

West Bellfort Property Owners Association

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Monthly Newsletter

May 2014

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DUES REMINDER!

For the HOA to best serve our community and properly maintain our amenities, we need to receive your HOA dues promptly. The fees were due on January 1, 2014. If you have not already paid your HOA fees, please contact Ry Reid at Sterling ASAP for total amount due inclusive of late fees and any additional charges that may have been incurred.

Thank you!

WBPOA MANAGEMENT COMPANY

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NEIGHBORHOOD ROAD CONSTRUCTION UPDATE:

Great progress is being made with the construction along Ludington and Pembridge on the south side of West Bellfort. The 270-day construction timeline began in September 2013 and is currently 90% completed, definitely on track to finish by the scheduled June 2014. The city is updating the infrastructure in our neighborhood by putting in 42" waterlines. This project will prove a great benefit to our neighborhood, and your continued patience during this process is greatly appreciated. *If you have any questions regarding the road construction, please feel free to contact City Services by dialing 311, or 713-837-0311, or by contacting Barbara Hite, District K at barbara.hite@houstontx.gov or 832-393-3016.*

Volunteers Needed to Serve as Block Captains

Block Captains are residents who volunteer their time and efforts to our community to serve as "point persons" between the residents, the HOA Board, its committees and our property management team. Responsibilities could involve personally delivering any pertinent papers or obtaining signatures on HOA proxies, such as the upcoming proxy addressing the need to revise our HOA bylaws to protect us from the Chapter 42 amendment (see next page). You may also deliver information issued by the HOA such as newsletters or event announcements, etc. as well as assist in keeping neighbors informed of emergency situations such as hurricanes. You will NOT be asked to do anything that puts yourself in harm's way nor will you be asked to do things such as enforce HOA deed restrictions. The time involved is minimal, usually requiring

only the optional attendance of the HOA Board meetings once a month. However, by serving as the "eyes and ears" of our 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 Board Meeting on Tuesday, May 27th at 7:00pm, Braesridge Clubhouse.



Important News

As mentioned in previous newsletter, in early 2013, Houston's City Council approved amendments to Chapter 42 and Chapter 10 of the Code of Ordinances involving Houston's urban planning. In summary, the amendment makes the City of Houston entirely urban. Simply stated, historically developers in the City of Houston have been allowed to develop multi-plex residences (such as high rise condo developments, etc.) in neighborhoods within the inner-610 Loop area (previously the only area of Houston defined as "urban"). You may recall that residents in the Rice University area have been fighting a battle against the development of the Ashby Highrise since 2007. The new amendment now allows this type of development to occur ANYWHERE within the entire city limits. Since Houston does not have zoning, the only real protection Homeowner Associations have to keep such multi-plex developments from occurring within their subdivisions is to update their HOA bylaws by a certain deadline. The WBPOA board is in the process of amending our bylaws to protect our neighborhood, which will require a 55% homeowner approval via a special vote in order to pass. As such, sometime within the next few months, you will receive a special proxy to vote for or against the amendment to the West Belfort Property Owners HOA bylaws. We hope you vote FOR the acceptance of the newly amended bylaws, as your Board believes the amended bylaws will protect the our home values as well as the peaceful aesthetics of our neighborhood. We will continue to keep you posted, and in fact hope to get the new team of Block Captains created shortly to help keep you updated on this important news as well. In the meantime, if you would like to research this issue further, please visit www.planninganddevelopment@houstontx.gov. As always, if you have any questions or concerns regarding this issue or any other that may affect our neighborhood, please feel free to attend a Board meeting, contact your Board Members or Ry Reid of Sterling ASI, our property management company.

Did You Know?

