

West Bellfort Property Owners Association

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Monthly Newsletter

May 2017

POOL TAGS!

Pool tags are available this month – see page 4 and the Pool Schedule at the back of the newsletter for more details and dates. **Please ensure your POA dues are paid in full** or you will not be able to pick up your tags

Please see Page 3 for an important announcement about changes at Sterling Management

WBPOA BOARD MEMBERS:

Barbara Hite, President
Jeannette Calhoun, Vice President
Phil Abrams, Secretary
Marc Warren, Treasurer
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Asher Belles, Board Member
Joy Cunningham, Board Member
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Neal Harris, Board Member
Zally Lazarus, Board Member
Jonah Nathan, Board Member
Marcy Williams, Board Member

2017 POA DUES

PLEASE NOTE: YOUR POA HOMEOWNER DUES ARE NOW PAST DUE!! If for any reason you believe you did not receive or cannot find your 2017 dues invoice, please contact Sterling Management IMMEDIATELY. You can speak with whomever 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 it is not right to allow usage if you are not paying for the upkeep. 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 and ask for Roxanne, Amy or anyone at Sterling, who will be more than happy to assist you. See box on the bottom of this page for more helpful details.

WBPOA MANAGEMENT COMPANY

Roxanne Martinez, CMCA, AMS
Sterling Association Services
6842 N Sam Houston Parkway N
Houston, TX 77064
Phone 832-678-4500
Fax: 832-678-4510
Email: roxanne@sterlingasi.com
Alternatively can ask for Amy Duran or any other Sterling Representative

For your vacation planning needs, please be sure to register for a deputy vacation watch by visiting the Precinct 7 website and select "Vacation Watch" – or visit <https://constable7.harriscountytexas.gov/Pages/VacationWatchRequest.aspx>

Ludington Clubhouse Rental

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 Pitts

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



CHANGES AT STERLING MANAGEMENT

It is with bittersweet excitement that the WBPOA Board announces that Ry Reid has accepted a position which requires him to step down as WBPOA's property manager. Ry has been our property manager for the last several years at Sterling Management, and for many years prior to that when PCMI handled our neighborhood before his departure from that firm. Ry will remain at Sterling, but has given one of those amazing opportunities that you just cannot say "No" to. He has accepted a position which requires him to be the exclusive manager of a high-end neighborhood. Ry has done an incredible job and has worked very hard for WBPOA and our families, often on his own time. He has remained calm in the face of fire, dedicated and diligent to ensuring our financials and accounts are handled carefully and has run interference for the community in many other numerous, countless ways. Ry has always delivered his best to ensure our community has been taken care of on every level. We very much appreciate all of his hard efforts and will miss his calm guidance at our meetings and his level-headed advice, but at the same time we are very excited for him and his new endeavors. Ry will certainly be missed, but there is no question he is very deserving of this fantastic opportunity!! On behalf of all of us at WBPOA, CONGRATULATIONS ON YOUR NEW ENDEAVORS!!!

Sterling has ensured we will continue to receive high level service by assigning Roxanne Martinez to our neighborhood. Roxanne brings many years of property management experience with her, including almost 14 years at Sterling. While we are sad to see Ry move to his new position, we are very happy to have Roxanne on board. While she knows she has big shoes to fill, Roxanne is eager to take on the task of providing the same dedicated and diligent service always shown by Ry. Roxanne's information has been updated on the front of the newsletter. As always, if you are not able to reach Roxanne, you may ask for Amy Duran or any other Sterling Management representative. They will ensure your request is handled as quickly as possible. Please be sure to come to the next Board meeting on Tuesday, May 23rd to meet Roxanne and welcome her to our neighborhood!!

CHANGES AT HPD SOUTH GESSNER DIVISION

After 30 plus years of service to the City of Houston, Captain Bob Robertson of the HPD South Gessner Division has retired from the force. Craig H. Bellamy has been assigned as the new Captain of the division. We wish to thank Captain Robertson for his many years of service and to wish him a very restful and fun retirement. We also extend congratulations and warm wishes of support to Captain Bellamy on his new position.

The Community

Community School

We still have at least one month of school to go, so please keep a careful watch during the rest of the school year for children and families walking to the Sephardic Gan/Torat EMET School on the corner of Braesridge and West Belfort. We are blessed to have this school in our community, so please pay attention and SLOW DOWN in the neighborhood in general, but most specifically during school hours around the school!

Community Clubhouses

With the recent updates to the Ludington Clubhouse, we now have two beautiful places available to host your events! Be sure to get with Joy Cunningham for the newly renovated Ludington Clubhouse or Jeanette Calhoun for the Braesridge Clubhouse. Their contact details are on the front of the newsletter.

