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WEST BEND COMMUNITY IMPROVEMENT ASSOCIATION

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November 2017

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

Observed as:

- National Diabetes Month • National Adoption Month
- Lung Cancer Awareness Month
- National Native American Heritage Month

Birthstone:

Topaz and Citrine

Flower:

Calendula

Astrological Signs:

Scorpio (till 21st) & Sagittarius (22nd-)

1st.....	All Saints Day
2nd.....	All Souls Day
5th.....	Daylight Saving Time Ends
5th.....	Guy Fawkes
7th.....	Election Day
10th.....	Science Day for Peace & Development
11th.....	Veterans Day
11th.....	Singles Day (China)
12th.....	National Pizza Day
14th.....	World Diabetes Day
15th.....	Board Meeting
16th.....	Great American Smokeout
16th.....	International Day for Tolerance
16th.....	World Philosophy Day
17th.....	National UnFriend Day
19th.....	International Men's Day
19th.....	World Toilet Day
20th.....	Universal Children's Day
21st.....	World Television Day
23rd.....	Thanksgiving Day
24th.....	Black Friday
25th.....	Small Business Saturday
27th.....	Cyber Monday
28th.....	Giving Tuesday
30th.....	Mawlid Un Nabi
30th.....	St. Andrew

Holiday Decorating Contest

The contest will be held on the Sunday the 10th 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.



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

UTILITIES

AT&T (Repairs).....	800 246-8464
Center Point Energy (Electric).....	713-207-2222
Center Point Energy (Gas)	713 659-2111
Mud #120 (Water)	713 405-1750
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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WBCIA BOARD MEETINGS

West Bend C.I.A. Board Meetings are held on the **3rd Wednesday of each month** excluding December.

The next Board meeting is scheduled on **Wednesday, November 15, 2017 at 7:30 p.m.** to be held at the West Bend Pool, 3915 Summit Valley Drive, Houston, TX 77082.

The Executive Session is held at 7:00 p.m.

The governing documents require the association to notify you in advance of all meetings, and you're welcome—in fact, encouraged—to attend and listen. **The only time you can't listen is when the board goes into executive session. Topics that the board can discuss in executive session are limited by law to a narrow range of sensitive topics.** Executive sessions keep only the discussion private; no votes can be taken. The board must adjourn the executive session and resume the open session before voting on the issue. In this way, members may hear the outcome, but not the private details.

Board Meeting is held at 7:30 p.m.

Most of the business of the association is conducted at regular board meetings. Board members set policy, oversee the manager's work, review operations, resolve disputes, talk to residents and plan for the future. Often the health and harmony of an entire community is directly linked to how constructive these meetings are.

Board Meetings are open to owners. If there is a specific topic you would like placed on the agenda, please contact your community manager, Sherridda.Williams@ciaservices.com at least ten days in advance.

NOVEMBER IS NATIONAL ADOPTION MONTH

Teenagers who have spent years in foster care need the commitment and care of a loving family to help them transition into adulthood with the foundation and support they may never have had. <https://www.childwelfare.gov/topics/adoption/nam/families-youth/preparing/>

WORLD DIABETES DAY

World Diabetes Day is observed on the 14th of November each year. The theme for 2017 is 'Women and Diabetes'

Education and prevention is about knowing the warning signs and risks associated with diabetes, knowing who can help to manage and control diabetes and what to do if you are a sufferer. Moreover, you'll need to know about the different types of diabetes. Type one, type two and gestational diabetes mellitus.

Type one is insulin-dependent, meaning that sufferers have to inject the insulin hormone into their bodies in order to produce what the body can't. A body without insulin means blood glucose levels are heightened, and this leads to serious organ damage.

Type two is not insulin dependent, but does mean that you are likely to have high blood pressure and a decreased amount of insulin produced in the body.

Gestational diabetes sometimes occurs in pregnant women when the body is unable to produce enough insulin needed to get them through their pregnancy.

Education is particularly important as diabetes can affect all aspects of life. The disease is life-long and requires many lifestyle adjustments to be made; diet, exercise and medication all needs to be monitored and altered.

In order to make the right decisions about behavioral when

managing and living with diabetes, sufferers need to be correctly informed about the implications.

Poor diabetes education results in more chance of complications and less chance of leading a healthy life.

Being aware of risk factors such as obesity, glucose intolerance, lack of exercise and an unhealthy diet is important in the fight against further incidences of diabetes. Those with these risk factors also need to look out for warning signs including tiredness, weight loss, increased thirst, blurred vision and lack of concentration. Education is the key to prevention.

World Diabetes Day also aims to change education worldwide so that it provides the information people need in order to live with the condition and treat it carefully.

REMINDERS

- Holiday Decorating Contest is Dec. 10th. 6 - 9 p.m.
- Assessments are Due Every Year on January 1st.
- Remove trash cans from public view on non-trash days.

