

Monthly Newsletter

September 2018

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THREE OPEN POSITIONS AVAILABLE

This Month's Highlights

- Got curb appeal?? See page 3 for why you want it!
- Door, flyer and mail scams – what to look out for and how to prevent being scammed (page 4)
- **BACK TO SCHOOL!** Help our children be safe by reading how to share the road (page 6)
- Southwest Airlines updates service animal policy (see back of newsletter)



BOARD MEETING

Thursday, September 27th 6:30pm

Braesridge Clubhouse
10810 Braesridge

2018 POA DUES

For the POA to best serve the community and properly maintain our amenities, POA dues are to be paid promptly. Non-payment of dues severely impacts our community, as we cannot maintain the common areas, clubhouses, parks, pool and tennis court without your dues. **Therefore, non-payment of dues will restrict your use of community amenities** as it is not right to allow usage if you are not paying for the upkeep. The invoices were mailed in November 2017. **If for any reason you did not receive your notice, contact Sterling ASI as soon as possible at (832) 678-4500 and ask for Roxanne, Amy or anyone at Sterling, who will be more than happy to assist you. See box below for more helpful details.**

POA DUES – ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Payment coupons are included with the invoice for your POA dues to be paid in advance. **Those coupons are not an agreement to enter into a payment plan, but there is a payment plan option.** However, you **MUST** notify the management company that you are selecting this option before January 2018 by sending in your first payment by the date specified on the coupon. **If for any reason you cannot make payments by end of January 2018, 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 2018 Budget.** Should you lose the payment coupon, you are welcome to mail your payment to the following:

West Bellfort POA
c/o Sterling ASI
PO Box 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 MANAGEMENT COMPANY

Roxanne Martinez, CMCA, AMS
Sterling Association Services
6842 N Sam Houston Parkway N
Houston, TX 77064
Phone 832-678-4500
Fax: 832-678-4510

Email: roxanne@sterlingasi.com
Alternatively can ask for Amy Duran or any other Sterling Representative

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. J. Meek
Deputy Ferrettis
Deputy Nowlin
Deputy Pyland

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 Board Meeting on **Thursday, September 27, 2018 at 6:30pm.**

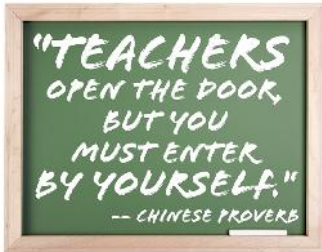
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September



**September is...
TREE / YARD WASTE PICK UP MONTH!**
Northfield III & IV (North of West Bellfort): Sep 14th
Northfield V (South of West Bellfort): Sep 20th

**Tree / Yard Waste
ODD months**
January / March /
May / July /
September / November

**Junk / Heavy Waste
EVEN months**
February / April / June /
August / October /
December



Recycling in WBPOA
September Pickup Dates:
Sept 13th & 27th
All WBPOA residents are on Schedule A for recycling pickup, which occurs ever other week.

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**
- **JUNK / HEAVY** trash / waste pickup is other month (“even”s)
- 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



Important Recycling Info:

- Use the Green Bin for recycling **ONLY**
- **NO GLASS** in the recycling bins
- Recycle Schedule A – every other week
- Pickup on Thursdays
- Bins may be put at the curb late Wednesday evenings and must be at curb by 7:00am Thursdays
- Bins **MUST** be removed from the curb on Thursday evenings
- **Bins MUST be stored out of sight.**
- Glass may be taken to:
 - Westpark Consumer Recycling Center, 5900 Westpark, Houston, TX 77057

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).

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:

1. 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;
5. 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.



HOMEOWNERS' GUIDE: HOW TO AVOID DOOR-TO-DOOR SCAMS

By: Bianca Wyatt – 5/9/2018 (Better Business Bureau Website)

In typical door to door scams, the fraudsters could disguise themselves as employees with uniforms and badges, or college students doing part-time jobs to earn the tuition fees. Their real aim, however, is (1) to convince you into buying their products or service you actually don't need or (2) TO ROB YOU. **Watch out: the main targets of door to door scams are people aged 50 and older, as these retirement-age folks are more likely to be at home to answer the door during the day, and their polite manners make it hard for them to slam the door on anyone.** The typical door to door scams involve the following, with the top two the most popular – and most dangerous!

- Utility Worker Scams: person stating they are with the utility company and there is an emergency need for them to enter your home and / or yard.
- Cable Company / Home Security: very similar to the utility worker scam where they say there is an issue with your cable or home security system and they need to check your unit / cable.
- Energy Scams: The salesmen ask to see your electricity bill and trick you into switching energy providers without your permission.
- Donation Scams: Someone comes to your front door and seek for donations in certain organizations' name, such as the Hope Center. It is also a common kind of door to door charity scams.
- Magazine / Art / School Fundraiser Scams: Young people coming to your door to sell magazine subscriptions, "student" art, or items for school fundraisers.
- Survey Scams: Fraudsters knock on your door and claim to be taking a survey for an election, census takers or wellness checks.
- Home Maintenance Scams: Person offering home repair (such as roofing) services, lawn / tree services, carpet cleaning, power washing, etc. are often just trying to get inside to case your house or to rob you.

