

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

Crime Reports

Harris County

www.CrimeReports.com

Fort Bend County

<http://www.raidsonline.com/>

GMBAC 2015

Last year was a very busy and successful year for GMAC. For 2014 Details please visit http://gmbac.com/?page_id=3064

Plans for 2015 are being made and looks to be another year filled with Community Activities. <http://gmbac.com/>

So far we are working on:

IRS Workshop

<http://gmbac.com/wp-content/uploads/2015/01/GMBAC-2015-Income-Tax-Workshop-Flyer.pdf>

(The Workshop Presenters will be H&R Block)

Saturday, March 7th, 2015

10 AM to 12 PM

Mission Bend Club House

6945 Addicks Clodine Road

Houston, Texas 77083

<http://www.mapquest.com/?version=1.0&hk=9-mkSciUEW>

Plant Swap

(3rd Annual)

(Barter Don't Buy!)

Saturday, May 16th, 2015

George Bush Park

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

Back2School Supplies Event

A Saturday in August 2015

(Exact date and location to be announced)



Thanks, Fire Chief Steve Fowler and your crew for the dedication and great service that you provide our community!

The Annual GMBAC "Feed the Fire Fighters" Appreciation Holiday Dinner was held December 13, 2014. GMBAC provided Sandwiches, veggie trays and all the trimmings from Which Wich; Mission Bend Civic Association provided pizza's. Which Wich manager Adrain Ortegon personally made deliveries, both shifts.

Community Up-Date

Connect with your Neighbors

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

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 connect with neighbors.

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

Day after day, ordinary people become heroes through extraordinary and self-less actions to help their neighbors.

Sylvia Mathews Burwell

New to the Community

Aldi's Grocery Store

Hwy 6 & West Park.

<https://www.aldi.us/>

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Harbor Freight

Hwy 6 & Bellaire

<http://www.harborfreight.com/>

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DD's Discount Clothing Store

Hwy 6 & Bellaire

<http://ddsdiscounts.com/>

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Community Fire Station Renovation

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Community Events

(Events Open to the Public)

Westminster Presbyterian Church

6298 Highway 6 South,

Houston, Texas 77083

Phone 281-530-1675

E-mail: westminstr@sbcglobal.net

<http://www.wpchouston.net/events.cfm>

Anti-Rape Self Defense Seminar

February 28, 2015

1PM to 4PM

6298 Hwy 6 South

For Details Visit www.gmbac.com



What's New in Greater Mission Bend?

Learning Institute of Texas Expansion

By: Winetta Billings, M.D.

Why the piles of dirt and heavy construction equipment at The Learning Institutes of Texas on Addicks Clodine? They are expanding their campus with a new 15,000 square foot facility, which in addition to classrooms, will also contain a gym, kitchen, computer room and administrative offices. It was expected to be completed by this spring and in fact, as you probably noticed, it has already opened.

The Learning Institute of Texas was founded by Reverend Robert Park of the New Life Baptist Church in 2002. Pastor Park is from Korea and originally began the program to assist the many Koreans in the area with learning English as a second language. The program has expanded and has students from many nationalities. Quoting from their website, "The mission of English as a Second Language (ESL) program at LIT is to provide the skills that learners need in the areas of listening, reading, writing, and speaking to successfully advance their educational, vocational, and personal goals and ultimately lead to their full participation in the diverse society of the United States and other global communities."

Just since January, 2014, the enrollment has doubled from 100 students to 200 students. Part of the reason for this is that Federal laws have changed regarding accreditation and LIT, which is accredited, is receiving transfer students from schools that are not. LIT has partnerships with four institutions of higher education and some of the credits earned at LIT are accepted at these campuses, including HCC. Each level takes a semester to complete (18 weeks) and 2 levels can be taken per semester. There are a total of 9 levels. Tuition is \$2200.00 per semester.

