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MORE *Green Space* LESS *Flooding*

This is the motto of the Willow Waterhole Greenspace Conservancy, a non-profit organization of volunteers who lead efforts in maintenance and improvements of a 291 acre park in our neighborhood. These volunteers and the Board of Directors work with various governmental entities and various environmental groups in developing Willow Waterhole Greenway Park.

Harris County Flood Control District began purchasing tracts of land in southwest Houston in 2002 and the construction on the facility began in 2003. The construction of six wet bottom detention ponds was completed in 2019. Currently the Flood Control District is nearing completion of the seventh pond located at the northwest corner of S. Post Oak Road and S. Willow.

Today, the "lakes" range from 10 acres to 110 acres and will can retain 600 million gallons of storm water. Beginning in 2016 Texas Parks & Wildlife began stocking the lakes with bass, sunfish and catfish. Fishing is encouraged along with canoeing and kayaking.

The Park has extensive walking and biking trails complimented with native trees, plants and grasses. The Park also has many birds and waterfowl, the Houston Audubon Society has identified over 200 different species of birds in the Park.

Parking is available at the main entrance located at 5300 Dryad with addition street parking located on Ricecrest between S. Willow and Gasmer.

The Greenway Park is a place that should be used, visited and supported, we encourage you to check out this great neighborhood asset. You can support the Conservancy's efforts through either volunteering or financial support. Please email us at volunteer@willowwaterhole.org or membership@willowwaterhole.org.

Visit our website at www.willowwaterhole.org.

MONTHLY TRASH & RECYCLING SCHEDULE

| OCTOBER 2020 | | | | | | | NOVEMBER 2020 | | | | | | |
|--------------|-----|-------------|------------|-------|-----|-----|---------------|-----|-------------|------------|-------|-----|-----|
| SUN | MON | TUES | WED | THURS | FRI | SAT | SUN | MON | TUES | WED | THURS | FRI | SAT |
| | | | | 1 | 2 | 3 | 1 | 2 | 3 TRASH | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 |
| 4 | 5 | 6 TRASH | 7 | 8 | 9 | 10 | 8 | 9 | 10 T/R | 11 TREE | 12 | 13 | 14 |
| 11 | 12 | 13 T/R | 14 JUNK | 15 | 16 | 17 | 15 | 16 | 17 TRASH | 18 | 19 | 20 | 21 |
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THE MOURNING DOVE

By Cheryl Conley, TWRC Wildlife Center

The mourning dove is native to Texas and gets its name from the soft, sad-sounding coo that usually only the male makes. What you may not know is that the mourning dove also has a non-verbal whistling sound it makes when it takes off and lands. This sound is an alarm signal and is also associated with courtship. They are one of the most abundant birds of all North American birds.

Doves are highly-developed and range in size from a sparrow to a chicken. Mourning doves are one of seven species of doves in our area. The others are the white-winged dove, the white-tipped dove, the erasian collared, the rock dove (pigeon), the band-tailed pigeon, the inca dove and the common ground dove. Some of them, like the mourning dove, are monogamous. That means they'll stay with their mate for life unless something happens to the mate. If that happens, the mourning dove will find a replacement.

Mourning doves are recognizable by black spots on brown wings, a black beak, black eyes and a long, pointed tail. They look somewhat plump with a small head that looks a little too small for the size of the body.

You might catch a glimpse of a mourning dove on the ground or on a limb, leaning over and stretching one wing. The bird is either sunbathing or rainbathing. It can hold this position for up to twenty minutes. They also like to dustbathe.

Their diet consists mostly of seeds. They have a preference for rapeseed, corn, millet, safflower, and sunflower seeds. They eat until their crops

are full and then fly away to digest the food. They'll often swallow sand or fine gravel to aid in digestion.

