

# BRIDGELAND FUN RUN WALK FOR HEROES

Who are your military heroes, George Washington, General Patton, Louis Zapperini, the Bengazi defenders, Marcus Luttrell, Chris Kyle, your father, your mother, your best friend, or someone who died in action for our freedom? On Saturday, October 28, let us run/walk in honor of our heroes, so that we may never forget their sacrifices for our country.

The Bridgeland Community Fun Run/Walk, open to everyone, will be held on October 28 @ 7am at the Bridgeland Festival Park in Cypress, TX. The event will include a 5k walk/run and a children's super heroes costume 1k run/walk in Bridgeland, along with booth vendors, food trucks, entertainment and activities for the children. The children's super heroes costume walk is open to strollers and wagons. Each participant may have sponsors, who pledge a contribution for every mile run or walked on behalf of our service men and women. Special prizes will be awarded to those who meet certain fund levels. 1st, 2nd, 3rd place trophies will be awarded for winners of the 5K.

To register to run/walk and for more information go tobridgelandrunforheroes2017.eventbrite.com



All proceed will benefit The Bridgeland Community Support Veterans, Inc. by raising funds to 1.) Build a \$1.5 million dollar Veterans Memorial in the Bridgeland Community in Cypress, Texas, 2.) Support Immediate needs for Veterans in the Community and 3.) Continue our Veterans Memorial Day, Veterans Day Festivals, and Christmas Toys for Veterans' Children Programs.

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#### A newsletter for Bridgeland residents.

The Times is a monthly newsletter mailed to all Bridgeland residents. Each newsletter is filled with valuable information about the community, local area activities, school information and more.

If you are involved with a school group, play group, scouts, sports activity, social group, etc. and would like to submit an article for the newsletter you can do so online at www.PEELinc.com or you can email it <a href="mailto:bridgeland@peelinc.com">bridgeland@peelinc.com</a>. Personal news for the Stork Report, Teenage Job Seekers, special celebrations, birthday announcements and military service are also welcome. Our goal is to keep you informed!

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# **FEATURED FAMILY**

# Walt and Margy Bohn



# **Q:** How long have you lived in Bridgeland? Seven great years

#### Q: What brought you to the area/where did you live before?

A builder here would build the house Walt, an engineer, designed. We lived in Deerfield Village at Clay & Barker Cypress.

#### Q: What do you like most about Bridgeland?

We really like the people here and have made a lot of wonderful friends.

#### Q: How/where did you meet?

We met way back in Church Fellowship days, but found each other again years after college.

#### Q: What are some of your hobbies?

Walt enjoys drawing portraits of dogs and fixing things; as the Farmers Market folks will attest. Margy enjoys mentoring an elementary school child, sewing and reading.

#### Q: Where do you work/what do you do for a living?

Walt is retired and Margy's still what is referred to as a "homemaker" She's really good at it, too.

#### Q: What is one of your favorite family memories?

Trips to Europe to watch our son play soccer and to visit old friends.

#### Q: Do you have any pets/what kind?

We have to two dogs. Hobbes, a yellow Lab and a Great Dame named Lucy.

#### Q: How would your friends/neighbors describe you?

That nice lady and that old codger with the funny hat and dogs that live on Cove Bend Lane.

# Q: What is something you would like to share with your neighbors and community members?

If you haven't been to the Bridgeland Farmers Market on the second Sunday of every month, you are missing out on a good thing. And, please support the Bridgeland Veterans Group by participating in the Fun Run/Walk for Heroes on October 28th 2017. Both groups would welcome some additional volunteers.

#### Q: What are some of your family traditions?

This year will be the thirtieth anniversary of our annual Christmas gathering affectionately called the "Glog Party".

## Q: What is something you would like to do or are looking forward to doing in the next year?

We look forward to seeing the Veterans Memorial being closer to reality.

#### Q: What is your favorite piece of advice or quote?

Keep active, volunteer, give back.

## Q: If you could travel anywhere with your family, where would it be and why?

We don't want to travel anywhere.

#### Q: Who has inspired you in life and why?

Margy had an elementary teacher, Miss. Gililand, who was instrumental in instilling her love of reading. Mr. Floyd, a high school teacher, gifted Walt with his fascination of architecture and Miss Willits, a school counselor, got him into a collage he never thought he could attend.

