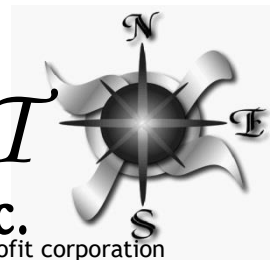


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Swing into Spring!

It's been a long winter, but spring is finally in the air and hopefully here to stay! As our lawns change from brown to green, we've put together a few tips to help avoid a Deed Restriction Violation (DRV) Courtesy Notice or Letter.

- The green you see in the front yard may not be grass! This is the time for weeds to take root. Treat your lawn with a pre-emergent herbicide like Bonide Weed Beater Complete® or Weed Beater Ultra®.
- If bare branches don't show green buds in the next few weeks, your plants may have succumbed to those late winter freezes. Replace or remove dead shrubs and bushes.
- Remove gardening equipment, boxes, empty planters, etc... that may have accumulated on front porches or side yards. Keep these items stored in your garage or backyard shed.
- Sweep the street in front of your curb, removing leaves, dirt and debris. Street gutters are designed to carry rainwater toward the storm drains at the end of the street.
- Keep your grass mowed and edged. Don't forget to edge around planters and along driveways and curbside.

For more tips on weed prevention and lawn maintenance, check out Randy Lemmon's Gardenline radio show every Saturday and Sunday morning on KTRH 740 AM or visit his website randylemmon.com to read tip sheets on lawns and gardening in Houston. There are also various companies, like Tru-Green or Scott's Lawn, that provide lawn maintenance services.

Homeowners don't have to invest a lot of money in landscaping as long as front and side yards are maintained in accordance with the deed restrictions.

VF Waste Trash Pick-up Reminders

VF Waste Services is our trash service provider and trash pick-up happens every Tuesday and Friday beginning at 7 a.m. Pick up start promptly, so it's best to put trash cans out the night before. Recycling and heavy trash are picked up on Friday's only. Contact VF Waste Services customer service team at 713-787-9790 or by email at vfwaste@vfwasteservices.com if you have any service problems.

Don't let trash cans or bags exceed a weight of forty five (45) pounds and don't use trash cans that are more than 50 gallons because these large cans are too heavy to lift.

Branches must be bundled and cut to 4 foot lengths or less and tied with a sturdy string. VF Waste Services will not pick-up loose branches, leaves or tree limbs.

If you have a large amount of trash or debris, plan to dispose of it over several pickups. Excess trash (more than 8-10 bags/bundles) will be collected on the next scheduled pick up. Or, you can schedule a separate pick-up with VF, for an additional fee. Contact them using the information above, or submit an online request through their website at vfwasteservices.com

Yard of the Month

Our neighborhood has some lovely landscaping! 1st quarter winners are:

- **January:** 14006 Woodthorpe
- **February:** 14115 Kingsride
- **March:** 14114 Myrtlea

Congratulations to all the winners!

Check out photos of the winning homes on the Nottingham West website. Submit nominations for Yard of the Month by email or contact an NWCC officer.

Home Security Tips

- Keep the porch lights on at night, front and back
- Lock the back gate
- Use your home alarm and list Precinct 5 Constable as the first responder.
- Report suspicious people, vehicles or behavior to the Constable at 281-463-6666.



**Welcome
New
Neighbors!!**

NWCC warmly welcomes our new neighbors. We hope to see you at the Civic Club meeting next month. If you have any questions, please contact any of the NWCC officers or visit the website.

Nottingham Notes

Neighborhood Security

- Call the Precinct 5 Constable at 281-463-6666 to report suspicious persons or vehicles. **Always dial 9-1-1 in an emergency.**
- If you're heading out of town, be sure to notify the Constable.
- E-mail us at nottinghamwest@hotmail.com if you would like to receive e-mails about neighborhood security incidents.

Planning Exterior Improvements?

Send the details to the Architectural Control Committee at nottinghamwest@hotmail.com or contact Preston Mood at 281-543-7994.

Phone and E-Mail Contact Information

The Civic Club is collecting homeowner contact information to be used in case of emergency. If we don't have your contact details, please send phone and e-mail address to nottinghamwest@hotmail.com.

NWCC Web Site

Visit www.nottinghamwest.net for helpful information on NWCC meetings, assessments, trash pick-up, pool & park hours and more.

RealManage Services

Visit www.realmanage.com to pay NWCC assessments online and review financial statements and other information.

