# West Bellfort Property Owners Association www.westbellfortpoa.com Monthly Newsletter NOVEMBER 2021

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WBPOA ANNUAL HOMEOWNERS MEETING! Monday, December 6, 2021 @ 6:30pm Via Conference Call\*



\*Meeting must be held via conference call due to CDC and CofH guidelines. Homeowners will receive a letter of instruction as to how to attend the Annual Homeowners Meeting call, as well as proxy information for voting. If you do not receive this information soon, please contact Sterling Management.

### 2022 POA DUES

The invoices for 2022 POA dues will be mailed out shortly, but some remain behind paying the dues for 2021. We understand with the current COVID-19 crisis some may be experiencing unforeseen financial difficulties. If this applies, please contact Sterling ASI as soon as possible at (832) 678-4500 and ask for Roxanne, Cindy or anyone at Sterling for assistance in arranging a payment plan. While the Board is understanding of these unprecedented times, for us to best serve the community and properly maintain amenities, POA dues must be paid. Non-payment of dues severely impacts our community, as amenities cannot otherwise be maintained. Therefore, non-payment of dues will restrict use of community amenities as it is not correct to allow usage to those whom are not paying for the upkeep.

### POA DUES - ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Payment coupons for POA dues were are not an agreement to enter into a payment plan. As stated above, if for any reason you were not be able to pay your dues, 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 2021 Budget; the payment coupons have been mailed already, but you are also welcome to pay via the WBPOA website or to mail your payment to the following:

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

Please specify the property address you are making payment for in the memo line of the check; alternatively, you are welcome to include a separate piece of paper with the address and any other particulars to ensure your payment is properly applied.

#### WBPOA BOARD MEMBERS:

Barbara Hite, President Jeannette Calhoun, Vice President Phil Abrams, Secretary Marc Warren, Treasurer Mari Angelo, Board Member Asher Belles, Board Member Holly Burns, Board Member Joy Cunningham, Board Member Neal Harris, Board Member Isaac Herbst, Board Member Mary James, Board Member Eleni Saatsoglou, Board Member Marcy Williams, Board Member

#### WBPOA MANAGEMENT COMPANY

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

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

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

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

Deputies assigned to WBPOA:

Sgt. Tanita Roe Deputy Garcia Deputy Lewis Deputy Manzanare

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



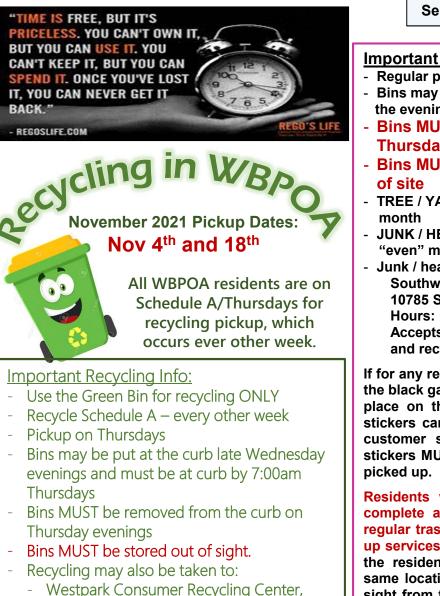
Block Captains are residents who volunteer their time and efforts to The community to serve as "point persons" between the residents, the POA Board, its committees and The property management team.

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 virtual WBPOA Annual Homeowners Meeting on Monday, December 6, 2021 at 6:30pm.

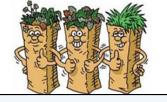




TREE / YARD WASTE PICKUP MONTH! Northfield III & IV (North of West Bellfort): Nov 12th Northfield V (South of West Bellfort): Nov 15th



5900 Westpark, Houston, TX 77057



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



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

### Important Trash Facts:

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

If for any reason a household has too much trash to fit inside the black garbage bin, residents can purchase city stickers to place on the outside of large plastic garbage bags. The stickers can be purchased from Fiesta or Seller's Brothers customer service windows or at hardware stores. The stickers MUST be visible street side, or the bags will not be picked up.

Residents with physical limitations can contact 311 and complete a Solid Waste Pickup Request Form (for either regular trash or recycles, or both) to qualify for special pick up services. If qualified, city services will then pick up from the residents' specified locations and return them to the same location when emptied. The location MUST be out of sight from the street, but accessible to the city services (ie, behind unlocked fence gate).