# How Bridgelanders Survived Hurricane Harvey

It was a tense scary time for most Bridgelanders. Will our homes flood? Will tornadoes hit our homes? Will the floodwaters recede? How are friends and others doing?

It was a time of immense courage and kindness. One neighbor took her kayak and rescued four dogs. Bridgeland first responders were gone from their families for days. Neighbors helped neighbors. Social media was filled with helpful hints and information on the status of the storm. For many folks it was their first experience with flooding, a hurricane and tornadoes—A triple whammy!

It was a time of immense flooding as water flooded most sections of Bridgeland. Fortunately, no home flooded due to the excellent drainage system and very large detention ponds. When the water receded from our porch steps, so very quickly, we were amazed! Then the sun came out, and everyone was outside sharing experiences and rejoicing. The Triple Whammy was over.

It was a time to care. Many Bridgelanders quickly turned their time, money and effort to giving, sorting & handing out donations, and to demolishing and removing soggy stinking sheetrock & debris from flooded homes in other areas. It was a time for giving back and giving thanks.

It was a time we will never forget!







# THE BRIDGELAND GARDEN CLUB:

Tour of the Best Garden Nurseries in Houston

On Wednesday, October 4, we will leave from the Activity Center @ 9:30 am-Carpool to The Heights to visit Joshua Nursery & Antiques @502 west 18th St.; then to Buchanan Native Plants & Organics Nursery & Shop, 611 East 11th Street and then to Wabash Feed, Garden and Antiques (buy your chickens here!). If you want to come, please RSVP to kayburkhalter@sbcglobal.net

We will have lunch at Colina's Italian Café 502 West 19th Street, Houston, close by is Penzeys Spices 516 West 19th Street.



# BRIDGELAND TOASTMASTERS CLUB

Do you feel shy around people or a bit nervous?

Do you want to be more self confident and assertive?

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Join the Bridgeland ToastMasters Club. Learn and enjoy in a warm supportive environment where you study communication and leadership skills with others. Costs are minimal. Questions? Contact kayburkhalter@sbcglobal.net

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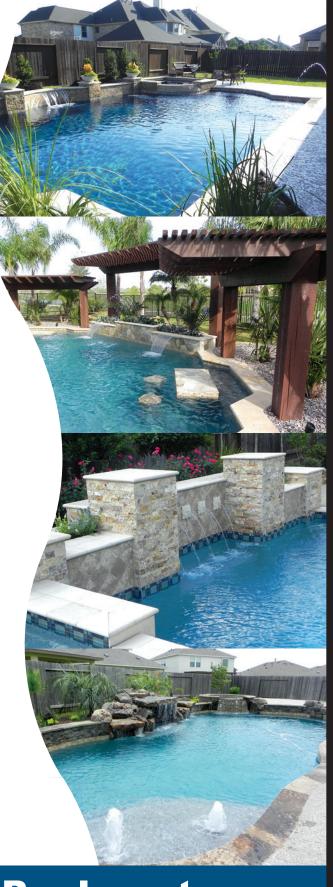
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# How to Talk to Your Children about Hurricane Harvey

In his role as executive director at Shield Bearer, Roy Wooten is frequently asked by parents or teachers how to help children when they or their community experiences a disaster.

"Every child reacts differently to a disaster and younger children handle the situation differently than older children. A child's personality and values also influence their reaction. Parents and teachers may notice children displaying a greater amount of energy following a disaster. Releasing energy is their body's natural response when safety is threatened. This can manifest as increased irritability, fidgeting, or the inability to focus on tasks at hand. There are some things parents and teachers can do though when disaster strikes," states Wooten. Wooten specifically recommends the following:

**Model calmness.** Children will look to parents and other adults to cue their interpretation and reaction to the disaster. When children see the adults around them remaining calm, they will be more easily reassured of their own safety.

**Help them talk.** Parents frequently have difficulty discussing tragedy with their children. As with other times of loss or suffering, they do not know exactly what to say. Being available to listen to

what children want to say will likely be more helpful than putting together a lecture. Encourage children to express how they feel when they are ready to discuss it.

Honestly answer questions. When children do not know the answers, they will ask questions. Parents who patiently attempt to answer tough questions will see their children move through the pain of the tragic event. If you don't know the answers, tell them so. Reassuring them of their present safety will help them learn to overcome fears that they might be struggling with.

