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WEST BEND COMMUNITY IMPROVEMENT ASSOCIATION

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September 2019 COMMUNITY CALENDAR

Observed as:

- National Preparedness Month
- Childhood Cancer Awareness Month
- National Suicide Prevention Awareness Month
- National School Success Month

Birthstone: Sapphire

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

Flower: Aster & Forget-me-not

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| Labor Day | 2 |
| Int'l Day of Charity | 5 |
| Brazil Independence Day | 7 |
| Grandparent's Day | 8 |
| Int'l Literacy Day | 8 |
| Ashura Starts | 9 |
| World Suicide Prevention Day | 10 |
| Patriot Day | 11 |
| Ethiopian New Year | 12 |
| United Nations Day for South-South | 15 |
| Guatemala Independence Day | 15 |
| Int'l Day of Democracy | 15 |
| Nicaragua Independence Day | 15 |
| Mexico Independence Day | 16 |
| Constitution Day | 17 |
| Chile Independence Day | 18 |
| Board Meeting | 18 |
| Nat'l Cheeseburger Day | 18 |
| Int'l Talk Like a Pirate Day | 19 |
| Selichot | 21 |
| St. Matthew | 21 |
| Int'l Day of Peace | 21 |
| Oktoberfest (Start) | 21 |
| Emmy Awards | 22 |
| World Rhino Day | 22 |
| Start of Fall (Autumnal Equinox) | 23 |
| Saint Padre Pio | 23 |
| Int'l Day of Sign Languages | 23 |
| Int'l Day for the Total Elimination | 26 |
| World Tourism Day | 27 |
| Rosh Hashana (Start) | 29 |

Friendly Reminders

- The September 18th Board Meeting will be held at the CIA Services Conference Room located at 3000 Wilcrest, Suite 200.
- Important Homeowner Registration www.ciaservices.com
- School is in session. Drive Safely, watch your speed, and obey street signs.
- Remove trash cans from public view on non-trash days.
- Assessments are due every year on January 1st *

Maintenance Updates

Pool Renovation – The pool renovations are in process. The old deck has been removed as we make way for new plumbing, pool resurfacing, new travertine coping, new tile, new deck, new paint, new pool furniture, and new signs. This shall be completed by October this year with weather permitting.

Water Leak – A water leak on West Bend at Summit Valley Drive was reported to the management company by President Crane. Come to find out, it was a main trunk line and MUD 120 repaired it the same day.

Irrigation Leak – Two irrigation leaks were reported by Director Hermon in the median in front of the church on West Bend Drive.

Park Fence – The wrought iron fence that surrounds the park next door to the pool, is becoming corroded and falling apart. It is being scheduled to be removed.

Curb Repair - The Board has reached out to Precinct 3 to repair the various broken curbs.

Streetlight Outages – May all Residents promptly report streetlights and water leaks.

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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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

Garage Fires...What Steps Can You Take to Protect Your Property?

The most common cause of garage fires is electrical malfunction. The best steps you can take to prevent electrical fires are:

- Do not overload electrical outlets. If the circuit breaker or your GFCI trips, have a licensed electrician out to review the cause before resetting it. Remember that in a typical garage, all electrical outlets are on the same circuit and you may overwhelm a circuit breaker with tools and appliances.

- Do not use extension cords for permanent purposes. Make sure that your extension cord is properly rated for the device you are connecting to it.

- Replace any damaged outlets or wiring.

Other tips for preventing garage fires include:

- Store any flammables such as gasoline, paint, and varnish in a shed away from your home.

- Do not place anything that can burn next to appliances.

Message from the Community Volunteer Fire Department

The Community Volunteer Fire Department is requesting homeowner assistance in managing the low hanging trees within the community. These low hanging branches or limbs are hampering responses to calls for assistance. The branches and limbs

are damaging equipment and Homeowner's trees. Routes to locations have to be altered. Some locations are unable to have an alternate route, leaving no recourse but, to park the apparatus and walk to the location.

Several pieces of equipment are 13 feet tall and CVFD is requesting that homeowners trim the trees to have a 14 feet umbrella over the street. The Department members have been instructed not to damage their apparatus or the Homeowner's trees by driving down streets that do not have appropriate passage. The fire department does not wish to have a citizen with a fire or medical emergency that delays them receiving attention due to having to locate an alternate route or being forced to walk to the emergency location. If damage is caused by a homeowner's tree, the homeowner will be held responsible for the repair.



HAIL DAMAGE?

