

West Bellfort Property Owners Association

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Monthly Newsletter

September 2015

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2015 POA DUES

With the recent heat and drought, it is hard to believe that December will be here very soon. So start planning now for your 2016 POA dues! For the POA to best serve the community and properly maintain our amenities, we need to receive your payment 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 POA dues as soon as you receive your invoice. If for any reason you do not receive your invoice, please contact Ry Reid with Sterling ASI as soon as possible.

Ludington Clubhouse Rental

Joy Cunningham 713 / 729-1053
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Braesridge Clubhouse Rental

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The holidays are coming!! If you are planning to be on vacation visiting family members during the holidays, don't forget to register for a deputy vacation watch by visiting the Precinct 7 website and select "Vacation Watch" -
<http://www.harriscountytexas.gov/conpct7/>

ADVERTISE IN OUR NEWSLETTER!!

The deadline for filing your advertisements for 2015 are almost up! But don't despair – you can consider advertising for 2016. Please see pages 5 and 6 for further details!

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.



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. 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 safety, emergencies, welfare checks, etc.)
- Encourage National Night Out meetings for your block
- Welcome new neighbors on your block and ensure they know about amenities, POA regulations, etc.
- Help keep neighbors informed of emergency situations such as hurricanes, etc.
- Assist the POA 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 POA Board by obtaining signatures on proxies, if ever required
- Attend POA 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 next POA meeting (see calendar for date).

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

PLEASE SEE THE CITY OF HOUSTON' S ARTICLE “TRASH FACTS” ATTACHED TO THE BACK OF THIS NEWSLETTER!
The article is also be available on the WBPOA website.

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.**

The Community

Community School

SCHOOL IS BACK IN SESSION!!! Please keep your eyes open as our children return to school. The safety of our community's children are in your hands! So please respect the 20 mph speed in the school zone in front of Sephardic Gan/Torat EMT, and keep a sharp eye out on the children. Kids trust us to keep them safe, so will dart out without looking. Honor that trust and KEEP THE CHILDREN IN MIND!! Slow down, be aware of the children and families at all times, keep your eyes open and your speed slow.....AND STOP AT THE STOP SIGNS!

Community Clubhouses

Holidays bring family gatherings but we don't always have space to fit them all. However, your community has the perfect solution with two great clubhouses available for your events! Jeannette 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.

Community Parks

The heat is finally easing up some, which makes our parks that much more enjoyable. The Kittybrook and Ludington Parks are just waiting for you and your family to come out and enjoy the weather!!

The tennis court is also available year round, so please take advantage of having this great amenity in your own backyard. So come show off your Wimbledon moves.... Or at least have fun pretending you have them!

Ludington Pool

Just a reminder that although the pool is open through September 27th, now that school is back in session and the summer months are winding down, the hours have been reduced. But there is still plenty of time to take a refreshing swim and cool off from the summer's heat!

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

POA Rules Regarding Home Improvements

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.

See Something, Say Something!

There are a lot of criminals in live in the apartments around our neighborhood who are looking for an easy score. Too many people in our community leave valuables in their cars, then leave the cars in the driveways or in the streets – then are shocked and amazed that their cars are broken into. Please DO NOT make yourself a victim!!! Always take laptops, tablets and other valuables inside the house and DO NOT leave them in your cars if they are parked outside your garage – or, use the garage for its intended purpose and park your cars inside. If you see suspicious characters in the neighborhood, call our constables! Be sure to put the Constable Dispatch number in your speed dials and 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!!!!

Advertise in the WBPOA Newsletter!

Those of you in our community who have your own businesses or know people in our area who have small businesses, here is an excellent opportunity to help your business grow! Please see the instructions on the next page on how to proceed with placing your ads. See also sample ads below. Ads will appear in the newsletter as they are received and/or as they best fit the space allowed by each newsletter edition published.

PLEASE NOTE: Placing advertising in the newsletter is not to be interpreted as approval to run a business from your home. This practice is strictly prohibited by POA rules and will not be tolerated by the community or the Property Owners Association.



Tiffany Haley
Owner, LMT MT044756

Office (Appointments Only)
5959 West Loop South Suite 365
Bellaire, Texas 77401

713-501-9277

info@magnificentmobilemassage.com
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Examples of 1/4 page & smaller ads:



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Example of 1/2 page ad (provided for size estimation). Please note, while all efforts for clarity will be made, some stretching may occur based on "copy" provided and due to publication limitations.)



