



BUTLER'S BRIDGE

WEST BEND COMMUNITY IMPROVEMENT ASSOCIATION

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Holiday Decorating Contest Winners

1st Place:

3902 Vintage Valley

2nd Place:

4134 Club Valley

3rd Place:

4002 Club Valley

Thanks to ALL who participated!

Correction: In the December 2015 newsletter regarding the prizes for the Holiday Decorating Contest. It should read the same as what was printed in the November 2015 newsletter that states. . . The top three winners will receive Gift Cards; 1st place \$100, 2nd place \$75 and 3rd place \$50.

Happy
New Year
2016

Randy's Lawn Fertilization Schedule

*Randy Lemmon is the host of the GardenLine radio program on Newsradio 740 KTRH.
www.randylemmon.com/lawns/fertilize.html*

For southern grasses including: St. Augustine, Bermuda and Zoysia

- FERTILIZE - four times a year:

Late February-Early March - apply a simple 15-5-10 for an early green-up. Most companies that make slow-release fertilizers also make a non slow-release 15-5-10 that provides for a quick two-week green up before we get to the heart of the fertilizer schedule.

WARNING: Some people will be tempted to use a weed-and-feed at this time, but if you've been following the GardenLine herbicide schedule, there should never be a need. However, spot weed-and-feed treatments are recommended for those with turf-only landscapes or landscapes that have been established for many years. Most weed-and-feeds contain Atrazine which burns roots of young trees and shrubs.

Late March-Early April - apply slow-release 3-1-2 ratio fertilizers.

Recommended formulations:

19-4-10	Nitro Phos Super Turff
18-4-6	Fertilome Southwest Greenmaker
18-0-6	Fertilome's Zero Phosphate Formula
15-5-10	Southwest Fertilizer Premium Gold
20-0-10	Bonide Premium Lawn Food

- Late June-Early July - apply slow-release 3-1-2 ratio fertilizers. (recommended formulations 19-5-9, 19-4-10, 18-4-6, 15-5-10.)

October-November - apply winterizer formulas for winter hardiness. Ratios vary, but make sure they are "winter" or "fall" formulas designed for southern grasses. (examples: 18-6-12, 8-12-16, 10-5-14) Will make lawns winter-hardy.

June-September - if turfgrass looks yellow (chlorosis) or necrotic, use an application of either granular or liquid iron. Once a year should be enough.

- FUNGICIDE - two times a year:

July-September - Gray Leaf Spot is a blotchy spot on the grass

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IMPORTANT NUMBERS

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Emergency Situation	911
Constable Precinct 5	281 463-6666
Sheriff Emergency & Non.....	713 221-6000
Harris County Sheriff (Store Front).....	281 564-5990
Harris County Sheriff (sub-station)	281 463-2648
Poison Control.....	800 764-7661
Crime Stoppers	713 222-TIPS

EMERGENCY

AT&T (Repairs).....	800 246-8464
Center Point Energy (Electric).....	713-207-2222
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Comcast (Cable)	713 462-9000
Mud #120 (Water).....	713 405-1750
Reliant (Electric)	713 207-2222
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Trash (Texas Pride Disposal)	281 342-8178

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<i>12655 Whittington Dr, Houston, TX 77077</i>	
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2015 & 2016 Calendar of Events

DECEMBER

5th	Newsletter
No Board Meeting	
13th	Holiday Decorating Contest

JANUARY

1st	2016 Assessments Due
4th	Student Holiday
5th	Newsletter
12th	Board Meeting
18th	Martin Luther King, Jr. Day
19th	Texas State Holiday

FEBRUARY

2nd	Groundhog Day
5th	Newsletter
9th	Board Meeting
14th	Valentines Day
15th	President's Day

*The above dates are subject to change with or without notice.
Please check the website for updates. www.ciaservices.com*

Board Meeting and Management

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MONTHLY BOARD MEETING EVERY 2nd TUESDAY

7:00p - Executive Session

7:30p - Board Meeting

Butler's Bridge Pool

3915 Summit Valley Dr.

Houston, TX 77082

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blade leaves. (mostly on St. Augustine lawns) Use fungicides with active ingredients like Daconil, Consan or Banner.