ACT NOW to Protect Your Home and Investment

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

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National Night Out



The WEST BEND COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION will not be hosting the “National Night Out” event this year due to lack of attendance last year. In previous years this National Event was celebrated the first Tuesday in August in all states. With August being the hottest month in the south, the date was changed to the 1st Tuesday in October for the southern states and unfortunately it gets dark around 7:00 p.m.

Perhaps, we’ll try again in 2020 if there is any community interest. Please let your Board of Directors know your suggestions and volunteers are always welcomed.



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Important Information

SAFETY: Panhandlers and solicitation is becoming a more frequent issue through-out the surrounding West Bend neighborhood. It is important that you keep safe by securing your property and vehicles to prevent any theft or break-ins.

GARBAGE CANS MUST BE STORED OUT OF SIGHT! Garbage pick-up is scheduled for Tuesdays and Fridays. By the end of the day, please remove trash cans from the street after pickup! Put trash out the night before and not 2-3 days prior to pick-up! If you have issues or questions as to why your trash is not being picked up, contact Texas Pride Disposal.

FENCING: Check your fencing and repair if boards are loose or missing!

MILDEW: Discolorations on the brick, siding, chimney, driveway and sidewalks will be cited.

You may obtain a copy of the deed restrictions on the West Bend website, www.ciaservices.com.

PARKING: No boats, trailers, commercial trucks or inoperable vehicles are allowed in driveways or street and are in violation of the deed restrictions. You may be charged a fee if you have been cited before for the same offense or for repeated violations.

DO NOT PARK YOUR VEHICLE WHERE IT BLOCKS THE SIDEWALK. The Harris County Sheriff's Department is monitoring this violation throughout the neighborhood and repeated violators can be ticketed! Illegal parking on the streets is being monitored by HCSD and tickets are being issued.

DEED RESTRICTION VIOLATIONS

There has been a high increase of Deed Restriction Violations. Please do not ignore any letters sent to you, as there is a cost of \$35 per CERTIFIED letter which is charged back to the Homeowner. If you need to request an extension to cure the violation or to schedule a Board Hearing, contact CIA Services.

IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE COVENANTS, CONDITIONS AND RESTRICTITONS, SOME VIOLATIONS CAN BE CURED VIA THE ASSOCIATIONS SELF HELP RESTRICTION. The Association has the authority to hire a contractor to repair THE VIOLATIONS and charge THE COST OF THIS SERVICE back to the Homeowner.

Again, if you should receive a violation notice, please take this seriously. If the violation is not corrected in due process, it could be sent to the Association Attorney; their letters cost \$125 AND UP and may become public record.

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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 will continue to check the items below, in addition to all other areas throughout the year.

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

September – November

- Fence Repairs
- Tree Trimming

The Quarterly Inspection Area of focus is an attempt to decrease the number of first letter violation notices. It gives homeowners the opportunity to rectify any problems in a focus area before the quarter approaches.

Thank you for your continued cooperation.



Genista Caterpillar

– Wizzle Brown, Texas AgriLife
Extension Service

Genista caterpillars can often be seen on Mountain Laurel, but may also be found on crape myrtle and honeysuckle. These caterpillars can grow up to one inch in length and are yellowish-green with small black and white dots along their body. They have sporadic hairs protruding along the body, but are not covered densely.



Genista caterpillars create and feed within webbing similar to webworms. The caterpillars have chewing mouthparts and cause defoliation of the plant. Eggs are laid in overlapping clusters on the underside of leaves. Pupation occurs in a small, white silken cocoon that is attached to plants or structures. There are two generations per year.

Management of outbreaks can be rather simple. If plant size and number of caterpillars allows, then hand-picking or vacuuming caterpillars can be a good method of control. Removed caterpillars can either be smashed or dropped in a bucket of soapy water. Other options may include pesticides with active ingredients such as insecticidal soap, horticultural oils, pyrethrum, spinosad, or *Bacillus thuringiensis* var. *kurstaki*, also known as Bt. *Bacillus thuringiensis* var. *kurstaki* specifically targets caterpillars, but does not distinguish between “good” and “bad” caterpillars, so be careful where you apply it and also be aware of drift that may occur. When using Bt or spinosad, good coverage of the plant foliage is essential since caterpillars need to consume a lethal dose. There are also numerous synthetic insecticides formulated to treat for caterpillars. When using any pesticide product, be sure to read and follow all label instructions.

For more information or help with identification, contact Wizzle 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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