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Let's talk Trash

Though most people think of "Trash Day" as the day of the week on which their garbage is collected, many of us place our refuse on the curb the night before. But how early is too early to put out the trash?

The answer is, anytime before 5:00 PM the night before Tuesday and Friday is too early.

The storage of trash receptacles are to be stored out of view from the street at your earliest convenience or at least no later than 24 hours after the trash has been picked-up.

Our community should never see trash at the curb on Saturday, Sunday, or Wednesday, and not before 5:00 PM on Monday and Thursday unless it is bundled tree limbs only. Grass clippings bagged by you or your lawn service need to be stored out of sight until trash day.



Splash Day Celebration

Come Join Us at the Pool for a Splash Day Celebration on Saturday, June 4th from 11:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

Bring the whole family for Food, Fun, Games and Prizes!

Happy Mother's Day!

(Sunday, May 8th)

Mother's Day History

Mother's Day is a day dedicated to honoring and recognizing the sacrifices and accomplishments of mothers. Mothers are recognized by family and friends; regardless of whether they are biological or perceived maternal figures. It is a day to honor and respect mothers for their many sacrifices; a day to show them how important they are to us. In 1914, Woodrow Wilson signed a proclamation recognizing the second Sunday in May as Mother's Day.

Mother's Day Facts & Quotes

- Julia Ward Howe, the author of The Battle Hymn of the Republic, came up with the notion of a Mother's Day in 1870. In a proclamation, she urged mothers to take a stand against "sons killing the sons of other mothers."
- According to a 2012 Census Report, 89.7% of all children lived with their biological mother.
- According to the National Retail Federation, in 2012 consumers spent over \$20 Billion Dollars on Mother's day with the average consumer spending over \$150.
- God could not be everywhere, and therefore he made mothers. - Hebrew proverb
- According to the US Bureau of Labor Statistics: In 2012, 48% of Mothers with Children under 18 were employed in full time jobs.

IMPORTANT NUMBERS

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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
Center Point Energy (Gas)	713 659-2111
Comcast (Cable)	713 462-9000
Mud #120 (Water)	713 405-1750
Reliant (Electric)	713 207-2222
Street Light Repairs -need Pole#	713 207-2222
Trash (Texas Pride Disposal)	281 342-8178

PUBLIC SERVICES

Local U.S. Post Office	281 920-9337
<i>12655 Whittington Dr, Houston, TX 77077</i>	
Toll Road EZ Tag	281-875-EASY (3279)
Volunteer Fire Dept.	281 498-1310
Steve Radack (<i>County Commissioner</i>)	713 755-6306
Animal Control	281 999-3191
Dead Animal Pick-up (Precinct 5)	713 439-6000
Dead Bird Report	713 440-3036
Graffiti Clean-up	281 463-6300
Mosquito Control (Health Dept.)	713 440-4800
Mow the Bayou	713 684-4000

SCHOOLS

Alief Independent School Dist.	281 498-8110
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7:30p - Board Meeting

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THE GARDEN PARTY

Irrigation Basics — The How's, Why's And When's Of Watering

How much and how often should you water your grass? Sounds like a pretty basic question, but the answer isn't a simple one. Irrigation and watering needs depends on many factors — the kind of grass you have, your soil profile, mowing height, and the kind of irrigation system or sprinkler system you have. Plus, of course, what Mother Nature doles out.

My basic irrigation schedule takes into consideration temperatures and rainfall: Normally, turf and landscapes in this area do fine with 1-1½ inches per seven-day week when daytime temperatures are in the 70s and 80s.

As daytime highs hit 88-92, you can probably up that to 1-1½ inches every four to five days.

When temperatures exceed 93 degrees consistently (normally July-August), you should probably water every two to three days.

The kind of grass you have is also very important. St. Augustine needs the most water, Bermuda the next most, and Zoysia far less than the previous two.

Your soil, however, is ultimately the most critical factor. Clay or sandy soils not very well enriched with organic matter definitely need more water because they dry out quicker.

Water early in the morning. That's when water pressure is best, there's less wind to evaporate the moisture, and the turf will have a store of water for the warm day ahead. If you have an automatic sprinkler, schedule it to run between 3 and 8 a.m. If you don't have an automatic system, start the sprinkler when you first get up. If you water at night, you run the risk of suffering fungal diseases like brownpatch.

How do you determine how much time it takes for your system to put out an inch of water? Place an empty tuna or cat food can at the farthest point the spray pattern reaches. When it fills up, that's how long it takes. Depending on the system, the time can range from 15-45 minutes.

If it seems some of your neighbors don't run their sprinklers as much as you, it could be they have more organic matter in their soil. Rich, organic soil doesn't happen overnight, though ... enriched topsoil or soil activators need to be added consistently each year.

Finally, if you aren't mowing as tall as your lawnmower will allow, make the change today. Tall grass in good soil develops deeper roots which draw a larger volume of deep moisture, requiring less supplemental irrigation. Plus, lawns mowed tall provide shade for the soil surface.

There is one caveat to all of the above, however. Newly sodded lawns need to be watered on a daily basis during the heat of the summer. Keep the "mud" wet under the root zone so it will break down and allow the roots to establish in the soil below. Don't drown the new sod ... just keep it moist enough to soften the soil and help the roots grow down.

GardenLine is heard exclusively on NewsRadio 740 KTRH 6-9:45 a.m. Saturdays and 7-10 a.m. Sundays.

