# Mission Bend MESSENGER



# **AUGUST 2023**

Official Newsletter of the Mission Bend H.O.A.





# **Back to School Time!**

Wow! Summer is nearly over. School started <u>Wednesday, August 9th</u> for both Alief ISD and Ft. Bend ISD.

It is important students get started on the right foot to help make a smooth transition from break time to school time. Proper meals in the morning, healthy afternoon snacks, a balanced dinner and a good night sleep are all factor for learning readiness. Help students get off to a good start.

#### Sales Tax Holiday Weekend August II - 13, 2023

Were you able to take advantage of the sales tax weekend? It's a great way to save on back to school clothing. You save \$8 for every \$100 spent.

If you need additional support for your student, check out Operation Backpack sponsored by the YMCA. For 19 years, the YMCA Operation Backpack has provided school supplies and backpacks to students in communities across the Houston area.





# Upcoming HOA meeting:

The Semi-Annual Homeowners Association meeting will be held Thursday, October 19th at the Mission Bend Club House, located at 6945 Addicks Clodine Rd. Watch for more meeting details.

#### **Volunteers**

**Seeking Volunteers** to help with the community newsletter and keeping our website current. Interested? <u>Contact Us.</u>



# GMBAC EL 2009

# **Greater Mission Bend Area Council**

(GMBAC)

Greater Mission Bend Area Council continues to focus on community initiatives that bring us together.

Join the cause. Help the GMBAC strengthen our community by participating in community forums, bringing issues forward, and attending community events.

Check out the GMBAC website at www.gmbac.com to learn what is happening in the Mission Bend Area.

# NEWS AROUND THE BEND . . .

#### **Hurricane Preparedness**

Hurricane season is June 1st through November 30th. Hurricanes can pose a serious threat to both your life and property. These natural disasters produce winds ranging from 74 to 200 miles per hour. A storm with that much power can cause catastrophic damage and severe flooding. Weather can be unpredictable, so it's vital to have a hurricane safety plan in place.

#### Safety Tips

**Water** – for drinking and sanitation have one gallon of water per person for a minimum of 3 days. Water can be stored in food grade containers.

**Food** – select foods that do not require refrigeration, preparation, and little to no water. Avoid salty foods as they will make you thirsty.

**Supplies** – batteries, flashlight, hand-crank NOAA weather radio, a whistle.

**First Aid Kit** – antibiotics, eyewash solution, bandages, antimicrobial wipes/towelettes, first aid tape/dressing, non-prescription medications such as antacids, pain relievers, etc.

**Other** – trim top heavy trees and remove dead tree limbs branches. If tree branches are touching power lines, call Centerpoint Energy to have them cut.



#### **Parking Etiquette to Remember**

Please, park legally. Do not block your neighbor's driveway. Park at least 30 ft from a corner. Do not park in the center of a T- intersection. Park at least 30 ft from a stop sign. Please adhere to these rules as it is critical to not inhibit the flow of traffic.

If you are a homeowner with multiple cars use your garage

or driveway to park your vehicles to help keep the roadway clear. This will allow school buses, trash trucks, delivery trucks, emergency vehicles, and everyday drivers to safely occupy both lanes of the street without fear of side-swiping another vehicle.



# **Violations • Violations • Violations**

#### **Report Deed Restriction Violations:**

Help maintain our neighborhood. Report deed restriction violations in confidence. Go to our website <u>www.missionbendhoa.gmbac.com</u> on the Residents page.

#### **Vehicle Violations:**

Commercial vehicles or vehicles purposed for commercial use, mobile homes, recreational vehicles, boats, trailers, etc. must be properly stored in your garage.

#### **PLEASE RECYCLE**

Do not throw beer cans, soda cans, glass bottles, milk containers out with your Trash. Use the small rectangular blue container. You pay for this service as part of your Saturday trash pick-up! <u>Use this bin for recyclables only.</u>



#### Recipe Corner

#### BERRY TIRAMISU ICEBOX CAKE



Just in time for the Labor Day Party!

- 1 (16-oz.) container fresh strawberries coarsely chopped, plus more for garnish
- 2 (6-oz.) containers fresh raspberries, plus more for garnish
- 1/4 cup granulated sugar
- 2 Tbsp. fresh lemon juice
- 2-4 Tbsp. liqueur (such as Grand Marnier, or limoncello) or orange juice, as needed
- 2 (8 oz pkgs) mascarpone cheese at room temperature
- 2 cups heavy whipping cream
- 1/2 cup powdered sugar
- 2 tsp. vanilla extract
- 3/4 tsp. kosher salt
- 1 (7-oz.) pkg. crisp ladyfingers

