

West Bellfort Property Owners Association

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Monthly Newsletter

October 2014

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2015 HOA DUES

Notices for the 2015 HOA dues have been mailed, so keep a look out! For the HOA to best serve the community and properly maintain our amenities, we need to receive your HOA 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. As such, please ensure you pay your HOA dues as soon as you receive your invoice. Failure to pay dues could cause the Association to take legal action. **SO PLEASE PAY PROMPTLY!** If for any reason you do not receive your notice by the end of October, please contact Sterling as soon as possible.

WBPOA MANAGEMENT COMPANY

Ry Reid, PCAM, AMS, CMCA
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WBPOA is patrolled by :
Harris County Constable Precinct 7
Constable May Walker
Precinct 7 Dispatch 713 / 643-6602

Deputies assigned to WBPOA:

Sgt. P. Basralian
Deputy Antone
Deputy Nowlin
Deputy Simon

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

Going on vacation? Please register for a deputy vacation watch by visiting the Precinct 7 website and select "Vacation Watch" - <http://www.harriscountytexas.gov/conpct7/>

WBPOA NATIONAL NIGHT OUT!!

The WBPOA NNO Event held on Tuesday, October 7th was a success! Pictures will be posted in next month's newsletter. Be sure to hold the date for next year's event on Tuesday, October 6, 2015!

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 in order to comply with the rules and regulations of the HOA.



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 HOA Board, its committees and The property management team. Some of the responsibilities of a Block Captain could include the following:

- Get to know your neighbors, at least by sight, so you will know when someone is around who doesn't belong
- Encourage your block neighbors to keep an eye out for each other (for security, emergencies, welfare checks, etc.)
- Encourage National Night Out meetings for your block
- Welcome new neighbors on your block and ensure they know about amenities, HOA regulations, etc.
- Help keep neighbors informed of emergency situations such as hurricanes, etc.
- Assist the HOA Board by notifying them of issues on the block (any suspicious activities, code violations, etc.). You will NOT be asked to handle these issues directly
- Make sure all neighbors receive the neighborhood newsletter or other informational flyers
- Assist the HOA Board by obtaining signatures on proxies, if ever required
- Attend HOA Board meetings (your option) to help keep your neighbors informed

You will not be asked to do anything that puts yourself in harm's way. The time involved is minimal. By serving as the “eyes and ears” of The community, you will play a big part in keeping it safe, friendly and beautiful. You can even “co-share” and team up with a neighbor. If you have an interest in serving as a Block Captain, please contact any of the Board members or Ry Reid, or attend the upcoming Board Meeting on Tuesday, October 28th at 7:00pm, Braesridge Clubhouse.

Did You Know?

Beaumont, located about 90 miles east of Houston, is the county seat of Jefferson County and home to the famous Spindletop, the first major oil discovery that catapulted Texas into its oil and gas fame. Forming the “Golden Triangle” with Orange and Port Arthur, the area is one of the major industrial areas along the Gulf Coast. Beaumont was originally a small farm founded in 1824 by Noah and Nancy Tevis. A small community grew up around the farm and in 1835, the Tevis farm land and the small community named Santa Anna were bought by Henry Millard, Joseph Pulsifer and Thomas Huling (a total of 50 acres in all). The trio named this 50 acres of land “Beaumont” after Jefferson Beaumont, the brother-in-law of Mr. Millard. The town was officially founded in December 1838. Railroads, lumber, rice farming and an easily accessible port helped Beaumont to become a large shipping center, particularly during the Civil War. Then on January 10, 1901: the Spindletop well struck oil and the world was changed forever! Beaumont grew from a town of 9,000 people to over 30,000 in just three months! Captain W C Tyrell, a venture capitalist, moved from Pennsylvania to Beaumont shortly after Spindletop and earned millions. Captain Tyrell gave back to the city by further developing the port, rice farms, neighborhoods and the town's first library. The city also was a major center for shipbuilding during WWII. The area was also site of one of the most decisive, if somewhat unlikely, battles in the Civil War. The Union army had invaded Texas and planned to capture the Sabine Pass, Beaumont and Houston. However, the Union did not expect to run into a small troop of men who had been stationed at a little fort along the Sabine Pass. Bored in this tiny fort in the middle of nowhere, First Lieutenant Dick Dowling and his Davis Guard troop had practiced cannon ball drills using stakes along the Sabine River to pass away time. Then to everyone's surprise, on September 8, 1863, a Union navy flotilla of four gunboats and 5,000 men attempted to enter the Sabine Pass. Dowling's artillery drills paid off as the Confederates scored several direct hits on the federal ships, disabling two of them, and blocking the others' passage. The Union forces retreated and the Davis Guard claimed the capture of 350 prisoners and a large quantity of supplies; they did not suffer a single casualty in the encounter. This rather unexpected and unlikely victory of Dowling and the Davis Guard thwarted the Union invasion of Texas! Dowling returned to his hometown of Houston as a hero and became a successful business man here before he died of the yellow fever in 1867. Although Houston has since overshadowed her nearby neighbor, Beaumont remains a city of biodiversity and historical significance in her own right.

