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February 2021

# The Babblers

## What's trending, Westwood happenings

**Westwood**  
A Deed Restricted Community  
**Website:** [westwoodcivicclub.com](http://westwoodcivicclub.com)  
**E-mail:** [westwoodcc@outlook.com](mailto:westwoodcc@outlook.com)  
**Questions for Architectural Review Committee? – send e-mail to [k-calvert@sbcglobal.net](mailto:k-calvert@sbcglobal.net)**

**Heavy Trash Pick-up**

**HEAVY TRASH**  
Feb. 16 and April 20

**TREE WASTE ONLY**  
Mar. 16 and May 18

Folks, The City of Houston has done a much better job of picking up heavy trash this fall. Let's do our parts by only putting things out on the curb the weekend before pickup: 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday of each month!

[Ramon Jimenez](#) of Westwood says it's easy to remember:

**Even months - EVERYTHING**  
**Odd months - TREE WASTE**

Thanks, Ramon!

**WESTWOOD CIVIC CLUB BOARD ELECTIONS**

Elections for the 2021-22 officers of the Westwood Civic Club will be held at the Feb. 18, 2021, general meeting. The Nominations Committee has put forth the following nominees:

**President: Paul Sobieski**  
**Vice President: Bob Weber**  
**Recording Secretary: Alice Kuchera**  
**Corresponding Secretary: position open**  
**Treasurer: Rose Michalec**  
**Section 1 Representative: Ken Calvert**  
**Section 2 Representative: Jon Jenkins**  
**Section 4 Representative: Bill Pennington**  
**Section 5 Representative: Omar Hinojosa**

Nominations will also be taken from the floor during the Zoom meeting.

**Zoom General Meeting – 7 pm, Thurs., Feb. 18, 2021**  
**<https://uso4web.zoom.us/j/79641910299?pwd=VVhpUHFUQUVQN1FURzBMO3RLNTVoZz09>**

**Meeting ID: 796 4191 0299      Passcode: 8vYG1Z**

**Note: Dues paying members who have shared their e-mail address with us will be e-mailed a ballot which needs to be e-mailed back by 12:00 noon on Feb. 15<sup>th</sup>. Nominations may also be added to the return ballot e-mail. After Feb 15<sup>th</sup>, nominations from the floor can be made at the Zoom meeting.**

**Get Connected with Westwood!**

Visit our **Website:** <http://westwoodcivicclub.com>    Like us on **Facebook:** <https://www.facebook.com/westwoodcivicclub>

Join our Neighborhood on **NextDoor:** <https://westwoodalbiontx.nextdoor.com/login>



Just thought I'd remind everyone about what the Westwood Civic Club does all year long. It is made up of neighbors in Westwood who pay their annual dues (home owner or renter, regular dues rate or senior dues rate). Westwood Civic Club is administered by a Board of officers who are elected for annual terms at the February meeting each spring. Please attend our general meetings (see calendar for dates) and consider volunteering, or agreeing to be an officer. All are welcome!

Westwood is a stable and welcoming residential neighborhood located in southwest Houston. It was founded in 1950 and continues to attract new families here in 2021.

The neighborhood is served by Shearn Elementary School, Corpus Christi Catholic School, Grace Episcopal School and many nearby schools located outside the boundaries of the neighborhood. There are three churches located within the neighborhood: Corpus Christi Catholic Church, Grace Episcopal Church and Southwest Central Church of Christ, plus 15 businesses.

