



# BUTLER'S BRIDGE

WEST BEND COMMUNITY IMPROVEMENT ASSOCIATION

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July 2017

## COMMUNITY CALENDAR

### Observed as:

- National Parks Month
- National Picnic Month
- UV Safety Month

### Birthstone:

Ruby and Onyx

### Flower:

Larkspur & Water Lily

### Astrological Signs:

Cancer (till 22nd) & Leo (23rd-)

## Board Meeting Wednesday, July 19th

**Board Meetings are held on the 3rd Wednesday  
of each month excluding December**

### Board Meeting to be Announced by E-Blast

3rd..... St Thomas  
4th..... Independence Day  
19th ..... **ANNUAL MEETING**  
25th..... St James TG  
28th..... World Hepatitis Day  
29th ..... National Lasagna Day

## Why It's in Homeowners' Interest to Attend the Annual Meetings?

Annual HOA meetings usually address topics that may sound dry as dust to you, as a homeowner. These might include the association's budget, election of directors, and voting on amendments to the HOAs governing documents. The meetings can also address other issues the board believes need the attention of the entire membership.

Attending the annual meeting is nevertheless important (and may be more interesting than you expect.) The decisions being made may, after all, directly impact your quality of life and the value of your property.

For instance, the new budget may require higher assessments in order to make a major repair or upgrade. Homeowners who don't want their dues to go up or don't believe the changes are necessary will want to attend the annual meeting and make their voices heard before a decision is made. (Or if you're in favor of the special assessment and its use, you'll want to make sure the homeowners in opposition don't drown out your position.)

Likewise, a homeowner may want to make sure directors are elected to the board who will make good decisions for the community as a whole, as opposed to decisions that benefit his or her friends.

Although major issues are often reserved for the annual meeting, important topics and issues may still be discussed at regular board meetings. These topics and issues often include reports from the HOA treasurer and property manager, and discussion of any remodel or new construction proposed by other community members. The board may also discuss homeowner

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## IMPORTANT NUMBERS

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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

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complaints and suggestions that lead to rule amendments related to what you can and can't do with your home.

Board meetings are open to all members of the HOA. They're often concluded though, with the board going into an "executive session," which is closed to the general membership. Topics discussed in executive sessions may include legal matters, employment issues, and contract negotiations. Texas legislation limits the topics that can be discussed in executive sessions.

Remember, whether a decision is made at a board meeting or annual meeting, these rules must be followed, even if you weren't present. When a community is heavily involved in meetings and the decisions that are made, those decisions tend to better reflect what the community as a whole desires, not what a few board members want.

**Homeowners' Annual Meeting**  
**At the Pavilion, 3915 Summit Valley Drive**  
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**6:00 p.m.**

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### Basic Collection Guidelines

- **Service Time:** Please have your waste at the curb no later than 6:00 am.
- **Placement:** Place waste in cans, bags, or bundles weighing no more than 50 pounds.
- **Containers:** If using garbage cans, please use containers between 20 and 96 gallons. Please, no barrels or drums. Waste may also be placed in bags weighing no more than 50 pounds.
- **Freon:** Per Federal law, items containing Freon must be completely drained and have an accompanying ticket verifying Freon has been drained.
- **Yard Waste:** Please stack branches at the curb in individual piles no larger than 3 feet high by 3 feet wide by 3 feet long with the

base of the branches facing the street. Although branches are not required to be tied and bundled, it is strongly encouraged. Branches must be no thicker than 4" in diameter to avoid damaging our equipment. Limit 8 bundles/piles per service day.



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### Heavy Trash Collection

Heavy/bulk waste is collected every service day. We ask that you please limit heavy/bulk waste to two items per service day.

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## REMINDERS

- **ANNUAL MEETING JULY 19th.**
- Assessments are due every year on January 1st.
- Remove trash cans from public view on non trash days.
- Yard of the Month is in Effect.
- Please pick up after your pet.
- Please drive safely.



