep you cool! On the Citgo main stage, *Cupid* opens the show, followed by *The Mavericks*. They will be playing an eclectic mix of Tex-Mex, neotraditional country music, and Latin rockabilly. The main headliner is country star Chris Young who will be belting out hits such as "*I'm Comin' Over*" and "*Losing Sleep*". There are 15 acts in all along with concession stands and an awesome Kids Zone The show will conclude with one of the biggest and best fireworks shows in the Houston area.

Miller Outdoor Theatre: Kick off America's birthday celebration with a Star-Spangled Salute at Exxon Mobil's Summer Symphony Nights. The Houston Symphony will be playing a selection of American patriotic favorites starting at 8 pm. Following the symphony is a fireworks show in Hermann Park starting at 10 pm! Shows at the Miller Outdoor Theatre are always free but if you want covered seating, you will need to be at the Miller Box Office between 10:30 am and 1 pm on the day of the show. Bring your blankets, lawn chairs, a picnic, bug spray, and plenty of water to keep yourself cool and comfortable.

Bayou Bend Collection and Gardens: Celebrate Independence Day in style at the Museum of Fine Arts Houston's Bayou Bend Collection and Gardens. This is a free, drop-in event featuring performances, crafts, activities, refreshments, and more! After a reading of the Declaration of Independence, enjoy a lemonade toast. Then, make sure you sign the giant copy of the Declaration of Independence before you leave!

Children's Museum of Houston: Celebrate Independence Day with Captain America and the Founding Fathers! Special events include a meet and greet, and a performance by the All-City HISD High School band. Activities for the day include firework paint, creating your own Lady Liberty crown, light up superhero masks, and more!

City Centre: Enjoy live music and a fireworks spectacular on the Plaza at City Centre. The Texas Unlimited Band will be playing a variety of rock and country for you to tap your toes to starting at 7 pm. The fireworks show will last about 15 minutes and is set to begin at 9:30. The show is free but parking will be \$10 in all spaces beginning at 4 pm. Be sure to come early as you should expect large crowds-you might even consider taking a Lyft and getting \$15 off your first ride!

Memorial City: Enjoy a fourth of July celebration with snow and ice on the Lawn at Memorial City! There will be 30,000 pounds of snow to make all the snow angels and snowmen your heart desires. Frozen treats and patriotic eats will also be on hand to help you wish the U.S. a happy birthday and keep you cool. An ice sculpture will be chainsawed live and live music will be performed courtesy of The Ruxpins. Don't miss this great Independence Day event from 1-4 pm!

July 4th fun in **The Woodlands** begins a day early with a free Houston Symphony concert, *Star-Spangled Salute*, Tuesday, July 3, at 8 pm at Cynthia Woods Mitchell Pavilion. Festivities kick off at 6:30 pm on the North Plaza. The patriotic fun continues July 4 with a 9 am parade at Grogans Mill and Lake Woodlands. The Red, Hot, and Blue Festival is 6 pm to 10 pm featuring live entertainment, face painting, strolling performers, games, watermelon eating contest, vendor booths, and more. The exciting fireworks finale will begin at dusk. Northshore Park is offering its own fun with a 4:30 pm Things That Go Bike Parade and a Concert in the Park at 7 pm.

The **City of Katy** 23rd annual Freedom Celebration fireworks begin around 9 pm on the east side of Katy Mills Mall, 5000 Katy Mills Circle.

LaCenterra at Cinco Ranch in Katy hosts its own July 4th fun kicking off at 5:30 pm with Big Backyard BBQ. This annual favorite features live music by Pirate Radio, Outlaw Lynn and Look Who's Drivin'; food; and fireworks at 9:30 pm. LaCenterra, 23501 Cinco Ranch Blvd.

Sugar Land's Red, White & Bluefest continues July 4 in Oyster Creek Park. The fun kicks off at 5 p.m. with live music, food, and children's activities such as bounce houses, water slides, and face painting. The firework display kicks off at 9:30 p.m. after a short patriotic presentation.

