

GMBAC Community News

A Voice for the 65,000 Residents of Greater Mission Bend!



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GMBAC Business Directory

Support the Local Businesses who are working with us to make the Greater Mission Bend Area a Better Place to live, work & raise a family.

http://gmbac.com/?page_id=2422

Barter Don't Buy!



Hibiscus

For the 3rd year in a row, Alief Kerr High School National Honor Society student volunteers will be earning community service hours helping to deliver plants to and from cars.

The Third Annual
 GMBAC Plant Swap
 will be held on

May 17th, 2014

9:00 A.M. – 12:00 P.M

George Bush Park

16756 Westheimer Parkway, Pavilion #3

No Money Changes Hands just plants and plant related items.

For Details Visit

<http://plantswap.gmbac.com/>

Miller Intermediate School Hosted Field Day For Students

Miller Intermediate School hosted Field Day for students on Friday, April 25th. Students and staff had the opportunity to enjoy the beautiful weather with an inflatable slide and bounce house, games and much deserved fun! Also, students danced the afternoon away with music provided by a local radio DJ from Mix 96.5 and were able to enjoy tasty snow cones by Kona Ice.





**Join 100's of Your
Near-By Neighbors on
www.Nextdoor.com**

The number of Nextdoor Members is growing daily. Nextdoor.com is making it possible to connect with more nearby neighbors.

Nextdoor is a private social network for the residents of each subdivision with an option to connect with the residents of nearby subdivisions. It's the easiest and fastest way to communicate with neighbors.

By sharing information about crime and other issues that affect our area we can take the steps necessary to make the entire area a better place to live and raise a family.

The Harris County Sheriff's Office as well as the Department of Emergency Management also posts information relating to our area.

**When are the
Bayous Mowed?**

Three times a year. The first mowing cycle is between May thru June, the second mowing cycle is between August thru September, and the third mowing cycle is between Octobers thru November.

<http://www.hcfcd.org/>

Area Housing Market Information

Local Market Trends

<http://www.har.com/zipcode/77083>

Recently sold

<http://www.har.com/homevalue/>

Subdivision Information

<http://www.har.com/neighborhoods/>

(Copy & Paste the links above to your browser)

You may find the information found in the links above useful if you are protesting your property taxes.

Hiding in Plain Site

Human Trafficking in Houston is a major problem.

http://gmbac.com/?page_id=2917

Computer Tips & Tricks!

There are times that we need to send the same message to several people at different times. For example, when someone respond to an email party or meeting invitation.

A quick and easy way to respond is to use the signature function in your email program. There is no limit to the size of the file you can make using the signature function. Give the file a name and when you need to respond to someone with that information just hit reply, click on your default signature, right click, click on the message that you want to use and it will pop into the email screen and all you need to do is hit send. You can also edit the content if needed. Any number of different replies can be pre-written to use whenever they are needed.

Share you Computer Tips & Tricks for future newsletters. Email them to information@gmbac.com

Crime Reports

For Local Crime Reports visit:

Harris County
www.CrimeReports.com

Fort Bend County
<http://www.raidonline.com/>

Email Alerts can be set-up.

Walmart Carts

If Walmart Carts end up in your subdivision, call the store on West Park & Hwy 6 (281-561-0866) and ask for managers Sandra or Jamie. They will make arrangements to have the carts picked up.

West Oaks Mall Celebrating 30 Years in Houston



West Oaks Mall is celebrating its 30th anniversary this year, but with the ongoing improvements and a mix of traditional and non-traditional tenants it is keeping up with the times and changing shopping habits. The mall provides a positive shopping environment, especially for families, thanks to a children's play area, food court and several restaurants as well as a convenient location, abundant parking and convenient location at the intersection of Highway 6 and Westheimer.

Over the years, the mall has changed its ownership several times. In 2010, West Oaks was acquired by Square Mile Capital Management LLC and Pacific Retail Capital Partners. Since then, the new owners have made many improvements to the one million square-foot mall, adding an Edwards Stadium 14 & RPX theater, a new outdoor plaza, a new entrance to the center and new restaurant spaces.

The mall continues to attract new and non-traditional tenants. In November 2013, Fortis Institute opened its West Oaks Mall campus, offering classes in healthcare and other professions, and Blue Cross Blue Shield of Texas opened its first "pop-up" Open Enrollment center in the state.

Most recently the mall has welcomed Houston's first *Toby Keith's I Love This Bar & Grill*. With its 95-foot guitar-shaped bar, live country music and dancing, the restaurant is an entertainment destination in West Houston. To celebrate the occasion, the mall hosted a *Country-Western Kids Day at West Oaks Mall* event for the entire community in April. Participants enjoyed line dancing, country karaoke, face painting and more, and one lucky winner took home a \$500 gift card to *Toby Keith's*.

The Mall also supports local community organizations and recently leased 7,000 square feet to *Katy Visual and Performing Arts Center (KVPAC)* as part of *We Open Art Houses*, an arts initiative that makes retail space available to local arts organizations at little or no cost. KVPAC offers theater, visual arts and music programs to children, teens and adults at their West Oaks location. The current list of classes along with movie times, special offers and even a fashion blog can be found on the mall's newly revamped website: www.shopwestoaksmall.com.