## The Architectural Control Committee

The (ACC) Architectural Control Committee must be informed if you are planning to change the exterior style, color, or have plans for additions or any removal to your property. A mandatory Architectural Review Form will need to be completed and signed. You may obtain this form on-line at [www.ciaservices.com](http://www.ciaservices.com)

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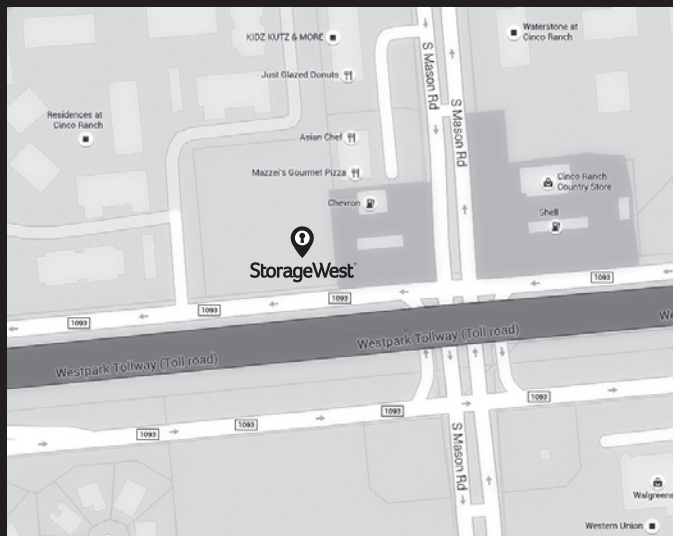
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## Fourth of July Safety Tips



For many people, nothing beats lounging in the backyard on the Fourth of July with good friends and family—including furry friends. While it may seem

like a great idea to reward your pet with scraps from the grill and bring him along to watch fireworks, in reality some festive foods and activities can be potentially hazardous to him. The ASPCA Animal Poison Control Center offers the following tips:

- Never leave alcoholic drinks unattended where pets can reach them. Alcoholic beverages have the potential to poison pets. If ingested, the animal could become very intoxicated and weak, severely depressed or could go into a coma. Death from respiratory failure is also a possibility in severe cases.

- Do not apply any sunscreen or insect repellent product to your pet that is not labeled specifically for use on animals. Ingestion of sunscreen products can result in drooling, vomiting, diarrhea, excessive thirst and lethargy. The misuse of insect repellent that contains DEET can lead to neurological problems.

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- Always keep matches and lighter fluid out of your pets' reach. Certain types of matches contain chlorates, which could potentially damage blood cells and result in difficulty breathing—or even kidney disease in severe cases. Lighter fluid can be irritating to skin, and if ingested can produce gastrointestinal irritation and central nervous system depression. If lighter fluid is inhaled, aspiration pneumonia and breathing problems could develop.
- Keep your pets on their normal diet. Any change, even for one meal, can give your pet severe indigestion and diarrhea. This is particularly true for older animals who have more delicate digestive systems and nutritional requirements. And keep in mind that foods such as onions, chocolate, coffee, avocado, grapes, raisins, salt and yeast dough can all be potentially toxic to companion animals.
- Do not put glow jewelry on your pets, or allow them to play with it. While the luminescent substance contained in these products is not highly toxic, excessive drooling and gastrointestinal irritation could still result from ingestions, and intestinal blockage could occur from swallowing large pieces of the plastic containers.
- Keep citronella candles, insect coils and tiki torch oil products out of reach. Ingestion can produce stomach irritation and possibly even central nervous system depression. If inhaled, the oils

could cause aspiration pneumonia in pets.

- Never use fireworks around pets! While exposure to lit fireworks can potentially result in severe burns and/or trauma to the face and paws of curious pets, even unused fireworks can pose a danger. Many types contain potentially toxic substances, including potassium nitrate, arsenic and other heavy metals.
- Loud, crowded fireworks displays are no fun for pets, who can become frightened or disoriented by the sound. Please resist the urge to take them to Independence Day festivities, and opt instead to keep them safe from the noise in a quiet, sheltered and escape-proof area at home.
- Be prepared in the event that your pet does escape by downloading the ASPCA Mobile App. You'll receive a personalized missing pet recovery kit, including step-by-step instructions on how to search for a lost animal in a variety of circumstances. And keep your pets' IDs up to date! It's a good idea for all your animal companions—even indoor-only pets—to always wear a collar with an ID tag that includes your name, current phone number and any relevant contact information. July 1 is National ID Your Pet Day, which serves as an annual check-in to make sure your pets' identification tags and microchip information is up to date.

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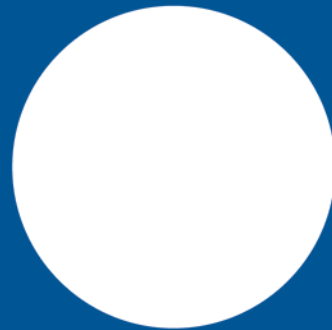
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