



# WESTCHESTER RAP

Annual WOC Meeting  
Tuesday, May 15<sup>th</sup>  
6:00 PM



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## Request WOC Board Meeting Notifications by Email

To receive board meeting notifications via email, please follow the instructions posted to the homepage of <http://www.westchesterhouston.org>

## Chapter 19 Approved by City Council

On Wednesday, April 11<sup>th</sup>, City Council passed major changes to the City's flood plain regulations found in Chapter 19 of the City's Code of Ordinances. These changes will directly affect how future construction and development will take place within the city's current 100 year floodplain – and for the first time: the 500 year floodplain.

Credit: The District Journal April 20, 2018 | Floodplain Changes Pass Council  
<http://southwestmanagementdistrict.org/the-district-journal-april-20-2018>

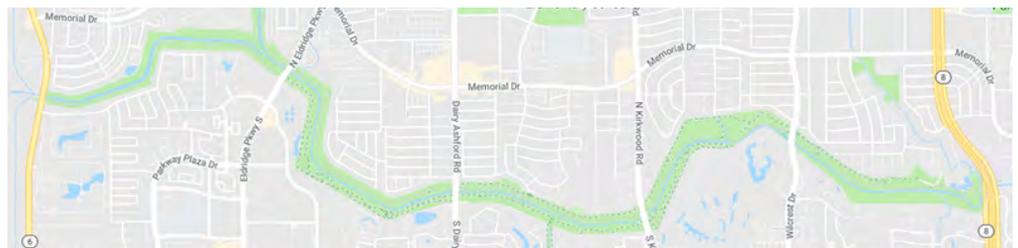
More information available on City Council District G homepage:  
<http://www.houstontx.gov/council/g>

## Harris County Flood Control District Linear Detention Basins

*Courtesy of Joe Smith and Memorial Super Neighborhood Meeting*

Project plans for HCFCO linear detention basins along Buffalo Bayou, from Highway 6 to Beltway 8 are about 50% complete. Project is scheduled to start in June 2018.

More information available on HCFCO website:  
<https://bit.ly/2G4kNgH>



## Save the Date!

WOC Meeting  
May 15, 2018

District G Spring Fair  
May 19, 2018

Dolphins MOD Pizza  
Spirit Night  
May 22, 2018

Women's Club  
Meet and Greet  
May 23, 2018

## 2018 District G Spring Fair

Please save the date for the District G Spring Fair, Saturday, May 19, 12 noon to 3pm at St. John Vianney Catholic Church. Free food, fun and activities for the whole family!



## YARD OF THE MONTH MAY 2018

Congratulations to Chris Thornton at 14727 Oak Bend Dr.  
(with appreciation for the contributions of Taylor Thornton)



### Cornelius Nursery

#### Lawn & Garden Checklist

- Apply 2<sup>nd</sup> application of preemergents for crabgrass and grass burrs
- Apply **Calloway's Premium Lawn Food**
- Apply **Turf Soil Builder**; it revives the soil!
- Apply **Sedge Ender** for nutsedge
- Spray established weeds with **Bonide Weed Beater Southern**

#### Organic Checklist

- Apply **Calloway's Organic & Natural Fertilizer, Soil Mender Molasses**, and **Texas Greensand** if we have over 8" of rain since last application
- Release beneficial insects
- Use **Summit BT Spray** for bagworms
- Prune Spring blooming shrubs

### LAWN CARE FOR NEW SOD

By Renee Miller - <http://homeguides.sfgate.com/lawn-care-new-sod-44747.html>

Sod is easy to install and provides an instant lawn, but it requires a little more care than you would give an established lawn. New sod has shallow roots, which need time to establish in the soil. Proper watering, fertilizing and maintenance are vital to ensuring your new sod will endure long after it is installed.

**WATER:** New sod requires more water than an established lawn because its roots need consistent moisture. For the first seven to 10 days, new sod requires five to 10 minutes of watering, two to three times daily. Provide enough water to soak the first few inches of soil. For the next seven to 10 days, reduce watering to once per day, making sure to soak the top 1/4 inch of soil. After three weeks, you can reduce watering to every other day, soaking to a soil depth of about 1/2 inch. When your sod has been growing for about four weeks, the roots should be established enough to reduce watering to once or twice per week. If temperatures climb above 85 degrees Fahrenheit at any point during the first four weeks, increase watering to two or three times per day to prevent drying. Water your new sod in the morning or the evening, when temperatures are cooler. Watering during the hottest parts of the day can burn your new grass.