Fraudsters often work in pairs, where one distracts you while the other does the dirty work. In some instances, they will tell the homeowner to come look at something outside, taking the homeowner to the back / side of the house, while their partner goes through the open front door / garage and robs the house / garage.

What to do:

1. LET TECHNOLOGY HANDLE IT: Install the Ring doorbell and security cameras, or other such features. This allows you the comfort of answering the door without feeling like you have to open it. Also, often when scammers see the Ring or security cameras, they will often leave you alone and move on without disturbing you.
2. DO NOT OPEN THE DOOR: Whether you do / do not utilize any technical security features, there is still one VERY important common sense thing to do: NEVER OPEN THE DOOR TO STRANGERS. Letting a stranger into your house is incredibly dangerous. If you hear a knock or the doorbell and a stranger is at your door, first and foremost CHECK IT OUT!! It's always best to use the peep hole or a window to see who is at the door prior opening it. Particularly, if you are home alone – ask them to identify themselves before opening the door. If you are concerned, it's absolutely okay to turn them away without opening your door. It's not rude to protect yourself. Your safety is a priority. In fact, it is perfectly okay to absolutely ignore the door and the person altogether. If you are not expecting anyone, then simply ignore the door. Personal safety trumps polite manners!!
3. CALL THE WBPOA CONSTABLE PATROL - **DO THIS IMMEDIATELY**: WBPOA has a constable service for a reason! Even if you believe the person is legitimate, call the Constable patrol, even if you do not open the door. They will be happy to do all checking for you, and this will also help your neighbors if it is a scam. You do not need to let the person on the other side of the door know you have contacted the constables; if they are legit, they will understand and will readily answer any questions asked by the Constable. If they are not legit, then congratulations, you have made your neighborhood safer by letting scammers know the law will be called if they bother the people in the WBPOA community.
4. HAVE THEM IDENTIFY THEMSELVES BY THEIR FULL NAME AND COMPANY ID NUMBER: While awaiting the arrival of the Constable, ask the person their name and company ID. Legitimate utility workers and other companies are going to have credentials. Most will already have an ID hanging off their lanyard or belt loop. However, even if they look and sound legit, and have ID, still DO NOT open the door — you could very well be dealing with a very well prepared scammer. Even if you are expecting a technician, do not allow that technician to enter your home until you have verified he is the one sent by the company. Some companies are now texting the names and photos of their technicians who have been dispatched to our home. If you did open the door, DO NOT ALLOW YOURSELF TO BE PRESSURED. You can shut the door at any time.

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5. **CALL THEIR COMPANY:** If a person comes to your door unannounced, claiming they need to upgrade or make repairs on your security, utilities, etc. do not let them inside. Unless you've personally called and asked for a technician or the security company called and scheduled a technician visit, no one claiming to be with any company should enter your home. If the utility worker tells you they are with your power provider, that is already a red flag; Center Point handles most, if not, all of the utility needs at residences and businesses, regardless of where you actually purchase your power. Immediately contact CenterPoint at 800-332-7143 for Electrical and 800-752-8036 for Gas to verify any worker who comes up to your property. **Call your home security company immediately if anyone states they are there in reference to your alarm system; call WBPOA Constable Patrol as well! NO security company will dispatch a technician to your home without scheduling the service through you first.**
6. **DO NOT SIGN ANYTHING!!!** If you are interested in the services, ask for documents and their business card to be left on the doorstep. A legitimate person should come armed with basic marketing material, like a flyer or brochure. Asking them to leave it at the door will give you time to research the company as well as compare to other prices. Should you decide to engage / hire the service, get everything in writing before committing to a service agreement, like approximate start/end dates, contract details, and guarantees of no hidden fees. **DO NOT SIGN ANY DOCUMENTS** until you have investigated the company, their services, etc. A reliable company does not condone the use of aggressive sales or pressure tactics. They will be open and honest and make you feel comfortable. Using aggressive means — like pressuring you to buy now or refusing your repeated "no" — is a red flag.
7. **KNOW YOUR RIGHTS:** State and city solicitation laws vary widely regarding everything from permits to hour restrictions. Ask questions and get details. Even if you're not sure of local laws, take comfort in this: if you get buyers' remorse after a shady sale was made at your home, you have three days to cancel. It's called the Federal Trade Commission's "Cooling-Off Rule" and it was made to protect consumers who feel violated.

BE ALERT / BE AWARE / BE SAFE

DON'T OPEN THE DOOR!

Door to door salesmen are becoming a thing of the past, but people still tend to open their doors when fake "opportunity" knocks. People knocking on your door tend to be "selling" cable, telecommunications, solar, energy, security, landscaping and construction related items, or represent themselves to be legitimate workers of utility companies. This is especially true after natural disasters, such as Hurricane Harvey. If you are not expecting visitors, do not open the door. Certainly NEVER open your door without asking questions first, and always, always ask for identification and take a picture with your cell phone. Call your local police agency as well to report suspicious visitors and those who represent themselves as:

- Utility workers
- Utility salesmen/energy providers
- Census surveyors
- Home security salesmen
- Donation seekers
- Religious evangelists
- Salesmen
- Building code inspectors
- Auto repair
- Contractors offering home services (roof, fence, siding, driveway, lawn, tree trimming)
- Federal, state, county or city representatives or aid assistance of any form, especially after natural disasters (such as Red Cross, FEMA, etc.)