Joseph F. Meyer Sr. began acquiring sections of rice fields in an area just southwest of the city of Houston around 1885. Part of the land was leased to farmers and cattlemen, but basically sat unused for many years. After Joseph's death in 1933, the land was divided among his sons, George, Frank and Joseph Jr. But it was not until 20 years later when George Meyer developed his share, approximately 1,200 acres, into the Meyerland subdivision, one of the first deed-restricted neighborhoods in Houston. Richard Nixon, the then Vice President of the US, was at the ribbon cutting ceremony in 1955. Just two years later, the Meyerland Plaza was opened to much fanfare (more details next month). The Meyerland area has grown from that relatively small tract of land to become one of Houston's premiere neighborhoods and the center of Houston's Jewish community. Two city-operated parks are also located in Meyerland: Meyerland Park, a small neighborhood style park located at 5151 Jason, and Godwin Park, a community center and park, located at 5101 Rutherglenn Drive. Although Meyerland suffered some downturn during the "Oil Bust" years of the 1980's, it has since revitalized and remains a favorite place to reside in the city of Houston. Through her ups and downs, Meyerland has always retained her elegance and charm and continues to embrace the values of family, education, achievement and sense of community.

Want to be an active member of your community? Come to a Board meeting, contact one of your HOA Board Members or Ry Reid to find how you can serve on one of the Board committees or serve as a Block Captain!

Our Community

Community News

Work on the new location for the SEPHARDIC GAN/TORAT EMET (SG/TE) is coming along very well and it looks like things are on track for the school to move in sometime this summer! We are looking forward to welcoming the school into our neighborhood! See prior newsletters for more details.

Community Parks

The West Belfort POA has two great community parks for your family enjoyment! Be sure to take advantage of our great weather by visiting either the Ludington or Kittybrook parks. But please keep in mind that if our parks look trashy, so does our neighborhood. So please take pride in our beautiful parks and neighborhood and clean up after your visits!

Great news!! Plans to replace the fencing and the resurfacing of the tennis courts are in place with the work expected to be completed by early summer. We will send notices for homeowners to gain access when the project is completed.

Community Clubhouses

Please consider renting one of the clubhouses for your next event. Jeanette Calhoun or Joy Cunningham will be happy to assist you in providing nice facilities that are close to home. Their contact details are on the front of the newsletter.

Ludington Pool

You should have received notice on the pool hours and when pool tags are available for pick up, which will be two weekends in May. The notice is attached to the newsletter as well. Reminder that in order to enjoy the pool and any of the community amenities, your homeowner dues must be paid in full. You cannot obtain pool tags if your dues are not paid.

HOA Rules Regarding Garbage / Recycling / Heavy Trash / Tree & Yard Trash

Garbage and recycle bins are not to be placed at the curb until the night before pick up (ie, Wednesday nights for pick up on Thursday). Bins are to be kept out of sight at all times except for pick up days. Bins are to be removed from the curb and placed out of view no later than the same evening as pick up.

Heavy trash, tree and yard waste are never to be placed at the curb until the day before scheduled pickup. Heavy trash and yard trash pickup dates alternate months and are noted on the last page of the newsletter and on the WBPOA website. If the waste is not picked up, you are responsible for removing the items until the next pick up date. Heavy trash and yard waste are not to remain at the curb longer than one day.

HOA 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 at your own expense in order to comply with the rules and regulations of the HOA, as well as possibly incur fines and / or liens.

Some people come in our life as blessings; others come in our life as lessons. ~ Mother Teresa



Community Events and Things to Do

Tune in for different events and places highlighted each month!

For Adults

Downtown Food Tours
www.houstonculinarytours.com
Houston Architecture Walks
www.preservationhouston.org
Sundance Theater
www.sundancecinemas.com

For Children

Kemah Boardwalk
www.kemahboardwalk.com
Center for Contemporary Craft
www.crafthouston.org
7 Acre Wood
www.7acrewood.org

For Free!

Mid Main's First Thursdays
www.mid-main.com
Miller Outdoor Theater
www.milleroutdoortheatre.com
Heritage Society
www.heritagesociety.org

Other Events in Houston

For many more ideas, visit <http://www.visithoustontexas.com/travel-tools/events/>

May 1 – May 4: Beethoven's Triple Concerto. Houston Symphony. www.houstonsymphony.com

May 2 – Oct 5: Bulgari: 130 Years of Masterpieces. This exclusive retrospective marks the first time the storied jeweler has showcased pieces representing every period since its Roman beginnings in 1884. www.hmns.org

May 3: 14th Annual Dragon Boat Festival. Boat races in celebration of Asian American cultures. www.houstondragonboat.com

May 6 – May 18: Evita. The story of Eva Peron brought to the stage. www.tuts.com

May 8: Athleta Esprit de She Katy Run. La Centerra Center, Katy. 5K / 10K run. www.espritdeshe.com

