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WEST BEND COMMUNITY IMPROVEMENT ASSOCIATION

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June 2018

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

Observed as:

- National Safety Month
- Men's Health Month
- LGBT Pride Month

Birthstone:

Alexandrite, Pearl,
& Moonstone

Flower:

Lily of the Valley
& Hawthorn

Astrological Signs:

Taurus (till 20th) & Gemini (21st ⇒)

1st.....	National Doughnut Day
1st.....	National Bestfriend day
8th.....	World Oceans Day
11th.....	Lailatul Qadr
14th.....	Flag Day
14th.....	Ramadan (end)
14th.....	World Blood Donor Day
15th.....	Eid al Fitr
16th.....	Board Meeting
17th.....	Father's Day
18th.....	International Picnic Day
18th.....	MTV Movie & TV Awards
19th.....	Juneteenth
20th.....	World Refugee Day
21st.....	Summer Solstice
21st.....	International Yoga Day
23rd.....	International Widows' Day
24th.....	St John the Baptist
26th.....	Day against Drug Abuse/Illicit Trafficking
29th.....	St Peters

SAVE THE DATE

WEDNESDAY, JULY 18TH

HOMEOWNERS' ANNUAL MEETING

(Pavilion - 3915 Summit Valley Drive)

World Oceans Day

World Oceans Day (June 8th) is the United Nations-recognized day of ocean celebration and action. Artist Boat, a Galveston-based non-profit, is hosting the second annual World Oceans Day Festival to commemorate the day. Join us at Stewart Beach from 4-7pm on Thursday June 8th and be a part of the celebration.

REMINDERS...

- ✓ Yard of the Month is in Effect
- ✓ Drive Safely and watch for pedestrians and pets
- ✓ Remove trash cans from public view on non-trash days.
- ✓ Important Homeowner Registration
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- ✓ Assessments are due every year on January 1st.

IMPORTANT NUMBERS

MANAGEMENT COMPANY

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713 981-9000

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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

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

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<i>12655 Whittington Dr, Houston, TX 77077</i>	
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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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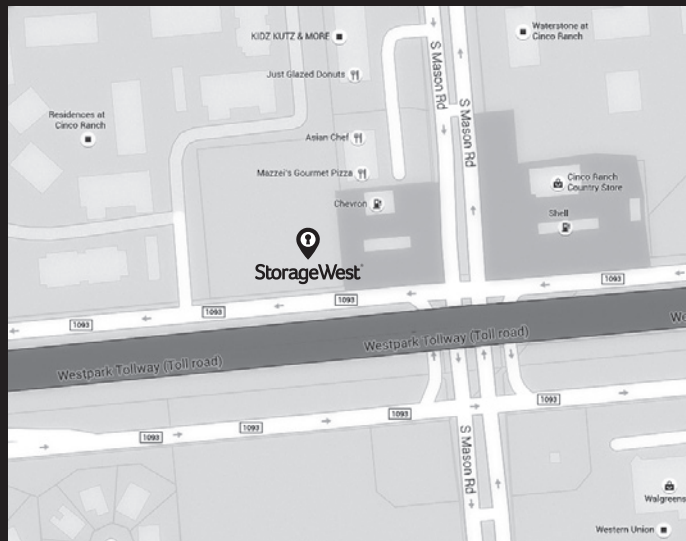
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ANNUAL ASSESSMENTS

An HOA has a board of directors. Each year, the board will come up with a budget for the community that includes how much household will be charged as an Annual HOA fee.

Generally, the HOA fee consists of two parts:

- An amount to cover current year operations. Part of the fee will be designated to pay for current year operations, which typically includes things such as landscaping, pool maintenance, insurance, taxes, electricity and water, etc.
- An amount that goes into reserves. The remaining portion of the fee is placed into reserves for long-term repairs and replacements, such as paying for a new roof for the community center or tennis court resurfacing and repairs, or to cover the cost of building additional parking lots, walkways and playgrounds. (Having ample reserves ensures that the HOA has money available to pay for high-cost repairs when they come due.)

So long as the HOA board is able to accurately predict which repairs will come due and when, the dues should cover the current operating expenses as well as long-term repairs.

Special Assessments

However, the board's predictions are not always accurate. Occasionally, the HOA may need to come up with funds in excess of the money raised by the annual fees. In that case, the board usually

has the authority to impose a special assessment to cover the one-time expense of a major repair or improvement.