<http://litexas.edu/>

Vacant Land at Addicks Clodine

For those of you who live in the Chelford One MUD water district, you may have noticed some changes at the southwest corner of Alief Clodine and Addicks Clodine by the Westpark Toll road. As traffic has increased along Addicks Clodine, it has become more and more difficult to back utility trucks out of the plant onto the street. Due to safety concerns, Chelford One MUD purchased land on the Addicks Clodine side to put in a new entrance and extended the fence.

Soon, you will see other changes. **Chelford One MUD's water** well, which is thirty years old, was re-

cently rehabbed but is not expected to last more than about another ten years. In an effort to be prepared for the time when a new well will have to be drilled, Chelford One MUD recently purchased additional land along Addicks Clodine. It now owns most of the three blocks on the southwest corner of Addicks Clodine and Alief Clodine, but does not own the land with the cell tower.

To improve the looks of the corner, some new landscaping has been added to the area. Sadly, the most recently acquired land has been used as a dumping ground for many years and there is debris left over from the construction of the Westpark Toll road. Eventually, the debris will be cleared and the grass will be mowed on a regular schedule. Vagrant tents were discovered along the fence line and removed. A bonus from this land acquisition is that with regular mowing, there should be increased visibility for those exiting the subdivision on Amapola at Addicks Clodine.

7.8 Million Dollar Renovation

By Winetta Billings, M.D.

The wastewater treatment facility on Alief Clodine processes sewage from a section of the City of Houston and six local MUD's. Is your MUD among them? If you live in Mission Bend MUD 1, Mission Bend MUD 2, MUD 120, MUD 147, Chelford City MUD or Chelford 1 MUD, the answer is "yes". The MUD's and the City of Houston all contributed to a 7.8 million dollar renovation which was recently completed.

Why such a huge undertaking? It turns out that that the wastewater treatment plant and water wells in the area were expected to last approximately thirty years. The treatment plant is slightly older than that. Of course there was a lot of routine maintenance over the years, but at some point, major aspects of the plant had to be replaced. Pumps, blowers and electrical equipment were replaced and several clarifiers, the huge round basins that help separate water from solid waste material, were renovated.

While the facility was considered state of the art at the time it was built, innovations to pumps and blowers made some of the equipment obsolete. Taking advantage of the newer

technology, the facility has already experienced a 25 percent reduction in electricity usage.

More improvements are being planned including additional lighting and new technology to decrease odors emitted from the plant. Stay tuned.

MUD 120 Side Walk Project

MUD 120 constructed approximately 1 mile of sidewalks along Green Crest Dr. from Richmond Ave. to Westpark Dr. and along Westpark Dr. from Green Crest Dr. to McClendon Park.

The new sidewalks increase the recreational opportunities for the community by improving pedestrian connectivity by connecting residents to the trail along Brays Bayou and to McClendon Park.

Who to Contact for Pot Holes, Stop Signs, Street Repair, Bayou Issues

Harris County

<http://www.pct3.hctx.net/>

Fort Bend

<http://www.fortbendcountytexas.gov/index.aspx?page=922>

Highway Issues

TxDot

<http://www.txdot.gov/>

Street Light Repair

<http://cnp.centerpointenergy.com/outage>

Local Community Fire Station Renovation



Per Fire Chief Steve Fowler, the impact of the new facility (Training Center) on the daily fire department Operations will center on our EMS Division. Three apparatus bays are presently dedicated to EMS units and these trucks will be relocated into the north end of the new facility. Quarters for our EMS personnel will move from the existing fire station into the north end of the new facility next to the ambulances and the first responder truck they utilize.

The long bay that becomes available in the fire station after the two ambulances move to the new facility will be used to house a new “Command – Rehab” truck that is designed to support emergency operations when challenged with large scenes.

The existing training room located in Station 1 will be converted to a large dormitory accommodating greater numbers of personnel than our present two dorms are able to provide.

Also, a driving simulator will be moved from our station 3 and placed in an area on the south end of the new Training Center. The larger training center will make it possible to accommodate larger audiences for various fire and EMS educational activities and it is anticipated that regional events will be hosted there not only for the members of this department but also for some other nearby fire departments. <http://www.communityvfd.com/>

