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WEST BEND COMMUNITY IMPROVEMENT ASSOCIATION

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July 2019

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

Observed as:

- National Parks Month
- National Picnic Month
- UV Safety Month

Birthstone: Ruby & Onyx

Astrological Signs: Cancer (till 22nd) & Leo (23rd→)

Flower: Larkspur & Water Lily

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| 1st | Canada Day |
| 3rd | St. Thomas |
| 4th | Independence Day |
| 11th | World Population Day |
| 14th | Bastille Day (France) |
| 17th | Annual Meeting |
| 17th | Nat'l Hot Dog Day |
| 18th | Nelson Mandela Int'l Day |
| 21st | Nat'l Ice Cream Day |
| 24th | Nat'l Tequila Day |
| 25th | St James TG |
| 28th | Parent's Day |
| 28th | World Hepatitis Day |
| 29th | Nat'l Lasagna Day |
| 30th | Int'l Day of Friendship |
| 30th | Nat'l Cheesecake Day |
| 30th | World Day Against Trafficking in Persons |

Beautiful Trees

Trees are a valuable asset to properties and the environment. In West Bend, tree canopy provides shade and significantly reduces utility bills. Mature healthy trees can increase a property's value by as much as 25 percent.

Trees must be properly maintained and pruned for the health of the tree as well as for public safety. Please raise your tree canopy to 14 feet over the street, and 8 feet over the sidewalks. It is important to ensure that large vehicles such as fire trucks, school buses, ambulances and garbage trucks are able to navigate and operate safely.

Overhanging tree limbs can delay emergency vehicles when seconds make the difference between life and death. Clearance is also essential for the visibility of traffic signs and street lights. Untrimmed trees can cause irreversible damage to trucks.

There are many online resources for information on pruning trees.

International Society of Arboriculture www.treesaregood.com

Fort Bend Master Gardeners www.fbmjg.com

The National Arbor Day Foundation www.arborday.org

Texas A&M University aggie-horticulture.tamu.edu

Houston Area Urban Forestry Council www.haufc.org

Homeowners Annual Meeting

Wednesday, July 17th, 6:00 p.m.

Where: Pavilion
3915 Summit Valley Drive

IMPORTANT NUMBERS

MANAGEMENT COMPANY

CIA Services, Inc.

3000 Wilcrest, Houston, TX

713 981-9000

EMERGENCY

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| 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

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| 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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| 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

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| Alief Independent School Dist. | 281 498-8110 |
| Alief Transportation (to report Bus) | 281 983-8400 |

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| Secretary & Treasurer | Linda Hermon |
| Director | Gail Kreinsen |
| Director | Jacqueline Parks |
| Director | Letty Solis |
| Director | VACANT |

COMMUNITY MANAGER

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| Catina Hunter | Catina.Hunter@ciaservices.com |
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Register on www.crimereports.com



NEXTDOOR.com

Nextdoor is the free and private social network just for West Bend neighbors. On Nextdoor, neighbors share crime and safety concerns, local events, recommendations, items for sale/free, ideas about how to make our neighborhood better, messages from the Harris County Sheriff's Dept., and the Houston Chronicle.

Our neighborhood is using a private online network called Nextdoor.

Please join us to build a better neighborhood!

www.nextdoor.com/join Code: MZXJX

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

Board Volunteers

There are five (5) positions up for election for the West Bend Community Improvement Association Board of Directors at the 2019 Annual Meeting to be held on Wednesday, July 17th at 6:00 o'clock p.m.

Fiduciary Relationship and Responsibility - The members of the board of directors and each officer of the association have a fiduciary relationship with the members of the association. This fiduciary relationship imposes obligations of trust and confidence in favor of the corporation and its members. It requires the members of the board to act in good faith and in the best interests of the members of the association. It means that board members must exercise due care and diligence when acting for the community, and it requires them to act within the scope of their authority.

The fact that the association is a not-for-profit corporation, or that the members of the board are volunteers and unpaid, does not relieve them from the high standards of trust and responsibility that the fiduciary relationship requires. When a member accepts a position on the board of directors, he or she is presumed to have knowledge of the duties and responsibilities of a board member. Board members cannot be excused from improper action on the grounds of ignorance or inexperience and liability of board members for negligence and mismanagement exists in favor of the association and the property owners.

Each board member must recognize the fiduciary relationship and the responsibilities that the board has to the association and each of its members. The board's duties must be performed with the care and responsibility that an ordinary prudent person would exercise under similar circumstances, and the ultimate responsibilities of these unique positions cannot be delegated to a manager, a management company or other third party.