Surprising Uses For:

USED COFFEE GROUNDS!! (1) enrich soil and feed acid loving plants by spreading used grounds over your lawn and flower beds. Allow to cool first, but apply wet or dry. You can also water your plants with coffee that has grown cold (no sugar or creamer used). Azaleas, roses and hydrangeas LOVE coffee!! [note: will turn hydrangeas blue] (2) Fridge freshener: Allow grounds to dry, put them in a cleaned sour cream or butter container (recycle times two!), poke holes in lid and place in the refrigerator to absorb odors. (3) Allow grounds to dry, keep in a container by the sink. Rub a small amount on your hands after peeling / chopping onions and garlic or after handling fish.

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!

"TRIP" YOUR WAY TO BETTER SAFETY

TRUST YOUR INSTINCTS!! Always go with your gut! Feeling embarrassed later is better than risking your life
REDUCE or eliminate opportunities that may make you a target
INCREASE your awareness of your surroundings, even in places you are most comfortable
PREPARE yourself, family, home, car and even your schedule daily with safety in mind

GET READY FOR WINTER!

While we have mild winters in Houston, it never hurts to stay prepared and take proper safety measures:

- Furnaces should be serviced annually; before the cold season sets in, ensure your furnace has been inspected and serviced by a qualified professional
- Chimneys and dryer vents should be cleaned annually; a professional chimney sweep usually can handle both. Chimney fires caused by creosote build-up and fires caused by built up dryer lint are two leading causes of house fires.
- Before building a fire in the fireplace, ensure the damper has been opened.
- Only use dry, seasoned wood in the fireplace or wood stoves. **NEVER** use fresh, green wood
- Never use "decorative" wooden screens in front of your fire place. Functional fireplace screens should only be metal or heat-tempered glass. Check these annually to ensure are in good condition and are securely in place in front of the fire place.
- Allow ashes to cool completely before cleaning the fireplace, or use a covered heat-safe metal container made specifically for the disposal of ashes. This metal bin should be kept at least 10 feet away from buildings, and never on grass.
- Children need to stay at least 3 feet away from the fireplaces, wood/pellet stoves, oil stoves or space heaters.
- Try not to use portable space heaters. If you must, then ensure the space heater has an automatic shut-off.
- **NEVER** plug a portable space heater into any extension cord. These **MUST** be plugged directly into a grounded outlet.
- Space heaters of all kinds must be placed at least 3 feet away from any combustible items, such as bedding, walls, book cases, etc., and should be at least 5 feet away from people
- **NEVER** leave children or the elderly alone in a room with a space heater
- Check your fire extinguisher (you can take it to a local fire station and have them check it as well)
- Test your smoke alarms and carbon monoxide alarms to ensure they are working. Replace batteries now.
- Smoke alarms should be interconnected if at all possible to sound all at once. Smoke alarms should be inside every bedroom, in hallways, kitchens and stairwells. Smoke alarms should be on every level of the home
- Carbon monoxide alarms should be placed outside the sleeping areas, in hallways, in kitchens and on every level of the home.
- Never use a generator, grill, camp stove or other gasoline, propane, natural gas or charcoal-burning devices inside a home, garage, basement, crawlspace or any partially enclosed area. Locate unit away from doors, windows and vents that could allow carbon monoxide to come indoors.
- Winterize your car: check antifreeze levels, check tire pressures and keep gas tanks full (full tanks prevent ice in fuel lines)
- Use a de-icer windshield solution in your windshield washer fluid
- Pay attention to the weather and in cases of extreme cold, drive slowly and carefully. "Black ice" are patches of frozen water on the road that cannot be seen until almost on top of them.
- Prepare all exposed pipes now by purchasing special pipe insulation at a hardware store and wrapping all exposed pipes. Don't forget the pipes in your attic.
- Ensure everyone in the house knows where the main water shutoff valve is located and how to turn it off. In case you do have a burst pipe, you can prevent a lot of damage by simply turning this off.
- Disconnect water hoses and put them away for the winter.
- In cases of potential freeze warnings, let your faucets drip, which helps keep the pipes from expanding. Open both the cold and hot water sides of the pipes (gentle drip).

A diamond is a lump of coal that did well under extreme pressure. So imagine how brilliant and strong a human being can be by sustaining the pressures of life. Life's challenges are not supposed to paralyze you; they are supposed to unleash your inner strength and help you discover who you are. – *Author unknown*

The Community

Community News

The SEPHARDIC GAN/TORAT EMET (SG/TE) school is officially open!! Some work will continue on the site for a while, but please be aware that a new school zone will be eventually be set up at the main entrance into the neighborhood. Please be on the lookout for the children as they walk to and from school!

Community Parks

Have you noticed that the heat has let up some?? PERFECT weather for a day at the park!! Please enjoy the Ludington or Kittybrook parks and please be sure to clean up after your visits!

Cooler weather also makes for an absolute perfect tennis game! So enjoy the weather by challenging someone to a fun game of tennis! If you don't know how to play, then no worries! You can learn at your leisure right in your own backyard!

