

BUTLER'S BRIDGE

WEST BEND COMMUNITY IMPROVEMENT ASSOCIATION

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April 2020 COMMUNITY CALENDAR

Observed as:

- National Poetry Month
- Sexual Assault Awareness and Prevention
- National Autism Awareness
- Stress Awareness Month
- National Donate Life Month

Birthstones: Diamond and Crystal
Flower: Daisy and Sweet Pea

Astrological Signs:
Aries (till 19th) & Taurus (20th →)

April Fool's Day	1
World Autism Awareness Day	2
Palm Sunday	5
World Health Day	7
Passover (Start)	9
Good Friday	10
National Siblings Day	10
Easter	12
International Day of Human Space Flight	12
Board Meeting	15
Tax Day (Taxes Due)	15
Orthodox Easter	19
Holocaust Remembrance Day	21
Earth Day	22
Administrative Professionals' Day	22
Arbor Day	24
Ramadan (start).....	24
World Malaria Day.....	25
Int'l. Chernobyl Disaster Remembrance.....	26
National Pretzel Day	26
Yom HaZikaron Starts (Israel)	27
World Day for Safety and Health at Work	28

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



How to Collect your Pool Access Card

The Pool opens on Saturday, May 30th.

How to Collect your Pool Access Card

1) Pick-up BEFORE Swim Season at the POOL on the following dates:

May 1st	Friday	6:00 PM - 8:00 PM
May 2nd	Saturday	12:00 AM - 2:00 PM
May 3rd	Sunday	12:00 AM - 2:00 PM

2) Available for Pick-up on and after May 4th at:

C.I.A. Services, 3000 Wilcrest Drive, Suite #200

(Monday – Friday, between the hours of 9:00 AM – 5:00 PM excluding holidays.)

Pool Access Cards are available to property owners in good standing with the *West Bend Community Improvement Association*. Residents who have obtained the use of property rights from the property owner must present proper documentation**

Debris in the Bayou?

Contact the Harris County Flood Control District at <https://www.hcfcd.org/>

The grocery carts and other debris in subdivision bayous will be removed, perhaps within 10 days.

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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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

Honey Bee Swarms



Honey bees are beneficial by producing honey, wax and pollinating crops. With warmer temperatures, honey bees are becoming more active and may soon begin to swarm.

Honey bee swarms look like a large clump of bees clustered together. The swarm may stay in a location from a few hours to a

week. Swarms are produced as a part of the colony's reproductive process. An established colony produces a new queen, causing the old queen and half the worker bees to leave the colony to search for a new nesting location. Swarming honey bees are usually gentle and unlikely to sting. They are not protecting their home, food or offspring. Scout bees are sent out from the swarm to search for a nesting site. Colonies produce comb and honey and are defensive. They are guarding their home, food and offspring.

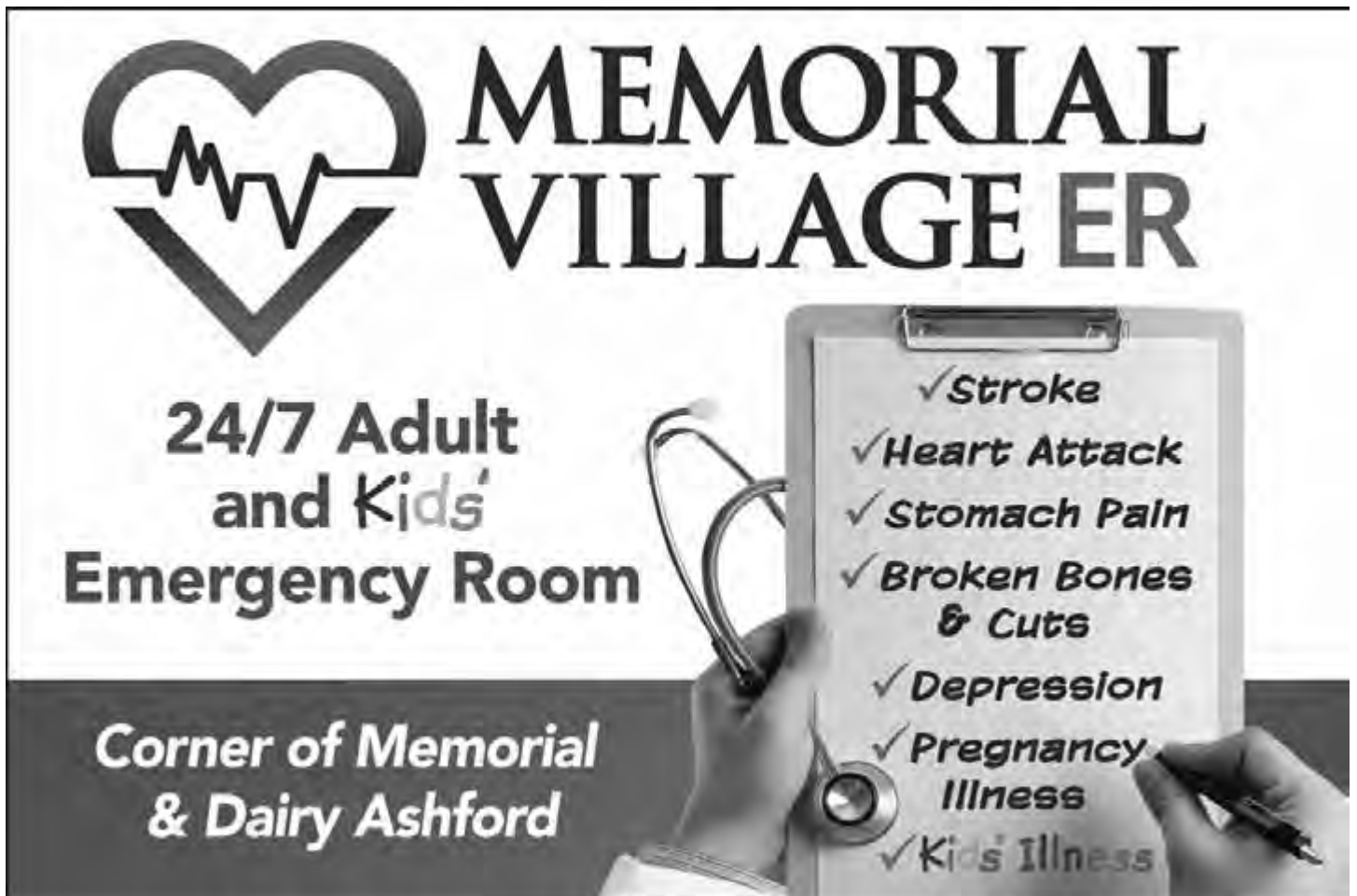
Sometimes, honey bee colonies can be found in wall voids, chimneys, attics or sheds. If bees are in a wall void, DO NOT block their entrance; this makes them search for another way to exit and could lead bees into the structure. To keep bees from