### WBPOA TENNIS COURT SURVEY

The WBPOA Board wants to hear from you regarding the tennis court located at the Kitty Brook Park. Should it remain a tennis court or become something else? Click on the link in the red box below, or copy over the link to your browser and take our survey and let us know your thoughts! Please limit responses to four per household.



### West Bellfort POA Tennis Court Survey



https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSeLJGVX0isofZKrwwJopRbmIvarLiJIqX6oWFDEF1CmvX0CuQ/viewform



Before doing any new work to the exterior of your home (landscaping, roofing, windows, etc.), you must obtain approval from the Board by completing an ARC application. A copy is found at the back of this newsletter.

# WBPOA ANNUAL MEETING

The WBPOA Annual Homeowners meeting is scheduled for Monday, December 6, 2021. According to



CDC guidelines, the meeting will be virtual again this year. You will receive proxies and all instructions in the mail very shortly. If you do not receive this information by mid-November, please contact Sterling Management at 832-678-4500.

## **DRAINAGE WORK – LUDINGTON PARK**



□ 713-259-0673 ⊠ info@think-b-i-g.com ⊕ www.think-b-i-g.com



Your WBPOA Landscape and Parks & Recreation have been working hard to determine the best way to address the drainage issues at the Ludington Park. It has taken a bit of time and research to not only determine the cause, but also the best, most cost effective way to address the issue. We are happy to report that work is now underway to hopefully fix this problem!! This does mean, however, that Ludington Park will be inaccessible intermittently over the next few weeks. There is no way to determine a set time for closures as is based on crew and supply availability. Hopefully the work will be done quickly. After the drainage issues are addressed, your Parks & Recreation Committee is already considering various ways to upgrade the park itself. Keep tuned for updates!!!

### **DEED COVENANTS & RESTRICTIONS**

WBPOA is a deed restricted community and its Board is responsible for ensuring the restrictions are followed by all homeowners and / or their tenants. Real estate agents are required to provide copies of deed covenants to all home buyers. Homeowners are legally responsible for any non-compliance of the restrictions by tenants. For a full list of restrictions, please refer to the WBPOA Deed Covenants provided by your realtor; alternatively, the deed restrictions and other association documents may be found at www.westbellfortpoa.com (under "Documents") or please contact WBPOA's property management company, Sterling Association Services, at 832-678-4500, or contact any of your Board Members. Non-compliance of WBPOA's Deed Covenants allows the WBPOA to implement fines, fees and other rights to enforce deed restrictions; non-payment of such grants additional rights and powers to the WBPOA.



## **VOTING INFORMATION**

If you have not voted already, General Voting will be on **Election Day**, **Tuesday**, **November 2nd.** Everything you need to prepare for the election can be found here <u>Digital Toolkit</u> (https://www.dropbox.com/sh/x7sunhbmt9z3696/AABu0jDHDBcgGP gWNQ8IKaSTa?dl=0). This community resource has locations, sample ballots and social graphics in English, Spanish, Vietnamese and Chinese. Please share this resource with your contacts and feel free to reach out with any questions at <u>voters@harrisvotes.com</u>.

If you need information on candidates or voting information in general, be sure to visit League of Women Voters – it is a GREAT source of non-partisan information on candidates and the propositions this election day. Please be sure to vote – it is the best way to have your voice heard!

# HTX COLLECTS APP

REMINDER! The Houston Solid Waste Management Department has launched *HTX Collects*, a mobile app that will allow residents to stay better connected with the City's waste and recycling collection programs. *HTX Collects* will include collection reminders for garbage, recycling, yard waste and tree/junk waste specific to their service address. The mobile app will also send a reminder to residents of their collection days. Download the **HTX Collects** app today!!





# CAN WE GET SPEED BUMPS?

The WBPOA Community has a lot of issues with speeders – most of whom are people who live within our own neighborhood. Several community members have asked.... **Can we get speed bumps installed?** 

The City of Houston's Neighborhood Traffic Management Program (NTMP) oversees traffic-related problems in residential neighborhoods, and they work to implement "traffic calming" measures such as speed bumps. However....While the city is still accepting applications for installation, per the City of Houston, there currently are no available funds for NTMP projects, so the wait list is now at approximately 7 years.