**FERTILIZER:** Most sod is fertilized prior to harvesting, so it usually does not need to be fertilized for at least 30 to 60 days after installation. Fertilizing before this time causes yellow patches in your lawn because the shallow root system of the sod can't absorb the nutrients, causing nitrogen to leach into the soil. After a minimum of 30 days, you may apply a granular fertilizer with a nitrogen, phosphorous, potassium ratio of 16-16-16 at a rate of 6 1/2 pounds per 1,000 square feet of lawn, or 10-20-20 at a rate of 10 pounds per 1,000 square feet of lawn. Make sure you apply the fertilizer when the ground is dry, and spread it evenly over the lawn. Water the lawn thoroughly after application.

**MOWING:** New sod should not be mowed immediately. Typically you should mow your new lawn about seven to 10 days after installation, but not if the grass is less than 3 inches tall. Ideally, new sod should grow to at least 4 inches before mowing. Avoid cutting it too short. Make sure your mower blade is sharp and never cut more than one-third of the blade length.

**USE:** Avoid walking on your new sod for at least 10 days, and keep foot traffic to a minimum for three to four weeks after installation, particularly if conditions are overly dry or wet. New sod needs to establish its roots and disturbance can affect the success of this process. If you must walk on the sod, try to use a different route each time so that you are not treading on the same area. To prevent others from walking on your new lawn, mark a perimeter with stakes and string or tape.

# Westchester/Nottingham Forest VIII Women's Club

## Women's Club Meet and Greet

Join us for yummy treats, coffee and great conversation from 10 am to 11:30 am on Wednesday, May 23, 2018, at Carolyn Stoffel's home: 14602 River Forest Dr.

All are welcome, and if you can let Carolyn know if you're attending in advance, it would be greatly appreciated. If you can provide a treat to share, please let Carolyn know.

Carolyn Stoffel | 281-558-5666 | [c-stoffel@sbcglobal.net](mailto:c-stoffel@sbcglobal.net)



Find our Mom's Group on Facebook: "Westchester NFeight Momsgroup"

[facebook.com/westchesternfeight.momsgroup](https://www.facebook.com/westchesternfeight.momsgroup)

## Westchester Dolphins – Practices Start Tuesday, May 1<sup>st</sup>

It's not too late to join the fun and community of the Westchester swim team! Swimmers can start as young as age 4, and they don't compete until they are able to swim unassisted across the 25-meter lanes.

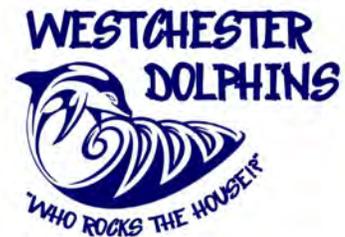
For the second year, Westchester practices will be in the afternoon for the **entire** swim team season, so practice won't interfere with summer camps. As a bonus, once our regular lifeguard hours start in June, siblings can swim in the part of the pool not being used for practice. And if your child is 10 or older, they can stay at the pool without adult supervision! Many of our older swimmers bike or walk to practice on their own.

Our league holds its meets on Saturday mornings, which allows for more volunteer help, kids that are well-rested and usually less cranky, and fewer mosquitoes. However, it is possible for swimmers to qualify for prelims and finals without attending a Saturday meet if they do time trials during practice and attend the relay meet, which is in the afternoon and evening on Wednesday, June 13. (In order to participate in prelims and finals, a swimmer must participate in two meets.)

The Westchester Dolphins swim team is an essential part of the community, and families stay for years, including assistant coaches Jim Nantz (former Stratford swimmer), Luke Reed (current Stratford swimmer), and Gerry Hoffman (9-year Dolphin member). Coach Traci Callendar is rejoining us as head coach, bringing her expertise and positive coaching style.

To see swim team practice time and fees, and to register for the swim team, go to the Dolphins' web site at <https://westchesterdolphins.swimtopia.com>. You can pay online or bring a check to practice for one of the reps. We look forward to seeing you there!

**Want to support the Westchester Dolphins?** The team is looking for both business and individual sponsors. Donors from the \$25 to \$99 level are recognized on the team's T-shirt and web site, and larger donors are recognized with team photos and on the team banner. To become a sponsor, go to <https://westchesterdolphins.swimtopia.com/sponsors> to donate or to get a sponsorship form. Love MOD Pizza? You can support the Dolphins on Tuesday, May 22, when MOD Pizza will host a spirit event for the team. Part of purchases will go to the Dolphins. Spirit hour times and a flier will be posted on the team's web site.





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