entering a home, seal any holes found in walls where pipes enter the home, cracks in window framing, knotholes, weep holes, or cracks between wood and brick junctures.



While many enjoy having honey bees around, some people are severely allergic to their venom. This, along with other situations, such as bees located near sensitive areas (such as playgrounds) may require removal or even extermination of the bees.

People should NOT try remove or exterminate bees on their own. Beekeepers and pest control companies have equipment to carry out these jobs in a safe manner. The city or county does not provide bee removal services.



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- ✓ Pregnancy Illness
- ✓ Kids' Illness

Reminders

- Architectural Review is required on any Exterior Modifications (www.ciaservices.com)
- Garage Doors are to be the same color as the body of the house and not the trim.
- Remove trash cans from public view on non-trash days.
- Yard of the Month begins in April.
- Please drive safely, obey stop signs, and observe speed limits.



Panhandlers

Recently there has been a rash of panhandlers and human trafficking, staging themselves not only on esplanade curbs, but also navigating in and out of roadways at busy intersections both in wheel chairs and on foot, soliciting donations, peddling water from ice chests to drivers while at traffic lights.

All of this is to say, it is a potential life safety issue for both panhandlers and drivers.

Harris and Fort Bend counties have designated resource centers to help those, in need. Please do not encourage this practice by donating to individuals or groups.

Streetlight Outage



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

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 done by the auditor will continue to inspect 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.

March – May

- Gutter cleaning including house & street (Mildew/discoloration)
- Removal of pine needles & leaves

We are alerting the property owners of these areas before the deed restriction inspections take place, in efforts to decrease the administrative expenses.

Thank you for being a good neighbor.

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New Neighbors – MetaRock Laboratories to spend \$5,500,000.00 to occupy 53,050 square feet of new space in Houston Texas

According to state and local economic development sources MetaRock Laboratories plans to invest \$5,500,000.00 to build out new space in Houston. The company plans to occupy the new space at 3110 South State Hwy 6 in Houston, on or about March 2020. According to the company website MetaRock Laboratories, Inc. has nearly 25 years of experience in developing customized testing systems and in providing a range of conventional and unconventional testing services to the Oil & Gas Industry. While our initial drive was to be known at the forefront of Geomechanics Testing field, our strong commitment to staying ahead of the technology



and innovation curve has allowed us to extend our portfolio to a wide array of technological and automation solutions. We have collaborated with major Oil & Gas companies in creating quality R&D equipment that provides accurate data. We have the in-house capabilities to not only perform testing on rock samples and provide the accompanied data, but we also have extensive experience in building testing apparatus/vessels and pumps, data acquisition software and equipment, implementation, and being the source of a complete systems integration solution. We have also developed a highly rare capability in the acoustics testing realm that is gaining much attention in the industry.

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SKIN CANCER

THE SAD TRUTH

Every year, **5.4 million new cases** of skin cancer are diagnosed, making skin cancer more prevalent than any other cancer. 1 in 5 Americans will develop skin cancer in their life. The saddest part is that skin cancer is one of the most **easily preventable** and diagnosable cancers, and, if detected early, has one of the highest treatment rates. Yet, the public is still ill-informed on such a common cancer.



WHAT CAN YOU DO TO REDUCE YOUR RISK

PROTECT

Apply sunscreen and wear long-sleeves & hats under the sun.



PREVENT

Avoid direct sun exposure between the hours of 11:00 am and 4:00 pm. Never use tanning beds.



DETECT

Look out for abnormal moles or skin patches on your skin and regularly get physical examinations.



Oddly shaped, discolored, large, and evolving moles are potentially malignant



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