Community Parks

Picnic time is here!!! Grab a blanket, some light fruit and easy sandwiches and have a picnic in the one of the parks at Kittybrook and Ludington!!

And you can enjoy the weather even more with a great game on our community tennis court!!



Ludington Pool

The pool is set to open on Memorial Day Weekend in May 2017. Pool tags will be available for pick up the second and third weekends in May: May 13, 14, 20 and 21. A pool tag notice and full pool schedule has been mailed to residents and is attached at the back of this newsletter. **REMINDER: Your POA fees must be paid in full or you will not be able to pick up your tags.**

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!

YOUR EYES ARE ONE OF THE BEST CRIME PREVENTION TOOLS OUT THERE!! Summer is coming, which means the potential for bored teens looking for trouble... So 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 – 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 to visit family, please get registered with Precinct 7 for a vacation watch – our patrol officers will be happy to help keep an eye on your home.

TIME TO VOTE!

There are some HISD tax propositions up for Joint / Special Election on Saturday, May 6th. Check www.houstonvotes.com to check your voting location. Polls will be open from 7am to 7pm. Be sure to have your voice heard – stop by and vote!!

DANCING IN THE STREETS!!!

The city of Houston is working with various organizations to create an annual CIGNA SUNDAY STREETS. Various streets will be closed for four hours during various weekends to encourage people to get out, get active and get involved in the community. The Brays Oaks community will have our Cigna Sunday Street on Sunday, May 21st from 12 noon to 4pm. Fondren Road will be closed from South Braeswood all the way to West Bellfort. NO CARS will be allowed – so you will be able to walk, run, cycle or – yes! – even DANCE in the street that Sunday!! Please see the attached flyer for more details and visit www.houstonspecialevents.org for even more info. See you in the streets soon!!

HURRICANE SEASON STARTS SOON!

Hurricane Season will start on June 1st and runs through November 30th. Please be sure to attend the 27th Annual Hurricane Preparedness Event at the George R. Brown Convention Center on Saturday, June 3, 2017 from 10am to 3pm. This very informative event provides information about storms and how to prepare for all possible contingencies. The event is free and open to all family members – there is a kid zone as well! Please visit www.hurricaneworkshop.com for more information and early registration (can also register at the door)

LOW COST AND FREE SPAY / NEUTER SERVICES

The Spay Neuter Assistance Program, aka “SNAP”, is a service in Houston dedicated to helping reduce the number of unwanted and abandoned animals. They do offer free services to those families which qualify, and for others who do not, they are happy to work with you and your budget. Houston’s Bureau for Animal Regulation and Care, aka BARC, also offers low cost veterinary care services as well. SNAP and BARC work together each year with other agencies, such as Friends for Life, to offer free spay and neutering services during the year via their mobile services. Spaying or neutering is the only 100% guarantee of ensuring your pet does not have unwanted litters. Also, it is shown that spayed or neutered pets live 18% to 23% longer. There are many veterinary clinics throughout the city which also offers low cost general veterinary care for annual rabies and other shots. If you are a pet owner, please consider spaying or neutering your pet ASAP and ensure they receive their annual required shots. They will live longer, happier and healthier lives! See www.snapus.org or www.houstontx.gov/barc/ for more information.

DON'T HAVE A PET? CONSIDER ADDING ONE TO YOUR FAMILY!

Houston is a large city, which can be a positive thing as there is so much to do, many services available and lots of people around to help in times of need. However, it also means there are unfortunately too many animals abandoned, languishing at the various animal shelters, desperate for a loving home. If you have the time, energy and the ability to take care of one of these needy pets, please consider visiting a shelter and bringing one (or two?) home The shelters do need to charge a fee, but this fee usually covers spay / neuter, first rabies shot, first exam and many other features. The shelters will also interview you to ensure the pets are going to a caring home – they do not want the animals to be returned if at all possible! Worried about training a new puppy or kitten? Don't be! Many of the animals in shelters are past “potty training” age, and there are in fact many older pets who need a loving home in their golden years. There are many places such as CAPS, PetsMart, etc. where you can adopt pets, or please visit one of the following city shelters and meet your newest family member today!!

Houston SPCA
900 Portway Drive
Houston, TX 77024
Phone: 713-869-7722
Adoptions:
Monday - Friday 11am-7pm
Saturday & Sunday 10am-6pm

Houston BARC Shelter
3300 Carr Street Houston, TX 77026,
Phone: 713-837-0311
Adoption and Wellness Center:
Daily Noon to 5:30 p.m..