May 9: The 27th Annual Houston Art Car Parade. Downtown. You have to see this to believe it! More details on page 7. www.orangeshow.org

May 9: Ballroom Dance Showcase. Omni Hotel Galleria. World professional classic show dance championship 2007 gold medalists Guoyong Zhang and Huanhuan. www.apaha.org

May 10: Celebrity Mystery Theater. Old Spaghetti Warehouse. www.celebritymysterytheater.com

May 15 – 24 (Thurs, Fri & Sat): Cassandra. Company OnStage Westbury Square. www.mildredumbrella.com

May 17: Aeros & Autos. Ellington Field. Annual event features a car show, static aircraft displays, kids corral, gift drawings, food, live entertainment and a Half Mile Shootout. www.flyzhouston.com/aerosandautos

May 23: Journey & Steve Miller Band. Concert. Cynthia Woods Mitchell Pavilion. www.woodlandscenter.org

May 23 – May 26: Comicpalooza 2014. Sci-Fi and comics event. George R Brown. www.comicpalooza.com

May 24: Carnival Houston. Discovery Green. Celebrating carnival from the caribbean, Brazil and New Orleans Mardi Gras. It is an exciting an explosion of music, cuisine, revelry, costume parade and performances. www.carnivalhouston.com

May 30: Tristar Collectors Show. Reliant Park. <http://www.tristarproductions.com/schedule.html>

May 31 – June 1: Houston Gun Collectors & Antiques Show. Reliant Park. <http://www.hgca.org/index.html>

May 31 – June 1: Free Press Summer Fest. Two solid days of non-stop concerts for \$158.50. <http://fpsf.com/>

Local Community Centers and Parks

Evelyn Rubenstein Jewish Community Center. 5601 S. Braeswood, (713) 729-3200, www.erjchouston.org
Lee LeClear Tennis Center, 9506 S Gessner, (713) 272-3697, <http://www.houstontx.gov/parks/tennis.html>
Brazos Bend State Park & George Observatory. <http://www.tpwd.state.tx.us/state-parks/brazos-bend>

AWESOME



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Andy, The Awesome Possum

Hey, kids! Glad to have you back for another lesson on interesting Texas wildlife! This month, we are taking to the skies and learning about a VERY important but little known bird, the chimney swift. It is essential you learn about these little birds because, sadly, their numbers are steeply declining – by over 50% in the last 40 years! The birds have now been placed on the “Threatened List” of the endangered species list.

A Chimney Swift has a tiny body, curving wings, and stiff, shallow wing beats give it a flight style as distinctive as its fluid, chattering call. This enigmatic little bird spends almost its entire life flying. When it does land, it cannot perch like a typical bird – it can only cling to

vertical walls inside chimneys or in hollow trees or caves. Habitat loss from the modernization of chimneys (capped, round, metal flues) keep swifts from entering potential nest sites, thereby contributing to their declining numbers. The swifts must have deep shafts in which to raise their families and roost at night. They can’t use metal or ceramic chimneys though, so if you have one of those, please cap it to prevent swift injuries.

Why is it important to keep these birds around? Because Chimney Swifts eat nearly 1/3rd of their weight EVERY DAY in small flying insects such as mosquitoes, midges, flies, spittlebugs, aphids, winged ants, tiny bees and wasps, mayflies, stoneflies, and termites. They are one of nature’s best answers to the control of flying pests!

Chimney Swifts begin to arrive in Houston in March. A Chimney Swift family uses the same chimney every year for generations! There is usually one nest per chimney and both parents help build it. They break off twigs which are then fastened together with saliva to form a semicircular basket and attached to the chimney wall. Swifts are very clean birds and leave very little debris in the chimney from their nesting activities. Egg incubation takes 18 days and then the young usually stay in the nest for 24 days. You may hear some fluttering from time to time, and it may sound close to the flue. But don’t worry! The babies are just exercising their wings. They do so by bracing their tails against the walls and flapping their wings. Both parents help raise and feed the young. Unlike many bird species where the only oldest / strongest nestling is fed, Chimney Swifts feed all their nestlings. The weakest or youngest nestling is also usually fed first. The young are ready to leave the nest usually in late July to early August. Swifts flock together after the nesting period. In late summer they congregate in large staging groups as they prepare for migration. They begin to leave in the fall with most gone by late October.