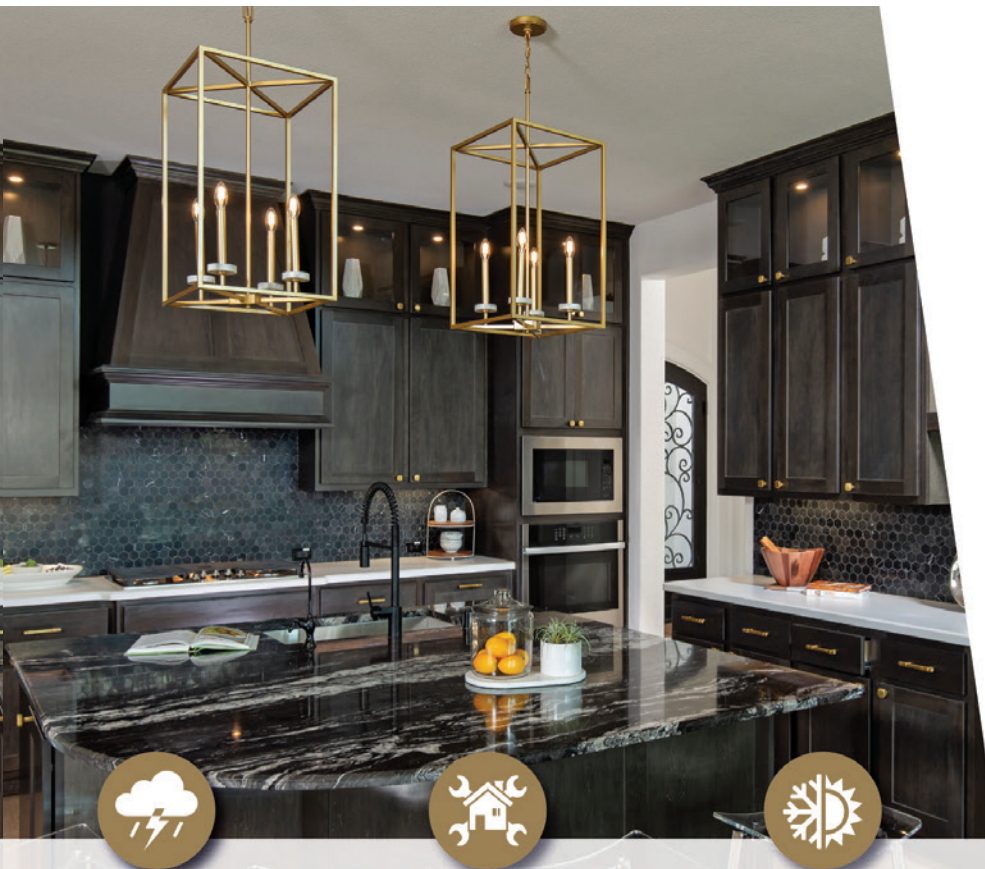
Doves are the number one game bird in the country and Texas leads the nation in hunter and harvest numbers. Every year from June to August, Texas Parks and Wildlife place leg bands on thousands of mourning and white-winged doves. The primary reason for banding is to track the harvest. This is done in order to monitor the factors that influence the populations. Hunters report banded birds and the information gathered provides estimates of harvest and survival rates. The data is used in several programs to help manage populations and set hunting regulations. Hunters are urged to report any bands they find.

Here are a few very interesting facts about this very common bird.

- They have a very short life span. They usually only live about 1.5 years. The oldest recorded age of a mourning dove is 31.
- They are one of only a few birds that can actually sip water like humans. Most birds gulp water and then rotate their heads until the water goes down their throats.
- Many of them lay eggs several times a year.
- Mourning doves can fly up to 55mph. Compare that to a Northern Flicker that weighs about the same but can only fly 23 mph.
- Another name used for mourning doves is turtle doves.

TWRC admits hundreds of injured, orphaned and displaced doves every year.

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A Different Type of First Day of School



The first day of school looked a little bit different this year for Jennie Katherine Kolter Elementary School students and staff and not just due to all Houston Independent School District students learning at home for the first six weeks of the school year. After a long three year wait, the new campus on Runnymede is finally open to the administration team and teachers. The original Kolter campus sustained more than four-feet of floodwater with Hurricane Harvey and, as a result, was rebuilt 7 feet higher.

Teachers have the option to teach from their classrooms during distance-learning, giving students a peak into the new building that awaits them. "Of course, we wished we were welcoming students back in-person for them to fully enjoy these beautiful spaces, but even if we can't be together right now, we are very grateful to be able to utilize our new home to give students the best virtual teaching possible," stated Kolter principal, Julie Dickinson.

HISD will make a decision regarding resuming in-person learning over the coming weeks. Until then, the Kolter Cougars are staying Pawsitive!

Photos by Kolter Elementary PTO



Is your child's workspace working for them?

What is the best way to set up a workspace for a child during remote learning due to COVID-19? Creating an effective working space will depend on your child's age, their learning preferences, and the specific demands of their curriculum.

It's important to include your student in making decisions on their learning environment. When students are able to make choices in their learning, they're more likely to take ownership of the process, and engagement will increase. For students grades K-2, try asking: what is your favorite thing about school? What is your favorite thing you do in school? Ask older students (grades 3-12) students to describe their favorite teacher or classroom. What is it about that space they like? When have they felt most successful in their learning? What is something that helps them be successful in the classroom? Through these discussions, students will often describe their ideal learning environment.

In thinking about personalized learning preferences, it's important to consider how to support your child's learning style by designing an environment that meets their needs.

Think about...

The auditory environment:

Have headphones available for them to listen to their teacher or participate in virtual classrooms. This may help them to focus. Some students may prefer a quiet workspace, while other students need some background noise. Consider the use of a white noise machine or soft music playing for students who prefer a bit of sound.