DON'T CALL!!

There is no law preventing anyone from leaving flyers on your door or at your gate; the only thing they cannot do is leave flyers in your mailbox (unless is mailed with postage), as that is a federal offense. Restaurant delivery menus and pizza coupons are one thing, but think twice before calling any other services that are left at your door, or mailers received in the mail. While there are legitimate services offered via door flyers and mailers, scam artists are very, very smart and know many ways to try to trick the unsuspecting consumer. Remember, if it sounds too good to be true, it probably is. So if you wish to call any company who leaves a flyer at your door or sends mailers, do your research FIRST and check out the companies BEFORE you call. This can include services such as:

- Water testing – Anyone sending you this is trying to sell you water.
- Cable or utility test
- Home or auto repairs
- Home security test
- Home "heat loss" test
- Home heating / cooling unit testing
- Roofing services
- Work from Home
- Attorney services
- Tax services
- Federal, state, county or city representatives or aid assistance of any form, especially after natural disasters (such as Red Cross, FEMA, etc.)

REMEMBER: Just because it sounds legit, doesn't mean it is. Verify first, check everything and don't sign anything. If it is legitimate, the seller will understand your caution.



**ADOPT-A-DRAIN
HOUSTON**

Join Houston and others in helping to keep drains clear of leaves and garbage to reduce flooding – It's easy and fun!! Visit:

adoptadrain@houstontx.gov

**PLEASE DO NOT FEED STRAY CATS
UNLESS YOU PLAN ON ADOPTING THEM**





SLOW DOWN! BACK TO SCHOOL MEANS SHARING THE ROAD

Article reprinted from National Safety Council: <https://www.nsc.org/home-safety/seasonal-safety/back-to-school/drivers>



School days bring congestion: School buses are picking up their passengers, kids on bikes are hurrying to get to school before the bell rings, harried parents are trying to drop their kids off before work. It's never more important for drivers to slow down and pay attention than when kids are present – especially before and after school.

If You Are Dropping Off: Schools often have very specific drop-off procedures for the school year. Make sure you know them for the safety of all kids. The following apply to all school zones:

- Don't double park; it blocks visibility for other children and vehicles
- Don't load or unload children across the street from the school
- Carpool to reduce the number of vehicles at the school



Sharing the Road with Young Pedestrians: According to research by the National Safety Council, most of the children who lose their lives in bus-related incidents are 4 to 7 years old, and they're walking. They are hit by the bus, or by a motorist illegally passing a stopped bus. A few precautions go a long way toward keeping children safe:

- Don't block the crosswalk when stopped at a red light or waiting to make a turn, forcing pedestrians to go around you; this could put them in the path of moving traffic
- In a school zone when flashers are blinking, stop and yield to pedestrians crossing the crosswalk or intersection
- Always stop for a school patrol officer or crossing guard holding up a stop sign
- Take extra care to look out for children in school zones, near playgrounds and parks, and in all residential areas
- Don't honk or rev your engine to scare a pedestrian, even if you have the right of way
- Never pass a vehicle stopped for pedestrians
- Always use extreme caution to avoid striking pedestrians wherever they may be, no matter who has the right of way

Sharing the Road with School Buses: If you're driving behind a bus, allow a greater following distance than if you were driving behind a car. It will give you more time to stop once the yellow lights start flashing. It is illegal in all 50 states to pass a school bus that is stopped to load or unload children.

- Never pass a bus from behind – or from either direction if you're on an undivided road – if it is stopped to load or unload children
- If the yellow or red lights are flashing and the stop arm is extended, traffic must stop
- The area 10 feet around a school bus is the most dangerous for children; stop far enough back to allow them space to safely enter and exit the bus
- Be alert; children often are unpredictable, and they tend to ignore hazards and take risks

Sharing the Road with Bicyclists: On most roads, bicyclists have the same rights and responsibilities as vehicles, but bikes can be hard to see. Children riding bikes create special problems for drivers because usually they are not able to properly determine traffic conditions. The most common cause of collision is a driver turning left in front of a bicyclist.

- When passing a bicyclist, proceed in the same direction slowly, and leave 3 feet between your car and the cyclist
- When turning left and a bicyclist is approaching in the opposite direction, wait for the rider to pass
- If you're turning right and a bicyclist is approaching from behind on the right, let the rider go through the intersection first, and always use your turn signals
- Watch for bike riders turning in front of you without looking or signaling; children especially have a tendency to do this
- Be extra vigilant in school zones and residential neighborhoods
- Watch for bikes coming from driveways or behind parked cars
- Check side mirrors before opening your door

By exercising a little extra care and caution, drivers and pedestrians can co-exist safely in school zones and on our streets. Slow down in school zones, stop at stop signs, pay attention to buses and WATCH FOR CHILDREN.