Westwood Civic Club does many things for the residents of our neighborhood - home owners & renters alike:

- mosquito control, and larvacide in the sewers
- maintain the Westwood signs and planters in the Stella Link esplanade.
- e-mailing alerts to the neighborhood.
- sponsoring a venue for National Night Out in Westwood Park in October.
- Westwood neighbors participate in the Citizens On Patrol (COP) program of neighborhood patrols.
- Work with City of Houston and Harris County to clean out and maintain the big ditch along railroad tracks - an ongoing job.
- publish the "Babbler" newsletter five times a year
- act as liaison with the City of Houston and Harris County through the civic club and through participation and membership in Super Neighborhood Group 38.
- Monitor new construction/remodeling to maintain our Deed Restrictions. [Ken Calvert is Architectural Review Chairperson to contact at [k-calvert@sbcglobal.net](mailto:k-calvert@sbcglobal.net)

**From the Babblers Editor: Paul Sobieski**

The Westwood Civic Club publishes the Babblers Newsletter five times a year before each general meeting. We also distribute invitation flyers to our National Night Out Event the first Tuesday of October, and to our Holiday Party in December. Lastly, we publish an annual calendar of meetings, recycle and trash pickups, and heavy trash schedule from the City of Houston. News articles for each Babblers are welcome and encouraged from residents of Westwood. They will be reviewed for pertinence, and published in one of the upcoming Babbblers. Here's the address where you can send your Westwood concerns or submit a potential article: [westwoodcc@outlook.com](mailto:westwoodcc@outlook.com)

2 On another note, if you have questions or want to submit plans to the Architectural Review Committee, contact Ken Calvert at [k-calvert@sbcglobal.net](mailto:k-calvert@sbcglobal.net)

**Short notes from Paul Sobieski, Westwood Civic Club President:** Lots of new construction and remodeling started in Westwood recently. So far, everyone seems to have followed the deed restrictions and City of Houston requirements that people get permits from the city and also submit their plans to the Westwood Architectural Review Committee. That committee is easy to work with and Ken Calvert, our review chairperson, is a wealth of info on the process. There has been an uptick in postings about Westwood on NextDoor, most are good, although there is the occasional report of a car theft or someone breaking into a car. If something like that happens, the important thing to do is to call the non-emergency number for the Houston Police [(713) 884-3131] to report the incident, or file a 3-1-1 report as well

**Filing a 311 report online** is easy and the best way to report problems to the city such as nuisances, over-grown yards, abandoned vehicles, non-working street lights or traffic lights, pot holes, etc. Simply go to [www.houstontx.gov/311/](http://www.houstontx.gov/311/) and follow the instructions to "submit a service request."

### **PERMITS AND ARCHITECTURAL REVIEW**

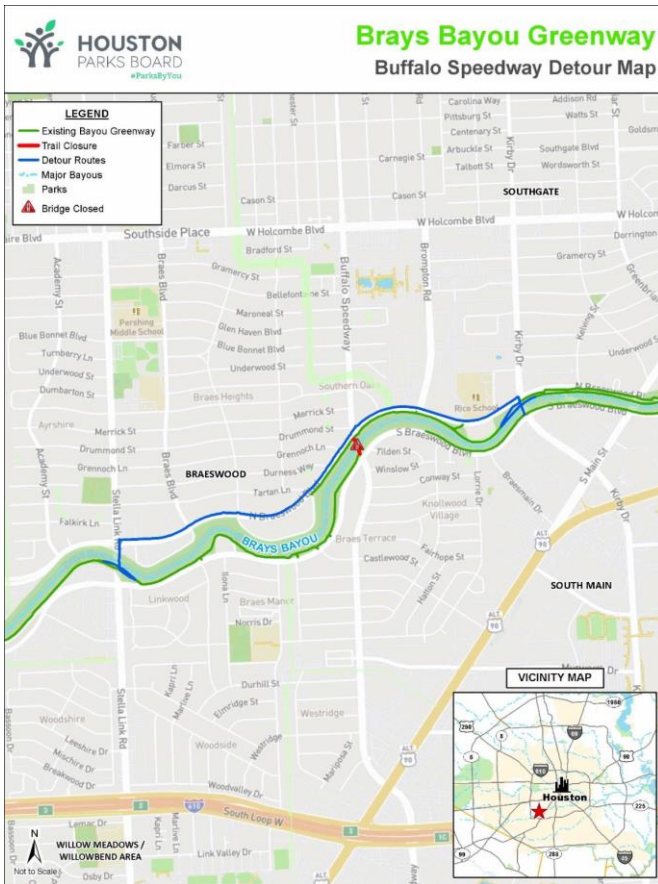
In Westwood Civic Club's ongoing effort to maintain its Deed Restrictions, we would like to remind residents and property owners that just getting a permit from the City of Houston does not mean that the building or alteration complies with Deed Restrictions. In fact, in order to get a permit, someone has to sign an affidavit that states that the issuance of a permit does not authorize construction on, or use of, any property in violation of deed restrictions. Any misrepresentations on the affidavit will render the permit void.