If you would like to have Chimney Swifts nest in your chimney, remove any grate that may be on the top during the nesting season (March - October). There are also special caps made just for Chimney Swifts use as well. You must also make sure the chimney flue stays closed on the rare chance a baby should fall from the nest. Any nests will be removed when you do your annual chimney cleaning, so you don’t have to worry about the nests building up.

If you don’t have a chimney, you can still help save this very small, but VERY important bird by building a chimney swift tower. A plan for this tower can be found at www.tpwd.state.tx.us/publications/nonpwdpubs/media/dwa_chimney_swift_Information_2005.pdf. For those of you looking for school or Eagle Scout projects... this would be a good idea!

VERY IMPORTANT! CHIMNEY SWIFTS ARE PROTECTED BY THE MIGRATORY BIRD TREATY ACT OF 1916. IT IS AGAINST THE LAW TO TAMPER WITH CHIMNEY SWIFTS AND THEIR NESTS ONCE THEY HAVE STARTED USING YOUR CHIMNEY. ANYONE WHO KNOWINGLY DESTROYS THE BIRDS, THEIR YOUNG, EGGS OR NESTS ARE SUBJECT TO STEEP FINES AND PENALTIES. CHIMNEY SWEEP COMPANIES ARE AWARE OF THIS LAW, SO CANNOT AND WILL NOT CLEAN CHIMNEYS DURING NESTING SEASON IF CHIMNEY SWIFTS ARE KNOWN TO BE PRESENT OR FOUND.

Be sure to stay posted for more fun Texas wildlife facts from Andy, the Awesome Possum!

See Something, Say Something!

Help keep our neighborhood safe! One of the MOST effective ways to achieve this is through the eyes and ears of our neighbors. Please practice the “See Something, Say Something” motto and call our Constable’s dispatch (713 / 643-6602) if you see anything or anyone suspicious. If it turns out to be nothing, no harm done. But you may prevent a serious crime from occurring. You do not have to be involved anymore than a phone call – our Constables will take it from there. To make things easier, program the dispatch number into your cell phones. And... while we can’t move the apartments from outside our neighborhood, we can help turning ourselves into victims. So please, do not “dangle a carrot” in front of criminals’ noses and then get upset when they go for it. Prevent crime by keeping your cars locked, hide your valuables (or better yet, remove them from the car), keep your garages closed and your houses locked. And CALL if you see or suspect something – a minute of your time can prevent a serious issue. On behalf of the neighborhood, thank you!

ACROSS

- 1) Biggest round trip in the world?
- 6) Blossom holder
- 10) Crave
- 14) Animal followed by a tickbird
- 15) "Les Miserables" novelist Victor _____
- 16) Miscellaneous mix
- 17) Balance point
- 20) Palm tree variety
- 21) Bran source
- 22) Coughs up
- 23) Where grapplers grapple
- 24) Outlaw hunter's reward
- 25) Carnivorous freshwater fish
- 29) Except for
- 30) They divide Europe and Asia
- 31) Dublin's isle
- 32) Pond coating
- 36) One way to attract attention
- 39) Quite a few
- 40) Possessive adjective
- 41) Unit of magnetic flux density
- 42) Moments, for short
- 43) Dinner-table accessory
- 44) Islamic spiritual leader
- 47) Check
- 48) Former Nicaraguan president Daniel
- 49) Yonder damsel
- 50) "It _____ what you think!"
- 54) Place for younger criminals
- 57) Beloved person
- 58) Apple-seed holder
- 59) Previously, previously
- 60) Quick-footed
- 61) Proceed with a game plan?
- 62) Behaving like a ruffian

Puzzle Page

Answers for puzzles to appear next newsletter

MIDDLE GROUND?

