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November 2016

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

1stAll Saints Day
6thDaylight Saving Time Ends
8thBoard Meeting
11thVeteran's Day
14thWorld Diabetes Day
17thGreat American Smokeout
24thThanksgiving Day
27thSmall Business Saturday

HOLIDAY DECORATING CONTEST

The contest will be held on the Sunday the 11th of December in the evening between 6 – 9 pm.

Winners will be notified the same evening as the Judges will knock on your door to deliver your winnings, and to place a sign in your yard.

The contest is for exterior decorations only, including decorations in windows visible from the exterior.

Judging will be based on "curb appeal" as viewed from the street. Judges will not enter the property to view back or side yards. Participants should ensure that all lights, animations and decorations are in place and activated for the judging period.

The top three winners will receive Gift Cards; 1st place \$100, 2nd place \$75 and 3rd place \$50.

Photos will be taken of the decorated residence, which will be posted on the West Bend website and in the Newsletter.

Contact WBCIANewsletter@yahoo.com if you are interested in being one of the Contest Judges.

Board Members and Judges are not eligible for prizes.

MAYOR'S HOLIDAY CELEBRATION

Friday, December 2, 2016

Ring in the season with the 97th Annual Mayor's Holiday Celebration and Tree Lighting Presented by Reliant, an NRG Company on Friday, December 2, 2016 in the heart of downtown Houston. The spectacular event is a holiday tradition of music, Santa, fireworks and family fun. A towering Holiday Tree, glowing with energy efficient LED lights, shimmering ornaments and a stunning star topper will light up the streets of downtown Houston this holiday season. The event takes place in Hermann Square at City Hall from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m. and is free and open to the public.

The public is invited to bring a new, unwrapped toy to the Reliant booth at the Mayor's Holiday Celebration to help make the holidays brighter for a child this season. Everyone who brings a toy will receive a light-up Santa hat from Reliant. The annual toy drive benefits the Salvation Army Greater Houston Area Command.

The Mayor's Holiday Celebration and Tree Lighting Presented by Reliant, an NRG Company produced by the Mayor's Office of Special Events, Susan Christian, Director.

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 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.

Visit www.ciaservices.com for more information.

December – February

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

IMPORTANT NUMBERS

EMERGENCY

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
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
Alief Transportation (to report Bus).....	281 983-8400

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MONTHLY BOARD MEETING EVERY 2nd TUESDAY

7:00p - Executive Session

7:30p - Board Meeting

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Cigarette & Drugstore Beetles



Cigarette and drugstore beetles are pests of stored products and can become a pest in the home. These beetles are small, round 1/8" long, reddish-brown with an oval shape. If you disturb the beetles, they often will tuck in their legs and lay motionless.

Adults enjoy dark cracks and crevices, but will fly in brightly lit areas to locate a place to hide. The beetles are most active at dusk and continue activity through the night.

Adults do not eat solid food, but will drink liquids. Larvae are small, grub-like and creamy white.

Cigarette and drugstore beetle larvae infest a variety of products such as tobacco, flour, dried fruit, herbs and spices, nuts, rice and pet food. These pests may also infest non-food items such as potpourri, dried flower arrangements, papier-mâché, prescription drugs, cosmetics and bookbinding paste.

The life cycle is dependent upon temperature and availability of resources- with warmer temperatures and adequate resources the life cycle will be faster. Mated females lay eggs in food sources. After hatching from the egg, larvae begin to feed on the food and grow. Eventually, larvae pupate and form a protective cocoon in the food item. Adults live from 1-4 weeks.

To manage these beetles, you must find the source, double bag it and throw it away. All stored food items should be inspected, even those that have not been previously opened. If you do not want to throw away infested food items it can either be heated or cooled to kill any insects and then sifted to remove any insects. To freeze, put the items in a sealed plastic bag and place in the freezer for about a week. To heat the items, spread on a large cookie sheet and place in a 200 °F oven for 1-2 hours.

To prevent infestations, inspect all food items before buying; do not buy damaged food products. Dried goods can be stored in sealed, air-tight containers. If leaving the home for extended periods store items in the freezer or refrigerator. While inspecting stored food items for infestation, clean the pantry as you go. Vacuum or sweep up any spilled food items. Wipe down shelving with a cleaning product and

use caulk to seal any shelf areas where small bits of food may collect.

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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GARDEN PARTY

Moths fluttering over a patchy lawn? You may have webworms.

BY R. STEPHANIE BRUNO

Bottom of My neighbors were clustered at the corner recently, each with a dog in tow. It was dusk, and they sang out, almost in unison, "So what's up with all the little beige moths?"

I'd been wondering the same thing myself. I've been noticing hosts of moths, hovering above the grass, ground covers, and even my flower beds, mostly in the evening but also in the morning. They have been unusually plentiful, capturing my attention.

Linda Auld, also known as the Bug Lady, knew right away what I was talking about when I contacted her for information.

"Those are the moths of sod webworms and lots of people have been calling me about them, wondering what they are and if they need to do anything about them," she said.

"They flourish in the warm months and each female can lay up to 200 eggs. When the eggs hatch, they start eating the grass and can do a lot of harm, especially to St. Augustine grass. And they will have several generations in the warm season."

Our metro area is not alone when it comes to observing the hovering moths at dusk. Randy Lemmon in Houston has a broadcast show called GardenLine and explained what they look like.


"Adult sod webworms are small, white-to-gray moths with a snout-like projection on the front of their heads. They're frequently seen fluttering over the turf in the early evening," he said. "The females scatter eggs at random as they fly over the grass. The eggs hatch in 7-10 days, and the larvae begin feeding on grass leaves."

Brown patches begin to appear in the lawn because of the consumption of the grass by the larvae, which exposes the brown thatch that is always there. So if you haven't noticed clouds of moths, check out your lawn for patches that are not as healthy as others.

Jayne Necaie, the director of animal and visitor programs at the Audubon Institute and an entomologist, said lawns should recover from an attack.

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"The larvae eat the blades of grass, not the roots, so unless the sod is already seriously distressed for another reason, it should recover," he explained. "When you see a cloud of the moths, they could be mating."

If you care about your lawn as well as the environment, there are several approaches to take to get rid of the webworms, according to planetnatural.com. One is to make a solution of dish soap and water (2 tablespoons soap per gallon of water) and spray the infested area. That will bring the webworms closer to the surface of the grass and make it possible to rake the area and physically remove (and destroy) the pests. Beneficial nematodes provide biological control.

"If you want to spray instead, I recommend using a product that contains Bt (*Bacillus thuringiensis*)," said Auld, who owns Barber Laboratories — a pest control business — in addition to raising butterflies. "I sell a lot of Thuricide for that reason. It is a bacteria and it will only kill insects that actually eat the grass. You will want to spray it on in the evening with a hose feeder because it degrades in sunlight."

Auld said she prefers not to use broad spectrum insecticides because of the unintended consequences for beneficial insects, but she stocks a product called 38-Plus for customers whose lawns have severe insect infestations.

None of the experts could say definitively why the moths seem so abundant this year, but Auld offered some insights.

"All bugs go through cycles — remember the buck moth? Infestations will get really bad one year, then everyone tunes in to control the population," she said. "It'll take a while for the population to rebound but it eventually will. It's what bugs do."



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