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WBPOA NEWSLETTER ADVERTISING

- Advertising to be paid in full in advance
- Deadline to submit ads is the 7th of each month (*example: ads submitted by April 7th would appear in May newsletter. Advertiser will be charged for May through December*)
- Ads will run for full (or remaining) year term after first submission (ie, if submit for January issue, will run until December issue; if ad submitted for May issue, will run through December).
- Advertising will stop in the December newsletter at the end of every year
- Ad renewals for the following year will need to be paid by December 7th
- Advertisers may change ad design mid-year, but cannot change the ad size until the term ends (if start with half page ad, need to stay with half page ad through end of term)
- Advertisers are to notify the editors when they wish to stop or change their ads before the deadline of the 7th of each month
- Ads must be “copy ready” when submitted and must be legible in black and white. While the WBPOA newsletters are published in color electronically, any hard publications may be printed in black and white
- To express interest in advertising, please visit the WBPOA website for the email link to the editor
- Payment instructions will be conveyed once the advertiser has contacted the editor
- **NO REFUNDS will be issued once ads are submitted, even if advertiser decides to stop their ads mid-term**

The WBPOA Board and newsletter editors reserve the right to reject any advertisements that may be deemed inappropriate and / or offensive, or otherwise not provide a service to our residents

FULL PAGE ADVERTISING		
Month	Submission Deadline	Price
January 2015	Dec 7, 2014	\$ 300
February 2015	Jan 7, 2015	\$ 275
March 2015	Feb 7, 2015	\$ 250
April 2015	Mar 7, 2015	\$ 225
May 2015	Apr 7, 2015	\$ 200
June 2015	May 7, 2015	\$ 175
July 2015	Jun 7, 2015	\$ 150
August 2015	Jul 7, 2015	\$ 125
September 2015	Aug 7, 2015	\$ 100
October 2015	NO NEW ADS ACCEPTED FOR THIS PERIOD	
November 2015		
December 2015		
1/1/2016 (Full Year)	Dec 7, 2015	\$ 300

HALF PAGE ADVERTISING		
Month	Submission Deadline	Price
January 2015	Dec 7, 2014	\$ 180
February 2015	Jan 7, 2015	\$ 165
March 2015	Feb 7, 2015	\$ 150
April 2015	Mar 7, 2015	\$ 135
May 2015	Apr 7, 2015	\$ 120
June 2015	May 7, 2015	\$ 105
July 2015	Jun 7, 2015	\$ 90
August 2015	Jul 7, 2015	\$ 75
September 2015	Aug 7, 2015	\$ 60
October 2015	NO NEW ADS ACCEPTED FOR THIS PERIOD	
November 2015		
December 2015		
1/1/2016 (Full Year)	Dec 7, 2015	\$ 180

QUARTER PAGE ADVERTISING		
Month	Submission Deadline	Price
January 2015	Dec 7, 2014	\$ 120
February 2015	Jan 7, 2015	\$ 110
March 2015	Feb 7, 2015	\$ 100
April 2015	Mar 7, 2015	\$ 90
May 2015	Apr 7, 2015	\$ 80
June 2015	May 7, 2015	\$ 70
July 2015	Jun 7, 2015	\$ 60
August 2015	Jul 7, 2015	\$ 50
September 2015	Aug 7, 2015	\$ 40
October 2015	NO NEW ADS ACCEPTED FOR THIS PERIOD	
November 2015		
December 2015		
1/1/2016 (Full Year)	Dec 7, 2015	\$ 120

Fun Stuff

SLICED LAMB IN APRICOT MUSHROOM SAUCE

4 pounds lamb, cubed
2 onions diced
3 cloves garlic, whole or minced
1 pound mushroom, sliced
2/3 cup apricot preserves
1 cup dry red wine
1/2 cup water
1/4 teaspoon pepper
2 bay leaves

Preheat oven to 350°.

Place vegetables, apricot preserves, liquid, and seasoning into a medium bowl. Mix until combined. Place meat in roasting pan and pour apricot mixture over it. Bake covered for 2 to 2 ½ hours.