Community Clubhouses

The holidays will be here SOON! So 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. WE LOOK FORWARD TO SEEING YOU AT THE BRAESRIDGE CLUBHOUSE FOR THE WBPOA NATIONAL NIGHT OUT EVENT TUESDAY, OCTOBER 7TH!!

Ludington Pool

Please note, the pool is closed until May... but don't stress!! We hope to be making a few small upgrades while the pool is closed so it will be all spiffy for you to use when it reopens!!

HOA Rules Regarding Garbage / Recycling / Yard Waste / Junk & Tree Waste

Garbage Bins: Weekly pick up. To be placed at the curb the night before scheduled pick up date (ie, Wednesday before a Thursday pickup)

Recycle Bins: Bi-weekly pick up. To be placed at the curb the night before pick up date (See Schedule A attached)

Yard Waste (grass and flower bed clippings, etc.): Weekly pick up with regular household trash, but must be in City approved clear plastic compostable bags with a city seal on the bag (found at hardware stores and most grocery stores)

Junk Waste & Tree Waste (tree trimmings, large limbs, etc.): Alternate Monthly pick up. Can be placed at the curb up to 4 days prior to scheduled pick up date. Pick up dates for Junk Waste and Tree Waste alternate months (Junk Waste – even months / Tree Waste – odd months).

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

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

All bins, yard waste, junk waste and / or tree waste MUST be removed from sight by the end of the scheduled pick up date. ALL BINS MUST BE KEPT OUT OF SIGHT AT ALL TIMES OUTSIDE OF TRASH PICK UP DAYS – NO EXCEPTIONS.



Don't wait until it's too late to tell someone how much you love them, how much you care. Because when they are gone, no matter how loud you shout and cry, they won't be able to hear you anymore. - unknown

Community Events and Things to Do

Tune in for different events and places highlighted each month!

For Adults

Alley Kat Steak Night (Mondays)
(713) 874-0722
Monet & The Seine
<http://www.mfah.org/>

For Children

Sky Zone Houston
www.skyzone.com/houston
Aliens & Asteroids @ Space Center
<http://spacecenter.org/>

For Free!

Skatestock III
<http://skatestock.wordpress.com/>
Wings of the City by Jorge Marin
www.discoverygreen.com/wingsoft-hecity

Other Events in Houston

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

Sep 8 – Dec 23 (daily): Galveston Ghost Tours. Step through the shadows, gather your courage and discover the secret chilling and ghastly tales of Galveston! <http://ghosttourtexas.com/locations/ghost-tours-of-haunted-galveston/>

Sep 26 – Nov 1: Haunted Trails: Walk the trails of Houston's most thrilling outdoor attraction. <http://thehauntedtrails.com/>

Oct 1 – Oct 31 (daily): Third Annual Haunted House. National Museum of Funeral History. <http://www.nmfh.org/>

Oct 2 thru Feb 1: Gandhi and Images of Non-Violence. The Menil Collection. <http://www.menil.org/>

Oct 7: WPOA'S NATIONAL NIGHT OUT EVENT!! FROM 6:30PM TO 8:00PM – WBPOA NATIONAL NIGHT OUT EVENT @ BRAESRIDGE CLUBHOUSE – 10810 BRAESRIDGE – SEE YOU THERE!!

Oct 8 – Nov 2. Dracula. Alley Theater's production featuring iconic costume and set designs by Edward Gorey. http://www.alleytheatre.org/Alley/Alley_Theatre_at_UH_2014-2015_Season2.asp

Oct 9: An Evening with Rob Lowe: Stories I only Tell My Friends. Wortham Theater Center www.brilliantlectures.org/index.html

Oct 19: Houston Halloween Festival and Horror Con. Minute Maid Park

Oct 19: Theresa Caputo Live! Theresa Caputo, star of the hit TLC show, Long Island Medium, is stopping her tour right here at NRG Arena. <http://nrgpark.com/events/concerts/theresa-caputo>

Oct 21: Jerusalem Quartet. Stude Concert Hall, Rice University. The Houston favorite is back, lending their energetic and lyric style to a program combining groundbreaking masterpieces by Beethoven and Bartók with Ravel's stunning String Quartet. <http://chambermusicohouston.org/2014-15/Jerusalem/Overview/>

Oct 25: Food Truck Fright Nights Food Truck Rally. Fearless teens and brave adults alike can experience our professionally staged haunted house! Xavier Educational Academy. <http://www.foodtruckfrightnights.com/>

Oct 25: Young Houstonians for Old Houston Bus Tour. our historic downtown Houston from a double decker bus! www.heritagesociety.org/

Oct 25: 31st annual Texian Market Days Festival. George Ranch Historical Park <http://www.georgeranch.org/programs-events/texian-market-days/>

Oct 31: 8th Annual Bayou City Haunted Hike & Pizza. Get your spooky with BCO as we hike and slither our way through Memorial Park with our closest pals on Halloween! www.bayoucityoutdoors.com



The greatness of a man is not how much wealth he acquires, but in his integrity and his ability to affect those around him positively. ~Bob Marley



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Andy, The Awesome Possum

HEY KIDS!! Sure missed you last month, but I hope you had a chance to visit the Texas Wildlife Rehabilitation Center. I really appreciate the team there as they took great care of me when I was a little orphan. So if you have not had a chance to visit the TWRC as yet, please be sure to do so sometime. They are a great asset to our city and to my wildlife friends!