New construction or renovations/alterations can receive approval by the Architectural Review Committee of the Westwood Civic Club for conformance to the Deed Restrictions. The steps recommended are that the resident, property owner or builder submit their plans to the review committee first and get the written approval necessary to truthfully sign the affidavit when applying for a permit.

**Together with other professional board members, Westwood Civic Club offers its residents and property owners a worthwhile and necessary service for which some of our neighboring civic organizations charge up to \$500. The Westwood Architectural Review Committee can be reached through E-mail at [k-calvert@sbcglobal.net](mailto:k-calvert@sbcglobal.net).**

### **Kerry's Handyman Services**

Kerry Shaneyfelt is a resident of Westwood who volunteered to repair the sprinkler systems on the planter boxes on Stella Link Road for Westwood Civic Club. The north end sprinkler system was in particularly bad shape. The main water line from the water meter to the controller box had 2 breaks in it. Then the line from the controller box to the planter box had a break in it. These were all repaired by Kerry. Additionally, six sprinklers were replaced and four were capped off. This brought the sprinkler system on the north end into working order. The south sprinkler system required that four sprinklers were capped and five were repaired in order to get that system functioning. This all took time, effort and knowhow on Mr. Shaneyfelt part. So if you see him in the neighborhood, please join me in telling him **THANK YOU** for the work he has done. We really appreciate it.



**Houston Parks Board would like you to know there will be a trail detour for Brays Bayou Greenway to accommodate a bridge improvement project by Harris County Flood Control District (HCFCD).**

On January 4, 2021, HCFCD began making those improvements to remove and replace the Buffalo Speedway vehicular bridge. Construction work is expected to last one year, dependent on weather. While the bridge is under construction, the Brays Bayou Greenway trail segment will also be removed. Trail users will be detoured to the sidewalk along North Braeswood Boulevard between Kirby Drive and Stella Link Road, and detour signs will be erected. Please refer to the map for the detour route and plan your trip accordingly.

HCFCD will maintain the detour routes and detour signage. If you have any questions about these projects and their associated trail detours, please visit [www.projectbrays.org](http://www.projectbrays.org).

This portion of Brays Bayou Greenway trail will be replaced upon completion of the construction project.

**Concrete Panel Replacement Work to Begin on Buffalo Speedway plus Work on the Buffalo Speedway bridge over Braes Bayou has begun and the bridge is closed during reconstruction. You'll need to take Stella Link or Kirby to get north of the bayou.**

If you have driven down Buffalo Speedway lately you know how much this stretch of roadway needs to be repaired. Houston Public Works has authorized work to replace the concrete panels on Buffalo Speedway from South Braeswood Blvd. to the 610 West Loop. Work is scheduled to begin December 15, 2020 and is expected to be completed by March 15, 2021, but probably later.



**The Linkwood B-Cycle Station near Stella Link, along Brays Bayou has been installed and bicycles are ready to ride.** Houston B-Cycle is operated by Houston Bike Share, a local 501(c)(3) nonprofit. The mission is to provide equitable access to bike share that fosters recreation, mobility and personal wellness. Bike sharing is perfect for leisurely rides around the city and we hope Westwood and District K residents will enjoy touring the trails in and around our community. Martha Castex-Tatum (Council Member for District K) says she will continue working with Houston B-Cycle to get more stations throughout District K. For more information about Houston B-Cycle visit [www.houstonbicycle.com](http://www.houstonbicycle.com).