Enjoy historic American family fun at **Bayou Bend's July Fourth Celebration**. Free fun 1 pm – 5 pm with historical performers, crafts, refreshments, and the chance to sign a Texas-sized reproduction of the Declaration of Independence. Birthday cake and a reading of the Declaration of Independence starts around 3 pm on the north side of the house. Bayou Bend is located at 1 Westcott. *Photo: Bayou Bend*

The **City of Stafford** hosts a festive parade **July 3** at 7pm along with game booths, carnival rides, hay ride and a dance till 11:30 pm. Enjoy the patriotic concert Freedom Rings 2012, July 4 at 7 pm featuring the Fort Bend Symphony Orchestra. This free, festive performance is at Stafford Centre, 15050 Cash Road. Fireworks follow at 9 pm.

Missouri City hosts its own July 4th celebration from 6 pm – 9 pm at Buffalo Run Park. The evening features mechanical bulls, bounce houses, rock wall, pony rides, and other free activities. Fireworks begin around 9:15 pm over the lakes.

Don't miss **Tomball's** first street party July 4 beginning at 2 pm. Businesses on Highway 249 north of FM 2920 will close for live music, children's activities, hay rides, food, pony rides, and the traditional fireworks at 9:15 pm. Meet mascots Rusty Rails, Blaze, and Sparky beginning at 7 pm. Admission and parking are free.

The **Clear Lake area** has a number of options for fireworks such as Kemah, League City, and Webster. The Kemah Boardwalk will have a fireworks display at 9:30 pm. Find the schedule in the area at the Chamber's complete fireworks listing at <http://www.clearlakearea.com/events/fireworks.asp>.

Towne Lake community in NW Houston will host July 4th festivities 7:30 pm to 9 pm at Barker Cypress and West Road. The evening includes music, food, drinks, and of course, fireworks beginning at 9 pm. Find a **map to Towne Lake online**.

Bridgeland in Cypress is hosting its fireworks show once again July 4. Before the evening tradition, enjoy a pool party from 1 pm – 7 pm. The Texas Tycoons will perform beginning at 7 pm with fireworks over Lake Bridgeland at approximately 9 pm.

Rosenberg celebrates with Family 4th Independence Day Celebration July 4 from 6 pm – 10 pm. Enjoy live music, children's activities, horse-drawn wagon rides and more. Fireworks begin around 9:15 pm. Located at Seaborne Creek Nature Park, Hwy 36.

Galveston is hosting a parade and fireworks July 4 on the island. The evening parade begins at 7:30 pm along the Seawall from 28th to 45th Streets with floats, decorated vehicles, and performers. The 20-minute fireworks display at 37th and Seawall Blvd kicks off at 9:15 pm. Moody Gardens is hosting its own live concerts and fireworks July 1-3 from 6 pm – 10 pm. Admission is \$10.

GIVING YOUR HOME CURB APPEAL

Curb appeal refers to the first impression a guest gets when they drive up to your home. You want your home to have curb appeal, and there are several aspects of your home's outward appearance that you'll want to look their best:

Home Exterior and Siding

A good practice is to walk your neighborhood and compare other homes' exteriors with your own. Does your home look dirty? Do the siding colors look faded? If so, and you have wood or fiber-cement siding, you may consider a paint job. In choosing paint, in most cases you'll want your colors to be neutral and to conform to other homes in the neighborhood. This is not usually a good time to consider bold or garish colors, especially if it violates **deed restrictions**. If your existing paint looks acceptable, you'll still likely want to do paint touch-up – especially on the front of the home, and in eye-level areas.

If you have vinyl, brick or stone siding, you'll want to consider pressure washing. A good pressure washing job is a relatively inexpensive way to help restore the clean look of your home's exterior.

Does your front door look inviting? If not, you may want to think about a new coat of paint, new door hardware or other remedies to give your door more appeal. The rest of your front porch and entryway should also look neat and tidy. If you don't have a plush door mat, this is a good time to consider buying one.