The deadline for nominations will be announced in a separate postcard mail-out. Please email a ½ page Biography to the community manager, Catina Hunter, at catina.hunter@ciaservices.com stating your interest and qualifications to serve in the (2) year term position.

Eligibility - To qualify for election as an officer or director of West Bend C.I.A., one must be a Property Owner and has not been convicted of a felony or crime involving moral turpitude.

July Yard of the Month

4139 Club Valley



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and click the RESIDENTS tab



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Quarterly Inspection Area of Focus

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.

Nelson Mandela International Day **Take Action! Inspire Change!**



If you would like to donate your own time to public service, here are some things you can do to take action and inspire change:

- Make a new friend. Get to know someone from a different cultural background. Only through mutual understanding can we rid our communities of intolerance and xenophobia.
 - Read to someone who can't. Visit a local home for the blind and open up a new world for someone else.
 - Help out at the local animal shelter. Dogs without homes still need a walk and a bit of love.
 - Help someone get a job. Put together and print a CV for them, or help them with their interview skills.
 - Many terminally ill people have no one to speak to. Take a little time to have a chat and bring some sunshine into their lives.
 - Get tested for HIV and encourage your partner to do so too.
 - Take someone you know, who can't afford it, to get their eyes tested or their teeth checked.
 - Donate a wheelchair or guide dog, to someone in need.
 - Buy a few blankets, or grab the ones you no longer need from home and give them to someone in need.
- "It is in your hands to make of the world a better place." - Nelson Mandela*

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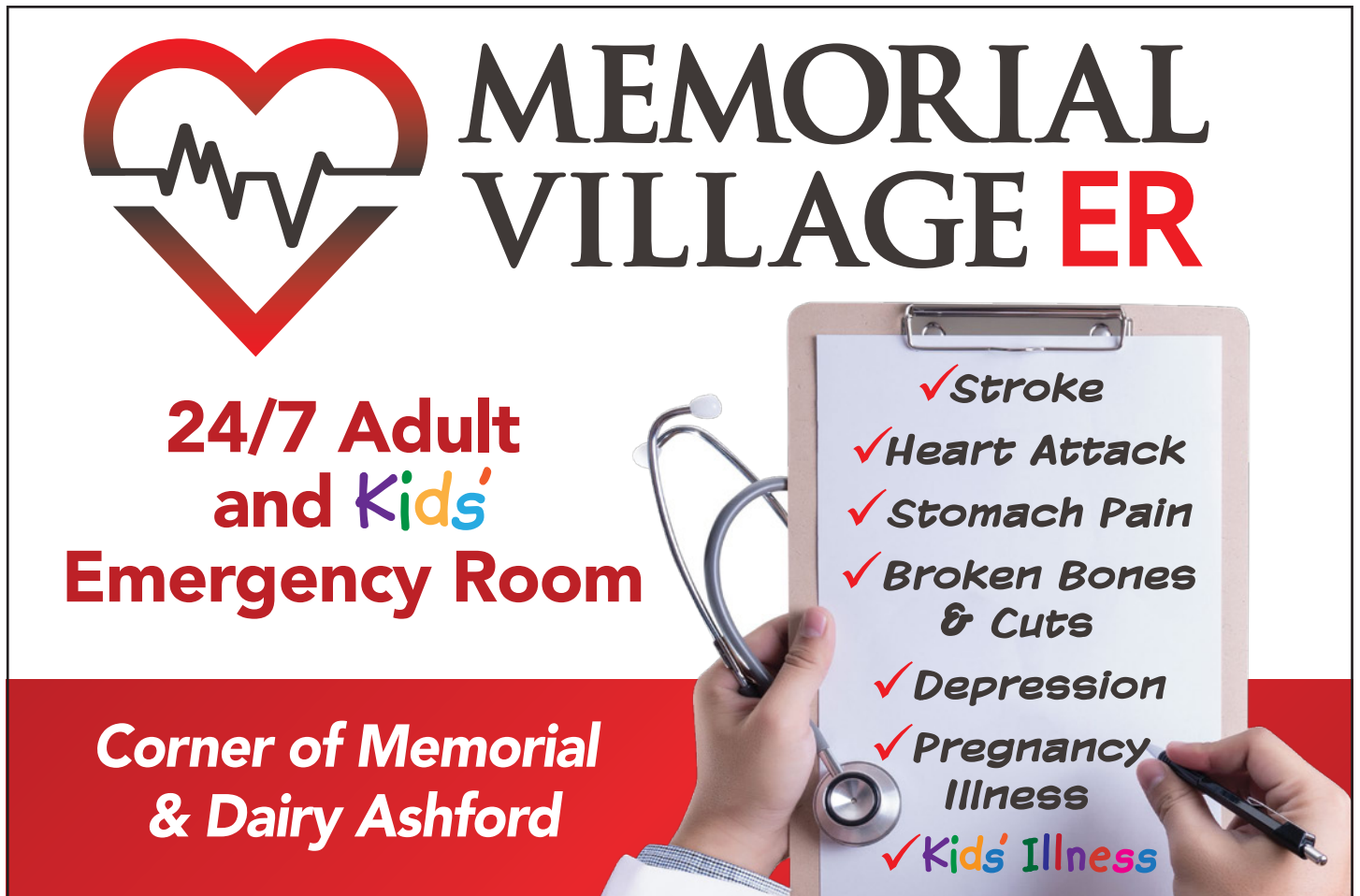
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The advertisement features a large red heart icon with a black ECG line running through it. To the right of the heart, the text "MEMORIAL VILLAGE ER" is displayed in a large, bold, serif font, with "ER" in red. Below the heart, the text "24/7 Adult and Kids' Emergency Room" is written in a bold, sans-serif font, with "24/7" in red, "Adult" in red, "and" in blue, "Kids'" in multi-colored letters, and "Emergency Room" in red. At the bottom left, a red banner contains the text "Corner of Memorial & Dairy Ashford" in white, bold, sans-serif font. On the right side, a hand holds a stethoscope over a clipboard. The clipboard has a white sheet of paper with a list of medical conditions, each preceded by a red checkmark: "Stroke", "Heart Attack", "Stomach Pain", "Broken Bones & Cuts", "Depression", "Pregnancy Illness", and "Kids' Illness". The text "Kids' Illness" is in multi-colored letters.