Now that you are back in school, I hope you are doing well so far and that you are enjoying your classes! I learned something myself while I was on vacation! I had such a great time! I was in Beaumont visiting with some old friends and guess where they live?? In the woods next to the scariest and most fascinating place I have ever been to – the Gator Country Adventure Park! The park is home to all kinds of reptiles and rescued alligators from all over Texas. Big Al, the largest known alligator in captivity, also lives there!

Big Al is almost 14 feet long and weighs in at 1,000 pounds! Believe me, I stayed WAY high up in a tree when I was looking at him!! Gators have been around for over 37 million years and are sometimes called 'living fossils'. There are two different species of alligator: the American alligator and the Chinese alligator. Chinese alligators are found in the Yangtze River but they are critically endangered and only a few remain in the wild. In fact, the American alligator was once on the endangered species list as well, and is one of the best success stories of a return of species ever! The origin of the name "alligator" most likely comes from *el lagarto*, Spanish for "the lizard".

As you probably already know, Texas is home to a lot of alligators. Gators belong to the *Alligatoridae* family under the reptile order *Crocodylia*. They have an armored body, a muscular flat tail, four short legs with five toes on the front and four toes on the back legs. Their powerful tails account for about half of their length, and gators use their tails to propel through water. Gators have long snouts with upward facing nostrils that allow them to breathe while the rest of their body is under water. Younger alligators have bright yellow stripes on the tail while adults have dark stripes. People will sometimes get alligators and crocodiles mixed up, so how can you tell the difference?

First, there are not many crocodiles in the US and the ones that do live here are mostly in the Florida area. That is because gators live in freshwater and "brackish" water (mix of salt and fresh) and crocs live in salt water. So pretty much the only time you might see a crocodile in Houston is at the zoo. Also, crocs have long, somewhat slender, pointy snouts, whereas gators have long, flatter and rounded snouts. When crocs close their mouths, some of their bottom front teeth are still seen, but almost all the teeth are hidden when gators mouths are closed. There are a lot of other differences, but those are the primary ones. One interesting fact, though, is that the US is the only place in the world that has both crocs and gators!

Gators pretty much have the same mate for life. Females build nests of vegetation, sticks, leaves and mud in a sheltered spot in or near the water. They usually lay about 20 to 50 eggs and babies hatch about mid-August. That sounds like a lot of gators to have all at once, but a lot of baby gators are eaten by birds, raccoons, bobcats and even other alligators, so they tend to stick with their mothers for up to two years. Gators will eat whatever they can, but mainly eat fish, birds, turtles and animals as large as deer. When they eat larger animals, gators will drag the animal into the water and roll it. Gators love fruit and vegetables too, if they can get them. Unlike crocodiles, alligators actually do not usually attack humans, unless provoked or very hungry. Gators move very fast in water, but are generally slow-moving on land. However, NEVER underestimate a gator, because they can move very fast on land in short spurts! So never get too close to a gator, unless you are at Gator Country!

Did you know that gators have a serum in their blood that helps keep them from getting viruses and bacterial infections? This comes in pretty handy, given that gators live in some pretty murky water and are often fighting each other over territory, so will get some serious wounds! In fact, the number one predator of gators (outside of humans) is other gators! Well, come to think of it, I don't really know what else is willing to take on an adult gator!! But something else that is fascinating to know (and pretty dang scary for me when I found out): gators have been known to climb trees!!! I tell you, I almost fell out of the tree I was in at the gator park when I heard that!! With Big Al down below me, I held on, but did decide maybe it was time to leave the park.... just in case he got any bright ideas about joining us in the trees! I hope you get a chance to visit the park some day – it was a little scary (especially for me because, well, gators will eat possums!), but I had a great time learning about gators and I hope you did too!

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

See Something, Say Something!

The slight increase in criminal activity has calmed down, but we do ask that everyone remain diligent at all times, as the eyes and ears of the neighbors are the absolute best weapon we have against crime. Be sure to put the Constable Dispatch number in your speed dials, and if you see or hear anything suspicious, please practice the SEE SOMETHING, SAY SOMETHING motto – nothing is too insignificant to bring to the attention of our deputies. This also helps us determine where to request focused attention from our police authorities as well. SAFETY STARTS WITH YOU!!!!