SEPTEMBER BIRTHSTONE – THE BEAUTIFUL SAPPHIRE

The magnificent sapphire, a variety of Corundum, is a stone of wisdom, virtue, prophecy, good fortune, Divine favor and holiness for royals. Sapphires also signify faithfulness and sincerity. It is forever associated with sacred things and considered the gem of gems, a jewel steeped in the history and lore of nearly every religion. To the ancient and medieval world, sapphire of heavenly blue signified the height of celestial hope and faith, and was believed to bring protection, good fortune and spiritual insight. It was a symbol of power and strength, but also of kindness and wise judgment. Most people think that sapphires are only blue; they actually can be yellow, purple, orange, green, "parti" (two or more colors), clear or opaque, and can have a "star" pattern – in fact, Corundums of all colors are considered "sapphires" – except the red ones, which is a ruby! A green sapphire is not the same as an emerald, as emeralds are a variety of the mineral Beryl.





"A good neighbor is a priceless treasure."

- Chinese Proverb -

Our WBPOA Community

Community School

Reminder that school is back in session!! So please be careful when driving by our community schools, such as The Sephardic Gan/Torat EMET School located on the corner of Braesridge and West Belfort. Our children are the most precious members of our community – please do your part in keeping them safe!!



Community Parks



With September comes cooler weather, which is perfect to enjoy our community parks – come out and play at Ludington and Kittybrook parks!

With the holidays comes family – and our tennis court is perfect for enjoying a rousing game with your visiting family members!



Community Involvement – Board Member Positions Available

Want to be an active member of your community? Then come on down!! We have two positions open on the Board waiting for the right volunteers to ensure our community is well taken care of. **Bring your credentials and come speak to the Board on Thursday, September 27th at 6:30pm to put your name into the hat!** These two positions are to complete the terms of positions that stepped down, so you will serve out the remainder of this year. You will then be up for election to continue (if you so desire) at the Annual Homeowners Meeting in December. Contact one of your POA Board Members or Roxanne Martinez of Sterling Management for more details on becoming a Board Member and an active participant in your community well-being!



Community Clubhouses

September is packed with beautiful holidays filled with memorable family gatherings! We have plenty of room for you at our community clubhouses for your events! Please contact Joy Cunningham to book the Ludington Clubhouse or Jeannette Calhoun for the Braesridge Clubhouse. Their contact details are on the front of the newsletter.



Ludington Pool

The summer may be over and school back in session, but that doesn't mean that the pool is closed! The pool remains open through the end of September, but with reduced days and hours. See the pool schedule at the back of the newsletter for times the pool is open. Happy swimming!!



SEPTEMBER 2018

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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2	Labor Day 3	4	5	6	7	8
Rosh Hashanah 9	Rosh Hashanah 10	Rosh Hashanah Patriot Day 11	12	Recycle Pick Up 13	Tree/Yard Waste Pick Up 14	15
16	17	18	Yom Kippur 19	Tree/Yard Waste Pick Up 20	21	22
Sukkot 23	Sukkot 24	Sukkot 25	Sukkot 26	Sukkot 27 Recycle Pick Up 09/27/18: WBPOA Board Meeting Braesridge Clubhouse 6:30pm	Sukkot 28	Sukkot 29
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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
 * WBPOA – Northfield V (South Side of West Bellfort): Junk Waste 3rd Thursday of odd months / Tree Waste 3rd Thursday of odd months



*See Something,
Say Something!*



WBPOA residents who are current on POA dues 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.harriscountytexas.gov> and select "Vacation Watch". You can also call (713) 643-6118 and request a watch.

We have a great team of deputies who watch over our neighborhood, but one person cannot watch over 800 homes at once. So let's do our part!! Report criminal offenses to the authorities. Take note of suspicious activities that occur inside and outside your neighborhood. Contact the police with eyewitness information such as a suspect description to assist law enforcement in their crime prevention efforts. Avoid looking the other way when criminal offenses occur. You could find yourself in need of another citizen's assistance if you become a crime victim. Secure your valuables. Use monitored alarm systems to protect your home and vehicle. Avoid leaving high-priced items in plain view of others. Store yard and portable items in your garage. Use a heavy duty lock to protect your bicycle from theft. Never flaunt large amounts of cash or jewelry. Travel with a group. Use the strength of numbers to help prevent crime. Never go to unfamiliar places by yourself, especially at night. Bring a cell phone and extra money for emergency use. Walk along well-lit paths when traveling outside. Never try to apprehend a suspect. Let the police handle this responsibility. Never assume that any location is totally safe. Always remain cautious of suspicious people and activities. Also, be sure to have the Constable Dispatch the first law enforcement contact for your home alarms. As always, if you see something suspicious, be sure to report it immediately – you do not have to endanger yourself as our patrol officers are quick to respond and will address issues ASAP. **If you plan a trip 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.**

SOUTHWEST AIRLINES UPDATES SERVICE ANIMAL POLICIES

Changes will go into effect on September 17 to provide clearer guidelines for Customers

DALLAS, TEXAS – August 14, 2018 – [Southwest Airlines Co.](#) (NYSE:LUV) today announces changes to its policies for trained service and emotional support animals. The changes are designed to provide clearer guidance to Customers traveling with service animals and will go into effect on Monday, September 17.