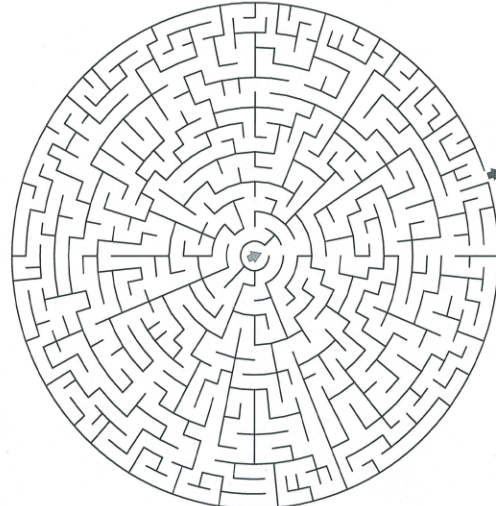
By Luke Cayon

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- 1) Mythical monsters
- 2) Actress Perlman
- 3) Perry on "Friends"
- 4) Obsessed with
- 5) Little piggie
- 6) Little hog
- 7) Cockatoo's crest
- 8) Bacon go-with
- 9) Additionally
- 10) Interlaced
- 11) Choice invites
- 12) Gritty lead-in
- 13) Kiddie litter?
- 18) Kind of horse or leather
- 19) Chills, fever and sweating, togeth
- 23) "Other" category (Abbr.)
- 24) Less leafy, like a tree
- 25) "No ifs, ands, or ____"
- 26) Kind of communication
- 27) Become conscious
- 28) Went Southwest?
- 29) Original positions
- 31) Eldest son of Cain
- 32) Resign, with "down"
- 33) Winery container
- 34) "Unattractive" Jamaican fruit
- 35) Intend
- 37) Item for a pirate, stereotypically
- 38) Brief try
- 42) Make a contract official
- 43) Drug cop
- 44) Willies giver
- 45) Floral perfume
- 46) Uneasy
- 47) Believe it, coming or going
- 48) At ____ (disagreeing)
- 49) Feature of 14-Across
- 50) Insider dirt
- 51) Cram into the overhead
- 52) Role in many teen flicks
- 53) Deuce beater, barely
- 55) Bad bettor's letters
- 56) Word before drop or drum

If you don't go after what you want, you will never have it. If you don't ask, the answer is always no. If you don't step forward, you're always in the same place.
-Nora Roberts

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ARTS AND CRAFTS WORD SEARCH PUZZLE

P	E	M	B	R	O	I	D	E	R	Y	O	R	X	P	C	U
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ARTS AND CRAFTS WORD SEARCH: basket making / beading / candle making / crochet / cross stitch / decoupage / doll making / embroidery / floral design / knitting / latch hook / needlepoint / plastic canvas / quilting / scrapbooking / sewing / stained glass / stenciling / tole painting / woodworking

JOKE CORNER (Answers on back page)

- 1. What has one head, one foot and four legs?
- 2. What bow can't be tied?
- 3. What is the best day to go to the beach?
- 4. What goes through towns, up & over hills, but never moves?
- 5. How many books can you put in an empty backpack?

Cryptogram: Conscientious Objector

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TRIVIAL PURSUIT

- 1. Is there a 4th of July in England?
- 2. How many birthdays does the average man have?
- 3. There are 5 oranges and you take two away. How many oranges are you left with?
- 4. Some months have 31 days. How many have 28?
- 5. How many outs are there in a baseball inning?

May is named after Maia, the goddess of growth of plants

MAY 2014

Birthstone: Emerald
Flower: Lily of the Valley
Zodiac Signs: Taurus and Gemini

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
				1 Recycle Pick Up	2	3
	4	5 Cinco de Mayo	6 Yom Ha'atzmaut	7	8	9 Tree / Yard Waste – North Side*
10	11 Mother's Day	12	13	14 Pesach Sheni	15 Recycle Pick Up Tree / Yard Waste – South Side*	16
17	18 Lag B'Omer	19	20	21	22	23
24	25	26 Memorial Day	27 Board Mtg – 7:00 pm Braesridge Clubhouse	28	29 Ascension Recycle Pick Up	30
31						

* WBPOA – Northfield III and IV (North Side of West Bellfort): Heavy Trash 2nd Friday of even months / Tree & Yard Trash 2nd Friday of odd months
* WBPOA – Northfield V (South Side of West Bellfort) – Heavy Trash 3rd Thursday of even months / Tree & Yard Trash 3rd Thursday of odd months