NWCC Officers

Rosanna Hinde, President
John Benton, Vice President
Angie Lootens, Secretary
Pam Ziegenbein, Treasurer

Kirkwood Median Maintenance

Nottingham West participates with Nottingham I, II, III and IV in an informal median maintenance group. Recently, a proposal was raised to install an irrigation system in the median along Kirkwood. NWCCs continued participation in the maintenance group will be discussed at the April meeting. We encourage homeowners living along Kirkwood to attend the meeting because the responsibility for mowing the grass between the sidewalk and Kirkwood would shift to homeowners if NWCC exits from the median maintenance group.



Park Upgrade: Phase I Begins In April

The first phase of the Nottingham West park upgrade is about to get underway. This phase focuses on demolition and concrete work. Parking lot repairs will also occur at this time. Bid packages will go out April 1. A vote will be taken to select a bid at the April NWCC meeting. In addition, a fungus has been discovered on one tree and treatment options will be reviewed during the meeting.

Post Office Relocation

It has been reported that the Town & Country Post Office will be relocated. No definitive information is available, but there are several other post office locations in the area, including 12655 Whittington (Dairy Ashford and Briar Forest) and the official 77079 post office, Fleetwood Station, at 315 Addicks Howell (I-10 and Highway 6). Contact the Fleetwood Stations with any concerns or issues about your postal service.

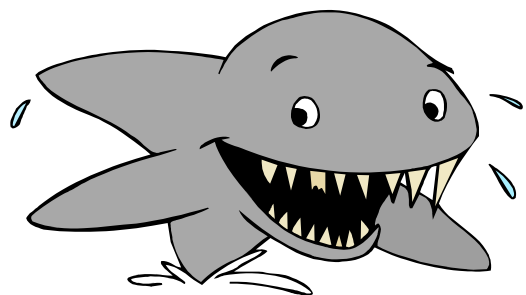
Sod Replacement Due by April 30

Don't forget....sod replacement must be completed by April 30! If tree cover prevents St. Augustine grass from growing, replant using a ground cover such as Asian Jasmine or Mondo grass.

April Quarterly Meeting Agenda

The quarterly meeting of the Nottingham West Civic Club will be held on **Wednesday, April 23, 2014 at 7:30 pm**. The meeting will be held in the **Nottingham Park Meeting Room, 926 Country Place Dr**. We hope to see you there!

- 1) Call to Order
- 2) Adoption of the Agenda
- 3) Adoption of the Minutes
- 4) Constables Report
- 5) Officer Reports
 - a) President
 - b) Vice President
 - c) Treasurer
 - d) Secretary
- 6) Committee Reports
 - a) Architectural Control
 - b) Super Neighborhood Liaison
 - c) RealManage Financial Update
- 7) New Business
 - a) Park Upgrade Phase 1
 - i) Bid Selection
 - ii) Decision on Park Tree
 - b) Kirkwood Median Maintenance
- 8) Floor Motions;
 - a) Two minute limit per homeowner
- 9) Proposed Business for July Meeting



Swim with the Sharks this summer!

The Sharks Swim Team is gearing up for another great swim season at Memorial West! MWCC swim team is open to all homeowners in Nottingham I, II, III, and Nottingham West as well as dues-paying members of MWCC (residents of Nottingham IV and other neighborhoods who join MWCC).

The swim team is a great way for 4-5 year olds to learn to swim. The half-lapper program really gets the little ones lots of practice and instruction time even if they don't swim in the meets.

Look for the all the registration paperwork in the coming weeks. We are busy updating the team web site, memorialwestclub.com. All the important information and links to paperwork will be on the web.

Registration day is Sunday, April 13 from 2 - 4 pm at MWCC. Contact Kelly Devlin (281-531-1369) or Lori Beck (281-809-8610) with any questions.

Summer's Coming!!

Before you know it, the temperature will be in the 90's and school will be out for the summer. The Nottingham West pool season runs from Memorial Day through Labor Day. The tentative pool schedule is outlined below. Check the pool gate to confirm opening hours before school is out June 5.

- Saturday, May 17: 10 am to 8 pm
- Sunday, May 18: Noon to 6 pm

- Saturday, May 24: 10 am to 8 pm
- Sunday, May 25: Noon to 8 pm
- Monday, May 26: 10 am to 6 pm

- Saturday, May 31: 10 am to 8 pm
- Sunday, June 1: Noon to 8 pm

Regular summer pool hours (Jun 3 - Aug 24) are as follows.

- Monday: Closed
- Tuesday: Noon to 6 pm
- Wednesday - Saturday: 10 am to 8 pm
- Sunday: Noon to 8 pm

