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Observed as:

• National Immunication Awareness Month

Birthstone: Peridot **Flower:** Poppy & Gladiolus

Astrogical Signs: Leo (till 22nd) & Virgo (23rd-)

Board Meeting *Wednesday, August 16th*

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

Board Meeting to be Announced by E-Blast

1st	Tisha B'Av
5th	National Mustard Day
15th	Assumption of Mary
16th	Board Meeting
16th	First Day of School
24th	St. Bartholomew
26th	Women's Equality Day
30th	Hajj (start)
31st	Day of Arafat



Getting vaccinated according to the recommended immunization schedule is one of the most important things a parent can do to protect their child's health. Diseases can quickly spread among groups of children who aren't vaccinated. Whether it's a baby starting at a new child care facility, a toddler heading to preschool, a student going back to elementary, middle or high school – or even a college freshman – parents should check their child's vaccination records.

Child care facilities, preschool programs, schools and colleges are prone to outbreaks of infectious diseases. Children in these settings can easily spread illnesses to one another due to poor hand washing, not covering their coughs, and other factors such as interacting in crowded environments.

When children are not vaccinated, they are at increased risk for disease and can spread disease to others in their play groups, child care centers, classrooms and communities – including babies who are too young to be fully vaccinated and people with weakened immune systems due to cancer and other health conditions.

Additionally, states may require children who are entering child care or school to be vaccinated against certain diseases. Colleges and universities may have their own requirements, especially for students living in a dormitory. Parents should check with their child's doctor, school or the local health department to learn about the requirements in their state or county.

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Constable Precinct 5	
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Harris County Sheriff (sub-station)	
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EMERGENCY

800 246-8464

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Dead Bird Report			
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Mosquito Control (Health Dept.)			
Mow the Bayou			

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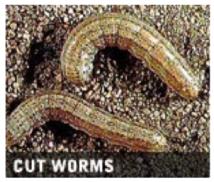
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Garden Worms Randy Lemmon



So, if you know grass damage is not from chinch bugs, grub worms or fungal diseases (yet), then the problem in late September and early October is most likely cutworms or sod webworms.

The larvae of several kinds of moths, such as sod webworms and in some

cases cutworms, feed on grass leaves and can damage turf extensively. The insects can be distinguished by their feeding habits and injury symptoms.

Sod webworms and cutworms are night-feeding caterpillars. Both feed around a small burrow or tunnel in the grass and carry the leaf blades into the tunnel. Silken threads can be seen in the early morning covering the tunnel of a sod webworm.

The cutworm is often found on golf greens after the greens are aerated. The aeration holes provide an ideal habitat for the cutworm larvae during the day, and they feed around the hole at night.

Armyworms are appropriately named because they can be seen moving across turf in large numbers, but I haven't (yet) spotted those at this time of the year. In contrast to sod webworms and cutworms, armyworms feed day and night and leave the grass with a white skeletonized appearance.

Adult sod webworms are small, white-to-gray moths with a snoutlike projection on the front of their heads. While resting, the wings of the moth are closely folded about the body. They're frequently seen fluttering over the turf in the early evening. The females scatter eggs at random as they fly over the grass. Apparently, the moths are attracted to darkgreen, healthy turf. The eggs hatch in 7-10 days, and the larvae begin feeding on grass leaves. As they mature, the



larvae build silk-lined tunnels through the thatch layer and into the soil. The slender larvae reach 3⁄4 inch in length and are light brown with several rows of dark spots along the entire length of the body.

The first signs of sod webworm damage are areas of unevenly clipped grass and patches of brown or closely clipped grass. The larvae remain active for several weeks, then pupate. Adults appear about a week later. Their life cycle is completed in 5-6 weeks with several generations per year.

Sod webworms are readily controlled by most liquid insecticides approved for turfgrass such as bifenthrin, malathion or any of the synthetic pyrethroids or carbamates out there. However, these are short-residual materials, and repeat applications are required to control the next generation. I have usually recommended liquid insecticides rather than granular types, similar to the way we control chinch bugs, to be sure of breaking the egg cycle.

Randy Lemmon is the host of the GardenLine radio program on Newsradio 740 KTRH. Randy has been doing GardenLine in one capacity or another since December of 1995, for all three of the now Clear Channel AM stations - KTRH, KPRC & KBME.

TEXAS A&M GRILIFE EXTENSION **Tick Control in the Yard**

This article covers what to do about ticks in your yard. I didn't want to make it too long, so I decided to just link to sources giving information on how to treat pets or yourself/ family.

Ticks are arachnids with two body regions, eight legs (except the first stage out of the egg has only six legs and is called a seed tick), and no antennae. Ticks come in a variety of sizes depending upon if they are nymphs or adult, male or female, engorged or not. Ticks require a blood meal before molting to the next stage of their development as well as adult females requiring a blood meal before laying eggs. Since ticks can feed on multiple hosts during their lifetime, including humans and other animals, they are capable of transmitting disease organisms through their bite. For more information on diseases transmitted by ticks see this link: https://www.cdc.gov/ticks/diseases/index.html

Ticks wait for hosts by climbing up vertical surfaces such as

vegetation, fences or shrubbery. When a host brushes past, ticks grab on and locate a suitable spot for feeding. To reduce ticks in your yard you can try some or all of the following:

- Keep grass mowed
- Clear brush, weeds, or overgrown areas
- Discourage wildlife
- Remove debris from the yard

• Treat yard with insecticide making sure to go up surfaces as ticks will climb upwards to grab onto a passing host

• Treat pets

For information on how to deal with ticks on your pet(s) see this source:

https://www.cdc.gov/ticks/avoid/on_pets.html

For how to avoid getting, properly inspecting for, or removing ticks from yourself or family members see this source:

https://www.cdc.gov/ticks/avoid/on_people.html

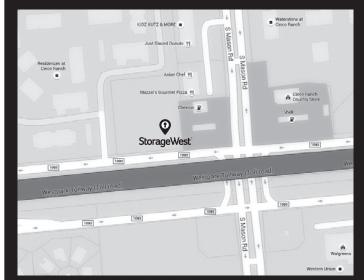
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REMINDERS

- First Day of School August 16th
- Please Drive Safely!
- Yard of the Month is in Effect through September.
- Assessments are Due Every Year on January 1st.
- Remove trash cans from public view on nontrash days.



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The First Saturday of August

5th Aug, 2017

Mustard Day was founded on a whim by Jill Sengstock in 1988, before changing hands to the National Mustard Museum in 1991. It's aim is rather self explanatory; to celebrate and honour one of the world's most popular condiments. From Dijon to English, or a liberal helping on an All-American hotdog, this day your chance to voice your love (without looking a bit odd) for your favourite combination.

Mustard itself is believed to be over 5000 years old, originating in India when it was first cultivated in 3000BC. It was then brought to Britain by the Romans who were the first to use it as a condiment and pickling spice!

We definitely think this day cuts the mustard! (Pun very much intended).





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