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WEST BEND COMMUNITY IMPROVEMENT ASSOCIATION

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November 2019 COMMUNITY CALENDAR

Observed as:

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

Birthstone: Topaz and Citrine

Astrological Signs: Scorpio (till 21st) & Sagittarius (22nd→)

Flower: Chrysanthemum

All Saints Day.....	1
All Souls' Day.....	2
Daylight Saving Time Ends.....	3
Election Day.....	5
Guy Fawkes (UK).....	5
Mawlid Un Nabi Starts.....	9
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Thanksgiving Day.....	28
Black Friday.....	29
Saint Andrew.....	30
Remembrance Victims of Chem. Warfare.....	30
Small Business Saturday.....	30

*Meeting date is subject to change,
please check website for the latest updates.

Community Reminders

- Assessments are due every year on January 1st *
- Important Homeowner Registration www.ciaservices.com
- Holiday Decorating Contest, Sunday Dec. 15th, 6:00p – 8:00p
- Remove trash cans from public view on non-trash days

Assessments Due on Jan 1st

The Assessments are due on January 1st of each year and provide for services in the community. Every owner has an obligation to pay the annual assessment. If you do not receive a statement in November, please submit an accounts receivable request to C.I.A. Services to confirm your balance and ensure it is paid on time. You may submit your payment by mail, in person, or on-line. www.ciaservices.com

30th Annual Native American Championship Pow Wow

November 9th-10th, 2019



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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



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 where you can access the West Bend Governing Documents, By Laws, Deed Restrictions, Important Contact Numbers, Maps and our Neighbor News and Events.

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

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A two-day Native American Pow Wow with colorful tribal dance contests, an arts & crafts show, teepees, honoring ceremonies, singing and much more will be part of the 30th Annual Texas Championship Pow Wow. This annual event is a great time to visit with old friends and make new ones. Plan to join us for this colorful and interesting event, presented by the DFW Inter-Tribal Association, at Traders Village – Houston on Saturday and Sunday, November 9 & 10, 2019.

Several hundred Native Americans, representing dozens of tribes from across the United States, will take part in this celebration of their culture and heritage. The drums will beat for the dancers in full regalia of feathers, buckskin, bells and bead-work competing for prize money and awards in eighteen different dance categories. Spectators will be amazed by the precision and showmanship that even the youngest competitors display in their dancing. Participants will range in age from two-year old toddlers to grandmothers in their 80's. Dancers will compete for \$15,000 in prize money in the following categories:

Tiny Tots, Little Boys, Little Girls, Junior Boys, Junior Girls
Golden Age Men & Ladies

Ladies Cloth, Buckskin, Fancy Shawl and Jingle Dress

Men's Straight, Traditional, Grass and Fancy

All dance competitions will take place from 9:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. (approximately) on Saturday and Sunday.

Special morning entertainment, featuring Terry Tsotigh playing his flute and harmonica, will start at 11:30 a.m. each day with Grand Entry at 12:00 noon.

Artists, craftsmen and traders from all over the country will showcase their wares and talents at the arts & crafts show and sale under the giant Expo. The arts & crafts sale will be open from 10:00 a.m. to sundown each day.

The Indian food booth will serve authentic Native American foods all weekend long. Everyone, spectators and competitors alike, can enjoy authentic Native American fry bread, Indian tacos and more.

Visitors are invited to enjoy a true-to-life experience of days gone by as they wander through the tipi village which provides a close-up look at life with this age-old form of portable shelter.

The largest, most visited open-air market on the Texas Gulf Coast, Traders Village – Houston is open every Saturday and Sunday, year round, and is located just south of Highway 290 on North Eldridge, minutes outside of Beltway 8. There is no admission charge to Traders Village, all events are free and parking is \$4.00 per vehicle. For more information call 281-890-5500.



The November Board Meeting will be held at the CIA Services Conference Room located at 3000 Wilcrest, Suite 200, Houston, TX 77042. The agenda, date and time will be announced via email. Please be sure you have your correct contact and email information with the Management Company by visiting www.CIASERVICES.com Please note - No meeting in December.

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 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

December – February

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

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.



Holiday Decorating Contest

West Bend C.I.A

The contest will be held each year on the Sunday on or just before the 15th of December in the evening between 6 – 8 p.m.

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 winner’s property to be posted on the West Bend CIA Services website and in the newsletter.

Please note the Holiday decorations must be removed no later than the 3rd Sunday of January.

Your participation is appreciated!

West Bend Community Improvement Association Board of Directors



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and Kids'
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Report Streetlight Outages

CenterPoint Energy maintains streetlights throughout West Bend. If a light is out or blinking, please call CenterPoint at 713-207-2222 or report it online <https://slo.centerpointenergy.com/>. You will be asked to provide:

- a pole number for the non-functioning lights you want to report
- contact information (in case more information is needed to locate a streetlight)
- an e-mail address (if you want feedback regarding your repair request)
- the number of streetlights you would like to report



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Sides for Holiday Entertaining

The holiday season means it's time for gathering family and friends for food and celebration. To make the process easier, incorporate recipes that can feed a crowd without lots of exotic, hard-to-find ingredients or long, laborious prep and cook times.

