

# BUTLER'S BRIDGE

WEST BEND COMMUNITY IMPROVEMENT ASSOCIATION

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## Eighty-Sixed

Let's be honest, trash stinks. And while it is perfectly normal to see garbage bins lining the street on trash day, no one likes to look at overflowing bins every day. Most homeowners are responsible about pulling their bins in after the trash is picked up, but there are always a few who believe their driveway (or even the curb!) is the best place to store them.

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 shall be stored out of sight until trash day.

Here are three reasons our HOA and homeowners should care about trash bin storage:

- Trashy looking (pun intended) – People who chronically leave their bins out in driveways or where people can see them can damage curb appeal. If or when trash starts to pile up in someone's yard, whether it's in an overflowing bin or scattered around the bins, it's time to remind homeowners of your HOA's garbage can policy.
- Identity theft –It is important to remember that your trash may contain information from bank statements and other very personal information that someone could take and use to steal your identity. While this may seem unlikely to homeowners, it happens more often than you think. Storing garbage bins in the garage or behind fences is one of the simplest ways to prevent identity theft. If they can't see or get to your garbage or recycling bins, they can't steal information from them.
- Hungry critters – Located so close to Bray's Bayou there are always hungry animals who view garbage cans as a great food source. Garbage cans left in driveways are a more likely target for loose dogs and raccoons. Placing bins inside garages and even behind fences can slow down rummaging animals.

Our community struggles with homeowners leaving bins out. This is a reminder about our community's policies and to provide you with the above reasons to support the policy. While many view rules about garbage cans as petty, most will change their tune when they understand that the HOA isn't trying to micromanage you so much as protect you and our property values. Lastly, the Board will continue to enforce the trash can policy for those who in spite of the reminders, continue to leave their cans out. Let's strive together to keep our neighborhood looking fresh and our homeowners happy!



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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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Mow the Bayou.....	713 684-4000

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## CRIME ALERT

West Bend had several Burglaries and Theft over the Holiday on September 4th & 5th. Visit [www.crimereports.com](http://www.crimereports.com) for more details.



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**7:00p - Executive Session**

**7:30p - Board Meeting**

**Butler's Bridge Pool**  
**3915 Summit Valley Dr.**  
**Houston, TX 77082**

## PLANT SWAP

"A Plant Swap" sponsored by the Greater Mission Bend Area Council will be held on Saturday, October 8th, 2016 from 9:00 AM – 12:00 PM at George Bush Park. No Money Changes Hands - Only Plants and Plant Related Items. The First 50 registered traders will receive a Free Gift. Door Prizes will be donated by local businesses. For details and to register please visit <http://plantswap.gmbac.com/>



## 2016 YARD OF THE MONTH WINNERS!

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MAY	JOSE ESCOBAR	4038 KNOLL GLEN DRIVE.
JUNE	MR. & MRS. BHUPESH PATEL	14835 WEST BEND DR.
JULY	N/A	N/A
AUGUST	JASON SMITH	4027 SUMMIT VALLEY DRIVE
SEPT.	ANGEL JIMENEZ	4002 CLUB VALLEY DRIVE

**THANKS to everyone  
WHO PARTICIPATED!**

## GARDEN PARTY

**Now's The Best Time To Do  
Landscape Projects**

If you listen to KTRH all day — not just GardenLine on the weekends — you may have heard me in a promo emphasizing that the next three months are the best for redoing landscapes, especially when hiring professionals to do the work.

If you are a do-it-yourselfer, the same message holds true. But I hope you'll take advantage of the many sales going on at most independent nurseries and garden centers ... especially the ones I endorse each weekend on the show.

The message I hope you take away this week is that all those plants on sale don't have to be perfect looking. And in cases where they are up to 70 percent off, they won't be. Your goal is simply to get them established and get them through the winter — they will reward you with instant success come spring. Plus, October is a great month for pruning just about everything, so ugly plants purchased at 70 percent off can be "cleaned up" as well.

Fall-color plants may not be available just yet, so you won't find them at awesome sale prices. But please don't ignore adding fall color - the kind that can carry you until our first serious cold spell. In some cases, what we think of as fall color (dianthus, ornamental kale and snapdragons, for example) can handle our cold weather and might even get you through to February or early March.

I realize football season is in full swing, but don't let it keep you from getting this work done during the three best months for landscaping projects ... and at low cost. And when I say landscaping projects, I'm not just talking flower beds. This is also a great time to lay new sod and plant new trees.

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*- Linda H.  
Bellfall Ct*

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*Don't miss out :)*



## October Observances

### *October 2016 is Observed as*

- Breast Cancer Awareness Month
- Domestic Violence Awareness
- National Apple Month
- National Physical Therapy Month
- Eye Safety & Injury Prevention Month
- National Arts and Humanities Month

### *Birthstone*

- Opal and Tourmaline

### *Fruit & Veges for the Month of October*

- Pears
- Apples
- Persimmons
- Ginger
- Galangal
- Tumeric

### *October Flower*

- Calendula

### *Astrological Signs*

- Libra (till 22nd) & Scorpio (23rd-)

### *Other Notable October Dates & Events*

- Oct 6: National Poetry Day
- Oct.10: Columbus Day
- Oct.11: WBCIA Board Meeting
- Oct. 31: Halloween



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- Hotline advocates are available 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, and 365 days a year to provide confidential crisis intervention, safety planning, information and referrals to agencies in all 50 states, Puerto Rico and the U.S. Virgin Islands.
- Assistance is available in English and Spanish, with access to more than 170 languages through interpreter services.

### What is Domestic Violence?

Domestic violence is a pattern of coercive and assaultive behaviors that one former or current intimate partner uses against the other.

### Who Batters and Why?

People who batter have a need to gain and maintain all of the power and control in the relationship. People who batter come from all walks of life but have common characteristics:

- Insecure
- Emotionally dependent
- Excessively jealous

- Manipulative
- Can be very charming and then suddenly angry and violent.

Abusive partners are frequently described as being like "Dr. Jekyll and Mr. Hyde." Abusive behaviors are chosen to maintain power and control. Abusers will tell you that you caused the abuse or that you are "crazy." This is not true. Nobody likes being abused or is responsible for someone else's behavior. It is normal to feel crazy because abuse is a crazy situation.



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- Two feet of water will carry away pick-up trucks, and most other vehicles
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