**Limit access to disaster news.** Monitoring your children's access to news reports of the disaster will help reduce the possibility of nightmares. When a child watches news programs about a disaster, parents should be present to discuss the contents of reports.

**Keep them busy.** One of the most important things that a parent can do to help their children work through a disaster is to maintain the routine and structure of their children's lives. Keep appointments. Carry on with chores and responsibilities. Meet obligations.

**Help them help.** Every person touched by a disaster is motivated (Continued on Page 9)





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to help in some way. The negative emotions of fear, sorrow and anger can be channeled into acts of kindness. Having a child gather items for disaster victims, write a thank-you note to the first responders or draw a picture for someone intimately involved will help them feel they are making a difference. These actions can help them regain a sense of control over their situation.

Wooten adds, "Remember that each child is an individual. What helps one child might not help another. If there are significant changes in behavior, mood, or sleeping patterns, it is important to make a visit to a physician or professional counselor to assess what professional help might be needed. And above all else, let them know they are loved."

Roy Wooten has served as the executive director of Shield Bearer, 501c3 nonprofit organization with offices in West Houston, Tomball, Cy-Fair, Conroe, and Cypress Station, for over eleven years. Shield Bearer offers sliding scale, professional counseling services and programs for individuals of all ages, couples, and families. For a free, confidential phone assessment, call (281) 894-7222.

To learn how you can fight for the hearts of trauma survivors, including those affected by crime, abuse, war, human trafficking, natural disasters like Hurricane Harvey, and more, visit shieldbearer.org, call (281) 894-7222, or email volunteer@shieldbearer.org.





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# HARVEY EFFECTS IN REAL ESTATE

By Tracy Montgomery, Realtor

Prepare for the shift into a seller's market! Inventory will be low and demand for homes that did not flood will be higher than ever.

Rentals, Rentals, if you are considering putting your home on the market as a rental, NOW is the time to do it. People all over the city are looking for dry houses they can call home for the next few months and up to a year.

Price gouging in a time of catastrophe; just don't do it. While the supply and demand concept is a real thing, these homes still need to appraise once they are under contract. Don't jeopardize your risk of appraising by overpricing your home!

If your home is currently on the market consider becoming an investor. If your situation allows for it, consider renting out your current home after purchasing your new one.

When purchasing a home after a catastrophe don't be completely driven away by insurance claims, more and more houses will have that disclosed and it will be a commonly seen aspect of many homes to come.



Please remember to pick up after your pets and "scoop the poop"





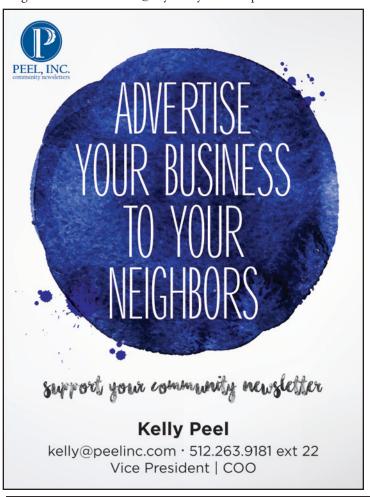
### ADULT ENGLISH CLASSES AT ENGLISH GATEWAY

English Gateway is a program designed to teach conversational English. The vision and desire of English Gateway is to assist international families in learning and improving English skills to help them live and be successful here in the United States. We offer 6 different levels and have open registration throughout the CFISD school year. Childcare is available for free for pre-school children as long as they are registered beforehand.

- How much does it cost? There is a one-time fee of \$20 for the books: classes are free.
- Where does English Gateway meet? We meet at Bayou City Fellowship, 12715 Telge Rd., Cypress, TX 77429.
- When does English Gateway meet? We offer two options: Thursday mornings, 9:30-11:30 am; Thursday evenings, 6:30-8:30 pm.
- What are the starting dates for English Gateway?