How do your windows look? Windows are a key feature that people notice as they approach and walk through homes. So you'll want your windows to look clean – not only the glass, but also the trim.

Landscaping

Take a fresh look at your landscaping. Are there cost-effective things that you can do to improve the landscaping around your home? Does your grass need re-seeding in certain areas? If so, talk with people at your local landscaping store about the right products to improve your grass. Do you have enough plants or bushes to prevent your yard from looking barren? If so, consider buying and planting some inexpensive bushes. However, we don't recommend paying a lot of money to plant trees – you may not get your money back.

Beyond planting new grass, flowers and bushes, a more cost-effective method to improve your landscaping can be to simply make the most of what you already have. Making sure your bushes are trimmed, grass is well cut and dead plants are removed can go a long way in giving your home's exterior a neat appearance.

Backyard

You'll want your backyard to appear neat and spacious. If you have a lot of extraneous items in your backyard – such as swing sets, kids' toys, etc. – you'll likely want many of these things removed. Such items can be distracting and can make your yard look smaller than it really is. In addition, if you have a deck or screen porch, you'll want to thoroughly wash this before you begin showing your home. Finally, if you have a pool, you should also make sure it looks as neat and clean as possible.

WEST BELLFORT PROPERTY OWNERS ASSOCIATION, INC.

P. O. Box 38113
Houston, TX 77238
(832) 678-4500

PLEASE READ AND SAVE THIS PAGE!!

IMPORTANT INFORMATION

TO: Residents of WBPOA
FROM: Board of Directors

West Bellfort Swimming Pool Phone (713) 728-8731

2018 SWIM SEASON

1. Your community pool will open beginning Memorial Day Weekend, Saturday - Monday, May 26 - 28, 2018.
2. The pool will be open for the regular swim season beginning Saturday, June 2.
3. The pool will be closed most Mondays for cleaning unless after a holiday weekend.
4. Private pool parties may be scheduled but only outside of the swim hours listed below.
5. The pool will be open only when there are lifeguards on duty. Final swim day will be Sunday, September 30.
6. Hours of operation will be as follows:

May 26 through June 1

Saturday & Sunday (5/26 & 5/27)	11:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.
Memorial Day (Mon. 5/28)	11:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.
Tues.- Fri. (May 29 - 31 and June 1)	Closed

June 2 through August 26 (closed Mondays for Cleaning)

Tues., Wed., Thurs., Fri.	11:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m.
Saturday & Sunday	10:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.

August 27 through August 31

Monday & Tuesday (Aug. 27 & 28)	Closed
Wed., Thurs., Fri. (Aug. 29, 30, 31)	5:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.

September 1 through September 30 (closed Mondays and Tuesdays)

Labor Day (Mon. 9/3)	11:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m.
Wed., Thurs., Fri.	5:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.
Saturday & Sunday	11:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.

The following requirements must be met in order to receive Pool Tags and use the pool facilities:

1. Must be property owner and resident member of WBPOA.
2. **Must have paid current annual maintenance fees in order to receive pool tags.**
If renting, you will not receive Pool Tags if the property owner is not up-to-date with maintenance fees.
Maintenance fees WILL NOT be accepted at the pool site. Please contact Sterling Association Services to pay.
3. **Must show swim tag and sign in with lifeguard each time you arrive at pool.**
4. May bring up to two guests per family.
5. Children 10 years of age and under must be accompanied by an adult 18 years of age or older.
6. Anyone not following lifeguards' instructions or acting in a disruptive manner may be asked to leave the pool facility.
7. Pool tags are for residents use only and may not be given to or shared with non-residents. Doing so may result in loss of pool privileges.

POOL TAG PICKUP INFORMATION: There is no fee for Pool Tags if you pick them up on any of the following dates:

Place: Ludington pool located at 7719 Ludington Drive. Please note that **a photo I.D. will be required.**
 Dates: **Saturday and Sunday, May 12 & May 13** and **Saturday and Sunday, May 19 & May 20.**
 Time: **Between the hours of 12 noon and 3 p.m**

****Please note: Pool tags not picked up on these dates and times will then be available from Sterling by mailing a check payable to Sterling for \$5.00.** Please specify how many pool tags will be needed. Should you have any questions regarding the operation or maintenance of the facility, please contact Sterling at (832) 678-4500.