# Daily Activities and Going Out during COVID 19

Updated Jan. 19, 2021 – from the CDC

- In general, the more closely you interact with others and the longer that interaction, the higher the risk of COVID-19 spread.
- If you decide to engage in public activities, continue to protect yourself by [practicing everyday preventive actions](#): use [a face mask](#), tissues, and a hand sanitizer with at least 60% alcohol, if possible.

## Participate in Outdoor and Indoor Activities

If you want to spend time with people who don't live with you, outdoors is the safer choice! You are less likely to be exposed to COVID-19 during outdoor activities, even without the use of masks, when you. Stay at least 6 feet apart from people who don't live with you. Limit your time around others. Remember: bring a mask with you to put on when you encounter people who may get closer than 6 feet. Follow mask mandates

## Running Errands Grocery Shopping, Take-Out, Banking, & Filling up car with Gas

- Stay home if sick.
- Use online services when available.
- Wear masks in public settings and when around people who don't live in your household, especially when other [social distancing](#) measures are difficult to maintain.
- Use social distancing (stay at least 6 feet away from others).
- Use hand sanitizer after leaving stores.
- Wash your hands with soap and water for at least 20 seconds when you get home.

### Grocery Shopping - **Order online or use curbside pickup**

- If possible, limit visiting the grocery store, or other stores selling household essentials, in person. The more closely you interact with others and the longer that interaction, the higher the risk of COVID-19 spread. Order groceries and other items online for home delivery or curbside pickup (if possible) or check with your local grocery store to see if pre-order or drive-up options are available.
- When you do have to visit in person, go when fewer people will be there (early morning or late night).
- If you are at [higher risk for](#) severe illness, find out if the store has special hours for people at higher risk. If they do, try to shop during those hours.
- Disinfect the shopping cart, use disinfecting wipes if available.
- Do not touch your eyes, nose, or mouth with unwashed hands.
- Only touch products that you plan to purchase, if possible.
- If possible, use touchless payment (pay without touching money, a card, or a keypad). If you must handle money, a card, or use a keypad, use hand sanitizer right after paying.

### Deliveries & Takeout - Use delivery services when possible - **Limit in person contact if possible**

- Pay online or on the phone when you order (if possible).
- Accept deliveries without in-person contact whenever possible



On Wednesday, February 17, 2020, the Houston Humane Society will neuter male cats for free at the HHS Animal Wellness Clinic.

**HOUSTON HUMANE SOCIETY, 14700 Almeda Road, Houston, TX 77053** (On Almeda Road just south of Sam Houston Parkway (Beltway 8))

**Phone: 713-341-6421** (Babbler note: phone is very busy, usually need to leave a message and wait for call back; call early. Use online signup instead.) You'll be given an appointment. Show up early. Lots of people taking advantage of this so there are lines. Be sure to wear a jacket because it's usually cold and lines are setup outside. Be able to handle yourself all cats you bring even if you need to use a dolly to move your cat carriers until you get inside. **WELL WORTH STANDING IN LINE FOR THIS FREE SERVICE!**

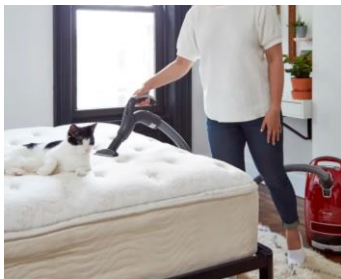
You must make an appointment beforehand:

<https://www.houstonhumane.org/events/calendar/fix-felix-for-free>

**HAVE DOGS or CATS? Then you have dog hair or cat fur on everything! Cleaning can be a real problem! BUT HERE'S A SOLUTION: Purchase a Vacuum Upholstery Tool and Pet Vacuum/Massage Tool**

For years, we used our canister vacuum cleaner floor tool to try to vacuum up pet hair on our sofas and other furniture. Then, in summer 2020, our vacuum given to us as wedding present 37 years ago finally gave up the ghost. The new canister vacuum cleaner we purchased came with a 4 3/4" wide "upholstery tool." It has been a wonder sucking up dog and cat hair off furniture. Don't know why it took so long to discover such a simple and effective tool. Just slip it on the end of the hose and vacuum away! The dogs don't mind being vacuumed occasionally but the cats are not so cooperative.