Check meat during baking. You may want to mix it so that the flavor of juice gets well absorbed. When done, remove from oven and allow to cool. Refrigerate for a few hours or overnight. Preheat oven to 300. Return meat to oven and reheat for 30 minutes. Serve warm.

ROASTED VEGGIE PASTA

Preheat oven to 400°. Prepare pasta according to package directions and drain well. If using lasagna noodles, break them up into chunky pieces before cooking.

In a 9 x 13-inch pan, combine cherry tomatoes, red onions, red bell pepper, and zucchini. Toss with olive oil and garlic powder. Bake for 30 minutes, stirring occasionally.

Add pasta to vegetables and mix well. Season with salt and pepper. Set oven to broil, return pasta to oven and broil for 10 minutes, stirring after 5 minutes. Remove pasta from oven, add feta cheese and basil; stir to combine (the heat will melt the cheese). Serve hot or at room temperature.

1 pound fusilli, penne pasta or lasagna noodles
1 red bell pepper, sliced thinly
2 pints cherry tomatoes, halved
2 red onions, cut into wedges
1 zucchini, cut into half moons
1/4 cup olive oil
1/2 teaspoon garlic powder
kosher salt, to taste
coarse black pepper, to taste
6 ounces feta cheese, crumbled
1 Tablespoon chopped basil

ROSH HASHANAH

Three very important Jewish holidays fall in the month of September, and in honor of Jewish residents, a brief explanation of these holidays are included in this month's newsletter.

The first of these holidays is the festival of Rosh Hashanah—which means “Head of the Year”—is observed for two days beginning on 1 Tishrei, the first day of the Jewish year, which falls between September and October on the Gregorian calendar. The date changes slightly every year. This year, Rosh Hashanah begins at sundown on September 13th. Rosh Hashanah is the Jewish New Year, signifying the anniversary of the creation of man. Rosh Hashanah is the first of the ten “Days of Repentances”, also known as the “Days of Awe”. The Days of Awe is a time for serious introspection and to consider the shortcomings of the previous year and repent before Yom Kippur, the Day of Atonement. Similar to the New Year celebrations in January where many people make resolutions of improvement, the Jewish New Year is a time to of introspection and prayer, looking back at the mistakes of the past year and planning the changes to make in the new year, and pray for life, health and prosperity. To atone for sins against another person, reconciliation with that person must first be sought and any wrongs committed are righted, if possible.

Religious services for the holiday focus on the concept of God's sovereignty, The central observance of the services is the sounding of the shofar, the ram's horn, which is a call to repentance and represents the trumpet blast of a people's coronation of their king. Another significance of the shofar is to recall the Binding of Isaac, which also occurred on Rosh Hashanah, in which a ram took Isaac's place as an offering to God; this evokes Abraham's readiness to sacrifice his son. Altogether, about one hundred shofar blasts are heard over the course of the Rosh Hashanah services. No work is permitted on Rosh Hashanah, and the day contains many special observances. These include eating apples and / or bread dipped in honey (symbolizing the desire for a sweet year), giving each other blessings and reciting a special prayer near a body of water, known as Tashlich (keep that in mind if you spot anyone praying next to a bayou). Reciting the prayer by water evokes forgiveness, “...Thou wilt cast all their sins into the depths of the sea.” Michah 7:19. Some have the custom of having small pieces of bread and empty their pockets into the water, to symbolically cast off sins. As with every major Jewish holiday, after candle lighting and prayers, the kiddush is recited and a blessing is made on the challah.

L'Shanah Tovah to all!

YOM KIPPUR

Yom Kippur means "Day of Atonement", and is regarded as the holiest day of the Jewish year. Yom Kippur occurs on the 10th day of Tishri, which varies slightly every year. In 2015, Yom Kippur begins at sunset on September 22nd and ends at sunset on September 23rd. The holiday is day set aside to atone for the sins of the past year.

Also known as the Fast of Yom Kippur, it atones only for sins between man and God, not for sins against another person. To atone for sins against another person, reconciliation must first be sought with that person before Yom Kippur, and any wrongs committed against them must be righted, if possible. Yom Kippur is traditionally a complete Sabbath and Jews observe the holiday by refraining from work, fast and / or attend synagogue services on this day. Observers refrain from eating and drinking (even water) for about 26 hours, beginning before sunset on the evening before Yom Kippur and ending after nightfall on the day of Yom Kippur. Additional restrictions are also often followed, such as washing and bathing, anointing one's body, wearing leather shoes, etc. Most of the holiday is spent in the synagogue, in prayer.