“We welcome emotional support and trained service animals that provide needed assistance to our Customers,” said Steve Goldberg, Senior Vice President of Operations and Hospitality. “However, we want to make sure our guidelines are clear and easy to understand while providing Customers and Employees a comfortable and safe experience.”

To create these policy changes, Southwest reviewed the recent enforcement guidance issued by the Department of Transportation (DOT), evaluated feedback from Customers and Employees, and spoke with numerous advocacy groups that represent Customers with disabilities who travel with service animals. Based upon the guidance received, Southwest will enact the following changes on September 17:

Emotional Support Animals (ESAs)

- ESAs will be limited to only dogs and cats
- ESAs will be limited to one per Customer
- ESAs must remain in a carrier or be on a leash at all times

Customers traveling with ESAs will still need to present a complete, current letter from a medical doctor or licensed mental health professional on the day of departure.

Trained Service Animals

- In alignment with recent DOT guidance, Southwest will accept only the most common service animals—dogs, cats, and miniature horses. For the health and safety of our Customers and Employees, unusual or exotic animals will not be accepted.

As is the case today, the Customer with the disability must be able to provide credible verbal assurance that the animal is a trained service animal.

Formally Recognizing Psychiatric Support Animals (PSAs)

Southwest also will introduce an enhancement that recognizes fully-trained psychiatric support animals (PSAs) as trained service animals. Southwest informally accepted PSAs as trained service animals in the past and the airline is pleased to formalize the acceptance of this type of service animal based upon Customer feedback. PSAs are individually trained to perform a task or work for a person with a mental health-related disability. A credible verbal assurance will be sufficient to travel with a PSA.

For the safety of both Southwest’s Customers and Employees, all emotional support and service animals must be trained to behave in a public setting and must be under the control of the handler at all times. An animal that engages in disruptive behavior may be denied boarding.

“The ultimate goal with these changes is to ensure Customers traveling with service animals know what to expect when choosing Southwest,” said Goldberg. “Southwest will continue working with advocacy groups, Employees, Customers, and the DOT to ensure we offer supportive service animal guidelines.”

ABOUT SOUTHWEST AIRLINES CO.

In its 48th year of service, Dallas-based [Southwest Airlines Co.](#) (NYSE: LUV) continues to differentiate itself from other air carriers with exemplary Customer Service delivered by more than 57,000 Employees to a Customer base topping 120 million passengers annually, in recent years. Southwest became the nation’s largest domestic air carrier in 2003 and maintains that ranking based on the U.S. Department of Transportation’s most recent reporting of domestic originating passengers

boarded. During peak travel seasons, Southwest operates more than 4,000 weekday departures among a network of 99 destinations in the United States and 10 additional countries. Southwest has announced its intention to sell tickets in 2018 for service to Hawaii, subject to requisite governmental approvals.

Southwest coined [Transfarency](#)[®] to describe its purposed philosophy of treating Customers honestly and fairly, and low fares actually staying low. Southwest is the only major U.S. airline to offer bags fly free[®] to everyone (first and second checked pieces of luggage, size and weight limits apply, some carriers offer free checked bags on select routes or in qualified circumstances), and there are no change fees, though fare differences might apply.

As launch customer of the Boeing 737 MAX 8 in North America, the Company operates the largest fleet in the world of Boeing aircraft.

With a bold new look first unveiled in 2014, Southwest is progressing through a multi-year refresh of its fleet to showcase the carrier's *Heart*: a new logo, aircraft livery, interior design featuring new seats, Employee-designed uniforms, and an updated airport experience, all of which showcase a dedication of Southwest Employees to connect Customers with what's important in their lives.

From its first flights on June 18, 1971, Southwest Airlines launched an era of unprecedented affordability in air travel described by the U.S. Department of Transportation as "The Southwest Effect," a lowering of fares and increase in passenger traffic wherever the carrier serves. With 45 consecutive years of profitability, Southwest is one of the most honored airlines in the world, known for a triple bottom line approach that contributes to the carrier's performance and productivity, the importance of its People and the communities they serve, and an overall commitment to efficiency and the planet. The 2017 Southwest Airlines One Report can be found at [SouthwestOneReport.com](#).

Book Southwest Airlines' low fares online at [Southwest Airlines](#) or by phone at 800-I-FLY-SWA.

Media Contacts:

Visit the Southwest Newsroom at [swamedia.com](#) for multi-media assets and other Company news.

Media Relations Team: 214-792-4847, option 1

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WEST BELLFORT PROPERTY OWNERS ASSOCIATION, INC.

P. O. Box 38113
Houston, TX 77238
(832) 678-4500

PLEASE READ AND SAVE THIS PAGE!!