I'm sure other vacuum cleaners have similar tool so check to see if you can find one for your cleaner, or go online for a generic tool.



## Looking for fresh, locally grown fruits, vegetables and food? Try a Farmers Market!

- Urban Harvest Farmer's Market – 2752 Buffalo Speedway - Upper Kirby district – Sat. 8 am – 12 noon.
- Plant It Forward Pop Up Market – 4030 Willowbend – Westwood neighbor. Check [www.plant-it-forward.org](http://www.plant-it-forward.org) for times.
- Braeswood Farmers Market – 5401 S. Braeswood at Chimney Rock, in the old HEB parking lot. Weds 3- 7 pm and Saturday 9 am – 1 pm
- Google "farmers markets near me" for more events.

Wear a mask, please. Good luck and happy eating, Paul Sobieski



## NATIONAL WILDLIFE FEDERATION - Certify Your Habitat (Yards or Gardens) – Help make Westwood a wildlife friendly neighborhood by making your property an inviting location for wildlife and more.

Anyone can create a welcoming haven for local wildlife. Turning your yard, balcony container garden, [schoolyard](#), work landscape, or roadside greenspace into a [Certified Wildlife Habitat®](#) is fun, easy, and can make a lasting difference for wildlife. Rapid and large-scale changes to our lands and waters mean wildlife are losing the habitats they once knew. Every habitat garden is a step toward replenishing resources for wildlife such as bees, butterflies, birds, and amphibians—both locally and along migratory corridors. By adding pollinator-friendly and monarch-friendly plants when you certify, your garden also counts toward the [Million Pollinator Garden Challenge](#).

When you certify, your \$20 application fee supports the National Wildlife Federation's programs to inspire others to make a difference and address the issues leading to declining habitat for wildlife nationwide. A portion of your fee also supports work for local wildlife in select affiliate partner states.

**Certification Requirements** - Certified Wildlife Habitat® applicants are asked to confirm the required number of elements for the following: [Food](#), [Water](#), [Cover](#), [Places to Raise Young](#), [Sustainable Practices](#)

Before applying, [download the checklist](#) to ensure you have met all the requirements for your wildlife garden.

**Benefits to Certification** - When you certify you will become a member of the National Wildlife Federation's Garden for Wildlife™ community and receive the following benefits:

- Personalized certificate
- A one-year membership in the National Wildlife Federation and subscription to *National Wildlife*® magazine
- 10% off the National Wildlife Federation catalog merchandise
- Subscription to monthly Garden for Wildlife e-newsletter with gardening tips, wildlife stories, and more
- Exclusive option to purchase attractive garden signs designating your garden as a Certified Wildlife Habitat® with the National Wildlife Federation

Go to [www.nwf.org](http://www.nwf.org). On the home page toolbar, click on "Get Involved", then under that click on the tab "Certify a Garden."



## Walking is a great way to improve your overall health.

Just 30 minutes every day can increase cardiovascular fitness, strengthen bones, reduce excess body fat, and boost muscle power and endurance. It can also reduce your risk of developing conditions such as heart disease, type 2 diabetes, osteoporosis and some cancers. Unlike some other forms of exercise, walking is free and doesn't require any special equipment or training.

Physical activity does not have to be vigorous or done for long periods in order to improve your health. A 2007 study of inactive women found that even a low level of exercise – around 75 minutes per week – improved their fitness levels significantly, when compared to a non-exercising group.

Walking is low impact, requires minimal equipment, can be done at any time of day and can be performed at your own pace. You can get out and walk without worrying about the risks associated with some more vigorous forms of exercise. Walking is also a great form of physical activity for people who are overweight, elderly, or who haven't exercised in a long time.