The services end at nightfall, with the blowing of the tekiah gedolah, a long blast on the shofar. It is customary to wear white on the holiday, which symbolizes purity and calls to mind the promise that our sins shall be made as white as snow. Traditions include the blessing of children, immersing in a mikvah, giving extra charity (acts of kindness), the lighting of a memorial candle and holiday candles. Prior to the onset of the fast, a festival meal is enjoyed, as well as the eating of honey cake, which represents prayerful hope for a sweet and abundant year. While the day is the most solemn of the year, it contains joy as well: joy that revels in the spirituality of the day and expresses the confidence that God will accept our repentance, forgive our sins, and seal our verdict for a year of life, health and happiness.

May you have an easy fast!

SUKKOT

Sukkot, a Hebrew word meaning "booths" or "huts," refers to the Jewish festival of giving thanks for the fall harvest. It also commemorates the 40 years of Jewish wandering in the desert after the giving of the Torah atop Mt. Sinai, honoring the miraculous "clouds of glory" which surrounded and hovered over them, shielding them from the dangers and discomforts of the desert.

Sukkot is celebrated five days after Yom Kippur and is marked by several distinct traditions. One is to honor the commandment to dwell in booths by erecting a sukkah. A sukkah is a temporary dwelling in which farmers would live during harvesting, a fact connecting to the agricultural significance of the holiday stressed by the Book of Exodus. Throughout the holiday, meals are eaten inside the sukkah and many people sleep there as well.

Sukkot also called Z'man Simchateinu (Season of Our Rejoicing), is the only festival associated with an explicit commandment to rejoice. The holiday itself is known for its more than usual joyful spirits that are on display throughout. A final name for Sukkot is Chag HaAsif, (Festival of the Ingathering), representing a time to give thanks for the bounty of the earth during the fall harvest.

Chag Sameach!



Andy, The Awesome Possum



Well, hello everybody!! It has been a while, so I hope you have not forgotten about me! I hope all of you had a fantastic summer!! As for me, I stayed in the deep woods under shade and tried to avoid too much movement in the heat!! Phew, am so glad that Fall is around the corner with its cooler temps!!

Hanging out in the woods, I saw a lot of coyotes, albeit from the safety of the tops of trees! Although I would be lunch if they caught up to me, coyotes are very interesting – did you know they are members of the dog family? That’s right, good old Fido is a cousin to coyotes – and wolves, foxes and jackals!

The coyote, *Canis latrans* (which literally means “barking dog”) appears often in the tales and traditions of Native Americans—usually as a very savvy and clever beast. The animal was especially respected in Mesoamerican cosmology as a symbol of military strength, with some scholars having traced the origin of the Aztec god Quetzalcoatl to a pre-Aztec coyote deity. Modern coyotes have displayed their cleverness by adapting to the changing American landscape. Coyotes once lived primarily in open prairies and deserts, but now roam forests and mountains and even large cities, due to the reduction of their natural habitat. Native to North America, the coyote is the size of a medium dog, smaller than its closest relative, the gray wolf, but with longer ears and a larger head, as well as a thinner frame, face and muzzle. They have amber or yellow eyes and gray, white, tan or brown fur (depending on where they live). The coyote also carries its tail downwards when running or walking, rather than horizontally as the wolf does. Coyote tracks can be distinguished from those of dogs by their more elongated, less rounded shape.

Coyotes build dens for their young, unless they are lucky and can find an old badger den lying around. Like dogs, the number in their litter can vary from one to 12. Litter size depends on the number of coyotes present in the range; the smaller number of active coyotes, the larger the litters. Mother coyotes tend to stay in the den with their young until the eyes are opened, which takes about 14 days. The male coyote helps the female take care of the pups, and will bring food to the den. Coyotes live an average of 14 years.