The cost to install speed bumps privately is approximately \$2K to \$5K per bump, and two bumps are needed for each site. This makes it very cost prohibitive for the WBPOA to install them privately.

Therefore, we must depend on our community members to remember that the speed limit within the community is 30

mph, but given this is a walking community with a lot of children, we ask that our drivers go even slower. PLEASE SLOW DOWN to protect our community members!



### 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:

- 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;
- 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.



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\* WBPOA – Northfield III and IV (North Side of West Bellfort): Junk Waste 2<sup>nd</sup> Friday of even months / Tree Waste 2<sup>nd</sup> Friday of odd months \* WBPOA – Northfield V (South Side of West Bellfort): Junk Waste 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday of even months / Tree Waste 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday of odd months

	SOCIATION COMMITTEES if you wish to serve on a committee or as a Block Captain
Architectural Review (ARC):	Barbara Hite, Jeannette Calhoun, Eleni Saatsoglou, Marc Warren, Marcy Williams
Clubhouse:	Jeannette Calhoun, Joy Cunningham
Landscape:	Marcy Williams
Newsletter:	Mari Angelo
Parks & Recreation:	Asher Belles, Isaac Herbst, Neal Harris
Pool:	Phil Abrams
Safety:	Barbara Hite
BLOCK CAPTAINS:	Volunteers Needed!

# See Something, Say Something!

MACATION WATCH

WBPOA residents can request vacation watches from Constable Precinct 7 for vacation planning needs. You can register for a deputy vacation watch by visiting the Precinct 7 website https://constable7.harriscountytx.gov and select "Vacation Watch". Forms need to be completed at least 7 days in advance.



PLEASE NOTE: Our deputies are diligent about patrolling our community, but they need our help. If you see something that does not look right, please call Dispatch at 713-643-6602 – you do not have to give your name or other details, simply report the action. If the matter turns out to be nothing, no harm done! Also, our deputies are listed on the front of this newsletter. There are ADDITIONAL Precinct 7 deputies who are not assigned to our neighborhood; however, the fact they are with the same Precinct only enhances our patrol. Should you have any concerns about our coverage, please contact Barbara Hite, your Board president, any Board member or Sterling ASI. You are also welcome to come to a Board meeting to express your concerns. If you plan a trip out of town, please get registered with Precinct 7 for a vacation watch – our patrol officers will be happy to help keep an eye on your home.

# **Recycle More**

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

### YES! Recycle these items.

Place all items loose, unbagged in recycling cart.



# Paper







**Bottles and Jars** 

empty and rinse

Glass

Kitchen, Laundry, Bath: **Bottles and Containers** empty and rinse

Mixed Paper, Mail, Newspaper, Magazines, and Flattened, **Clean Cardboard** 







**Food and Beverage** Cartons empty and rinse



### **NO!** Do not recycle these items.



Paper







No Tanglers (no hoses, wires, chains, or electronics) No Household Items or Furniture (drop-off only)

No Scrap No Batteries or Metal/Wood (drop-off only)



Electronics

City of Houston Solid Waste Management www.houstonsolidwaste.org Department

or call 3-1-1 for additional information.

# **2021 Bi-Weekly Collection Schedule**

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• If your collection day is during the "A Week" then follow the schedule for the shaded yellow week. Ex: Thursday A service days in January are the 14th & 28th.

• 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 5th and 19th.

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

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

In accordance with the governing documents of your Association, all exterior improvements and/or changes from the original construction must be submitted for and approved by the Architectural Control/Review Committee (ACC/ARC). Failure to receive approval for the improvement and/or change may result in you having to remove, alter or change the improvement in order to comply with the rules and regulations of the Association. Please complete the application below in its entirety and return to STERLING ASSOCIATION SERVICES, INC. (SASI) to 11201 LAKE WOODBRIDGE, SUGAR LAND, TX. 77478 (Phone 832-678-4500)

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	Trim paint color	
	Garage door trim color	
	Fence color/material	
	Roof color	
	Home#	es or pictures of materials to be used in the improvement (shingle ole areas below of the application. 

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