The Houston Art Car Parade is the world's biggest celebration of Art Cars and the largest free public art event in the city of Houston. The parade attracts over 250 cars and other entries from 23 states including Canada and Mexico! Wait! what is an Art Car, you ask? Art cars or art mobiles usually begin their lives as an older or used vehicle and the owner transforms it into a rolling work of art. Some artists approach the alteration of their cars cautiously and tentatively, opting to use materials of a temporary nature such as paper or tape, while others decide to radically change the original structure of the vehicle so that it in effect becomes a moving sculpture. They often use these cars in their daily lives, so you may see art cars all over the city on any given day! *When?* Saturday, May 10, 2014 from 2pm – 4pm. The parade route opens at 11am for a perfect opportunity to see the parked entries up close and meet the artists! *Where:* The parade runs along Allen Parkway, starts at Taft, heads toward Downtown, makes a left at Heritage Park, and back down Allen Parkway the other way. For a complete history of the Houston Art Car Parade visit www.orangeshow.org

Cinco de Mayo

Cinco de Mayo, or the fifth of May, is not the celebration of Mexican Independence, as is commonly believed (that is on September 16th). It instead commemorates the Mexican army's 1862 victory at the Battle of Puebla during the Franco-Mexican War (1861-1867). A relatively minor holiday in Mexico, it is a big celebration in the Southwestern parts of the US, possibly evolving from the responses of Mexicans living in California in the 1860s to French rule in Mexico at that time. Since then, Cinco de Mayo has evolved into a festival of Mexican culture and heritage. Festivities involve parades, food, drinks and music. Another aspect of the day centers around traditional symbols of Mexican life, such as the Virgin de Guadalupe. There are many ways to celebrate Cinco de Mayo, but if you are looking for a good meal, there are two really good restaurants very close by: the Teotihuacan, located just east of the Fondren/West Bellfort intersection, or Tepetitlan, at the corner of West Bellfort and Highway 59. Both restaurants offer authentic Mexican food at great prices. Be sure to try the horchata (pronounced: OR-CHA-TA), which is a rice milk drink that tastes like rice pudding and is AMAZING!

Answers to April 2014 Puzzles

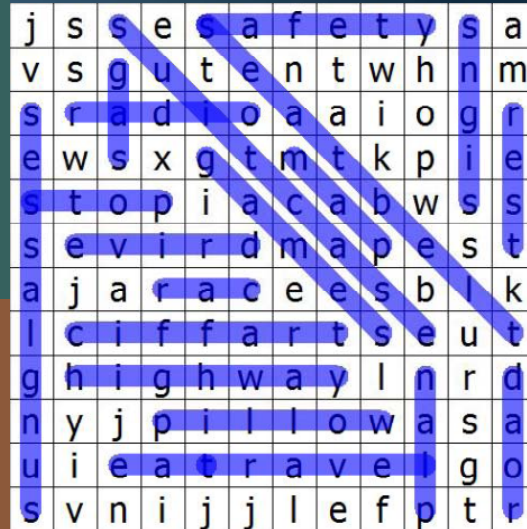


He Ought To Know Cryptogram Solution:

Three great essentials to achieve anything worthwhile are: first, hard work; second, stick-to-itiveness; third, common sense.
Thomas Edison

It's All Science Answers:

1. The Sun / 2. Blood / 3. Gold /
4. False / 5. Spiders / 6. Helium /
7. True / 8. Si / 9. False / 10. A meteorologist



US & Canadian City Unscramble Answers:

1. Anchorage
2. Edmonton
3. Saskatoon
4. Montreal
5. Seattle
6. Portland
7. San Diego
8. Salt Lake City
9. Little Rock
10. Lansing
11. Nashville
12. Charleston
13. Charlotte
14. Philadelphia
15. Annapolis
16. Tallahassee

Recipe for Kids

QUESADILLAS (serves 2 to 3)

NOTE: Recipe will require help from parents for younger children when cooking on the stove.