Coyotes are nocturnal, which is why you hear their howls at night. They howl to communicate their location. Coyotes also make shuffling noises to their babies, and yips when playing or calling to each other. Coyotes tend to be solitary and travel in mated pairs, but will join with packs during the winter or lean months to help hunt. Contrary to popular belief, coyotes do not just eat meat. They are omnivores, eating both meat and vegetation. Their prey are deer, rodents, rabbits, fish and frogs, and in lean times will eat snakes, insects, fruit and grass. When hunting small animals such as mice, they slowly stalk through the grass and use their acute sense of smell to track down the prey. When the prey is located, the coyotes stiffen and pounce on the prey in a cat-like manner. Coyotes are also very fast runners, reaching up to 40 mph!

Like a lot of wild animals that are being pushed out of their native habitats, coyotes are considered pests, because they will kill livestock and pets. In cities, will eat pet food or garbage. Like any wild animal, coyotes will run from humans. Although considered a pest, in reality, coyotes are just following their natural instincts. Humans do not like to have wild animals around, but population growth does often result in the wild animals having some human contact. Like most natural predators, coyotes play a critical role in keeping natural areas healthy. In fact, coyotes are a keystone species, meaning that their presence or absence has a significant impact on the surrounding biological community.

When predators are removed from their food webs, the systems become unbalanced and unhealthy, triggering often-catastrophic alterations unlikely to ever be reversed. It is important, then, to remember that coyotes do have their place in our world, and as long as we respect them, they will respect us in return.

I hope you enjoyed learning about coyotes – have fun in school!

Stick around for more fun facts from Andy, the Awesome Possum!



I don't understand why when we destroy something created by man we call it vandalism, but when we destroy something by nature we call it progress.

Ld Unguy Jr.

September 2015

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
		1	2	3 Recycle Pick Up	4	5
6	7 Labor Day	8	9	10	11 Patriot Day Tree Waste – North Side*	12
13	14 Rosh Hashana	15 Rosh Hashana	16	17 Tree Waste – South Side* Recycle Pick Up	18	19
20	21	22	23 Yom Kippur	24 WBPOA Board Meeting – 6:30pm Braesridge Club House	25	26
27	28 Sukkot	29 Sukkot	30 Sukkot	PLEASE SEE ATTACHED: - Trash Facts - WBPOA Architectural Review Approval Form - 2015 Recycle Calendar - Useful Numbers		

* 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

Bazaars and Festivals Galore!

September kicks off a flurry of festivals and bazaars in Houston! The festivals, which flow into October, are a ton of fun with cultural celebrations, great food and lots of arts and crafts for sale. Here is a list of just some of the events in Houston and surrounding areas. There are so many around town, there is no way to list them all, so be sure to google “Houston Festivals and Bazaars” for even more!

Sep 1: Sealy Immaculate Conception Church Bazaar, 10:30am-7pm at Sealy KC Hall, 1310 US 90 West, Sealy. Admission is free.

Sep 6: Humble Fall Craft Fair, The Barn Door Market Place, 404 N. Avenue E, Humble, TX 77338

Sep 7-8: Autumn Delights: 10am-6pm both days in the parking lot of Big Lots, 125 Highway 332 W., Lake Jackson. Arts and crafts show with free admission. Visit www.happygarrenproductions.com.

Sep 9-12: Houston Fine Art Fair – NRG Center. Must purchase tickets, visit <http://www.houstonfineartfair.com/> for prices and info.

Sep 11-13: Texas Gator Fest, Anahuac Park, Anahuac, Texas. Visit <http://www.texasgatorfest.com/index.php/> for more info!

Sep 12-13: Autumn Delights Arts & Crafts Show, 10a-6p each day, Brazos Mall Parking Lot, 100 Highway 332 West, Lake Jackson.

Visit <http://www.happygarrenproductions.com/#!lake-jackson-september-12th-13th/c12uf> for more info

Sep 14: Shop 'til You Drop Marketplace: 9am-5pm, 8877 Barker Cypress Road, free admission. Visit www.cyfairwomensclub.org.

Sep 18: Houston Fall Antiques, Art & Design Show, George R Brown Convention Center, visit <http://houston.eventful.com/venues/george-r-brown-convention-center-/V0-001-000208911-6> for more information and tickets.

Sep 18: Golden Needles Quilt Show, 10am – 5pm, Lone Star Convention Center, 9055 Airport Road, Conroe 77303. visit www.goldenneedles.org for more info.