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Greater Mission Bend Area Council



Town Hall Meeting

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Saturday, November 18, 2017 from 10:00 a.m. – Noon
Community Volunteer Fire Department
16003 Bellaire Blvd, Houston, TX 77083

*Join the conversation regarding community issues,
Safety and upcoming improvements in our area.*

Guest Speakers

Harris County Commissioner – (TBD)
Fort Bend County Commissioner - Grady Prestage
Fort Bend County Sheriff – Chad Norvell
Harris County Sheriff – Ed Gonzalez

(MBET) Mission Bend Emergency Team

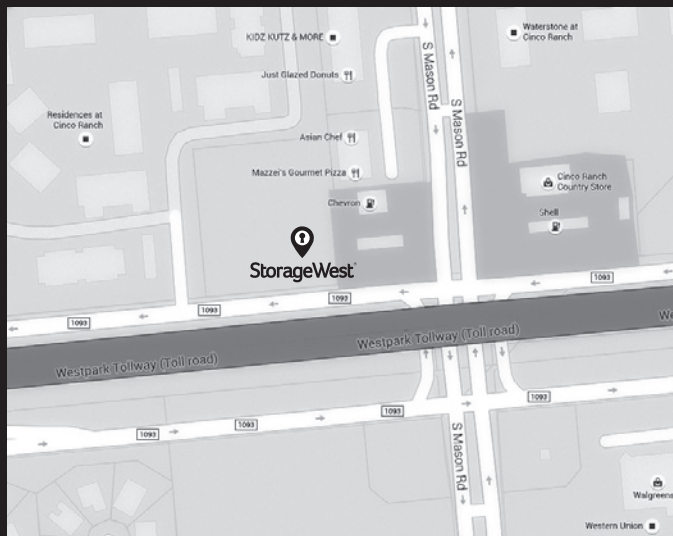
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ANNUAL ASSESSMENTS THE 2018 ASSESSMENTS

The West Bend C.I.A. Annual Assessments are due every year on January 1st.

As a courtesy, a statement will be mailed to you by the end of November. It is your duty and obligation to make sure your correct mailing address is on file. If you have not received a statement. Contact www.ciaservices.com.

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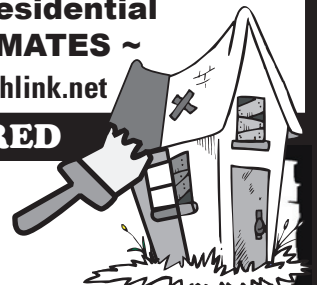
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GARDEN

IF IT'S BROWN, TAKE IT DOWN

by Randy Lemmon

I once asked a neighbor with several dead pine trees why he hadn't had them removed. He said he wanted to wait to see if they come back in the spring.

I've always tried to make "dead-tree analysis" simple. "If it's brown, take it down."

You don't always need a tree doctor to come out and tell you if a tree is dead. While there are a few exceptions to the rule, if a tree's leaves are 100 percent brown, or if a pine tree's needles are 100 percent rust-colored, the tree is dead, and it needs to come down soon.

There are three reasons why you shouldn't put off having dead trees removed. First, a dead tree could fall on its own or due to winds, so it is a safety threat to nearby houses, fences, garages, automobiles, etc. If an insurance company can prove you knew for some time that a tree was dead and didn't have it removed, they may not pay an insurance claim for damages.

Second, a dead tree falling among other healthy trees can damage those trees, ripping off branches and gauging trunks.

And third, it may actually cost more to have a dead tree cleared away later because removal becomes more intricate with decomposition. In a tree's early stages of death, it is solid enough for an expert to climb and remove it one section at a time. When it's rotting, no one can safely climb the trunk, so the removal process requires more equipment, more workers, and costs more money.

So, if it's brown, take it down ... immediately!!!

How do you know if a tree is struggling to stay alive? Many trees are starting to shed leaves for the fall, as they normally would. However, trees shedding yellowing leaves prematurely are likely having problems and could benefit from deep-root watering and feeding. I encourage you to do it on your own, but older trees need treatment by a professional. Be careful, though: price-gouging tree companies come out of the cracks this time of year.

Be sure you're getting a good deal from a certified tree company. The cost of tree removal depends on the size of the tree and its ease of accessibility. Call at least three companies for bids. Price-gougers will overcharge because they think you may be trapped. Uninsured companies will give you the cheapest bids because they don't have much overhead. However, "rational" bids will never be the cheapest or the most expensive. Affordable Tree Service at 713-699-2663, a company I have endorsed for years, is a good example.

Any tree company that bids your project should provide proof of liability coverage and workman's compensation insurance. If they can't or won't, don't hire them. If something bad happens due to a fallen tree, it'll all be on you and your insurance. Don't let Murphy's Law take part in your removal. Randy Lemmon is the host of the GardenLine radio program on Newsradio 740 KTRH.

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.

December – February

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

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.

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

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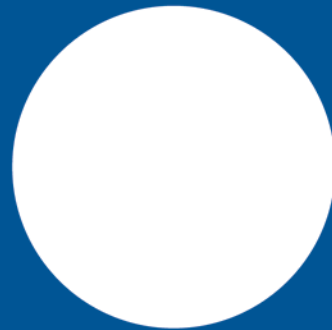
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