IMPORTANT INFORMATION

TO: Residents of WBPOA
FROM: Board of Directors

West Bellfort Swimming Pool Phone (713) 728-8731

2018 SWIM SEASON

1. Your community pool will open beginning Memorial Day Weekend, Saturday - Monday, May 26 - 28, 2018.
2. The pool will be open for the regular swim season beginning Saturday, June 2.
3. The pool will be closed most Mondays for cleaning unless after a holiday weekend.
4. Private pool parties may be scheduled but only outside of the swim hours listed below.
5. The pool will be open only when there are lifeguards on duty. Final swim day will be Sunday, September 30.
6. Hours of operation will be as follows:

May 26 through June 1

Saturday & Sunday (5/26 & 5/27)	11:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.
Memorial Day (Mon. 5/28)	11:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.
Tues.- Fri. (May 29 - 31 and June 1)	Closed

June 2 through August 26 (closed Mondays for Cleaning)

Tues., Wed., Thurs., Fri.	11:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m.
Saturday & Sunday	10:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.

August 27 through August 31

Monday & Tuesday (Aug. 27 & 28)	Closed
Wed., Thurs., Fri. (Aug. 29, 30, 31)	5:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.

September 1 through September 30 (closed Mondays and Tuesdays)

Labor Day (Mon. 9/3)	11:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m.
Wed., Thurs., Fri.	5:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.
Saturday & Sunday	11:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.

The following requirements must be met in order to receive Pool Tags and use the pool facilities:

1. Must be property owner and resident member of WBPOA.
2. **Must have paid current annual maintenance fees in order to receive pool tags.**
If renting, you will not receive Pool Tags if the property owner is not up-to-date with maintenance fees. Maintenance fees WILL NOT be accepted at the pool site. Please contact Sterling Association Services to pay.
3. **Must show swim tag and sign in with lifeguard each time you arrive at pool.**
4. May bring up to two guests per family.
5. Children 10 years of age and under must be accompanied by an adult 18 years of age or older.
6. Anyone not following lifeguards' instructions or acting in a disruptive manner may be asked to leave the pool facility.
7. Pool tags are for residents use only and may not be given to or shared with non-residents. Doing so may result in loss of pool privileges.

POOL TAG PICKUP INFORMATION: There is no fee for Pool Tags if you pick them up on any of the following dates:

Place: Ludington pool located at 7719 Ludington Drive. Please note that **a photo I.D. will be required.**
 Dates: **Saturday and Sunday, May 12 & May 13** and **Saturday and Sunday, May 19 & May 20.**
 Time: **Between the hours of 12 noon and 3 p.m**

****Please note: Pool tags not picked up on these dates and times will then be available from Sterling by mailing a check payable to Sterling for \$5.00.** Please specify how many pool tags will be needed. Should you have any questions regarding the operation or maintenance of the facility, please contact Sterling at (832) 678-4500.

(713) 417-8154

++For Clubhouse rentals: Contact Joy Cunningham at (713) 728-1003 Email: joycunningham@sbcglobal.net

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

RECYCLE MORE

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

Examples of acceptable plastics and materials:

1 Plastics
Soft drink and water bottles

2 Plastics
Milk jugs, juice bottles, and food containers

3 Plastics
Detergent bottles, shampoo bottles

4 Plastics
Condiment bottles

5 Plastics
Yogurt containers, caps, straws and empty medicine bottles

6 Plastics
Styrofoam blocks
(Not Accepted in Curbside Recycling Program. Accepted at the Westpark Recycling Center and ESC - South only)

7 Plastic
Large water bottles

Mail, Envelopes, and Paper

Newspapers, Magazines, Telephone Books and Catalogs

Aluminum & Tin Cans

Flattened Cardboard

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

Used Motor Oil
Do not place in recycling bin. Place on curb or bring to Westpark or ECS's.



 City of Houston
 Solid Waste Management Department

Follow us:
 @houstontrash /houstonsolidwaste
www.houstonsolidwaste.org
 or call 3-1-1 for additional information.

2018 Bi-Weekly Collection Schedule

Schedule A Schedule B

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

January							February							March						
S	M	T	W	T	F	S	S	M	T	W	T	F	S	S	M	T	W	T	F	S
	1	2	3	4	5	6			1	2	3					1	2	3		
7	8	9	10	11	12	13	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
14	15	16	17	18	19	20	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	11	12	13	14	15	16	17
21	22	23	24	25	26	27	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	18	19	20	21	22	23	24
28	29	30	31				25	26	27	28				25	26	27	28	29	30	31

April							May							June						
S	M	T	W	T	F	S	S	M	T	W	T	F	S	S	M	T	W	T	F	S
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	1	2	3	4	5			1	2	3	4	5		
8	9	10	11	12	13	14	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
15	16	17	18	19	20	21	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	10	11	12	13	14	15	16
22	23	24	25	26	27	28	20	21	22	23	24	25	26	17	18	19	20	21	22	23
29	30						27	28	29	30	31			24	25	26	27	28	29	30

July							August							September							
S	M	T	W	T	F	S	S	M	T	W	T	F	S	S	M	T	W	T	F	S	
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	1	2	3	4				1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
8	9	10	11	12	13	14	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	
15	16	17	18	19	20	21	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	
22	23	24	25	26	27	28	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	23	24	25	26	27	28	29	
29	30	31					26	27	28	29	30	31		30							

October							November							December							
S	M	T	W	T	F	S	S	M	T	W	T	F	S	S	M	T	W	T	F	S	
1	2	3	4	5	6		1	2	3					1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
7	8	9	10	11	12	13	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	
14	15	16	17	18	19	20	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	
21	22	23	24	25	26	27	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	23	24	25	26	27	28	29	
28	29	30	31				25	26	27	28	29	30		30	31						

- 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 4th & 18th.
- 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 9th and 23rd.

