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# WESTCHESTER RAP



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Monthly WOC Meeting 3<sup>rd</sup>  
 Tuesday of every month  
 7 pm  
 @ St John Vianney, Room E-9

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## Nottingham SPARK Park Dedication Ceremony – Saturday, November 14th

Please join us for the Nottingham Elementary SPARK Park Dedication at 10 a.m. on Saturday, November 14<sup>th</sup>, and stay for the Community Carnival from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. It is going to be a wonderful event for the whole community.

Please access the carnival page on the Nottingham PTA website <http://nottinghampta.weebly.com/nhe-community-carnival.html> to sign up to volunteer, access ticket forms and see how many tickets are needed for each activity. You can also purchase your tickets online! Check the website for availability of this convenient option.

Each carnival ticket will cost \$1 on the day of the event. Food and drinks will be between 1-4 tickets. Get your ticket order form in by November 4 for the discounted ticket price bundle. 54 tickets allows you to try all booths and activities once. Event tickets and raffle tickets will be available on a will-call basis. We are still setting the dates for ticket pickup before the carnival.

Thank you to all of the teachers and families who helped donate to the NHE Spark Park!



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 for information and rates.

*Save the Date!*  
 NHE Spark Park  
 Dedication  
 November 14, 2015



September Memorial Super Neighborhood Meeting Minutes are available at the following link:

<http://files.ctctcdn.com/30b2fa81101/e3c99df7-a7b8-4c6f-997a-b342f5ceadbf.pdf>

Lots of good info. about Memorial Drive widening project!

## Westchester National Night Out (NNO) Recap

A recap of the NNO event last month indicates that approximately 300 “Westchesterites” attended the festivities on October 6, or 25% of the entire neighborhood.

Besides serving the law enforcement purpose, all residents enjoyed themselves by socializing with their neighbors. Thank you for your contributions to the 100 Club which was approximately \$100. Many residents on Oak Bend (mostly new to the neighborhood) socialized with other larger groups of residents for the NNO.



Bill Hopkins and our first responders at NNO! Thank you Bill for a job well done organizing this event!

Thank you to all our neighborhood hosts which included the following families: Putnick, Tuttle, Anthony, Read/Motley, Willams, Stearn, Dolan, Stoffel, Beatty/Martinez, Sweet, Hamilton, Pendleton, and Nevitt.

Equipment from the Houston Fire Department, HPD Mounted Police, HPD SOLO unit (motorcyclist), Harris County pct.5 Constables and HPD patrol car added a lot of interest as well as receiving much attention from everyone!

We hope to do it again next year with additional hosts so that we can cover 100% of the neighborhood. Increased participation of our residents, hosts and activities make for a better community!

### Cornelius Gardening Tips for the Month of November

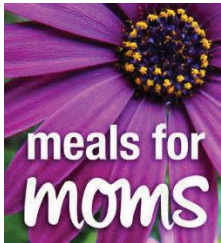
This is the perfect time to plant your chilled bulbs for spring; they should be in the ground before the first frost, so plant now while the soil is still easy to work. Iris, daylilies and gladiolas should also be planted at this time, although they are not "true" bulbs, but rhizomes, tubers and corms, respectively. Yet all of these like bulbs require the cooler soil of winter to generate healthy new growth in spring.

Transform your landscape with the addition of fresh, colorful blooms! Pansies are by far the most popular Winter color. The "Matrix" Pansy has been outstanding for our Texas weather. It will not "stretch" during bouts of warm temperatures and is bred to grow out, not up. This compact grower offers shorter stems to support large colorful blooms. Dianthus (also known as "Pinks"), Snapdragons, Cyclamen, Violas and the fragrant Alyssum are also good choices for cold tolerant annuals. Ornamental Cabbage and Kale provide interesting texture in the landscape as well as color. For best effect, limit your planting to two or three colors per bed.

The key to growing beautiful annual flowers is soil preparation. Work Calloway's Flowerbed Mix into the soil, or organic compost, to a depth of 6" to 8". Adding Calloway's Flower Food to the soil at the time of planting will provide the extra nutrients for growth and blooms. Remember to add 2 to 3 inches of mulch to all beds to reduce moisture loss, prevent weeds from germinating, and to insulate the soil from the cold.

Using the same colorful annuals will add a splash of color to your patio containers. Fill your container with fresh potting soil, plant food and your choice of these beautiful annuals to brighten your winter. Keep them watered as necessary and remove faded flowers to encourage repeat blooming! If you want those beautiful Texas Bluebonnets in the Spring, sow the seed in early November!

Please remember the birds! Texas is a haven for birds. No other state in the United States has more species within its boundaries. There are currently over 620 species documented in Texas, which is almost 75 percent of all bird species recorded in the continental United States. To attract the widest variety of wild birds, you should consider placing a wide variety of bird feeders and food around your yard.



