

August 2019

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

Observed as:

- National Immunization Awareness Month

Birthstone: Peridot

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

Flower: Poppy & Gladiolus

Intl Beer Day	2
National Sister Day	4
Hajj (start)	9
World Indigenous Peoples	9
Day of Arafat Starts	10
Tisha B'Av Starts	10
Eid al Adha Starts	11
International Youth Day	12
International Left-Handers Day	13
Assumption of Mary	15
National Aviation Day	19
World Humanitarian Day	19
Board Meeting	21
St Bartholomew	24
MTV Video Music Awards	26
National Dog Day	26
Intl Day Against Nuclear Tests	26
Islamic New Year Starts	30



Friendly Reminders

- Important Homeowner Registration www.ciaservices.com
- Drive Safely, watch your speed and obey street signs
- Yard of the Month is in Effect
- Remove trash cans from public view on non-trash days
- Assessments are due every year on January 1st *

POOL CLOSED



Maintenance Updates

Pool Closure – The pool continues to be closed while the Board finalizes funding options for the repairs cited by Harris County. A proposal has been tentatively approved by the Board for the needed repairs to the pool. Harris County has come by for a re-inspection to view the progress of the other items that were cited, and has cleared the pool to reopen pending the completion of the deck replacement and re-plaster of the pool.

IMPORTANT NUMBERS

MANAGEMENT COMPANY

CIA Services, Inc.

3000 Wilcrest, Houston, TX

713 981-9000

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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Register on www.crimereports.com



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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.

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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



From scissors and smudged ink, spiral-bound notebooks to impossible-to-use tin openers, the lefties' struggle is real. So take a moment to pause and appreciate the plight of your left-handed friends living in a right-handed world.

Just 10 per cent of the world's population is left-handed and this has remained roughly the case for thousands of years. Men are also more likely to be left-handed.

Here is a list of a few of our famous lefties...

Barack Obama: Former US President

Leonardo Da Vinci: Artist

Drew Barrymore: Actress

Tom Cruise: Actor

Bill Bryson: Writer

James Cameron: Director

David Bowie: Musician

Jonathan Ross: Presenter

Prince William: Royal family

Paula Radcliffe: Athlete

Pele: Footballer

Jimmy White: Snooker player

Neil Armstrong: Astronaut

Marie Curie: Scientist

Henry Ford: Industrialist

Aristotle: Philosopher

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.

Annual Meeting Update

The West Bend Annual meeting Notice was sent to ALL Homeowners.

The Options were to either...

- 1) Come to the meeting in person on July 17th
- 2) Vote online
- 3) Vote by Absentee Ballot
- 4) Vote by Proxy

The Board Member Election Results are:

Lisa Crane

Linda Hermon

Joycelyn Rubins

Letty Solis

Thank you to everyone that participated!

B2S Supplies Event for 2019

Support the Free Back 2 School Supplies
Event by Donating Supplies

Saturday, August 10th, 2019

New Life Baptist Church

10:00 am – 1:00 pm

6403 Addicks Clodine Road

Greater Mission Bend Area Council

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West Bend CIA

August Yard Of The Month

YOM August Winner
4003 Club Valley



Blackberry-Oat Crumble Bars Recipe

Ingredients

CRUST

- 6 cups regular rolled oats
- 2 1/4 cups packed light brown sugar
- 2 1/4 cups all-purpose flour
- 2 cups unsalted butter, melted, plus more for pan
- 1 teaspoon kosher salt
- 1 teaspoon baking soda

FILLING

- 9 cups fresh blackberries
- 1 cup granulated sugar
- 1/2 cup fresh lemon juice (from 3 lemons)
- 1/4 cup cornstarch

How to Make It

Step 1 - Prepare the Crust: Preheat oven to 350°F. Stir together oats, brown sugar, flour, butter, salt, and baking soda. Remove 3 cups of the oat mixture, and set aside. Press remaining oat mixture in an even layer in an aluminum foil-lined and buttered 12- x 17-inch rimmed baking sheet. Bake in preheated oven until golden brown, about 20 minutes. Cool completely, about 30 minutes.

Step 2 - Prepare the Filling: Stir together blackberries, sugar, lemon juice, and cornstarch in a large saucepan. Cook over medium, stirring occasionally, until syrup thickens and is bubbly, about 8 minutes. Pour over prepared Crust, and crumble reserved 3 cups oat mixture evenly over Filling. Bake at 350°F until topping is golden brown, 30 to 35 minutes. Cool completely, about 2 hours. Cut into 24 pieces.



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Savory Garlic and Green Beans Recipe

Ingredients:

Ice

2 tablespoons olive oil

1 1/2 pounds trimmed green beans

3 cloves garlic, minced

1 tablespoon fresh summer savory removed from stem

Salt and pepper

Instructions

1- Fill a large bowl with cold water and ice.

2- Bring a large pot of water to boil. Once boiling salt liberally and add in green beans. Cook 3 - 4 minutes or just until bright green.