(713) 417-8154

++For Clubhouse rentals: Contact Joy Cunningham at (713) 728-1003 Email: joycunningham@sbcglobal.net

++For Pool rentals: Contact Sweetwater Pools at (281) 988-8480

Find parking regulations confusing?


Change



to



parking@houston.tx.gov  @ParkHouston

 832-393-8690 City of Houston ParkHouston

 www.ParkHouston.tx.org  @Houparking

The City of Houston Parking Management Division
2020 McKinney, Houston, TX 77003



Be sure not to block the **sidewalk** when parking



Be sure not to block a **driveway** when parking



Park at least **15 feet** from a fire hydrant



Park at least **20 feet** from a intersection



Park at least **30 feet** from a Stop Sign or Traffic Signal



Be sure not to park **facing** oncoming traffic



www.ParkHouston.tx.org

RECYCLE MORE

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

Examples of acceptable plastics and materials:

1 Plastics
Soft drink and water bottles

2 Plastics
Milk jugs, juice bottles, and food containers

3 Plastics
Detergent bottles, shampoo bottles

4 Plastics
Condiment bottles

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

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

7 Plastic
Large water bottles

Mail, Envelopes, and Paper

Newspapers, Magazines, Telephone Books and Catalogs

Aluminum & Tin Cans

Flattened Cardboard

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

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



 City of Houston
 Solid Waste Management Department

Follow us:
 @houstontrash /houstonsolidwaste
www.houstonsolidwaste.org
 or call 3-1-1 for additional information.

2018 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
	1	2	3	4	5	6			1	2	3					1	2	3		
7	8	9	10	11	12	13	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
14	15	16	17	18	19	20	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	11	12	13	14	15	16	17
21	22	23	24	25	26	27	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	18	19	20	21	22	23	24
28	29	30	31				25	26	27	28				25	26	27	28	29	30	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
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	1	2	3	4	5			1	2	3	4	5		
8	9	10	11	12	13	14	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
15	16	17	18	19	20	21	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	10	11	12	13	14	15	16
22	23	24	25	26	27	28	20	21	22	23	24	25	26	17	18	19	20	21	22	23
29	30						27	28	29	30	31			24	25	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	
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	1	2	3	4				1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
8	9	10	11	12	13	14	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	
15	16	17	18	19	20	21	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	
22	23	24	25	26	27	28	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	23	24	25	26	27	28	29	
29	30	31					26	27	28	29	30	31		30							

October							November							December							
S	M	T	W	T	F	S	S	M	T	W	T	F	S	S	M	T	W	T	F	S	
1	2	3	4	5	6		1	2	3					1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
7	8	9	10	11	12	13	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	
14	15	16	17	18	19	20	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	
21	22	23	24	25	26	27	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	23	24	25	26	27	28	29	
28	29	30	31				25	26	27	28	29	30		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 4th & 18th.
- 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 9th and 23rd.

*For the Holiday Schedule and additional information, visit our website at www.houstonsolidwaste.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
Clubhouse:	Jeannette Calhoun, Joy Cunningham, Barbara Hite
Landscape:	Jeannette Calhoun, Glenn Gundy
Newsletter:	Dyaz Godfrey, Mari Angelo
Parks & Recreation:	Asher Belles
Pool:	Phil Abrams, Glenn Gundy
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
Cynthia Woods Mitchell Pavilion	http://www.woodlandscenter.org
Miller Outdoor Theater	http://milleroutdoortheatre.com
Sports Complexes	
BBVA Compass - Dynamo Soccer/TSU Football	http://www.bbvacompassstadium.com
Minute Maid Park - Astros	http://houston.astros.mlb.com/hou/ballpark/index.jsp
NRG Stadium & Park - Texans & Rodeo	http://nrgpark.com/nrg-stadium
Toyota Center - Rockets	http://www.houstontoyotacenter.com
Things to do in Houston:	http://www.visithoustontexas.com
Volunteering Opportunities:	
City of Houston	http://volunteerhouston.org
Harris County	http://www.harriscountycitizenzcorps.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
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
Precinct 7 Dispatch	713-643-6118
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)		
12220 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
<i>Downtown at McKinney and Smith; garage parking entrance off Lamar; rate is \$2 /hour, max \$16. Street parking free on Sundays.</i>		
NO STREET PARKING EXCEPT ON SUNDAYS - TOWING IS STRICTLY ENFORCED!		