Heat 1/2 tablespoon oil or butter in a skillet (cast iron is best), and put in one large flour tortilla. Turn over after one minute. Sprinkle about 3/4 cup of cheese on top (up to 1 cup if using just cheese). Add whatever other ingredients you want (not too much, keep layer thin). Reduce heat and cover with lid. Let the tortilla sit for about one minute or two, then fold one side of the tortilla over the top of the other (fold it in half). Let sit for about 1 minute. Flip the entire tortilla over to the other side and cover again for about 30 seconds to a minute. Take out and slice into wedges. Repeat with second tortilla. Serve with sour cream, jalapenos, salsa and / or guacamole. Quesadillas (kay-sah-dee-yas) are basically grilled cheese sandwiches, just using flour tortillas instead of bread. Plain with cheese is very good! You can also use just about any filling – try fresh spinach and mushrooms, chicken and salsa or beef fajita strips with grilled onions and bell pepper. Have fun and experiment!

BASIC RECIPE:

- 2 large flour tortillas
- 1 tablespoon butter or oil
- Grated cheddar, monterey jack, Queso asadero, or other cheese of choice
- Filling of choice (any kind of meat and / or vegetables), optional

Recipe for Adults

MIGAS (mee-gahs) (fast version – serves 4 to 5)

- Large handful tortilla chips, broken into bite size pieces
- 2 tablespoons butter or oil (if not using sausage)
- 1/2 cup pico de gallo or favorite salsa
- 6 to 8 eggs
- 2 tablespoons milk
- 1/2 pound Chorizo or pork sausage (optional)
- Grated cheddar or Queso asadero

Whisk egg and milk together, set aside. If using, brown the sausage and remove all but about 2 tablespoons of oil from the pan (note: if using, chorizo is very greasy). If not using sausage, then put 2 tablespoons oil in pan. Add tortilla chips to the skillet, making sure chips are well coated with oil. Add the salsa or pico de gallo, then add the scrambled eggs and about a cup of cheese. Cook until eggs are just set (you want them a little soft). Put on plates, top with a little more grated cheese. Serve with fresh corn or flour tortillas and jalapenos. This dish can look a little questionable (esp when using chorizo), but is SO tasty. There are many different versions of migas, the most basic involves just eggs and tortillas (can use fresh-cut into strips- or chips). Have fun and experiment until you get these exactly as you like them!

and... for both! 😊

CARAMEL DIP / SAUCE

- 1 can Eagle Brand Sweetened Condensed Milk
- 1/2 bag of 10-oz butterscotch-flavored chips
- 1/4 teaspoon salt
- 2 teaspoons white vinegar
- 1/4 to 1/2 tsp. ground cinnamon
- Apples, sliced into wedges (Granny Smith is best)

Combine sweetened condensed milk, butterscotch chips and salt in large microwave safe bowl. Microwave on high (100% power) for 2 minutes. Stir and put back in for about 1 minute; stir again. If chips are still not melted, put back in for 30 seconds. Do not over cook or chips will burn. Once chips are melted, stir in the vinegar and cinnamon. Serve with apple wedges, drizzled over sliced bananas or over vanilla ice cream. The best is to slice bananas over the ice cream, then drizzle with sauce.

WEST BELLFORT PROPERTY OWNERS ASSOCIATION, INC.

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PLEASE READ AND SAVE THIS PAGE!!

IMPORTANT INFORMATION

TO: Residents of WBPOA
FROM: Board of Directors

West Bellfort Swimming Pool Phone (713) 728-8731

2014 SWIM SEASON

1. Your community pool will open beginning Memorial Day Weekend, Saturday -- Monday, May 24 - 26, 2014.
2. The pool will be open for the regular swim season beginning Saturday, June 6.
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 28.
6. Hours of operation will be as follows:

May 24 through June 5

Saturday & Sunday (5/24 & 5/25)	11:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.
Memorial Day (Mon. 5/26)	11:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.
Tues.- Fri. (May 27 - 30) & (June 3 -5)	Closed
Saturday & Sunday (May 31 & June 1)	10:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.

June 6 through August 24

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 25 through August 29

Monday & Tuesday (Aug. 25 & 26)	Closed
Wed., Thurs., Fri. (Aug. 27, 28 & 29)	5:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.

August 30 through September 28

Labor Day (Mon. 9/1)	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 10 & May 11** and **Saturday and Sunday, May 17 & May 18.**
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.

++For Clubhouse rentals: Contact Joy Cunningham at (713) 729-1053 Email: joycunningham@sbcglobal.net

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

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)

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