Want to be a BOARD VOLUNTEER?

The following positions will be up for election for the West Bend C.I.A. Board of Directors at the 2016 Annual Meeting to be held on June 25th at 6:00 P.M.

- Treasurer
- Director
- Director

Treasurer - The treasurer serves as a signatory for checks and reviews the payables and financials. Management handles the daily operation of the financials; however, the treasurer serves as a checks and balance. The Treasurer also signs financial documents such as tax returns, audits or loans.

Fiduciary Relationship and Responsibility - The members of the board of directors and each officer of the association have a fiduciary relationship with the members of the association. This fiduciary relationship imposes obligations of trust and confidence in favor of the corporation and its members. It requires the members of the board to act in good faith and in the best interests of the members of the association. It means that board members must exercise due care and diligence when acting for the community, and it requires them to act within the scope of their authority.

The fact that the association is a not-for-profit corporation, or that the members of the board are volunteers and unpaid, does not relieve them from the high standards of trust and responsibility that the fiduciary relationship requires. When a member accepts a position on the board of directors, he or she is presumed to have knowledge of the duties and responsibilities of a board member. Board members cannot be excused from improper action on the grounds of ignorance or inexperience and liability of board members for negligence and mismanagement exists in favor of the association and the property owners.

Each board member must recognize the fiduciary relationship and the responsibilities that the board has to the association and each of its members. The board's duties must be performed with the care and responsibility that an ordinary prudent person would exercise under similar circumstances, and the ultimate responsibilities of these unique positions cannot be delegated to a manager, a management company or other third party.

The deadline for nominations will be announced in a separate postcard mail-out. Please email a ½ page bio to the manager, Gina Victor, at gina.victor@ciaservices.com stating your interest of running in this election.

Eligibility - To qualify for election as an officer or director of West Bend C.I.A, one must be a Property Owner and has not been convicted of a felony or crime involving moral turpitude.

YARD of the MONTH



The April 2016 "Yard of the Month" Award goes to Ed and Janette Shannon of 14702 West Bend Drive.

Plant Swap

Spring is here! When you are working in your yard or doing your spring house cleaning keep in mind, plants and plant related items that can be used to barter with at the Plant Swap.

See the Plant Swap website for suggested items. <http://plantswap.gmbac.com/trade-items/>

Plants that come up in areas that you don't want them to can be transplanted into a pot and cuttings can be put in water or potting soil to root.

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Nextdoor's mission is to use the power of technology to build stronger and safer neighborhoods.

The Harris County Sheriff's Office announced a partnership with www.nextdoor.com, to improve countywide neighbor-to-neighbor and law enforcement-to-neighbor communication, and virtual neighborhood watch.

Led by Sheriff Adrian Garcia, this integration with Nextdoor will enable the HCSO to use Nextdoor to communicate directly with residents to build stronger, safer communities.

Harris County Republican Party Chairman

May 10th our guest speakers will be candidates for Harris County Republican Party Chairman, Paul Simpson, Tex Christopher, and Rick Ramos.

10:30 AM - Noon. (Second Tuesday each month)

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Whiteflies

Whiteflies are small, soft bodied insects with piercing-sucking mouthparts. They are creamy white and adults have a mealy wax coating their body and wings. Immatures, also called nymphs, are small, oval, flattened and wingless.

Whitefly populations can increase quickly when temperatures are warmer. The insects like to be on the underside of leaves, often in clusters. Common species of whiteflies have a wide host range and can switch host plants.

Whiteflies suck plant juices and large populations can cause foliage to turn yellow, appear to be dry or even fall off the plant. Some whiteflies cause plant distortion or foliage to turn silver in color. Whiteflies produce honeydew, a sticky substance secreted by some insects. Honey dew causes foliage to become shiny in appearance and can attract a fungus called sooty mold. Some whiteflies are capable of transmitting plant viruses.

Try to encourage natural enemies to help manage whitefly populations in your garden. To do this, make wise pesticide choices. Try to choose pesticides to target specific pests and/ or specific areas. Also, you may need to manage ants that tend the whiteflies to obtain honeydew. The ants protect whiteflies from natural enemies that may normally keep the pest population at manageable levels.

In vegetable gardens, you may want to try reflective mulches to make the underside of the leaves where whiteflies hide less habitable.

As for chemical treatment, you can use high pressure water sprays, insecticidal soap, azadirachtin, d-limonene, botanicals or a synthetic product. Target your treatment to the underside of the leaves to get to where the whiteflies like to hide.

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

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4. Elevator alternative
10. Fire remains
11. Short guy, hairy feet
12. Manipulate
13. Indoor
14. Coaxing
16. Condensation
17. Adolescent
18. South Carolina (abbr.)
20. New Jersey (abbr.)
22. Hornet
26. Rock
29. Loves
31. Demonstrate
33. Government agency
34. Subordinate
35. Cause of sickness
36. Elapse (2 wds.)
37. Surface to air missile

DOWN

1. Finds _ -
2. Make available
3. Not here
4. Tibia
5. Fire iron
6. Abdominal muscles (abbr.)
7. As previously cited
8. Cycle
9. Soup
15. Hotel
19. Cash with order (abr.)
21. Rachel's husband
23. Regions
24. Reddish brown
25. Sacred song
26. Pearls
27. Vile
28. Brief
30. Refuse to believe
32. Pinch

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