Sep 19: Discovery Green Flea @ Night, Discovery Green Park, Houston, 6pm-10pm, Free admission, visit <http://www.discoverygreen.com/flea>

Sep 19-20: Houston Home Show, George R Brown Convention Center. Visit <http://houston.eventful.com/venues/george-r-brown-convention-center-/V0-001-000208911-6> for more information and ticket prices.

Sep 25-27: The Peddler Show, Lonestar Convention Center, Conroe. Visit <http://www.peddlershow.com/> for more info and tickets.

Sep 26-27: Heart of Katy Craft Show, Katy High School, 6331 Hwy Blvd, Katy, TX 77494, free admission

IMPORTANT TRASH FACTS

Weekly trash pickup (96 gallon black rolling bin)

Weekly trash pickup is EACH Thursday, usually in the morning
(Trash may *legally* be placed at the curb after 6 p.m. the night before or before 7 a.m. the morning of trash pickup)

Recycling (96 gallon green rolling bin)

Recycling occurs every other week on Thursday morning in WBPOA
(Recycling cans may *legally* be placed at the curb after 6 p.m. the night before or before 7 a.m. the morning of recycling trash pickup)

Recycling dates (ALL THURSDAYS):

If the service day lands on a CITY HOLIDAY—trash will be collected the following day except December 25, 2015 is also a City holiday

January 2015 8 and 22	February 2015 5 and 19	March 2015 5 and 19	April 2015 2, 16 and 30
April 2015 2 – 16 and 30	May 2015 14 and 28	June 2015 11 and 25	July 2015 9 and 23
August 2015 6 and 20	September 2015 3 and 17	October 2015 1 – 15 and 29	November 2015 12 and 27*

December 2015

10 and 24* city holiday

*28th trash pickup / recycling pickup / yard waste pickup

- **November 26, 2015 is Thanksgiving day so Friday November 27th will be weekly trash pickup / recycling pickup / grass clippings pickup**
- **December 24th and 25th 2015 are City holidays. There will be trash service on December 26th**
- **BOTH TRASH CANS ARE TO BE REMOVED FROM THE CURB BY 6 P.M. ON TRASH PICKUP DAY.**
 - **TRASH CANS ARE TO BE HIDDEN FROM VIEW ONCE RETURNED TO YOUR HOUSE.**

Grass Clippings / Tree Waste

Grass clippings are collected weekly on the same day (Thursday) as your weekly trash pickup. Grass clippings **MUST** be placed in a City of Houston approved compostable bag with the City of Houston seal on the bag. Absolutely nothing other than grass clippings may be in the bag or the trash driver will leave your grass clippings at the curb.

If the compostable bag should break and drop the grass clippings in the street and the driver does not pick it up, call 3-1-1 / 713-837-0311 and your District K City Council office to report it 832-393-3016.

Small Bundles

Tree branches **MUST** be bundled and less than 3 ft. in length and placed 3 ft. apart from the other debris.

Heavy Trash / Junk Waste

Heavy Trash is picked up on the 2nd Friday on the north side of West Bellfort POA
Heavy Trash is picked up on the 3rd Thursday on the south side of West Bellfort POA

ALL ODD NUMBERED MONTHS ARE GRASS CLIPPINGS / TREE WASTE ONLY
January, March, May, July, September, November

ALL EVEN NUMBERED MONTHS ARE JUNK WASTE ONLY
February, April, June, August, October, December

Heavy Trash *MAY legally* be placed at the curb on the Friday prior to your heavy trash pickup day and the pile **MUST** be less than 8 cubic yards (one standard truck bed).

ADDITIONAL AND USEFUL INFORMATION

**If you or a neighbor is physically challenged and unable to take the trash can(s) to the curb please call 3-1-1 / 713-837-0311 to ask for an application to apply for assistance from the Solid Waste Department (SWD). Once the application is approved by your doctor and Supervisor (this indicates you are eligible) the trash truck driver will come to the side of your house or up to the garage door to get the trash can(s) and return them.

***If your trash (household, recycling, grass clippings, heavy trash) has been missed and you know you had placed it at the curb well in advance of the trash truck coming down your block, please call 3-1-1 / 713-837-0311 to report it, wait till you're given a "service request number" then call your District K City Council office 832-393-3016 so we can assist with the matter.