MEMORIAL VILLAGE ER

24/7 Adult and Kids' Emergency Room

Corner of Memorial & Dairy Ashford

- ✓ Stroke
- ✓ Heart Attack
- ✓ Stomach Pain
- ✓ Broken Bones & Cuts
- ✓ Depression
- ✓ Pregnancy Illness
- ✓ Kids' Illness

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• ANNUAL MEETING July 17th 6:00 PM

• 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

• Homeowner

Registration www.ciaservices.com

• Assessments are due every year on January 1st.

RECIPE OF THE MONTH

Watermelon Salad

2 tablespoons white wine vinegar
1 lime, zested and juiced
1/4 cup extra-virgin olive oil
1 red onion, thinly sliced
4 cups seeded watermelon chunks
1 cup crumbled feta cheese
1/4 cup mint chiffonade
2 cups baby arugula

Directions:

Add the white wine vinegar, lime zest and juice to a small bowl. Whisk in the olive oil and season with salt and pepper. Add the thinly sliced red onion and let marinate for 5 to 10 minutes as you prepare the rest of the salad.

Add the watermelon, feta, mint, and arugula to a large bowl. Toss with the vinaigrette and serve immediately after dressing.

Recipe courtesy of The Neelys, www.foodnetwork.com



Flooding: How to Protect Your Family & Finances

In many areas, flooding is the most common and costly natural disaster—and it can happen here. Just one inch of water in your home or office can cost thousands of dollars in cleanup and replacement costs, including drywall, baseboards, floor coverings and furniture. You may think you're covered, but many homeowners' insurance policies do not cover flooding.

Here are several reasons to talk to an insurance agent now about flood insurance.

- There is usually a 30-day waiting period before coverage begins.
- Coverage is relatively inexpensive.
- Renters can buy flood insurance for personal belongings or business inventory.
- Basement coverage includes cleanup expense and repair or replacement of items such as furnaces, water heaters, washers, dryers, air conditioners, freezers and pumps.
- You do not have to repay flood insurance benefits as you do with disaster-related assistance loans.
- You can receive payments for flood-related losses even if no disaster was declared.

Learn more about flood insurance at www.floodsmart.gov. There are things you can do to prepare your home and

family now for flash floods:

- Make a family emergency plan. Emergency preparedness is everyone's responsibility. Write down your plan. Decide ahead of time where you will go if you have to leave and where family members will meet up. Identify an out-of-town emergency contact.
- Get supplies for an emergency kit. Start with three days' water and three days' packaged and canned food. Add a battery-powered radio and extra batteries. Store in waterproof containers with wheels or that you can lift so you can take them with you. For details about preparing an emergency kit, visit www.ready.gov/america/beinformed/floods.html
- Stay informed about what could happen. During storm season, listen to local media for up-to-date reports on weather watches and warnings. Keep a battery-powered portable radio—with a NOAA weather band—handy in case the power goes out. Choose one.

Learn more about preparedness at www.ready.gov/america/beinformed/floods.html.



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