September-October - To control the dreaded Brownpatch fungal disease (symmetrical brown circles in the grass) you must prevent it from coming up with a systemic lawn fungicide with Bayleton, Terrachlor, Banner or Benomyl.

- HERBICIDE - three times a year:

(Pre-Emergent controls to prevent weeds)

Late October-Early November - Use two (2) different pre-emergent herbicides, to prevent the weeds that we experience in February and March. First is a pre-emergent with Portrait or Gallery for broadleaf weeds like clover. Second, use a pre-emergent with Amaze, Betasan, Balan or Treflan for grassy weeds like poa anna or annual bluegrass. There is also Barricade, Dimension or Pendimethlin as a 2-in-1 control.

February-March - Use the pre-emergent controls for grassy weeds again, to prevent such weeds as Crabgrass, Goosegrass and Dallisgrass from popping up late in the spring and summer. Again, use the grassy pre-emergent like Amaze, Betasan, Balan or Treflan. There is also Barricade, Dimension or Pendimethlin as a 2-in-1 control.

May-Early June - One more application of a grassy pre-emergent like Amaze, Betasan, Balan, or Treflan will keep fall weeds from

invading from August on. There is also Barricade, Dimension-based or Pendimethlin as a 2-in-1 control.

• INSECTICIDES — It is our belief on GardenLine, as a way to be kind to the environment, that you do not put down insecticides unless you know you have a problem. However, be prepared during the hot summer months — July through September — to attack chinch bug damage. This will show up as irregular shaped spots in the lawn along the concrete. Any liquid insecticide, like Permethrin or Cypermethrin, will treat the spot well. Then apply a granular insecticide like Deltamethrin or granular Permethrin in a broadcast applicator throughout the rest of the yard.



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QUARTERLY INSPECTION AREA OF FOCUS

WEST BEND COMMUNITY IMPROVEMENT ASSOCIATION

The following areas will receive a more comprehensive evaluation during the specified quarter. However, bi-weekly deed restriction inspections done by the auditor will continue to check the items below, in addition to all other areas throughout the year.

Homeowners are legally obligated to maintain their property in accordance with the West Bend Community Improvement Association governing documents.

December – February

- Sidewalk & Driveway repairs
- Power washing of sidewalk & driveway

March – May

- Gutter cleaning including house & street
- Removal of pine needles & leaves

June – August

- Mildew removal
- Power washing exterior home
- Painting

September – November

- Fence Repairs
- Tree Trimming

The Quarterly Inspection Area of focus is an attempt to decrease the number of first letter violation notices. It gives homeowners the opportunity to rectify any problems in a focus area before the quarter approaches.

Thank you for your continued cooperation.

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Martin Luther King, Jr. Day, Monday the 18th

A Knock at Midnight: Inspiration from the Great Sermons of Reverend Martin Luther King, Jr.

“Now there is a final reason I think that Jesus says, “Love your enemies.” It is this: that love has within it a redemptive power. And there is a power there that eventually transforms individuals. Just keep being friendly to that person. Just keep loving them, and they can’t stand it too long. Oh, they react in many ways in the beginning. They react with guilt feelings, and sometimes they’ll hate you a little more at that transition period, but just keep loving them. And by the power of your love they will break down under the load. That’s love, you see. It is redemptive, and this is why Jesus says love. There’s something about love that builds up and is creative. There is something about hate that tears down and is destructive. So love your enemies. (From “Loving Your Enemies”)”

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"SPRINGTAILS"

Springtails are very small, jumping insects that can sometimes become a problem inside homes. Springtails are usually found in areas of moisture, so indoors they may be located near potted plants, sinks, bath tubs or kitchen compost areas. These insects are typically found outside in gardens, near swimming pools or near where there is excessive moisture or standing water.