****If you have filled up your black 96 gallon trash can to capacity but you still have more trash SWM will collect the overage ONLY if the extra bags are tagged with a 'tag for bag' sticker (this is the tags for bags program). You can purchase a sticker for about \$1.00 from the courtesy booth at Fiesta or Sellers Brothers Grocery Stores (Courtesy Booths). Put your trash in any plastic bag, affix the sticker onto the bag facing the curb so the driver can see it and they will pick it up on your scheduled trash day.

*****If you are moving into a house in the neighborhood and you will have emptied boxes you want picked up you can call 3-1-1 / 713-837-0311 and your District K City Council office at 832-393-3016 to ask for a one-time ONLY "NEW MOVE-IN".

*****If you have a gardener/landscaper mowing your lawn, you should be paying that individual/company to remove the cut grass each time they mow. The City will not pick up grass clippings if Solid Waste becomes aware that you have someone {a vendor} mowing your lawn. These grass clippings should not be placed at the curb till the evening prior to your weekly trash pickup day.

If you do allow a gardener/landscaper to mow your lawn and place the bags of grass clippings at the curb sooner than *legally* allowed you will run the risk of being reported to 3-1-1 who will then notify the Department of Neighborhoods of the violation and thus the risk of being fined.

*****Trash violations can and should be reported to 3-1-1 / 713-837-0311, be sure to get the "service request number" and also call your District K City Council office 832-393-3016. Such violations do carry a rather expensive fine.

PLEASE REMEMBER THAT NONE OF YOUR NEIGHBORS APPRECIATES LOOKING AT YOUR TRASH SITTING AT THE CURB. NO ONE APPRECIATES HAVING THE NEIGHBORHOOD LOOK LIKE A TRAILER PARK. WE URGE YOU TO BE A GOOD NEIGHBOR AND FOLLOW THE RULES, THE RULES THAT APPLY TO ALL WEST BELLFORT POA RESIDENTS AS WELL AS ALL OTHERS ACROSS THE CITY.

PROPERTY 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, Jeannette 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:	Zally Lazares, Asher Belles, Neal Harris	Second Option (Rosenberg - US 59 @ Hwy 36 - Approx 20 Miles)		
Pool:	Phil Abrams	28000 Southwest Freeway, Suite A	Mon - Thur:	7:30am - 6:00pm
Safety:	Barbara Hite, Barbara Getzer, Yonah Nathan	Rosenberg, TX 77471	Fri:	7:30am - 5:00pm
BLOCK CAPTAINS:	Volunteers Needed!	Phone: 281 / 517-1630	Sat:	Closed
WEBSITE INFORMATION:		More Info: http://www.txdps.state.tx.us/administration/driver_licensing_control/rolodex/searchresults.asp		
City of Houston (General Info):	www.houstontex.gov	LOCAL LIBRARIES		
City of Houston Services (311 Online):	http://hfdapp.houstontx.gov/311/index.php	City of Houston Libraries		
Constable Precinct 7 Vacation Watch:	http://www.harriscountytexas.gov/compct7/	Morris Frank Library	Mon & Thur	11am - 6pm
Texas DPS Driver's License Renewal:	http://www.txdps.state.tx.us/driverlicense/	Brays Oaks Towers Building	Tue	12pm - 8pm
West Bellfort Property Owner's Association:	www.westbellfortpoa.com	10103 Fondren	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>		
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>		
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.visithoustontexas.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>		
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 13a	Dr. Alama A. Allen
		Governor:	Texas	Rick Perry
		US Representative:	District 9	Al Green
		US Senators:	Texas	John Cornyn
				Ted Cruz

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



Aluminum, Tin, and Empty Aerosol Cans



Flattened Cardboard



Glass
Accepted in automated recycling, neighborhood depositories, dropoff locations and Westpark



Used Motor Oil*
*Accepted in the Curbside Recycling Program, depositories, ESCs and Westpark.



Newspapers, Magazines, and Catalogs



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www.houstonsolidwaste.org
or call 3-1-1 for additional information.

2015 Bi-Weekly Collection Schedule

Schedule A

Schedule B

○ City Holiday *(Follow the adjusted "Holiday Schedule")

January

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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 8th & 22nd.
- 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 13th and 27th.

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