



# BUTLER'S BRIDGE

WEST BEND COMMUNITY IMPROVEMENT ASSOCIATION

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## October 2017

### COMMUNITY CALENDAR

#### Observed as:

- Breast Cancer Awareness Month
- Domestic Violence Awareness Month

#### Birthstone:

Opal and Tourmaline

#### Flower:

Calendula

#### Astrological Signs:

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

### **BOARD MEETING Wednesday, October 18th**

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

1st.....	International Coffee Day
1st.....	World Vegetarian Day
3rd.....	National Night Out
4th.....	Sukkot (Start)
6th.....	German-American Day
9th.....	Columbus Day
9th.....	Leif Erikson Day
10th.....	World Mental Health Day
11th.....	Sukkot (End)
11th.....	International Day of the Girl
12th.....	Shemini Alzeret
13th.....	Simchat Torah
16th.....	World Food Day
18th.....	<b>Board Meeting</b>
18th.....	St. Luke
19th.....	Diwali (Hindu Festival)
22nd.....	National Nut Day
24th.....	United Nations Day
28th.....	National Chocolate Day
29th.....	National Cat Day
31st.....	Halloween

## West Bend Community Garage Sale

### Saturday, October 21, 2017

Interested in selling your past treasures?  
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Entry fee \$10. Be sure to purchase yours early to be  
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Steve Radack ( <i>County Commissioner</i> ).....	713 755-6306
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## TIME TO GO WILD WITH WILDFLOWER SEEDS



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corners and manicured edges, wildflower gardens have the appeal of low maintenance by requiring little water and reduced mowing frequency once established.

There is a common misconception today that wildflowers are easily grown from seed. Indeed, some species require little more effort than casting the seed on the soil and waiting for growth. Most wildflowers, however, require specific soil and temperature conditions, a certain degree of ongoing personal attention and most of all, patience.

We have tried to assist you in your wildflower selection by labeling each species with

average "planting success" rate on a scale of 10% to 100%.

Wildflower species with a lower percentage ratio may require more of your time and attention, but will be well worth your effort. Additional information about the temperament of each species is included within the description.

Unlike ornamental flower or vegetable seeds, most of the wildflower seeds have not

been genetically altered to achieve specific traits such as rapid germination, height,

color or adaptation to specific soil types or climates.

As wildflower enthusiasts, we want to produce in two to three years a display of color

to match that which has taken Mother Nature hundreds of years to achieve. Nature

plays an important role in the success of all wildflower plantings. Adverse weather conditions such as drought, hail, or excessive rainfall—obviously beyond human control—may seriously affect the success of your wildflowers. Soil or drainage problems

in the southern and western portions of the United States, USDA Zones 7 through 11,

autumn months of September through December are most

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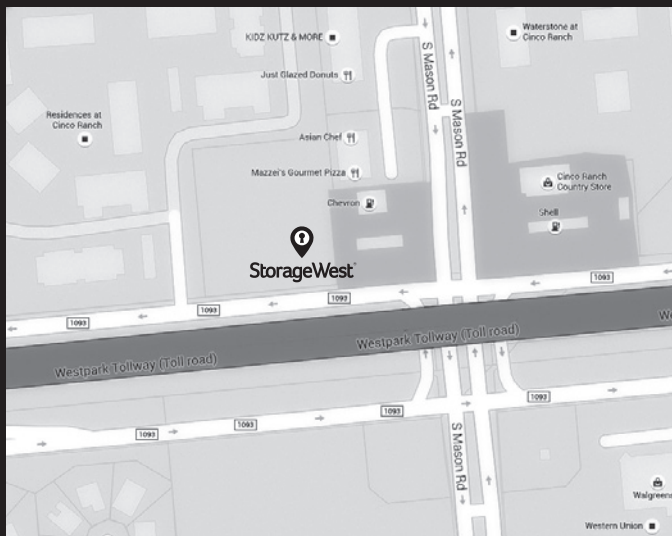
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favorable to plant your wildflowers.

In this part of the state, October/November is considered the optimum time. Many of the species will quickly germinate in order to allow the seedling enough time to establish a healthy root system before going dormant in the winter. Some of the seeds may not germinate if the ground temperature is below 70 degrees Fahrenheit. These seeds will remain dormant within the soil until early spring and will begin to emerge under more favorable conditions. Before I send you to the best website ever, for wildflowers in Texas, keep in mind the two main keys to success when sowing wildflowers. The seeds need to be in contact with soil, and you've got to keep a handle on weed control. In the meantime, here's the link to Wildseed Farms based in Fredricksburg, Texas. You can order seeds and get all your questions answered about sowing wildflower seeds. [www.wildseedfarms.com](http://www.wildseedfarms.com)



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## BALLOONS ARE DANGEROUS!

By Cheryl Conley, TWRC Wildlife Center

Really?

I can remember in grade school how we all attached notes to balloons before letting them go in hopes that the balloon would be found by someone far, far away. It was exciting to think that maybe someone from New York or California would find it and contact me. It never happened. I've been to weddings and graduations where helium balloons were let go as part of the celebration. What I didn't know is the enormous amount of damage these balloons can do to our environment. I know now. If you think about it, helium balloons are nothing more than floating litter. Would you throw a deflated balloon with string on the ground? Most people would not. It makes for ugly trash especially on our beaches.

According to an article in February of this year on the Huffington Post website, balloons are among the top 3 most harmful pollutants threatening marine wildlife but they also harm domestic animals such as cattle, dogs and sheep.

Seabirds are most at risk. Deflated balloons are mistaken for jellyfish or squid and are eaten by the birds. Not able to digest the balloon, it will clog the bird's stomach and the bird will eventually die of starvation. Choking is also a threat.

The ribbons or strings that are attached to the balloon are a hazard to birds because they can become entangled in them when the balloon lands in a tree. They may also use the materials to build a nest causing a risk factor for the hatchlings.

In its natural state, latex is biodegradable but when processed for balloons and treated with chemicals, plasticizers and dyes, it can no longer be classified as natural. It can take a balloon from 6 months to 4 years to decompose. Think of the damage it can cause in that time. Shiny mylar balloons can take even longer.

How can you help? Explain the dangers of releasing helium balloons to your children. Don't plan balloon releases at any of your celebrations and if you know of someone who is planning this, please discourage them from doing so.

TWRC Wildlife Center is a non-profit organization located in Houston. We provide emergency care for Texas wildlife and offer educational and training programs for adults and children focused on wildlife and the environment. Your donations are greatly appreciated. [www.twrcwildlifecenter.org](http://www.twrcwildlifecenter.org)



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## REMINDERS

- National Night Out is Tuesday, Oct. 3rd.
- Community Garage Sale Saturday, October 21st
- Assessments are Due Every Year on January 1st.
- Remove trash cans from public view on non-trash days.



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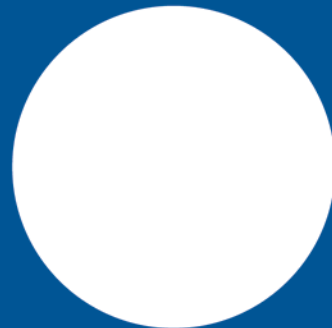
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