Springtails are small (about 1/16 of an inch long), wingless and come in various colors. These insects have a "tail" that latches into a space on the underside of the body that they can use to "jump" several inches into the air.

Springtails are considered a nuisance insect, but some may chew on roots and leaves of sapling plants. They usually do not cause enough damage to warrant control measures to be taken. If you have springtails in your home it points to a moisture problem that should be fixed.



Options for helping reduce springtail problems:

- Remove excessive mulch and/ or leaf litter near the home
- Change watering schedule to reduce the amount of moisture near the home
- Use fans or dehumidifiers to reduce moisture indoors
- Seal cracks, crevices, pipe & wire penetrations on the outside of the home
- Replace or repair any screening on doors and windows that is damaged
- Replace weather stripping around doors and windows that does not provide a good seal
- Suck up any indoor infestations with a vacuum

For more information or help with identification, contact Wizzie Brown, Texas AgriLife Extension Service Program Specialist at 512.854.9600. Check out my blog at www.urban-ipm.blogspot.com

A large graphic for Quality Printing Company. On the left, a black silhouette of a hand holds a variety of white icons representing printing and design: gears, lightbulbs, arrows, boxes, a person wearing glasses, a computer monitor, a printer, a magnifying glass, a thumbs up, a hand, a keyboard, a barcode, a mail envelope, and several "CMYK" color calibration charts. To the right, the word "Quality" is written in a large, elegant white script font. Below it, "PRINTING COMPANY" is written in a bold, white, sans-serif font. Further down, the text "Call today for more info" is followed by the phone number "512.263.9181" in a very large, bold, black font. Below the phone number, it says "From design to print to mail, Quality Printing can help you with all of your printing needs!" and at the bottom, the website "QualityPrintingOfAustin.com" is listed in a bold, black font.

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ROAD IMPROVEMENT EXPANSION PLANS

The information that is being shared at this time concerning two of our main roads is as follows:

BELLAIRE BLVD - Expansion Location between San Pablo and FM 1464. The notice will be posted (sign) approximately July 2016. Construction to begin approximately fall 2016. Completion May of 2017

BEECHNUT ROAD - Expansion Location from Lobera Drive to FM 1464. Design completion by March 2016. The notice will be posted (sign) approximately April/May 2016. Construction to begin approximately July 2016. Completion February 2017

These dates and/or plans are subject to change until the plans become final and are announced to the general public.

Please note regarding Beechnut Road going west from Winkleman to Lobera, if you see there are too many potholes, dropped concrete that has hardened, broken surface areas, dips in the road caused by bad sub-grade deterioration, or broken curbs, please call the Fort Bend Roads and Bridges Department at 281 633-7508 and be sure to provide an accurate address of the bad street location, so they can find it easily.

MORE...GREAT NEWS FOR THE GREATER MISSION BEND AREA

Our Precinct 2 Commissioner, Grady Prestage, has worked very hard for the following two (2) additions that will enhance our community in many ways.

1) A "Boys and Girls Club" is planned to be located on Addicks Clodine between Beechnut and Bissionet Road. A start date has not yet been scheduled but, it is predicted to begin in 2016.

2) A new "Library" is planned to be located on Addicks Clodine Road, between Beechnut and Bissionet Road. A start date has not yet been scheduled; however, we are hoping it too will be in the year 2016.

Fort Bend County has already purchased the land for these two projects but, again the dates and/or plans are subject to change until the plans become final and are announced to the general public.

Our Commissioner, Grady Prestage, is becoming more aware of the needs and issues that affect the Greater Mission Bend Area. This is a very good thing!

Also, give a BIG THANKS to the "Greater Mission Bend Area Council" for continually watching out and speaking up for Our Community!

Please help support GMBAC visit www.gmbac.com

The Benefits of Hosting Span Borders

Traveling the world and experiencing new cultures is something many dream of but few are able to do. Hosting an Ayusa exchange student provides the opportunity to experience the world while bringing other benefits to their family and local community.