#### **Directions**

- 1. Stir together strawberries, raspberries, granulated sugar, and lemon juice in a large bowl, and let stand at room temperature 1 hour. Line the bottom of a 9-inch springform pan with plastic wrap. Coat sides of pan with cooking spray, and line sides with a 3-inch-wide strip of parchment paper.
- **2.** Drain berry mixture over a shallow bowl, reserving juice. Pour juice into a measuring cup and add liqueur or orange juice to yield 2/3 cup liquid. Set aside.
- **3.** Place mascarpone in a large bowl, and beat briefly with an electric mixer on low speed to loosen. Add cream, powdered sugar, vanilla, and salt; beat on medium-high speed until medium peaks form, about 2 minutes, stopping to scrape down sides of bowl as needed.
- 4. Dip 1 ladyfinger in berry liquid for about 3 seconds and place in prepared pan. Repeat with remaining ladyfingers and berry liquid. Evenly cover with half of the drained berries (about 2 cups), and spread half of the mascarpone whipped cream (about 3 cups) over berries. Repeat with another layer of ladyfingers, berries, and mascarpone whipped cream. Cover tightly with plastic wrap, and refrigerate until icebox cake is firm, about 4 hours.
- 5. When ready to serve, remove sides of pan, and peel away parchment paper. Remove springform bottom and plastic wrap. Using a large spatula or cake lifter, carefully transfer to a serving platter. Garnish with additional strawberries and raspberries. Slice and serve cake immediately.



#### Pickle Ball Anyone?

For five consecutive years, Pickleball is America's fastest growing sport. What's all the fun about? Pickleball is a sport that practically anyone can enjoy. Its relatively easy to get started, its inexpensive, and can easily be played on an existing basketball, racquetball, or tennis court. There are rules of course, but to play Pickleball you need a net, paddles, and a waffle ball. That's it!

No other sport has brought people of so many ages, backgrounds and cultures together in such a short time frame. With so many courts popping up in Houston the HOA Board thought it may be good to add pickleball for our community pickle-ballers. We will discuss at the October semi-annual meeting. However, we have gotten quotes on how to update our Tennis courts to allow for pickleball play. It will take scheduling and coordination, but overall, it should be a great addition.



#### **Architectural Control Committee**

Any external changes to your residence or lot requires submission of a Home Improvement Request Form at least **ONE MONTH** prior to the date you plan to commence the work. **Work must not begin until you have been given approval** by the **ACC**. This include painting your home. Paint sample or the color code must be provided on the form.

The **MBHOA** is diligent in trying to maintain standards in the subdivision, so that property values are maintained. To obtain a Home Improvement Request Form from the **ACC**, please contact Property Masters at 281-556-5111 or visit our website <a href="https://www.missionbendhoa.gmbac.com">www.missionbendhoa.gmbac.com</a> and go to the Residents page.

# Who Do I Gall?

Ft. Bend & Harris County Emergency 911				
Ft. Bend Sheriff's Non-Emergency 281-341-4665				
Community Volunteer Fire Dept 281-498-8806				
Harris Co. Commissioner Briones 713-755-6444				
Ft. Bend Co. Commissioner McCoy 281-980-2235				
Harris County Sheriff 713-221-6000				
Fort Bend Sheriff 281-342-6116				
Si Environmental (water repairs & billing) 832-490-1600				
Animal Control Harris County 281-999-3191				
Animal Control Fort Bend County 281-342-1512				
Mayor's Anti-Gang Office 713-247-1576				
Texas Pride (Trash Pick-Up) 281-342-8178				
MBHOA Clubhouse Rental 281-879-0892				

# MBHOA Offfeers

TITLE	<u>NAME</u>	<u>PHONE</u>
President	Jon Lee	281-221-5240
Vice President	Michilla Cade	281-804-6953
Operations Manager	Lynn Alwine	281-933-3741
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Secretary	Open	(text only)



# **Property Masters**

(281) 556-5111 11281 Richmond, Suite J-110 Houston, TX 77082

# MBHOA Committee Chair Positions

Publicity Chair...... Volunteer needed

# MBHOA Glubhouse Rentals

**To Reserve:** Call 281.879.0892 Leave a Message with Date & Time desired; your name & phone number; Calls are returned once or twice a week, so *PLAN AHEAD*.

#### Who can Rent:

- 1) Adult residents of our MBHOA
- **2)** An Adult Chaperon is <u>required for ALL</u> youth functions.

**Rental Fee:** \$325 with \$200 damage deposit, paid in advance.

Payment: Cashiers' Check or Money Order.

**Damage Deposit:** Refunded if the clubhouse is properly cleaned and there is no damage to the property.

**NOTE:** The MB Pool is not included in the Clubhouse rental.

# Need Help?

If you need help maintaining your lawn or with outdoor chores, the following are available to do work at reasonable rates:

Aron Pond: 281-568-1909 Kimmi Cannon: 832-512-3456 (Landscaping Only, no lawn care)

# Next Newsletter

The next newsletter will be published in October. To place ad or article, please call or send an email to Michilla Cade mcade@gmbac.com by September 16th.



# RICHARD ELKOWITZ

The MISSION

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