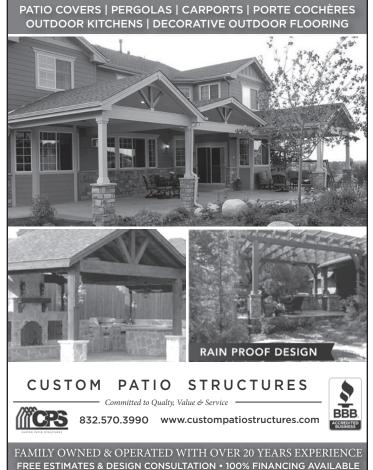
**Student Registration:** August 31, 9:30-11:30 am or 6:30-8:30 pm First Day of Class: September 7

For more information, please contact the English Gateway Program Coordinator: esl@bayoucityfellowship.com









# Breast Cancer Awareness Month

October is breast cancer awareness month, and physicians affiliated with Memorial Hermann Cypress Hospital say it's a great reminder for women to schedule their annual mammography.

"I chose to go into medicine after a close family member passed away from breast cancer at a young age. That's why I encourage all my patients to have an annual mammography beginning at age 40," says Iyabode M. Ogunlade, M.D., an OB-GYN affiliated with Memorial Hermann Cypress.

Symptoms of breast cancer include any lump, thickening, or swelling in the breast or armpit, pain in the breast, or change in size or shape of the nipple. However, the American Cancer Society says many women don't experience any symptoms.

"The key to successfully treating breast cancer is detecting the cancer early. That's why having your annual mammography is so important," says Dr. Ogunlade. "There are also several types of mammograms, including 3-D mammograms, so make sure you speak with a physician about the different screening methods to determine which is right for you."

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# Make Sure Your Halloween Has More Treats Than Tricks

Halloween is supposed to be a night filled with fun and candy, but sadly the American Automobile Association (AAA) says October 31st is the second deadliest day of the year for pedestrians. Toni Odumosu, M.D., who practices at the Memorial Hermann Convenient Care Center, says parents and kids should follow these safety tips to make their Halloween a safe and enjoyable night.

- 1. Walk safely. Make sure children travel in groups, utilize sidewalks when available, and look both ways when crossing the street. Parents should accompany trick-or-treaters under the age of 12. Those children allowed to walk without an adult should stick to areas where they are familiar with their surroundings.
- 2. Keep costumes creative and safe. Ill-fitting costumes or masks that make it difficult to see can be a recipe for an injury. Make sure costumes aren't too long and opt for face paint rather than masks, if possible. If the mask is a must, make sure your child can see in all directions when it is worn.
- **3. Consider your accessories.** Children should not carry sharp objects or anything that could be mistaken for a weapon.
- 4. Stay well lit. Whether you trick-or-treat before the sun goes down, or carry flashlights, it is important that cars and other groups can see you. Consider putting reflective tape on dark-colored costumes.
- 5. Check the candy. Children are eager to tear into their loot, but parents should sort through the candy at the end of the night. Throw away anything that is not in its original wrapper. Children under the age of four should not consume hard or sticky candy, so that should be taken out as well.

"I also caution parents against allowing sugar overload. Kids want to eat their entire collection of candy in one day, but they will regret it later. Ration the candy to avoid stomach aches. Some dentists also offer "trade-in" programs where kids can swap the sugary treats for toys. I know it may be a hard sell for parents, but remind kids who make the swap that they can celebrate Halloween year-round with their new toy" encourages Dr. Odumosu.



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# Bridgeland Canoe and Kayak Club