For schools, opening their doors to an exchange student provides their students the opportunity to experience new cultures and expand their understanding of the global society. Not only will students be able to expand their circle of friends, they will be able to reference different perspectives of world events. The new perspectives that both local and exchange students gain through the exchange experience are invaluable for the ever-expanding global community.

Ayusa exchange students are eager to learn and participate in school and community programs. They take their role as ambassadors for their country seriously. Ayusa students are not simply bystanders to their program year; they are active participants looking to make a difference in their host school and community.

Ayusa exchange students are strong academic performers, well-rounded, and open-minded. Prospective students go through an extensive interview process in their home countries and are evaluated for maturity, strength of goals, leadership skills, and academic background. Ayusa honors all school enrollment standards, academic requirements and student placement criteria specified in school or district policies.

Host families also reap the benefits of opening their home by sharing their America. When they share with their exchange student, they are also able to see America with fresh eyes through the student. Families often learn new things about the U.S. and have different perspectives after hosting. The experiences and memories that are shared during the program last a lifetime and span international borders.

For more information about hosting a high school foreign exchange student, please contact your local representative Vicki Odom at 832.455.7881 or [HYPERLINK "mailto:vodom@ayusa.org"](mailto:vodom@ayusa.org) vodom@ayusa.org or Ayusa at 1.888.552.9872 or by visiting the website at www.ayusa.org.

ABOUT AYUSA

Ayusa is a non-profit educational organization that promotes global learning and leadership through foreign exchange and leadership program programs for high school students from around the world. Ayusa offers unique, richly personal cross-cultural experiences for students, volunteer host families, schools, and local communities.

Finding Resolution

I am a goal-oriented, list-making individual. It's how I'm wired, and it has helped me be productive and successful in many ways. However, being goal-oriented doesn't always work so well when building relationships. What if the other individual doesn't have the same goals as you do?

This has been the case many times in my life, and my tendency was to bulldoze over them with my lack of concern for their goals. My goals were better, more thought out, more important, etc. What does that do to this relationship that I valued to work on so much? It completely undermines the whole thing! So, how did I learn to stop this destructive pattern in my relationships? Horses!

How many of you have tried to get an animal that weighs over 1000 pounds to meet your personal goals? It's not easy. Yes, it is possible to force them to do many things, but can you catch them easily the next day? Do they really want to have a relationship with you after you have met said goals? Mine didn't. Mine ran away and fought many things I tried to "teach".

What did it take for me to listen to the horse's thought on our relationship? An unplanned dismount is the nicest way I've heard it phrased. When a horse goes to bucking, it is pretty clear it doesn't respect your leadership. A wise man once asked me what happened before that buck. I answered, "Lots of little things that I ignored, actually."

I'm too old to ignore those little signals anymore. It hurts to hit the ground with that kind of force! As I've learned to listen to horses better, it has also helped me to listen to people better. Have you ever asked a friend what they want to receive out of the relationship you have? Do they have needs that aren't being met? If they aren't treated respectfully and valued, they may not stick around.

Setting goals is still helpful, especially in helping me think of the steps to help myself achieve them. I just want to make sure I am not ruining relationships along the way. So, my goal setting looks different now as I make sure it includes the friends I value the most.

These are a few of my relational goal ideas for the next year. They are all oriented toward preventing those blow ups, like my horse gave me, with one of my friends or husband.

Be a better friend by:

1. Stopping to question myself when feeling annoyed or offended- "Is really that important?"
2. Plan monthly dates to build relationships.
3. Check in with my friends to find out their needs, before they ask!
4. Be more available by being less BUSY- say no to more things, so I can say yes to important ones.

5. LISTEN better- friends are giving early signs of needs, but we are distracted with our own.

Shannon Birkelbach works at Five Horses, LLC in Waller, Texas. To find out more about how horses can help you and your relationships, check out the natural horsemanship program as well as the equine assisted learning workshops provided here. www.fivehorses.com



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