The visual environment:

Visual tools for organization are key. If they are in 4th grade and under: consider having folders for each subject in a different color might be helpful. If they are 5th grade and above: a written agenda will help students track what assignments are due, supply reminders, and provide a space for important information, - for example, digital learning app suggestions, teacher office hours, and log-in information.

The physical environment:

Supply Desk Set Up for all kids, adolescents, teens and even some adults! When setting up a workspace it is preferable to set it up in a place where it will be quiet and , but also where there is natural light.

Exposure to natural sunlight wakes up our brain and helps us to mentally focus. Have your student help keep the space clean and organized. Daily decluttering of the space will help with organization of materials. Consider that some students may prefer to sit in a chair at a desk, while others may be more productive on the floor or a bed.. Students will need frequent breaks in order to move throughout the day and should have a few different options of where they can do their work. Consider providing "fidget" items that students can use while engaged in online learning- small squishy balls, Play-Doh, and doodling. Wobble cushions for Pre-K to elementary or a Flex-Space ergonomic bounce chair (5 year – adult) may help students or adults to pay attention during long Zoom sessions.

Here are some items you may consider purchasing in order to organize your student's workspace:

Acrylic Desktop File, STORI Clear Plastic Hanging File Organizer with Handles, Amazon, \$20. You can see at a glance what you need without having to dig through it. Best of all, it is versatile, has handles and is portable from room to room. It can hold hanging files, sort working files vertically, hold a 3 ring binder and a legal pad for notes.

- A 1-1/2 inch notebook (with dividers) per child detailing: passwords to online platforms, app suggestions per class, emails from school that might need to be printed off, Agenda sheets, or college applications

- A laptop, Chromebook and Desktop if needed

- Dividers for a 3 ring binder

- Agenda Notebook or Agenda weekly Calendar to print

- Calendar for the wall (if needed)

- Dry Erase board to write out reminders/schedule or to work out problems

- Working and/or hanging file folders

- Pencil box and/or pen holder for taking notes

- Notebook Paper for kiddos needing to work out problems

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2020 FOOTBALL SCHEDULE



| Game # | Date | Time | End Time | Division | Visiting Team | Home Team | Location |
|--------|------------|----------|----------|----------|----------------|-------------|-----------------|
| 1 | 10/1/2020 | 7:00 pm | | Varsity | Pasadena Doble | Bellaire | Barnett Stadium |
| 2 | 10/10/2020 | 2:00 pm | | Varsity | Bellaire | Westside | Barnett Stadium |
| 3 | 10/16/2020 | 7:00 pm | | Varsity | Heights | Bellaire | Barnett Stadium |
| 4 | 10/24/2020 | 2:00 pm | | Varsity | Bellaire | Lamar | Barnett Stadium |
| 5 | 10/29/2020 | 7:00 pm | | Varsity | Bellaire | Sam Houston | Cowart Stadium |
| 6 | 11/7/2020 | 6:00 pm | | Varsity | Bellaire | Westbury | Barnett Stadium |
| 7 | 11/13/2020 | 7:00 pm | | Varsity | BYE | Bellaire | Bellaire HS |
| 8 | 11/21/2020 | 2:00 pm | | Varsity | Chavez | Bellaire | Barnett Stadium |
| 9 | 11/27/2020 | 12:00 am | | Varsity | If NECESSARY | Bellaire | Barnett Stadium |
| 10 | 12/4/2020 | 12:00 am | | Varsity | If NECESSARY | Bellaire | Barnett Stadium |

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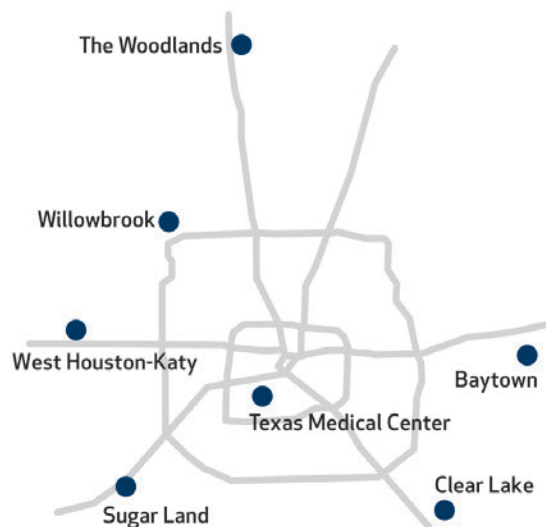
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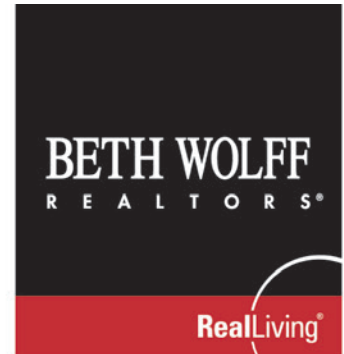


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