Reasons Why the Annual Fees May Fall Short of Covering Expenses

There are several possible reasons why the annual fees may not provide enough to the reserves to cover long-term repairs. For example:

- The monthly operating expenses may be higher than expected. (Increases in Insurance, vendors, utilities, etc.)
- Some homeowners may not pay their annual HOA dues, which depletes the funds and causes an increase in legal fee expenses.
- There could be an unexpected catastrophe or natural disaster that causes damage not covered by insurance.

HOA Liens and Foreclosure

The HOAs have the power to place a lien on the homeowner's property if he or she doesn't pay the annual dues and/or any special assessments. Once the HOA has a lien on a homeowner's property, it may foreclose on that lien as permitted by the CC&Rs and pursuant to state law.

The West Bend C.I.A. Annual Assessments are due every year on Jan 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 Alma.Reyes@ciaservices.com



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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 inspect the items below, in addition to all other areas throughout the year.

June – August

- Mildew removal
- Power washing exterior home
- Painting

Homeowners are legally obligated to maintain their property in accordance with the West Bend Community Improvement Association governing documents.

World Blood Donor Day

Every year on 14 June, countries around the world celebrate World Blood Donor Day (WBDD). The event, established in 2004, serves to raise awareness of the need for safe blood and blood products, and to thank blood donors for their voluntary, life-saving gifts of blood.

Westchase Neighborhood Donor Center

10001 Westheimer Road, Suite 2117, Houston, TX 77042

Phone: (832) 242-7600

Hours:

Sunday	Closed
Monday	10 a.m. to 6 p.m.
Tuesday	10 a.m. to 6 p.m.
Wednesday	10 a.m. to 6 p.m.
Thursday	10 a.m. to 6 p.m.
Friday	8 a.m. to 4 p.m.
Saturday	8 a.m. to 4 p.m.

World Blood Donor Day is one of eight official global public health campaigns marked by the World Health Organization (WHO), along with World Health Day, World Tuberculosis Day, World Immunization Week, World Malaria Day, World No Tobacco Day, World Hepatitis Day, and World AIDS Day.

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6TH ANNUAL JUNETEENTH "NOT YET UHURU" FREEDOM & MUSIC FESTIVAL

*by All African People's Development
and Empowerment Project*

FREE ADMISSION ON
Saturday, June 16, 2018 12:00 PM – 8:00 PM CDT

The 6th annual Juneteenth Freedom and Music Festival will take place at 3707 Brill Street in the Gwen Archie 5th Ward Community Garden. This celebratory festival is sponsored by the All African People's Development & Empowerment Project (AAPDEP) and the International People's Democratic Uhuru Movement (InPDUM).

It will be a day of fun and games for the kids, and a day of good music led by "Tighten Up" fame R&B artist Archie Bell. In addition, the Reggae Band Idiginis and R&B big band Ray Williams and the Majortones, along with many, many more insures the day of good music and cultural entertainment.

This will also be a day of serious discussion on the plight of African people all over the world. Omali Yeshitela, leader of the Uhuru Movement will lead the line-up of speakers including Dr. Aisha Fields, the International Director of AAPDEP, Kalambayi Andenet President of the International People's Democratic Uhuru Movement, along with other national and local representatives and activists.

Juneteenth is the oldest known celebration commemorating the ending of chattel slavery in the United States. Dating back to 1865, it was on June 19th that the Union soldiers, led by Major General Gordon Granger, landed at Galveston, Texas with news that the war had ended and that the enslaved were now free, two and a half years after the issuance of the Emancipation Proclamation.

It remains, in 2018 we are still not a free people. Our dire economic situation and the deadly relationship the black community has with the police throughout this country attest to this. That's why this Juneteenth is titled Juneteenth Not Yet Uhuru Freedom and Music Festival. Uhuru is a Swahili word that means freedom.

African drumming and dance, games for children, as well as arts & crafts. Vendors are welcomed. For more information contact Omowale Kefing at (214) 707-7309.

For Vending information please fill-out google form: <https://goo.gl/forms/U3GdpvtnZUA8gof02> or contact us to request a printable application or to receive more info at 832-546-2764. All applications for vending must be turned in one week before the event.

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Coffee-Chocolate Chip Cookies

INGREDIENTS

1 ½ cups flour
¼ tsp baking soda
¾ cup butter softened
¾ cup sugar
½ cup brown sugar
3 tbsp cool strong brewed coffee
1 egg
1 tsp vanilla
2 pkgs (8 ozs.) semi sweet chocolate, chopped
1 ½ cups chopped walnuts

DIRECTIONS

Heat oven to 325 degrees.
Combine flour and baking soda.
Beat sugars & butter until light & fluffy.
Blend in coffee, egg & vanilla.
Gradually beat in flour mixture until well blended.
Stir in chopped nuts & chocolate. Refrigerate 30 mins.
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