HOMEOWNER ASSOCIATION COMMITTEES:		TEXAS DPS OFFICE		
<i>If you would like to serve on one of these committees, please come to the next Board meeting</i>		Driving Tests / In-Person Driver's License New & Renewal		
Architectural Review (ARC): Barbara Hite, Jeanette Calhoun, Marc Warren, Tom Roberts		Closest (South Gessner close to West Airport - Approx 2 Miles)		
Clubhouse:	Jeannette Calhoun, Tom Roberts, Joy Cunningham	12220 South Gessner	Mon - Thur:	7:30am - 6:00pm
Landscape:	Jeannette Calhoun, Tom Roberts	Houston, TX 77071	Fri:	7:30am - 5:00pm
Newsletter:	Dyaz Godfrey, Mari Angelo	Phone: 713 / 219-4100	Sat:	Closed
Parks & Recreation:	Danny Fishman, Jeannette Calhoun, Tom Roberts	Second Option (Rosenberg - US 59 @ Hwy 36 - Approx 20 Miles)		
Pool:	Phil Abrams	28000 Southwest Freeway, Suite A	Mon - Thur:	7:30am - 6:00pm
Security:	Barbara Hite, Barbara Getzer, Yonah Nathan	Rosenberg, TX 77471	Fri:	7:30am - 5:00pm
Tennis Court:	Zally Lazares, Asher Belles, Neal Harris	Phone: 281 / 517-1630	Sat:	Closed
BLOCK CAPTAINS:	Volunteers Needed!	More Info: http://www.txdps.state.tx.us/administration/driver_licensing_control/rolodex/searchresults.asp		
WEBSITE INFORMATION:		LOCAL LIBRARIES		
City of Houston (General Info):	www.houstontex.gov	City of Houston Libraries		
City of Houston Services (311 Online):	http://hfdapp.houstontx.gov/311/index.php	Morris Frank Library		
Constable Precinct 7 Vacation Watch:	http://www.harriscountytexas.gov/compct7/	Brays Oaks Towers Building	Mon & Thur	11am - 6pm
Texas DPS Driver's License Renewal:	http://www.txdps.state.tx.us/driverlicense/	10103 Fondren	Tue	12pm - 8pm
West Bellfort Property Owner's Association:	www.westbellfortpoa.com	Houston, TX 77096	Wed	10am - 6pm
ADDITIONAL INFORMATION		Houston, TX 77096	Fri	1pm - 5pm
Concert Arenas		Phone: 832 / 393-2410	Sat	10am - 5pm
Arena Towers	http://www.arenahouston.com/events/category/events/	<i>(on Fondren just passed Willowbend)</i>	Sun	Closed
Cynthia Woods Mitchell Pavilion	http://www.woodlandscenter.org/	Meyer Branch Library	Sun & Mon	Closed
Miller Outdoor Theater	http://milleroutdoortheatre.com/	5005 West Bellfort Street	Tue & Wed	10am - 6pm
Sports Complexes		Houston, TX 77035	Thur	12pm - 8pm
BBVA Compass - Dynamo Soccer/TSU Football	http://www.bbvacompassstadium.com/	Phone: 832 / 393-1840	Fri	1pm - 5pm
Minute Maid Park - Astros	http://houston.astros.mlb.com/hou/ballpark/index.jsp	<i>(on West Bellfort just before Kroger's)</i>	Sat	10am - 5pm
NRG Stadium & Park - Texans & Rodeo	http://nrgpark.com/nrg-stadium	Houston Main / Central Library	Mon - Thur	10am - 8pm
Toyota Center - Rockets	http://www.houstontoyotacenter.com/	500 McKinney	Fri & Sat	10am - 5pm
Things to do in Houston:	http://www.visit-houston-texas.com/things-to-do/	Houston, TX 77002	Sun	1pm - 5pm
Volunteering Opportunities:		Phone: 832 / 393-1313	<i>(Located Downtown at McKinney & Smith. Garage Parking - \$2 per hour, max \$16 - NO STREET PARKING EXCEPT ON SUNDAYS - TOWING ENFORCED; Street parking is free on Sundays)</i>	
City of Houston	http://volunteerhouston.org/	Harris County Library		
Harris County	http://www.harriscountycitizen corps.com/	West University Branch	Mon	10am - 8pm
USEFUL NUMBERS		6108 Auden	Tue & Wed	10m - 6pm
Name	Phone Number	Houston, TX 77005	Thur & Fri	1pm - 6pm
Animal Control (BARC)	713-229-7300	Phone: 713 / 668-8273	Sat	10am - 5pm
Anti-Gang Office	832-393-0931	<i>(@ Corner of Auden & Milton in West U)</i>	Sun	Closed
Brays Oaks Management District	713-595-1221	STATE, COUNTY & CITY OFFICIALS		
Citizens' Assistance	832-393-0955	Position	WBPOA's District	Currently Held By
City Council District J	832-393-3015	Mayor	Houston	Anrise D. Parker
City Council District K	832-393-3016	County Judge:	Harris County	Ed Emmett
City of Houston Services:	311	Tax Assessor-Collector:	Harris County	Mike Sullivan
Constable Precinct 7 - General Info	713-643-6118	Treasurer:	Harris County	Orlando Sanchez
Constable Precinct 7 - Dispatch	713-643-6602	County Attorney:	Harris County	Vince Ryan
Emergency	911	District Attorney:	Harris County	Devon Anderson
Harris County Flood Control:	713-684-4197	County Clerk:	Harris County	Stan Stanart
Health and Human Services	832-393-5169	District Clerk:	Harris County	Chris Daniel
Houston Fire Department Non-Emergency	832-394-6700	County Sheriff:	Harris County	Adrian Parker
Houston ISD	713-556-6000	County Constable:	Precinct 7	Constable May Walker
Houston Police Department District #17	713-773-7901	County Commissioner:	Precinct 1	El Franco Lee
Houston Police Department Non-Emergency	713-884-3131	Metro Transit Authority Chairman:	Houston Metro Area	Gilbert Andrew Garcia
Mayor's Office	832-393-1000	City of Houston Council Member:	District K	Larry Green
Milne Elementary School	713-778-3420	HISD School Superintendent:	Houston	Terry B. Grier
Parks Department	832-395-7000	HISD School District:	Position 9	Wanda Adams
Public Works and Engineering	832-395-2511	Houston Community College District:	District 9	Christopher W. Oliver
Solid Waste Management	713-956-6589	Justice of the Peace:	Position 1	Judge Hillary H. Green
Sterling Association Services (WBPOA's Property Management)	832-678-4500 x253	Justice of the Peace:	Position 2	Judge Zinetta Burney
Welch Middle School	713-778-3300	State Board of Education:	District 4	Lawrence A. Allen, Jr
Westbury High School	713-723-6015	State Senator:	District 13	Rodney G. Ellis
		State Representative:	District 131	Dr. Alama A. Allen
		Governor:	Texas	Rick Perry
		US Representative:	District 9	Al Green
		US Senators:	Texas	John Cornyn
				Ted Cruz