**Health benefits of walking** - You carry your own body weight when you walk. This is known as weight-bearing exercise. Some of the benefits include: increased cardiovascular and pulmonary (heart and lung) fitness; reduced risk of heart disease and stroke; improved management of hypertension (high blood pressure), high cholesterol, joint and muscular pain or stiffness, and diabetes; stronger bones and improved balance; increased muscle strength and endurance; reduced body fat.

**Walking for 30 minutes a day** - Try to walk for at least 30 minutes as briskly as you can on most days of the week. 'Brisk' means that you can still talk but not sing, and you may be puffing slightly. Moderate activities such as walking pose little health risk but, check with your doctor before starting if you have a health problem.

**Building physical activity into your life** - If it's too difficult to walk for 30 minutes at one time, do regular small bouts (10 minutes) three times per day and gradually build up to longer sessions. However, if your goal is to lose weight, you will need to do physical activity for longer than 30 minutes each day. You can still achieve this by starting with smaller bouts of activity throughout the day and increasing these as your fitness improves. Physical activity built into a daily lifestyle is one of the most best ways for weight loss and to keep weight off once it's lost.

**Make walking part of your routine** - Try to make walking a routine – for example, try to walk at the same time each day. Remember, you use the same amount of energy, no matter what time of day you walk, so do what is most convenient for you. You may find that asking someone to walk with you will help make it a regular activity. Some people find that keeping an activity diary or log also makes it easier.

**Wearing a pedometer while walking** - A pedometer measures the number of steps you take. You can use it to measure your movement throughout a day and compare it to other days or to recommended amounts. The recommended number of steps accumulated per day to achieve health benefits is 10,000 steps or more.

**Warming up and cooling down after walking** - Start at a leisurely pace to give your muscles time to warm up, and then pick up the speed. Afterwards, gently stretch your leg muscles – particularly your calves and front and back thighs. Stretches should be held for about 20 seconds. If you feel any pain, ease off the stretch. tenderness.

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**Dress lightly** - when you do physical activity. Dressing too warmly can increase sweating and build up body temperature, which can make you uncomfortable during a walk or possibly cause skin irritations.

**Footwear for walking** - The wrong type of shoe or walking action can cause foot or shin pain, blisters and injuries to soft tissue. Make sure your shoes are comfortable, with appropriate heel and arch supports. Take light, easy steps and make sure your heel touches down before your toes. Whenever possible, walk on grass rather than concrete to help absorb the impact.

**Making walking a pleasure** - Some suggestions to help make regular walking a pleasant form of physical activity include (1) varying where you walk; (2) walking the dog; (3) walking with friends; (4) joining a walking club or walking in a park.

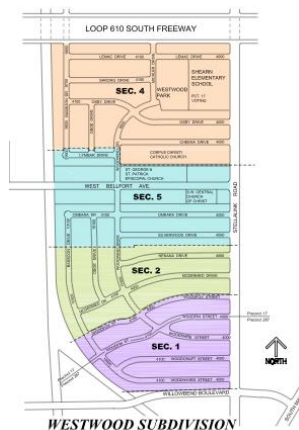
**Making walking interesting** - If you want to stick close to home and limit your walking to neighborhood streets, pick some different routes so you don't get tired of seeing the same sights. If you feel unsafe walking alone, find one or more friends or family members to walk with. Walk at various times of the day. The sights to see first thing in the morning are bound to be different from those of the afternoon or early evening. Drive to different parks, park the car and enjoy the views while you walk. Explore what's going on around you, notice the sky, the people, the sounds.

**Dog walking** - A dog that needs regular exercise gives you the motivation to walk every day. You might like the companionship too. If you don't have a dog, and aren't planning on getting one, consider offering to walk a neighbor's dog from time to time. Be considerate of other pedestrians and always keep your dog on its leash. If you plan to walk in a park, check first to see if dogs are permitted. Many national and state parks and other conservation reserves do not permit dogs. Other parks generally permit dog-walking on a leash. Many parks allow dogs off the leash – check with your local authorities. Always take equipment such as plastic bags and gloves to clean up after your dog.