Houston Humane Society
14700 Almeda Road
Houston, TX 77053
Phone: 713-433-6421
Monday-Friday 11:00am-6:00pm
Saturday - Sunday 11:00am-5:30pm

HISTORY OF THE VELOCIPEDE



Giovanni Fontana is credited with inventing the first human powered land vehicle in Italy in 1418 – it had four wheels and used a continuous rope, connected by gears to the wheels. Unfortunately, no images exist of this first “velocipede”. The famous master of inventions, Leonardo da Vinci, is also credited with sketching many designs of a bicycle type invention; however, he was quite busy and never got around to actually building one, at least not one that is known. The next widely known velocipede is the Celerifere, invented by a Frenchman in the late 1700s. These very early versions would eventually lead to our modern day bicycle.



Baron Karl von Drais is credited with the first practical use bicycle. Drais called his 1817 invention the “laufmaschine”, which is German for “running machine”, as it was propelled by foot power (running). However, it became better known as the “draisienne” or “draisine”. Drais patented his design in 1818, and it became the first commercially successful two-wheeled machine, later to be called a “velocipede”, “hobby horse” or “dandy horse”.



Many developments and styles followed from the 1820's to the 1850's, which included three wheels (tricycles) and four wheels (quadracycles), some human-propelled (like the Draisine) and others pedal-propelled. The various designs used features such as hand cranks, pedals, treadles, etc., but all suffered from either high rolling resistance or heavy weight. The first mechanically propelled 2-wheeled vehicle is said to have been built by Kirkpatrick MacMillan in 1839. It was a rear-wheel drive design using mid-mounted treadles connected by rods to a rear crank, similar to the transmission of a steam engine.



Williard Sawyer developed a very popular four-wheel design that was very expensive in its day. He presented one at the Great Exhibition at the Crystal Palace in 1851, and eventually built a factory to mass-produce his velocipede carriages. In 1858, he gave one to Edward, Prince of Wales, which was capable of going 8 mph! From there Sawyer was set - orders came in from Europe, India, Australia and California. Among his customers were the Emperor of Russia, Prince Imperial of France and the Crown Prince of Hanover. Railroad companies took note of Sawyer's designs and created versions for use on railroads, leading to the railroad handcars.

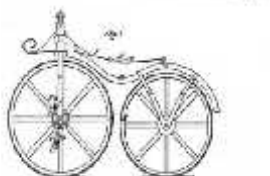


The very popular two-wheel design (bi-cycle) was created by Eugene Meyer in 1869, further developed by James Starley in 1870. The design was simpler than MacMillan's using rotary cranks and pedals mounted to the front wheel hub. The French company Michax made a version with a stiff metal frame, which made for a very bumpy ride – leading to the term “Boneshaker”. So while pedaling led to greater speeds, the loss of rotational speed due to lack of stability and comfort led to the very large front wheel. This style of bicycle became known as the “penny farthing bicycle” and was a fashionable craze of the late 1800's. However, the very tall wheel could send a rider flying with the slightest of road hazards, leading to serious injuries.



Pierre Lallement is credited with the first velocipede design that would lead to the modern bike. He filed the earliest and only patent for a pedal driven bicycle in the US in 1866. His design was very similar to a draisine, but with pedals and rotary cranks attached to the front wheel hub, and a thin piece of iron over the top of the frame to act as a spring support for the seat, making for a slightly more comfortable ride. In 1869, Thomas McCall began producing the first rod-driven, 2-wheel, treadle velocipedes. His design was a mix of Lallement's and Michax's and is considered the base of today's versions.

P. LALLEMENT. Treadle. Patented Mar. 23 1866.



Around 1885, safety bicycles were introduced, in response to the number of injuries faced by the riders of farthing bicycles. This design introduced the two similar sized tires. Bikes for children were introduced in the 1920's, when cars were all the rage and adult interest began to wane. And you can thank teenage boys for the modern day mountain bike – Schwinn introduced the fat tire and spring fork design due to the abuse teen boys were doing to kids bikes!

Bikes continue to develop with the first electric bike introduced in 2000 and solar bikes are now available. Bikes have a very colorful 600-year old history and their development has contributed to the carriage, auto and rail industries. This summer, grab your very own velocipede and enjoy a nice ride knowing your pedal power is driving development of bikes for perhaps another 600 years!