ACROSS

- 1) "Stop filming!"
- 4) Dublin-born
- 9) Direct (to)
- 14) A lode off one's mine?
- 15) Brazilian racer Ayrton
- 16) Like mutton
- 17) Impressive degree
- 18) Implied but not stated
- 19) Like pitchforks
- 20) Sherlock Holmes portrayer that herb likes?
- 23) Unity of thought
- 24) Pinball palace
- 27) One bound to the land
- 28) What revenge-seekers want to get
- 31) He played Ponch
- 32) X-ray unit
- 35) Send out matter
- 37) Thing to drive from
- 38) Woody plants that herb likes?
- 41) Hee-___ (donkey's sound)
- 43) Numbered piece
- 44) End of the A-line?
- 45) Long-billed Floridian
- 47) Half the alphabet?
- 49) Wise men from the East
- 53) It may be explosive
- 55) Airplane maneuverer
- 58) Perfect shape, in a collectibles ad
- 61) Mimicking
- 63) Unwritten exams
- 64) Reproductive cells
- 65) Kidney-related
- 66) Basic principle
- 67) Songs the band is going to play
- 68) Avian symbol of America
- 69) Flies heavenward
- 70) Bard's "prior to"

Puzzle Page

Answers for puzzles to appear next newsletter

HERBS IN THE MIX

By Tim Burr

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DOWN

- 1) Jazz ensembles
- 2) Suave and polished
- 3) "Coming up next" ad
- 4) Basketmaking fiber
- 5) Acts like a stallion
- 6) "___ of fire, break glass"
- 7) Fit of bad temper
- 8) "... no fury like a woman scorned"
- 9) Reversible part of a helicopter
- 10) Show clearly
- 11) Aesthetic pursuits
- 12) San Jose-to-Modesto dir.
- 13) Tom Clancy's "___ Storm Rising"
- 21) Prefix with "structure"
- 22) Forcibly exile
- 25) What champions never say
- 26) Barely achieve (with "out")
- 29) Left-hand page
- 30) Earthbound avian
- 33) Way back when
- 34) What de actor auditioned for?
- 36) Word unlikely to end a sentence
- 38) Taking a dip
- 39) However
- 40) Character actor M. ___ Walsh
- 41) Successful turn in Battleship
- 42) President between James and Andrew
- 46) Type of cord
- 48) Procrastinator's utterance, sometimes
- 50) In a melodic style
- 51) Read through
- 52) Existing from birth
- 54) "A Wrinkle in Time" author Madeleine L'___
- 56) Lazybones
- 57) Products of planning
- 59) Barracks beds
- 60) Snack first created in 1912
- 61) "___ you with me?"
- 62) Chick chaser?

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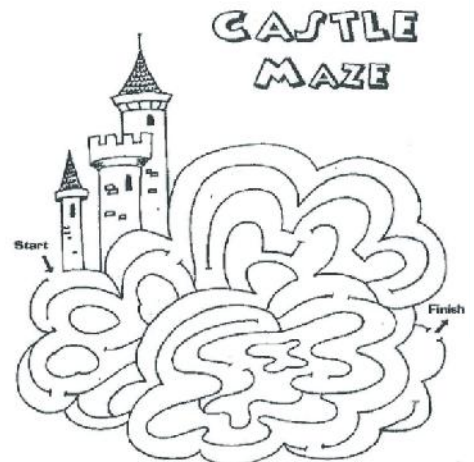
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NUMBER BLOCK DIRECTIONS:
 Missing numbers are between 0 and 12.
 The numbers in each row add up to totals on the right.
 The numbers in each column add up to the totals on the bottom.
 The diagonal lines also add up the totals to the right.