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

PROPERTY ASSOCIATION COMMITTEES: <i>If you would like to serve on one of these committees, please come to the next Board meeting</i>	
Architectural Review (ARC):	Barbara Hite, Jeannette Calhoun
Clubhouse:	Jeannette Calhoun, Joy Cunningham, Barbara Hite
Landscape:	Jeannette Calhoun, Glenn Gundy
Newsletter:	Dyaz Godfrey, Mari Angelo
Parks & Recreation:	Asher Belles
Pool:	Phil Abrams, Glenn Gundy
Safety:	Barbara Hite,
BLOCK CAPTAINS:	Volunteers Needed!

WEBSITE INFORMATION:	
City of Houston (General Info):	www.houstontex.gov
City of Houston Services (311 Online):	http://hfdapp.houstontx.gov/311/index.php
Constable Precinct 7 Vacation Watch:	http://www.harriscountytexas.gov/compct7/
Texas DPS Driver's License Renewal:	http://www.txdps.state.tx.us/driverlicense/
West Bellfort Property Owner's Association:	www.westbellfortpoa.com

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION	
Concert Arenas	
Arena Towers	http://www.arenahouston.com
Cynthia Woods Mitchell Pavilion	http://www.woodlandscenter.org
Miller Outdoor Theater	http://milleroutdoortheatre.com
Sports Complexes	
BBVA Compass - Dynamo Soccer/TSU Football	http://www.bbvacompassstadium.com
Minute Maid Park - Astros	http://houston.astros.mlb.com/hou/ballpark/index.jsp
NRG Stadium & Park - Texans & Rodeo	http://nrgpark.com/nrg-stadium
Toyota Center - Rockets	http://www.houstontoyotacenter.com
Things to do in Houston:	http://www.visithoustontexas.com
Volunteering Opportunities:	
City of Houston	http://volunteerhouston.org
Harris County	http://www.harriscountycitizenzcorp.com

USEFUL NUMBERS	
Name	Phone Number
Animal Control (BARC)	713-229-7300
Anti-Gang Office	832-393-0931
Brays Oaks Management District	713-595-1221
Citizens' Assistance	832-393-0955
City Council District J	832-393-3015
City Council District K	832-393-3016
City of Houston Services:	311
Emergency	911
Harris County Flood Control:	713-684-4197
Health and Human Services	832-393-5169
Houston Fire Department Non-Emergency	832-394-6700
Houston ISD	713-556-6000
Houston Police Department District #17	713-773-7901
Houston Police Department Non-Emergency	713-884-3131
Mayor's Office	832-393-1000
Milne Elementary School	713-778-3420
Parks Department	832-395-7000
Precinct 7 Dispatch	713-643-6118
Public Works and Engineering	832-395-2511
Solid Waste Management	713-956-6589
Sterling Association Services (WBPOA's Property Management)	832-678-4500 x253
Welch Middle School	713-778-3300
Westbury High School	713-723-6015

TEXAS DPS OFFICE Driving Tests / In-Person Driver's License New & Renewal		
Closest (South Gessner close to West Airport - Approx 2 Miles)		
12220 South Gessner	Mon - Thur:	7:30am - 6:00pm
Houston, TX 77071	Fri:	7:30am - 5:00pm
Phone: 713 / 219-4100	Sat:	Closed
Second Option (Rosenberg - US 59 @ Hwy 36 - Approx 20 Miles)		
28000 Southwest Freeway, Suite A	Mon - Thur:	7:30am - 6:00pm
Rosenberg, TX 77471	Fri:	7:30am - 5:00pm
Phone: 281 / 517-1630	Sat:	Closed
More Info: http://www.txdps.state.tx.us/administration/driver_licensing_control/rolodex/searchresults.asp		

LOCAL LIBRARIES City of Houston Libraries		
Morris Frank Library	Mon&Thur	11am - 6pm
Brays Oaks Towers Building	Tue	12pm - 8pm
10103 Fondren	Wed	10am - 6pm
Houston, TX 77096	Fri	1pm - 5pm
Phone: 832 / 393-2410	Sat	10am - 5pm
<i>on Fondren, just passed Willowbend</i>	Sun	Closed
Meyer Branch Library	Sun&Mon	Closed
5005 West Bellfort Street	Tue&Wed	10am - 6pm
Houston, TX 77035	Thur	12pm - 8pm
Phone: 832 / 393-1840	Fri	1pm - 5pm
<i>on West Bellfort, just before Kroger's</i>	Sat	10am - 5pm
Houston Main / Central Library	Mon--Thur	10am - 8pm
500 McKinney	Fri&Sat	10am - 5pm
Houston, TX 77002	Sun	1pm - 5pm
<i>Downtown at McKinney and Smith; garage parking entrance off Lamar; rate is \$2 /hour, max \$16. Street parking free on Sundays. NO STREET PARKING EXCEPT ON SUNDAYS - TOWING IS STRICTLY ENFORCED!</i>		