**Walking with others** - Walking with other people can turn a bout of exercise into an enjoyable social occasion.

**Safety suggestions while walking** - Walking is generally a safe way to exercise, but look out for unexpected hazards. Suggestions include:

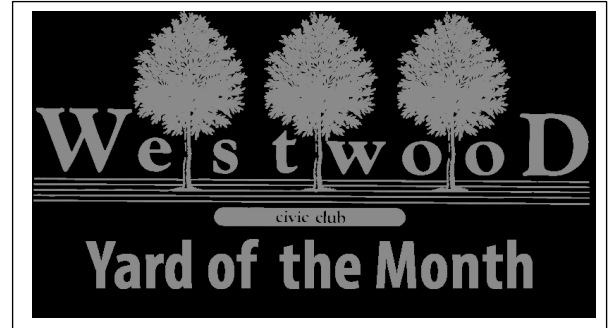
- See your doctor for a medical check-up before starting a new fitness program, particularly if you are aged over 40 years, are overweight or haven't exercised in a long time.
- Choose walks that suit your age and fitness level. Warm up and cool down with a slow, gentle walk to ease in and out of your exercise session.
- Wear loose, comfortable clothing, and appropriate footwear to avoid blisters and shin splints.
- Wear sunglasses, sunscreen, long sleeves and a hat to avoid sunburn.
- Take waterproof clothing to avoid getting wet if it rains.
- Carry a walking stick or umbrella to fend off unleashed, unfriendly dogs.
- Before bushwalking, check the weather forecast and take appropriate safety measures (for example, pack correct clothing).
- Look out for hazards in alpine or coastal areas, such as cliff edges or large waves.
- Drink plenty of fluids before and after your walk. If you are taking a long walk, take water with you.



A walk or bike ride around Westwood on every street is approximately 8.2 miles. Great exercise to build up and it's within the neighborhood except when you cross West Bellfort.

**Westwood Yard of the Month** – the following houses were awarded yard of the month during the last year. Thank you for delightful and well-kept yards. You work hard to maintain them and we greatly appreciate your efforts!

January 2020	- 9830 Bassoon	Antich family
February 2020	- 4126 Woodhaven	Mancini family
March 2020	- 4102 Woodcraft	Tilbolt family
April 2020	- no winner, COVID 19	
May 2020	- no winner, COVID 19	
June 2020	- 9825 Bassoon	Santa Maria family
July 2020	- 10209 Oboe	Carrian family
August 2020	- 4038 Osby	Rodriguez family
September 2020	- 4133 Lymbar	Gomez family
October 2020	- 4030 Nenana	Manzanares family
November 2020	- 10137 Bassoon	Weber family
December 2020	- 4009 Nenana	Fesch/Puryear family



**Here are the winners of the 2020 Holiday Lights Decorating Contest:**

Most Festive	9722 Bassoon
Best All Around	9825 Bassoon
Judges Choice	4102 O'Meara
Most Original	4141 Sarong
Best Theme	4025 Woodfox
Most Elegant	10210 Bassoon
Most Creative	9718 Bassoon

Signs were put out on Monday night, Dec. 14th. Kind Regards, Rose Michalec





## Stella Link Esplanade Committee



The Westwood Civic Club started an Esplanade Committee with the job of keeping up the planters on the north and south ends of Stella Link, as well as the grassy area with the flag at the corner of Stella Link and 610. This committee began working on the esplanades by repairing the water sprinklers in each planter, then by spreading mulch around the trees in the esplanade in late October 2020. They are now working on plans for what to plant in the planters and how to maintain things during the year. Participation on this committee is welcome to all residents of Westwood. The committee will meet on February 18, 2021, at the end of our general meeting. If you are interested in joining the committee or making suggestions, please plan on attending the general meeting on Feb. 18<sup>th</sup>. Contact Robert Scott at [robertescott4575@aol.com](mailto:robertescott4575@aol.com) or Jon Jenkins at [jonljenkinsaia@aol.com](mailto:jonljenkinsaia@aol.com).