- WORD PROBLEMS**
1. A factory makes 8.3 grams of pumpkin pie filling per minute. How many total grams does it make in 9 minutes?
 2. Eva and Joe earn points for helping teachers after school. At the end of the school year, they earned a total of 75,843 points. Joe earned 40,213 points. How many did Eva earn?
 3. Jason wants to use a coupon to buy a new baseball bat. The bat cost \$36. He has two coupons: "30% off" or "save \$12". Which one should he use to get the best price?
 4. I am an even number greater than 73, but less than 76. What number am I?

- JOKE CORNER (Answers on back page)**
1. Why can't you trust atoms?
 2. What is the name of a city where nobody goes?
 3. What is heavy forward, but not backwards?
 4. What did one plate say to the other?
 5. Who cleans the bottom of the ocean?

- TINY WORDS SCRAMBLE**
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|--------------|---------------|
| 1. LLAMS | 2. ETIPTE |
| 3. NUMETI | 4. GLITHS |
| 5. SMOETD | 6. VATRILI |
| 7. TURIMINEA | 8. TILETL |
| 9. SMOOPCICR | 10. SMEINIULC |



Wisdom from the Orient

CRYPTO-QUOTE

MG SMT ZQUQ Z BWGQHFTL FQ Z CTTV
 CTP CFDG OFLWHGQ. MG SMT ETGQ LTH
 ZQU Z BWGQHFTL PGOZFLQ Z CTTV
 CTPGDGP.
 ---AMFLGG IPTDGPX

Don't take mirrors seriously.
 You are more truly reflected
 by your heart and soul.

October is named from the Latin *octō* meaning "eight", as it was originally the eighth month of the old Roman calendar. It kept the name after January and February were inserted into the calendar

Birthstone: Opal
 Flower: Marigold (Calendula)
 Zodiac Signs: Libra & Scorpio

OCTOBER 2014

sunday	monday	tuesday	wednesday	thursday	friday	saturday
			1	2 Recycle Pick Up	3	4 Yom Kippur
5	6	7	8	9 Sukkot	10 Sukkot Junk Waste North Side*	11 Sukkot
12 Sukkot	13 Sukkot Columbus Day	14 Sukkot	15 Sukkot (Hoshana Raba)	16 Shemini Azeret Recycle Pick Up Junk Waste – South Side*	17 Simchat Torah	18
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
26	27	28 HOA Board Meeting 7:00 pm – Braesridge Clubhouse	29	30 Recycle Pick Up	31 Halloween	

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

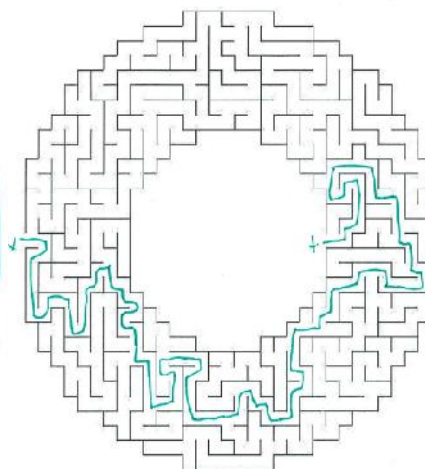
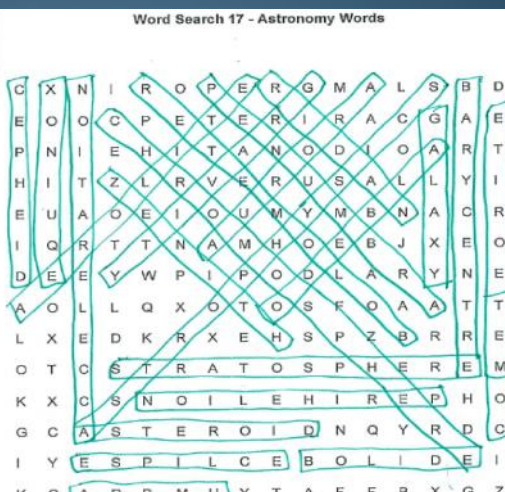
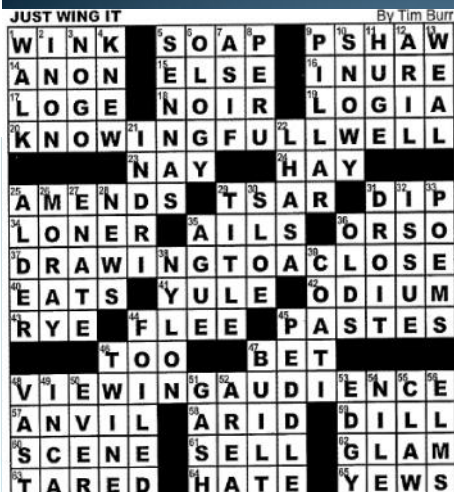


