



Westchester
RAP

July 2022

Letter from the Board

We hope everyone is enjoying their summer! It was great to see such a solid turn-out at our annual Fourth of July parade and pool party.

We are continuing to work towards a plan for a nice pool remodel, with a price tag that most people will feel comfortable in funding. We look forward to putting that in front of the neighborhood soon.

Pool and tennis user season is in full swing! There is still time to pay the user fee to use either of these facilities. The rate is \$175 for Westchester residents.



Bloom Where You are Planted

Yard of the Month and Gardening Tips

(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 which advocates organic gardening practices but has a wealth of information specific to our area that is useful to all.)

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, 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 preserve the moisture in the ground and moderate the rate of temperature changes in the soil in the summer heat (as well as helping to prevent weeds and making the beds more attractive, etc.).

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July WOC Meeting - Tuesday, July 19
Westchester Pool Pavilion



Neighbor News

Enjoy more photos from the Fourth of July parade



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In Our Schools

Nottingham Elementary

Thank you to everyone who has donated to the NHE Capital Campaign! Due to the generosity of our community, the campaign has raised over \$664,000.

There is still time to donate! Please visit <https://nottinghampta.membershiptoolkit.com/new-build> to learn more about the initiative and to donate today!

Spring Branch ISD

Enrollment is now open for the 2022-2023 school year. Go to Springbranchisd.com to register.



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Upcoming Neighborhood Events

Thursdays are Free Days in the Museum District

Venues offering free admission on Thursdays include:

- Children's Museum
- Buffalo Soldiers Museum
- The Health Museum
- Holocaust Museum
- Houston Museum of Natural Science
- The Houston Zoo
- The Museum of Fine Arts
- Czech Center
- Galveston's Children's Museum

Please check the website of a specific museum to see if free hours are restricted to specific timeframes.

The Houston Public Library Kendall Library and Community Center

...is reopening in the fall after being closed for five years!! They are working to install a large, permanent mural on the library to add public art to this facility and want the community's visions, reflections and ideas included in the art.

Please take a few minutes of your time to add your thoughts:

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/HSZGZDR>

Monthly HOA Meetings

The next HOA meeting will be Tuesday, July 19 at 6pm at the Westchester pool pavilion.

Coming Soon: Westchester RAP classifieds

Is your teenager looking to babysit, lifeguard private parties, walk dogs, water plants while our neighbors are on vacation?

Do you offer realty services, build websites, or other type of sales from your home?

Starting in August we will have a classifieds section in the Westchester RAP!

All existing Westchester RAP advertisers will receive a free listing for as long as you continue to advertise with us.

Anyone who wants to get a listing in, please email westchesterrap@gmail.com for more information. All classifieds booked by August 6, 2022 will receive their first three months free.

There's still time to become a Westchester pool and tennis user!

Sign your waiver and pay at <https://www.westchesterhouston.org> or contact Ruth Parks at 281.753.3564

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