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## HEAVY TRASH AND TREE TRASH SCHEDULE FOR SPRING 2021

**Tree Waste Only is collected during ODD numbered months, and this Tree Waste can be recycled by the city.** Tree Waste is defined as “clean” wood waste such as tree limbs, branches, and stumps. Lumber, furniture, and treated wood will NOT be accepted. Junk Waste may NOT be placed for collection during a Tree Waste month.

### TREE WASTE ONLY collection dates for WESTWOOD:

**MARCH 16, 2021**

**MAY 18, 2021**

**Junk Waste is collected during EVEN numbered months. Trees put out with Junk waste will not be recycled.** “Junk Waste” or Heavy Trash is defined as items such as furniture, appliances and other bulky material

### JUNK (Heavy Trash) & Tree Waste Dates for WESTWOOD:

**FEBRUARY 16, 2021**

**APRIL 20, 2021.**

Residents may dispose of Tree Waste and Junk Waste at their curbside (but not in the street or under power lines) starting on the Friday before and over the weekend before the collection day. Westwood collection day is always the 3rd Tuesday of the month. DO NOT PUT OUT EARLIER or a report to 3-1-1 will be made and you may be ticketed by the city for not following city ordinances! Residents may place up to 4 tires at the curb for collection during Junk Waste months. Collection crews will separate the tires from the Junk Waste. It may take up to a week before crews return and retrieve the tires. □ No more than 8 cubic yards (about the size of a minivan) of Junk Waste or Tree Waste may be placed at the curb for collection. Maximum of 4 cubic yards of building material (not to include roofing shingles, brick, plaster or concrete) generated by the resident in connection with the maintenance of the residential property may be collected. Contractor generated waste may NOT be put in heavy trash for collection - the contractor (tree trimming, house repair, remodeling, etc.) must carry off the debris and trash to the city dump himself/herself. □ Appliances containing refrigerant must have a tag attached to them certifying a qualified technician has removed the refrigerant.

Westwood Civic Club - Here is *your* current WCC Board:

President	Paul Sobieski
Vice-President	Bob Weber
Recording Secretary	Alice Kuchera
Treasurer	Rose Michalec
Section 1 Representative	Ken Calvert
Section 2 Representative	Linford Herschberger
Section 4 Representative	Bill Pennington
Section 5 Representative	Omar Hinojosa
Babbler Committee	Paul Sobieski
Architectural Review	Ken Calvert - k-calvert@sbcglobal.net
Esplanade Committee	Robert Scott & Jon Jenkins
Welcome Committee	Diane Nguyen
Membership Committee	Bob Weber
Website Webmaster	Kristina Rae
Holiday Decorating Judges	Rose Michalec and Kristina Rae
Nominating Committee	Wanda Weber and Susan Pennington
Yard of the Month Committee	Judy Mathis and Trish Hitchcock

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*Scott, Jon Jenkins, Bob Mathis,*

*And, OF COURSE, All BABBLER*

*DISTRIBUTORS (coordinated by*

*Susan and Bill Pennington),*

*and mail-out coordinator, Alice*

*Kuchera.*

**Membership Form - dues for the 2021-2022 year are due March 1, 2021.**

**Mail to: Westwood CC – Dues, P.O.Box 20411, Houston, TX 77025**

Names of residents who live in home: \_\_\_\_\_

Name of Landlord (if applicable): \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone #: \_\_\_\_\_

E-Mail address (please print): \_\_\_\_\_

Dues are **\$50.00 per household** (no matter when you pay them) OR **\$20.00 per household for seniors** (65 or older)

Enclosed is my membership and additional funds (optional) for 2021 membership.

Dues: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Additional \$ \_\_\_\_\_ (circle your choice) Esplanade C.O.P. Babbler Other \_\_\_\_\_

Total \$ \_\_\_\_\_