3- Use a slotted spoon to transfer beans to ice bath to stop cooking process. Once cool, remove and pat dry.

4- Heat oil in a skillet over medium-high heat. Add beans, cook 3 - 5 minutes or until beans are tender but crisp. Add in garlic and summer savory. Cook just until garlic becomes fragrant, about a minute. Season to taste with salt and pepper and serve



HAIL DAMAGE?

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- Wind Damage
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- Curling Shingles
- Visible Dents in Soft Metals/Vents
- Signs of Aging

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Tawny Crazy Ants



The Tawny Crazy Ant, also known in Texas as the Raspberry Crazy Ant, was originally discovered by pest management professional Tom Raspberry (hence the name) in Harris County in 2002. Since then, the ants have been distributed to other parts of the state via people, plants, materials, and other things and are currently confirmed in 40 Texas counties.

Distribution map of Texas counties with confirmed presence of tawny crazy ants (in red).

Tawny crazy ants are about 1/8" and orangish-brown in color. With a good hand lens or microscope, you can see 12 segmented antennae, 1 node, and a circle of hairs at the tip of the abdomen. These ants can be confused with other ants, so if you are unsure of what you have check with your local Extension office.

Tawny crazy ants have a cyclical population level throughout the year with populations peaking in late summer, decreasing in the fall and then beginning to build again in the spring. Tawny crazy ants are capable of biting, but do NOT sting like fire ants. They are mostly nuisance pests, but can reach extraordinary population levels (in the millions) and can become a problem if they get into electrical equipment. Tawny crazy ants do not have nests or mounds like fire ants; they tend to nest under things-rocks, landscape timbers, flowerpots, etc.

For more information on this particular ant species go to <http://urbanentomology.tamu.edu/ants/raspberry.html>

Treatment Options

- Removing harborage areas- fallen limbs, rocks, leaf litter, etc. These ants will nest under pretty much anything on the ground, so you may want to remove anything that is not necessary.

- Alter moisture conditions (crazy ants prefer moist, humid conditions)- reduce watering, repair any water leaks, and improve drainage

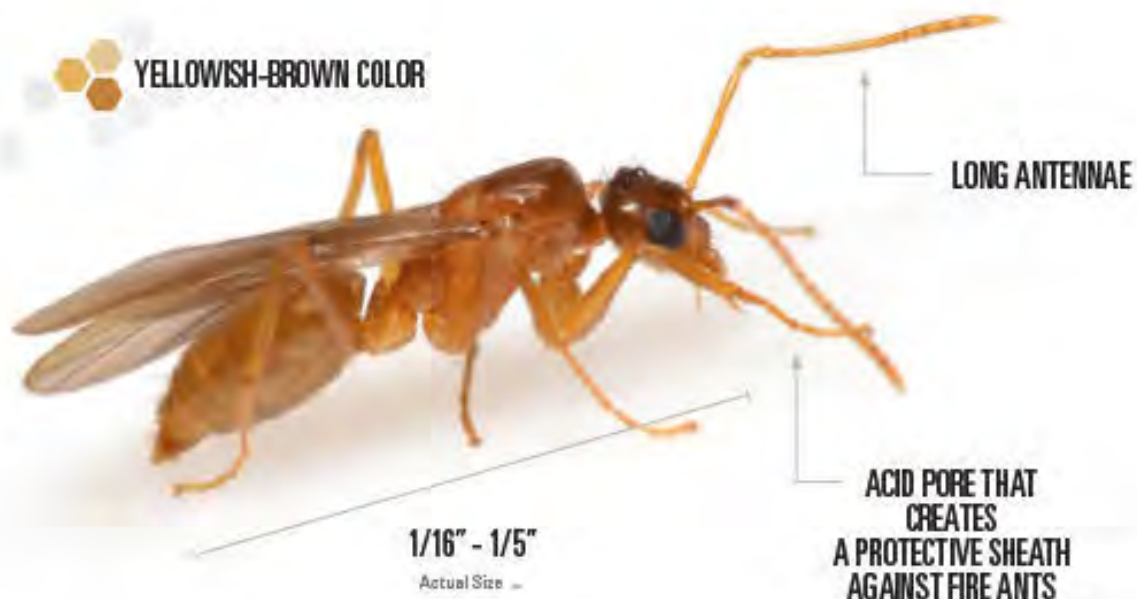
- Eliminate honeydew producers from area. Crazy ants tend honeydew producers such as aphids, whiteflies, hoppers, mealybugs and scale insects.

- Use pesticide sprays to treat infested areas- under rocks, along landscape edging, etc. Pesticide sprays can also be used to create a barrier around the outside of the home. Piles of dead ants may build up in treated areas. If this occurs, remove dead ants to keep the pesticide barrier maintained.

- Hire a pest management professional (PMP). PMPs have access to pesticides that are unavailable to homeowners for tawny crazy ant treatment and they also have experience dealing with pest problems regularly.

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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