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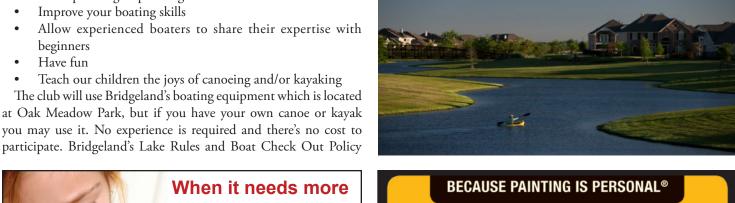
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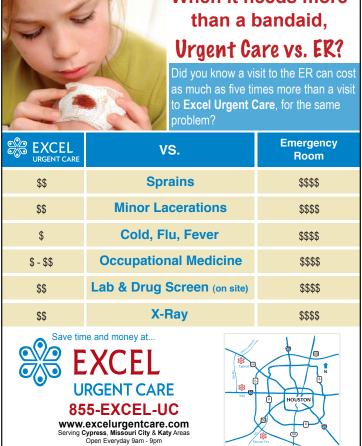
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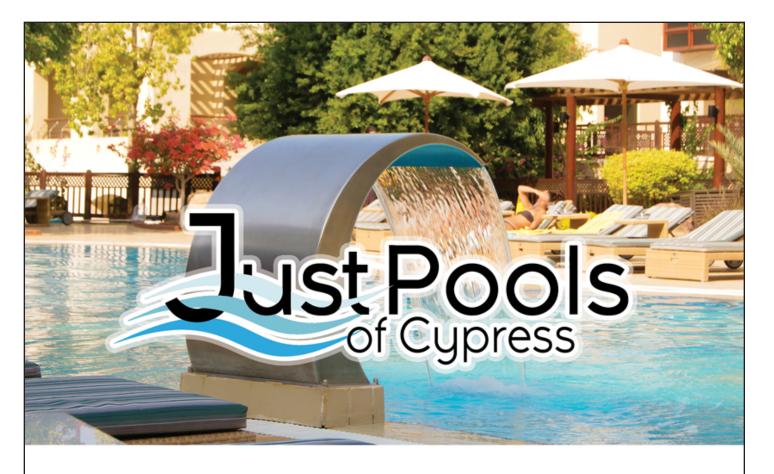
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Floodwater mosquitoes lay their eggs above the water line in ponds, ditches, pastures, or other places where water collects. The eggs can remain in dry areas and when these areas are flooded the eggs hatch, leading to swarms of hungry mosquitoes. These mosquitoes are larger than mosquitoes we are used to and can swarm in high numbers.

While floodwater mosquitoes won't last forever, other mosquitoes called container breeding mosquitoes emerge when floodwaters begin to recede. Many of these species are ones that we are used to seeing around our homes.

Many things can help to reduce mosquito problems around the home. Eliminate all sources of standing water. Containers such as watering cans, buckets and bottles can turn into mosquito breeding grounds. Water should be drained from birdbaths, gutters, flowerpots and pet dishes at least once a week. Children's wading pools should be emptied of water at least once a week and stored so they cannot collect water when not in use. Tree holes should be filled in with sand or mortar, or drained after each rain. Leaky faucets and pipes located outside should be repaired.

Areas that cannot be drained, such as ponds or large rain collection systems, can be stocked with mosquito fish that eat mosquito larvae. Dunks can also be used in these areas. Dunks are a small, donut-shaped product that contains Bacillus thuringiensis var. israeliensis. The donut disrupts the life cycle of the mosquito and is non-toxic to humans, amphibians and fish.

When outside, wear loose-fitting, light colored clothing with long sleeves & long pants. Repellants containing active ingredients such as DEET, Picaridin, IR3535, or oil of lemon eucalyptus can be effective to keep mosquitoes from biting when activities cannot be rescheduled.

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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|--------------------------------------|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|--|
|                                      | Nov '16  | Dec '16  | Jan '17  | Feb '17  | Mar '17  | Apr '17  | May '17  | Jun '17  | Jul '17  | Aug '17  |  |
| \$500,000 and above                  | 1        | 3        | 1        | 1        | 2        | 1        | 2        | 2        | 3        | 3        |  |
| \$451,000\$499,999                   | 2        | 1        | 0        | 2        | 1        | 2        | 0        | 1        | 1        | 0        |  |
| \$351,000\$450,999                   | 9        | 7        | 2        | 9        | 8        | 4        | 18       | 13       | 6        | 4        |  |
| \$276,000\$350,999                   | 5        | 7        | 8        | 6        | 6        | 8        | 12       | 18       | 7        | 6        |  |
| \$231,000\$275,999                   | 5        | 2        | 6        | 4        | 7        | 12       | 5        | 3        | 3        | 5        |  |
| \$201,000\$230,999                   | 0        | 2        | 0        | 0        | 0        | 3        | 1        | 1        | 1        | 0        |  |
| \$200,999 and below                  | 0        | 0        | 0        | 0        | 0        | 0        | 0        | 0        | 0        | 0        |  |
| Total                                | 22       | 22       | 17       | 22       | 24       | 30       | 38       | 38       | 21       | 18       |  |
| Highest \$/sq ft                     | \$139.60 | \$157.76 | \$142.86 | \$171.13 | \$139.14 | \$145.06 | \$149.06 | \$163.18 | \$140.00 | \$202.74 |  |

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