Come visit the home of Gator Rescue, home of alligator rescuer and conservationist, Gary Saurage – Star of CMT's Gator 911 and founder of the premier alligator wildlife park in Texas: Gator Country. We sure enjoyed having Andy the Awesome Possum with us! Although Andy stayed high up in a tree, our guests can get up close and personal with nature's wild if they want! With over 350 alligators and 4 species of crocodiles along with Caimans, alligator snapping turtles, snakes and other reptiles, it is also home to the largest alligator in captivity in Texas, "Big Al". Weighing in at 1,000 pounds and almost 14 feet in length, Big Al is definitely Gator Country's main attraction. Get hands on activities like holding the baby gators to helping feed them! The whole family will find something to enjoy. There's a restaurant if you get hungry and even a gift shop to bring home a souvenir from your trip! Gator Country is located in Beaumont, approximately 90 miles from Houston, at 21559 FM 365, Beaumont, Texas 77705. Phone 409 / 794-9453. For more info, visit <http://gosetx.com/gator-country-adventure-park/>

Texas State Tree – The Pecan

Pee-can, or Pah-cahn? In Texas, the "pah-cahn" rules! In 1906, Texas Governor James Stephen Hogg asked that a pecan tree be planted at his grave instead of a traditional headstone, requesting that the seeds be distributed throughout the state to make Texas a "Land of Trees". Mr. Hogg's wish was granted, and by 1919, the Pecan tree (*Carya illinoensis*) was designated the official state tree of Texas. Many areas in Houston and the surrounding regions were pecan groves, including parts of Bellaire. San Saba, Texas is known as the Pecan Capital of the World. Fossil remains found in Texas show that our native pecan tree was here long before humans came on the scene. Remarkably long lived, the pecan can survive more than a thousand years and grow over 100 feet tall. Many American Indians relied on pecans as an important food staple; they gathered wild pecans and combined them with fruits and vegetables (including beans, corn, and squashes), created an energy drink with pecan milk, used ground pecan meal to thicken meat stews, and included roasted pecans as part of their travel supplies to sustain them along the journey when food was scarce. Besides producing the delicious nut, pecan wood is used in agricultural implements, baseball bats, hammer handles, furniture, wall paneling, flooring, carvings and firewood. Be sure to enjoy this wonderful nut by itself, candied with sugar and cinnamon (or try them spicy!), in breads, cookies, and of course... in the all time favorite pie of the South: good ol' Pecan Pie!!!

Answers to September 2014 Puzzles



WUZZLE PUZZLE

1. Somewhere Over the Rainbow
2. X Marks the Spot
3. Put two and two Together
4. Just Right
5. I Before E Except After C
6. High Seas

WHAT'S THE WORD?

1. Offense
2. Rocky
3. Hollywood
4. Carsick
5. Handball

PRESTO CHANG-O!

- TOAD to
TOLD to
BOLD to
BOND to
POND

WHAT'S IN COMMON?

- Road – Weather – Treasure: MAP
Chips – Sweet – Spears: PICKLES
Right – Love – Bermuda: TRIANGLES
Buck – Baby – Wisdom: TEETH
Crab – Caramel – Candy: APPLES

Recipe for Kids

GINGERSNAP PARFAITS

Spoon about 1/3 cup yogurt into 4 glasses. Break up one cookie over the yogurt. Cover cookie pieces with another 1/3 cup of yogurt. Break up a second cookie into each glass. Drizzle with honey and sprinkle with cinnamon. For crunchier parfait, eat immediately. Or let the yogurt parfaits sit for about 30 minutes in the refrigerator before serving, to soften the cookies.

- 1 Large container vanilla or plain yogurt
- 8 Gingersnap cookies, broken or crumbled
- 4 Tablespoons honey
- Cinnamon (optional)

- 3-1/2 pounds tomatoes (about 11 medium), halved
- 1 small onion, quartered
- 2 garlic cloves, peeled and halved
- 2 tblspns olive oil
- 2 tblspns fresh thyme leaves
- 12 fresh basil leaves
- Salt and pepper to taste
- Additional basil, sliced into strips
- Croutons (optional)

Recipe for Adults

ROASTED TOMATO BASIL SOUP (serves 6)

Preheat oven to 400°. Place tomatoes, onion and garlic in a greased 15x10x1-in. baking pan; drizzle with oil. Sprinkle with thyme, salt and pepper; toss to coat. Roast 25-30 minutes or until tender, stirring once. Cool slightly. Process tomato mixture and basil leaves in batches in a blender until smooth. Transfer to a large saucepan; heat through. If desired, top with croutons and sliced basil.

MAGIC COOKIE BARS

- 1 1/2 cups graham cracker crumbs
- 1 stick butter or margarine, melted
- 1 (14 oz.) can Eagle Brand® Sweetened Condensed Milk
- 1 (12 oz.) package semi-sweet chocolate chips
- 1 1/3 cups coconut
- 1 cup chopped pecans

For both! 😊

Combine graham cracker crumbs and melted butter in small bowl. Press into bottom of lightly greased 13X9 pan. Pour sweetened condensed milk evenly over crumb mixture. Sprinkle chocolate chips, coconut and nuts over the condensed milk. Gently press down. Bake at 350 degrees for 25 to 30 minutes or until lightly browned. Loosen from sides of pan while still warm; cool on wire rack. Cut into bars or diamonds. VARIATIONS: add / substitute butterscotch chips, M&Ms, Reese's Pieces, dried cranberries, raisins, marshmallows and / or other nuts.