Harris County Library		
West University Branch	Mon	10am - 8pm
6108 Auden	Tue&Wed	10am - 6pm
Houston, TX 77005	Thur&Fri	1pm - 6pm
Phone: 713 / 668-8273	Sat	10am - 5pm
<i>@ corner of Auden & Milton in West U</i>	Sun	Closed

STATE, COUNTY & CITY OFFICIALS		
Position	WBPOA's District	Currently Held By
Mayor	Houston	Sylvester Turner
County Judge:	Harris County	Ed Emmett
Tax Assessor-Collector:	Harris County	Ann Harris Bennett
Treasurer:	Harris County	Orlando Sanchez
County Attorney:	Harris County	Vince Ryan
District Attorney:	Harris County	Kim Ogg
County Clerk:	Harris County	Stan Stanart
District Clerk:	Harris County	Chris Daniel
County Sheriff:	Harris County	Ed Gonzalez
County Constable:	Precinct 7	Constable May Walker
County Commissioner:	Precinct 1	Rodney Ellis
Metro Transit Authority Chairman:	Houston Metro Area	Gilbert Andrew Garcia
City of Houston Council Member:	District K	Larry Green
HISD School Superintendent:	Houston	Open
HISD School District:	District 9	Wanda Adams
Houston Community College District:	District 9	Christopher W. Oliver
Justice of the Peace (Precinct 7):	Position 1	Judge Hillary H. Green
Justice of the Peace (Precinct 7):	Position 2	Judge Zinetta Burney
State Board of Education:	District 4	Lawrence A. Allen, Jr
State Senator:	District 13	Borris Miles
State Representative:	District 131	Dr. Alma A. Allen
Governor:	Texas	Greg Abbott
US Representative:	District 9	Al Green
US Senators:	Texas	John Cornyn Ted Cruz

**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) or Facsimile 832-678-4497) Email: Houston@sterlingasi.com

Community Association _____

Property Address _____ Sec/Blk/Lot _____ / _____ / _____

Name _____

Work# _____ Home# _____ E-mail _____

Mailing Address _____

No improvement will be considered and is automatically denied without the following:

- ▶ A site plan/survey indicating location of the proposed improvement, providing the distance from the structure to the fence and/or lot lines and easements.
- ▶ Color swatches and samples or pictures of materials to be used in the improvement (shingle, paint, brick, stain, siding, etc).
- ▶ Completion of all applicable areas below of the application.

Status: _____ / _____ - _____ / _____ / _____ _____
 Start Stop Date Date of Completion Under Construction

Check one of the following:

- | | | |
|---|---|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Exterior Paint | <input type="checkbox"/> Roof (Weatherwood or Driftwood Only) | <input type="checkbox"/> Pool/Spa |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Patio (ground) | <input type="checkbox"/> Sunroom/Patio Enclosure | <input type="checkbox"/> Permanent Basketball Goal |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Patio Cover | <input type="checkbox"/> Gazebo | <input type="checkbox"/> Portable Basketball Goal |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Deck | <input type="checkbox"/> Arbor/Pergola | <input type="checkbox"/> Room Addition |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Fence | <input type="checkbox"/> Mailbox | <input type="checkbox"/> Driveway/Sidewalk (new & extension) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Gates/ Burglar Bars | <input type="checkbox"/> Solar Screens | <input type="checkbox"/> Landscape Statuary |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Window Shades/ Awnings | <input type="checkbox"/> Playground Equipment | <input type="checkbox"/> Storm Doors/Windows |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____ | | |

Size: Height _____ Width _____ Length _____

Location of Improvement:

Front of House Back of House Left side of house (stand and face house) Right side of house (stand and face house)

List of Materials with color and/or material samples or photos provided (check all applicable)

- | | |
|--|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Base paint color _____ | <input type="checkbox"/> Trim paint color _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Garage door paint color _____ | <input type="checkbox"/> Garage door trim color _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Stain color _____ | <input type="checkbox"/> Fence color/material _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Siding color/material _____ | <input type="checkbox"/> Roof color _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____ | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____ | |

____ I understand the ACC/ARC are a group of volunteers in the community and will do their best to act as quickly as possible in their determination regarding my application. I hereby certify that the proposed construction/ modification is in full compliance with all the Declaration of Covenants, Conditions and Restrictions and all guidelines currently adopted by the Association. I do understand the committee has 30 days to review the request.

____ I understand that the decisions are determined concerning only my architectural plans submitted. I am responsible to obtain whatever easements, permits, licenses and approvals, which may be necessary to improve the property in accordance with the submitted plans.

 Owner's Signature

 Date

APPROVED/APPROVED CONDITIONALLY/DISAPPROVED.

 ACC COMMITTEE CHAIR SIGNATURE and Date