#### Are you expecting a baby or in need of meals?

Please contact our "Meals for Moms" coordinator **Greer Wymond** at [greerwymond@gmail.com](mailto:greerwymond@gmail.com) and she'll make sure your household has a delicious home cooked meal delivered to your house!



#### Westchester Neighborhood Reminders!!

If you are planning to remove a tree, pave a new driveway, paint your home, or considering any other home renovation, please refer to the Westchester Architectural Board Guidelines to ensure that your renovation work is in compliance with the guidelines. They can be found at the following website:

[http://www.westchesterhouston.org/Deed\\_Restrictions.html](http://www.westchesterhouston.org/Deed_Restrictions.html)

Westchester Homeowner's Association meets on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday of every month and everyone is invited to attend. Meeting minutes of each month's meeting can also be found at the Westchester website:

[http://www.westchesterhouston.org/Board\\_Meeting\\_Info.html](http://www.westchesterhouston.org/Board_Meeting_Info.html)

**Don't forget that the annual Homeowner's Association meeting will be held in January of 2016!** Please consider volunteering to be a member of the board! If interested, please contact any board member. Board member contacts be found at the following link:

<http://www.westchesterhouston.org/uploads/2015-key-contacts.pdf>

JUST A LITTLE  
*Reminder*



14627 Bramblewood Drive  
Patrice and Helene LaPorte

**Mom's Club November Happenings!!!****November Mom's Night Out: Wednesday, Nov. 4th, 7pm, Merlot 2 Masterpiece, 14129 Memorial Dr.**

This month we are joining forces with the Nottingham Elementary PTA for a fun mom's spirit night. Not only will this be a fun night out but it is great way to support our local elementary school. A portion of the sales will be donated to NHE. Join us at Merlot 2 Masterpiece for a night of wine and painting. No painting skills are required! They will give us step-by step instructions. This is a BYOB event so bring your favorite adult beverage and a snack. It will definitely be a fun mom's night. We hope you will join us and support Nottingham Elementary at the same time.



You must purchase your \$39 spot online. Use the link below to pay for your painting spot. There are only 30 spots available. Purchase soon!

<https://app.getoccasion.com/p/n/li7x5Q>

**November Excursion Play Date: Monday, Nov. 9th, 9:30am, Houston Arboretum, 4501 Woodway Drive**

Join Katherine and Toby Gray for an adventure at the arboretum. Let's plan to meet at the front entrance around 9:30am. Then we can take a hike as a group. Pack a lunch and we will have a picnic after we explore. We hope you will join us!

<http://houstonarboretum.org/>

**Happy Hour Play Date: Friday, Nov. 12th, 3:30pm-5:30pm, Nottingham Oaks Trail Cul-de-sac**

Join Amy, Austin and Amelia Siler for a happy hour playdate. Meet at the end of Nottingham Oaks Trail near Terry Hershey Park and BYOB (bike, ball, barbie, bottle...)! Amy will bring a snack, you bring the drink. This is a fun way to start the weekend and get to know some neighbors. Come hang out and have some fun. We hope you will join us.

The Mom's Club would also like to give a HUGE SHOUT OUT and THANK YOU to Lisa Arthur with Arthur Realty for sponsoring our Halloween Party this past October!!!

**Westchester/NF8 Holiday Home Tour**

Ring in the holidays with friends and neighbors at the Westchester/Nottingham Forest VIII Women's Club Holiday Home Tour from 7 p.m. to 10 p.m. on Saturday, December 12. This popular, every-other-year tradition is a fun social event that showcases not only new renovations but also inspiring home decor and holiday good cheer.



You won't want to miss the impressive group of homes lining up for this year's tour.

Tickets are \$10 per person for members of the Women's Club and \$15 per person for all others. Tickets are on sale. Contact Lisa Arthur, [281-468-8106](tel:281-468-8106) or [lisa@arthur-realty.com](mailto:lisa@arthur-realty.com), for details.

The Home Tour is open only to members of the Women's Club and to the residents of Westchester, NFVIII, Westchester Villas and their guests.

Current and prior residents of Westchester, NFVIII and Westchester Villas are encouraged to join the Women's Club. Members save \$5 each on their Home Tour tickets. Membership is \$15 and can be purchased at the same time as tickets.

**GOING OUT TOWN FOR THE HOLIDAYS?!**

With the upcoming holiday season quickly approaching, don't forget to complete the Vacation Watch form if you are planning to be out of town during Thanksgiving week. Vacation Watch is a service provided by our neighborhood constable where they will periodically drive by your home to make sure there are no cars in the driveway that shouldn't be there or that no one is at your home that shouldn't be there! This is just another way they're looking out for you, even while you are away!

The form can be found at the Westchester website. You can fax or mail the form...both the fax number and the address can be found on the forms.

<http://www.westchesterhouston.org/uploads/vacationwatch.pdf>



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