

# GMBAC Community News

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## Big Plans for GMBAC

Greater Mission Bend Area Council is making long and short range plans with you and your HOA in mind. We envision a safe community where businesses thrive and the quality of life is good for all of us young and older.

Our plans are not complete and there is time for you to give us your ideas for what GMBAC can do for you and your community. Please email the Planning Committee on [gmbac.com](http://gmbac.com). We welcome your input.

Growing our membership, saving you money, cleaning up our neighborhood, increasing our influence, and partnering with area businesses to improve our community and quality of life are currently the major goals of our plan. We will never lose focus on the safety and security of you and your home.

GMBAC is finding ways to help our HOA's and our residents save money with discounts and special offers through membership dues

We need to grow our membership so our voice will be stronger in our efforts to improve our community. We currently represent 13 HOAs. Together we can have power to influence decisions that affect our community. If all 40 of the HOA's within our boundaries joined GMBAC, we would become the voice of about 65,000 residences and voters. That is power. If you live within our boundaries and your HOA is not a member, encourage them to join.

Businesses are important to our community. They bring jobs and influence our economy. GMBAC will soon be meeting with business leaders to see what issues we share and find out how we can mutually help each other. If you own a business, contact us through our website and be a part of our business efforts. Businesses can have membership in GMBAC.

Crime follows decline and grime. Is there a mess in

your community that you would like to see cleaned up? GMBAC is sponsoring a community clean-up day in October. We will select an area that needs help, solicit the help of the community and spend the day cleaning up the area.

Other goals include working with community organizations to solve community problems, have community events that grow community pride, look for grants that help us with beautification, increased security patrols and crime prevention.

What do you think? Your feedback and ideas are appreciated.

Email: [planningcommittee@gmbac.com](mailto:planningcommittee@gmbac.com).

## School Began August 26th

As you are all aware school began in the Alief and Ft Bend ISD's August 26<sup>th</sup>. Please be aware of children walking to and from the bus. The bus stops can sometimes be an attraction for

crime. If you see any suspicious activity, please contact the local sheriff's office or call 911.

If you have any questions for the schools please visit their websites:

[www.ftbendisid.com](http://www.ftbendisid.com)  
281-634-1000  
[www.aliefisd.net](http://www.aliefisd.net)  
281-498-8110

*"I pledge allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America, and to the Republic for which it stands, one Nation under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all."*

## Labor Day Weekend

Labor Day, the first Monday in September, is a creation of the labor movement and is dedicated to the social and economic achievements of American workers. It constitutes a yearly national tribute to the contributions workers have made to the strength, prosperity, and well-being of our country.

The first Labor Day holiday was celebrated on

Tuesday, September 5, 1882, in New York City, in accordance with the plans of the Central Labor Union. The Central Labor Union held its second Labor Day holiday just a year later, on September 5, 1883.

In 1884 the first Monday in September was selected as the holiday, as originally proposed, and the Central Labor Union urged similar

organizations in other cities to follow the example of New York and celebrate a "workingmen's holiday" on that date. The idea spread with the growth of labor organizations, and in 1885 Labor Day was celebrated in many industrial centers of the country.

President Grover Cleveland signed into law the bill that made Labor Day an official national holiday in 1894.

## Nextdoor

Nextdoor is a private social network for you and your neighborhood.

Has your HOA joined nextdoor.com? Check it out! You can start a social network that is limited to people in your HOA or you can include a neighboring HOA. Copied from this website, Nextdoor is being used by communities all over the country to:

- 1) quickly get the word out about a break-in, 2)

Organize a Neighborhood Watch Group, 3) Track down a trustworthy babysitter, 4) Find out who does the best paint job in town, 5) Ask for help keeping an eye out for a lost dog, 6) Find a new home for an outgrown bike, 7) Finally call that nice man down the street by his first name.

Several neighborhoods in GMBAC are using this site

and are building their own social network. You can too. Go to [nextdoor.com](http://nextdoor.com) and get started. It is a fast and easy way to know your neighbors and share important information.

## Happy Ending

BEAUMONT, TX -- A woman who found a charm bracelet on a Texas beach in the mid-90s tracked down its Georgia owner after posting a picture on Facebook. The Beaumont Enterprise reports that when Joan Mitchell found the bracelet on Crystal Beach, she put an advertisement in a local newspaper. Then, she stored it in a jewelry box.

Last month, Mitchell found it again. It had three clues: Americus High School, Merle and Beth. She posted a picture on Facebook last Friday, and within a day found the owner.

The photo was shared more than 2,000 times when Jen Buchanan, of Americus, Ga., saw it. She says the bracelet

was given to her by her godmother as a high school graduation present and was stolen when her home was burglarized in 1973.

[Story by abc.local.go.com](http://Story.by.abc.local.go.com)

## Imperial Farmer's Market

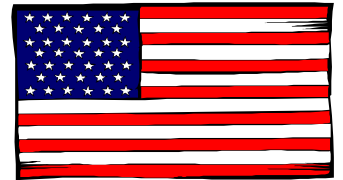
The Imperial Farmer's Market is located at Hwy 90 and Brooks St and is open every Saturday from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m., rain or shine.

Vendors bring a variety of goods including breads, vegetables, fruits, prepared meals, jams & jellies, and lotions and soaps.

Please check out their website and consider a

trip to your local farmer's market.

<http://www.imperialsugarland.com/farmersmarket>



## Family Fun

Support **SKEETER'S BASEBALL**. Tickets start at \$8.00. Great family fun for all. Refer to [www.sugarlandkeeters.com](http://www.sugarlandkeeters.com) for more information.

Free aerobic classes **Mission Bend United Methodist Church**, Monday and Wednesday 6 to 7 p.m. and Tuesday and Thursday 9 to 10 a.m.

Join the **Alief YMCA** located at 7580 Howell-

Sugar Land Rd. 281-495-9100. The YMCA is an inclusive organization of men, women and children joined together by a shared commitment to nurturing the potential of kids, promoting healthy living and fostering a sense of social responsibility.

<http://www.ymcahouston.org/alief/>

**Fall sports** begin at your area middle and high schools. Go out and support our kids – let them know you care.

**Sugar Land Town Square** is a great place to take the family. Events every weekend; check out their website.

<http://www.sugarlandtownsquare.com/events/>

*"He loves his country best who strives to make it best." ~Robert G. Ingersoll*

## Adopt a Pet

Owning a dog or cat is a very rewarding experience. They can bring so much love and joy to your family life. Pets can also be a great way to teach your children responsibility.

The following are a few of

the adoption centers available to you.

[www.houstontx.gov/barc](http://www.houstontx.gov/barc) - adoption fees range from 20.00 to 75.00 dollars;

[www.houstonspca.org](http://www.houstonspca.org) – adoption fees range from 95.00 to 200.00 dollars;

[www.homelesspets.net](http://www.homelesspets.net) – adoption fee 100.00

[www.cap4pets.org](http://www.cap4pets.org) – adoption fees range from 40.00 to 150.00 dollars.

Save a life!