These recipes for Hearty Roasted Winter Vegetables featuring Aunt Nellie's Whole Pickled Beets and Caprese Bean and Salami Salad with READ 3 Bean Salad, for example, are ideal side dishes for holiday gatherings with enough to go 'round for everyone at the table. Plus, if you're heading to a holiday potluck, they're perfect for bringing along to share with the whole crew and versatile enough to be paired with a variety of main courses. Plus, the Caprese Bean and Salami Salad can also stand in as an appetizer.

Find more holiday recipes at auntnellies.com and READsalads.com.



Hearty Roasted Winter Vegetables

Prep time: 10 minutes

Cook time: 45-55 minutes

Servings: 6

1 jar (16 ounces) Aunt Nellie's Whole Pickled Beets, drained

1 small red onion, cut into 12 wedges

2 cups baby portobello mushrooms,

cleaned and stems trimmed

2 cups butternut squash, peeled, seeded and cut into 3/4-inch chunks

3 tablespoons olive oil

1 clove garlic, finely chopped

2 teaspoons chopped fresh rosemary

2 teaspoons chopped fresh thyme

1/4 teaspoon salt, plus additional, to taste (optional)

1/8 teaspoon pepper, plus additional, to taste (optional)

2 cups Brussels sprouts, ends trimmed and scored with cross-cut

Heat oven to 400 F. Place beets, onion, mushrooms and squash on rimmed 15 1/2-by-10 1/2-by-1-inch baking sheet; drizzle with olive oil. Add garlic, rosemary, thyme, 1/4 teaspoon salt and 1/8 teaspoon pepper; toss to coat. Roast 15 minutes.

Add Brussels sprouts, stir and continue to roast until vegetables are tender and browned, about 30-35 minutes, stirring once. Adjust salt and pepper, to taste, if desired.

Caprese Bean and Salami Salad

Recipe courtesy of "The Reluctant Entertainer"



Prep time: 25 minutes

Servings: 16

5 cans (15 ounces each) READ 3 Bean Salad (3 cans drained, 2 cans undrained)

1 pint grape tomatoes, halved

1 pound small marinated mozzarella balls, drained

3/4 cup (1 ounce) fresh basil, chopped

8 ounces dried salami, sliced

salt, to taste

pepper, to taste

2 whole-wheat baguettes (13 ounces each), sliced

In large bowl, stir together bean salad, tomatoes and mozzarella balls.

Before serving, add basil and salami. Add salt and pepper, to taste.

Stir to combine.

Serve on large platter surrounded by baguette slices.

Recipe downloaded from FamilyFeatures.com

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3 Holiday Activities to Engage with Loved Ones

Any time can be the right time to enjoy memorable moments with family members, but the holidays present a special opportunity to have meaningful conversations and interactions with loved ones.

One of the best ways to spark creativity and generate memories is through activities that get the conversation started, whether it's remembering favorite moments from the past or simply sharing notes of appreciation. This holiday season, consider these activity ideas from the Funeral and Memorial Information Council, which created the "Have the Talk of a Lifetime" initiative to encourage families to facilitate conversations that become invaluable when the time comes to honor a loved one.

While these conversations can be difficult to engage in and even harder to begin, the natural bonding moments that stem from activities like these can help make the process easier.

Gratitude Tree

Start a new tradition by creating a gratitude tree, a simple decoration you can look forward to using each year as a reminder of what you and your family are thankful for.

To make a gratitude tree, collect twigs or branches, dry them out and cut them to the desired lengths. Put the branches in a vase or decorative container. Punch holes at the tops of fall-colored paper to be used as tags then instruct guests to write what they're grateful for on each tag.

Take turns reading the tags and tie them to the branches then keep the handwritten tags in a safe place until they can be read again each holiday season. Over the years, as the tree fills up, you'll have a lifetime of memories to share.

Time Capsule

Making a holiday-inspired time capsule can help strengthen family bonds while preserving treasured memories and creating opportunities for future holidays when it's time to reopen the contents.

Use a sealed container or plastic bag to protect items from moisture and mold then place the container in a box that can be decorated and stored in a safe place with related holiday decorations. Mark on the container the date it was created for future reference, and pack it with items like family-favorite recipes; notes about significant



events from that year like births, weddings, graduations and more; copies of newspapers detailing high-profile happenings; and pictures, drawings and notes from the year.

If you're patient enough to wait, try leaving the contents undisturbed at least five years to give the memories even more meaning when the time comes to relive those special moments.

Memories Tablecloth

To help keep important family footnotes front and center during future celebrations, a memorial tablecloth provides each person an opportunity to personalize a piece of popular decor. As you gather around the table for holiday meals, ask each family member to jot down a favorite memory or something he or she is thankful for along with a signature and date.

You can make it an annual event by using the same tablecloth each year and, before long, it will be filled with personal memories as a way to cherish relationships as time goes on. Just use an appropriately sized, inexpensive white canvas drop cloth. Place fabric markers in the center of the table before inviting guests to participate, and to help distinguish each year, try using different colored markers.

Find more ways to celebrate the holidays with your loved ones at talkofalifetime.org.

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