Harris County Library		
West University Branch	Mon	10am - 8pm
6108 Auden	Tue&Wed	10am - 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	Ann Harris Bennett
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. Alma A. Allen
Governor:		Texas	Greg Abbott
US Representative:		District 9	Al Green
US Senators:		Texas	John Cornyn Ted Cruz

**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) ~~XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX~~ or Facsimile 832-678-4497) Email: Houston@sterlingasi.com

Community Association _____

Property Address _____ Sec/Blk/Lot _____ / _____ / _____

Name _____

Work# _____ Home# _____ E-mail _____

Mailing Address _____

No improvement will be considered and is automatically denied without the following:

- ▶ **A site plan/survey indicating location of the proposed improvement, providing the distance from the structure to the fence and/or lot lines and easements.**
- ▶ **Color swatches and samples or pictures of materials to be used in the improvement (shingle, paint, brick, stain, siding, etc).**
- ▶ **Completion of all applicable areas below of the application.**

Status: _____ / _____ - _____ / _____ / _____ _____
 Start Stop Date Date of Completion Under Construction

Check one of the following:

- | | | |
|---|---|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Exterior Paint | <input type="checkbox"/> Roof (Weatherwood or Driftwood Only) | <input type="checkbox"/> Pool/Spa |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Patio (ground) | <input type="checkbox"/> Sunroom/Patio Enclosure | <input type="checkbox"/> Permanent Basketball Goal |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Patio Cover | <input type="checkbox"/> Gazebo | <input type="checkbox"/> Portable Basketball Goal |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Deck | <input type="checkbox"/> Arbor/Pergola | <input type="checkbox"/> Room Addition |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Fence | <input type="checkbox"/> Mailbox | <input type="checkbox"/> Driveway/Sidewalk (new & extension) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Gates/ Burglar Bars | <input type="checkbox"/> Solar Screens | <input type="checkbox"/> Landscape Statuary |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Window Shades/ Awnings | <input type="checkbox"/> Playground Equipment | <input type="checkbox"/> Storm Doors/Windows |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____ | | |

Size: Height _____ Width _____ Length _____

Location of Improvement:

Front of House Back of House Left side of house (stand and face house) Right side of house (stand and face house)

List of Materials with color and/or material samples or photos provided (check all applicable)

- | | |
|--|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Base paint color _____ | <input type="checkbox"/> Trim paint color _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Garage door paint color _____ | <input type="checkbox"/> Garage door trim color _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Stain color _____ | <input type="checkbox"/> Fence color/material _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Siding color/material _____ | <input type="checkbox"/> Roof color _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____ | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____ | |

____ I understand the ACC/ARC are a group of volunteers in the community and will do their best to act as quickly as possible in their determination regarding my application. I hereby certify that the proposed construction/ modification is in full compliance with all the Declaration of Covenants, Conditions and Restrictions and all guidelines currently adopted by the Association. I do understand the committee has 30 days to review the request.

____ I understand that the decisions are determined concerning only my architectural plans submitted. I am responsible to obtain whatever easements, permits, licenses and approvals, which may be necessary to improve the property in accordance with the submitted plans.

 Owner's Signature
 APPROVED/APPROVED CONDITIONALLY/DISAPPROVED.

 Date
 ACC COMMITTEE CHAIR SIGNATURE and Date