May 2017



SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
	Yom Hazikaron 1	Yom Ha'Atzmaut 2	Lag B'Omer 3		Cinco de Mayo 5	6
7	8	9	10	Recycle Pick Up 11	Tree Waste North Side* 12	13
	14	15	16	17	Tree Waste – South Side* 18	19
Cigna Sunday Streets Fondren btwn Braeswood & W Bellfort 12pm – 4pm 21	22	POA Board Meeting 6:30pm Braesridge Clubhouse 23	Yom Yerushalayim 24	Recycle Pick Up 25		Start of Ramadan 27
28	Memorial Day 29	Shavuot (start) 30	Shavuot 31	Junk Waste <u>EVEN</u> months February / April / June / August / October / December	Tree Waste <u>ODD</u> months January / March / May / July / September / November	

* WBPOA – Northfield III and IV (North Side of West Bellfort): Junk Waste 2nd Friday of even months / Tree Waste 2nd Friday of odd months

* WBPOA – Northfield V (South Side of West Bellfort): Junk Waste 3rd Thursday of even months / Tree Waste 3rd Thursday of odd months

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

MOTHER'S DAY GIFTS THAT FITS EVERY MOM – AND THEY ARE FREE!!

Surprise Mom with a very special Mother's Day – by making it all about her! Here are some gift ideas to help make her day special – and memorable for everyone!

- Wash and clean her car – inside and out! Don't forget a nice vent clip to keep it smelling fresh.
- Bring her a cup of coffee or her favorite beverage all day – wait on her for once!
- Treat her to Starbucks or go to Sonic at happy hour and enjoy a slush together. Ask her about HER day
- Hand over the remote and let her watch HER shows for a change!
- Straighten up your room. Yes, YOUR room..... Including under the bed.
- Straighten up the living room, or kitchen or better yet, clean the bathrooms! Figure out how to use a duster or the vacuum... and actually use them
- Make breakfast, lunch or dinner – it can be something simple like sandwiches – it is the thought that counts!
- Do the dishes and / or laundry – from start to finish, including putting away. If old enough – do the ironing!
- Spend time with just her – put away the cell phone, the Ipad or any other distraction and just be with her. Go for a walk and ask her what it was like for her as a kid. What dreams did she have? What did she want to be when she grew up?
- Ask her to teach you something; and you teach her something – like, how to use Snapchat correctly!
- Go to the playground and swing or go sliding with her – one is never too old to play!!
- Give her a whole day to herself – no “MOM! Where is this?? Where is that?? Or any other questions...that goes for Dad too!
- At the end of the day, draw her a bubble bath, light a candle, put on some soft music and leave her alone to enjoy some peace...

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

2017 SWIM SEASON

1. Your community pool will open beginning Memorial Day Weekend, Saturday - Monday, May 27 - 29, 2017.
2. The pool will be open for the regular swim season beginning Friday, 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 Thursday, September 28.
6. Hours of operation will be as follows:

May 27 through June 1

Saturday & Sunday (5/27 & 5/28)	11:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.
Memorial Day (Mon. 5/29)	11:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.
Tues.- Thurs. (May 30 - 31 and June 1)	Closed

June 2 through August 27 (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 28 through September 1

Monday & Tuesday (Aug. 28 & 29)	Closed
Wed., Thurs., Fri. (Aug. 30, 31, Sept. 1)	5:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.

September 2 through September 28 (closed Mondays and Tuesdays)

Labor Day (Mon. 9/4)	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 13 & May 14** and **Saturday and Sunday, May 20 & May 21.**
 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

CIGNA SUNDAY STREETS

CELEBRATE THE STREETS OF HOUSTON
MARCH 26 • APRIL 23 • MAY 21
SPRING 2017

SPRING BRANCH • APRIL 23 • 12-4PM

GESSNER RD • KEMPWOOD DR TO TIGER TRAIL

GARDEN OAKS/ OAK FOREST • MARCH 26 • 12-4PM
43RD ST • ROSSLYN RD TO ELLA BLVD

BRAYS OAKS • MAY 21 • 12-4PM

FONDREN RD • S BRAESWOOD BLVD TO W BELFORT AVE

During Cigna Sunday Streets, a major thoroughfare is closed to motorized traffic. Without cars on the road, you'll be able to enjoy walking, running, dancing or cycling with friends and family. Cigna Sunday Streets promotes being physically active, meeting your neighbors, and exploring your community. Please help spread the word and visit houstonspecialevents.org for more information.

