

Westchester RAP

Letter From The Board

It's been a sweltering summer, but many are finding reprieve at our well-shaded neighborhood pool. To keep this community watering hole up and running, we've had some incredible volunteers step up this summer. Leading the charge is our very own WOC Board VP and Pool Rep-at-Large, **Justin Girard**.

In addition to personally ensuring the pool remained operational during the transition from Aquatic Advisors to Lone Star Pools, Justin saved the pump house from irreparable damage in June, which also prevented major flooding of nearby residential properties. Earlier this year, he oversaw the replastering of the pool, repair of pool lights, and addition of amenities like bike racks and a TV for the pavilion area.

The Board would like to formally express our sincere gratitude on behalf of the entire community for Justin's continued dedication to this neighborly asset. When you see him, please show him your appreciation for his tireless attention to the pool's many needs.

As communicated via the <u>community Facebook page</u>, we've had an uptick in car break-ins in the area recently. We strongly advise keeping all valuables out of sight and your vehicles locked to deter theft. HPD also recommends moving cars parked on the street at least once every 24 hours.

To those embracing the Energy Transition with your battery-powered golf carts, we applaud the effort to reduce your carbon footprint for short-distance drives. Keep in mind, however, that the city has a few requirements for golf carts to be considered "street legal." Head lamps, rear reflectors, parking brakes, and mirrors are just a few examples. Visit www.txdmv.gov for the complete list of required features.

The neighborhood displayed a hearty dose of patriotism this 4th of July, with many supporting the local Boys Scouts flag fundraiser (email flags@troop1089.org to sign up!), a spectacular modified parade route, upgraded prize medals, and tiny flags posted at every home. Thanks to the hard work of **Troop 1089**, **Ruth Parks**, **Kelly Nolan**, and **Whitney Sudler Smith** for helping us all say, "Happy 247th birthday, America!"

And finally, thank you to everyone who donated blood at the Blood Drive in mid-June to show support for our local tiny fighter, **Scarlett Filippov**. We kept the truck full all day long in our united battle against leukemia.

We hope the back half of the summer is just as much fun as the first, and that we see you at the next HOA meeting on Tuesday, July 18th at 6 pm at the Westchester Club Pool Pavilion.

---The WOC 2023 Board of Trustees---

We had a great turnout at the July 4th Parade!



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Westchester Dolphins Swim Team

Congratulations to the entire Westchester Dolphins swim team for winning the 2023 Bayou League Championship!

The Dolphins would like to thank all the families and sponsors for a wonderful season, with an extra special THANK YOU to our Coaches and Swim Team Reps: **Meg Maguire, Kimberly Healy, David Walters, Nickie Haine,** and **Katie McBeth**. See you again next year!



SAVE THE DATE!

Celebrate all of the summer birthday boys and girls at this "Happy Birthday" themed fundraiser for the Westchester Club before summer ends. Additional details forthcoming.



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Westchester Club 2023 Pool & Tennis

Attention POOL MEMBERS: Pool tags are finally here! Swing by the pool this Tuesday, 18 July from 4-6 PM to pick up your tags.

You will need to bring your tags for entry to the pool for the remainder of the season.

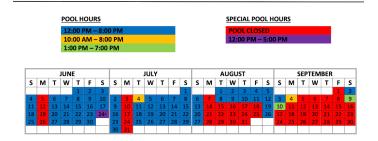
The pool and tennis club remain open for registration for the rest of the season. Complete registration instructions are on the web site: <u>https://www.westchesterhouston.org/pool-and-tennis</u>

When paying registration online please use a mobile version of the PayPal app to read the QR code. Users have reported problems getting direct payments from the browser to work. Paper checks remain an option as well.

Email us at <u>pool@westchesterhouston.org</u> if you have any questions. Updated pool schedule negotiated with Lone Star is shown here.

2023 WESTCHESTER POOL CALENDAR

Summer Events @ the Pool Dolphins End of Season Party: 5-9pm (6/24/23)



Yard Of the Month

Sponsored By: Keller Williams Realty – Memorial <u>https://www.kwmemorial.com/</u>

Christine & Tracy Hatz at 303 Thicket



Bloom Where You are Planted

Remove spent flowers and stalks and any dead foliage from agapanthus and other spring/summer flowering perennials. Trim or pinch back leggy annuals and perennials such as alyssum, begonias, impatiens, coleus, chrysanthemums, basil, and Mexican bush sage to help them bush out with more fullness.

Avoid fertilizing St. Augustine grass until early September to reduce outbreaks of the fungal disease "gray leaf spot" that causes diamond-shaped gray/brown lesions on the blades and runners. If present a labeled fungicide can be applied. Learn to "read" your plants symptoms of early drought. Some plants wilt, but some do not. On some plants the leaves may turn olive-drab or some other odd shade as a sign of their need for water. Grass blades may roll or fold. Water at the first signs of drought. Some plants may wilt in the noon sun without being dry, but wilting in the early morning or evening signals a need for water.

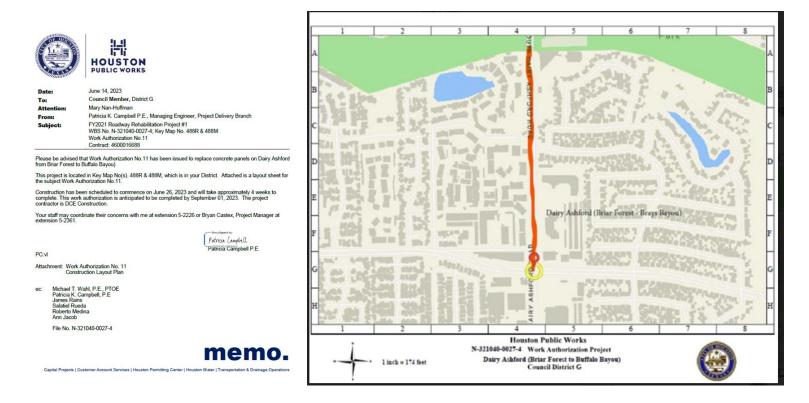
Keep plants mulched to help preserve moisture in the soil and moderate the rate of temperature changes in the soil in the summer heat as well as to help prevent weeds, improve the soil as the mulch breaks down, and makes the beds more attractive.

These tips are drawn from *Lone Star Gardening* by Neil Sperry and The River Oaks Garden Club's A *Garden Book for Houston and the Texas Gulf Coast*, 5th edition. The latter book advocates organic gardening practices but has a wealth of information specific to our area that is useful to all.



Construction Alert!

Concrete panel replacements on Dairy Ashford from Briar Forest to Buffalo Bayou are slated to begin June 26, with an expected completion date of September 1, 2023.





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