Don't forget to follow Cigna Sunday Streets on social media:

#SSHTX



@SundayStreetHTX



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CIGNA SUNDAY STREETS

CELEBRA LAS CALLES DE HOUSTON

26 de MARZO • 23 de ABRIL • 21 de MAYO

PRIMAVERA 2017

GARDEN OAKS/ OAK FOREST • 26 de MARZO • 12-4PM
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Durante Cigna Sunday Street, secciones de las calles de Houston se cerraran para el tráfico motorizado. Sin vehículos en la calle, podrás disfrutar con tus amigos y familia, ya sea caminando, corriendo, bailando o en bicicleta. Cigna Sunday Streets es un lugar para estar activo, conocer a tus vecinos y explorar tu comunidad. Por favor ayuda a difundir este evento y visita houstonspecialevents.org para más información.

También puedes seguir los eventos aquí:

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@SundayStreetHTX



SundayStreetsHTX



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Muchas gracias
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Sylvester Turner, Mayor

the TRASH FACTS



Harry J. Hayes Director

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 curblines 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.

TO BAG... yard trimmings recycling

...OR NOT TO BAG!

You have **CHOICES!**

Find out how easy your choices are!

Compostable Bags! Grasscycling! Composting!

Visit www.houstonsolidwaste.org for details!

Working to make Houston a Cleaner, Greener Place to Live
Visit www.houstonsolidwaste.org for details!

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 /junk 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 concrete) 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 multi-residential structures of more

than eight units.

Tree Waste/Junk Waste Collection Schedule

January	Tree Waste
February	Junk Waste
March	Tree Waste
April	Junk Waste
May	Tree Waste
June	Junk Waste
July	Tree Waste
August	Junk Waste
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 (#1-#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 with SWMD

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.

...for more information, visit our website at www.houstonsolidwaste.org or call 3-1-1.

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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 1, 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 houston-solid-waste.org and send the completed form and payment through the mail. Yard waste bags do not require tags.



REQUEST THE SOLID WASTE MASCOT

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
PO Box 1562
Houston, TX 77251

www.houston-solid-waste.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.

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Harry J. Hayes, SWMD Director

Irma Reyes, Public Information Officer

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



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



Flattened Cardboard



Used Motor Oil
Do not place in recycling bin. Place on curbs or bring to Westpark or ESC.



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or call 3-1-1 for additional information.

2017 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	7	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
8	9	10	11	12	13	14	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	8	9	10	11	12	13	14
15	16	17	18	19	20	21	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	15	16	17	18	19	20	21
22	23	24	25	26	27	28	22	23	24	25	26	27	28	22	23	24	25	26	27	28
29	30	31					26	27	28					26	27	28	29	30	31	

April							May							June						
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22	23	24	25	26	27	28	21	22	23	24	25	26	18	19	20	21	22	23		
29	30	31					28	29	30	31	25	26	27	28	29	30				

July							August							September						
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29	30	31					27	28	29	30	31	24	25	26	27	28	29			

October							November							December						
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29	30	31					26	27	28	29	30	24	25	26	27	28	29			

● 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.houstonwaste.org or call the Houston Service Helpline 3-1-1.

PROPERTY ASSOCIATION COMMITTEES:

If you would like to serve on one of these committees, please come to the next Board meeting

Architectural Review (ARC):	Barbara Hite, Jeannette Calhoun, Marc Warren
Clubhouse:	Jeannette Calhoun, Joy Cunningham, Barbara Hite
Landscape:	Jeannette Calhoun, Glenn Gundy
Newsletter:	Dyaz Godfrey, Mari Angelo
Parks & Recreation:	Zolly Lazares, Asher Belles, Neal Harris
Pool:	Phill Abrams, Glenn Gundy
Safety:	Barbara Hite, Yonah Nathan
BLOCK CAPTAINS:	Volunteers Needed!

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/conpct7/
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.bbvacompasstadium.com
Minute Maid Park - Astros	http://houstan.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.harriscountycitizenrcps.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)		
22220 South Gessner	Mon - Thur:	7:30am - 6:00pm
Houston, TX 77071	Fri:	7:30am - 5:00pm
Phone: 713 / 219-4100	Sat:	Closed
Second Option (Rosenberg - US 59 @ Hwy 36 - Approx 10 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/search_results.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
on Fondren, just passed Willowbend	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
on West Bellfort, just before Kroger's	Sat	10am - 5pm
Houston Main / Central Library	Mon--Thur	10am - 8pm
500 McKinney	Fri&Sat	10am - 5pm
Houston, TX 77002	Sun	1pm - 5pm
Downtown at McKinney and Smith; garage parking entrance off Lamar; rate is \$2 /hour, max \$16. Street parking free on Sundays. 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
@ corner of Auden & Milton in West U	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
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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

