

Bakers Branch Bulletin

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School is just around the corner, and soon we all need to keep an eye out for school zones and children walking or biking to and from school.

Please help us keep the neighborhood looking great and remember to stow trash cans out of sight except for trash day (and night before); keep yards mowed & edged weekly; stain fence pickets that have been replaced and re-stain faded fences; clean up after pets (along greenbelts, sidewalks & neighbors' yards); and ask contractors to keep trash, nails, and such items picked up each day before leaving the premises.

Check inside for details on our upcoming fall garage sale, National Night Out block party, and recent yard-of-the-month winners sponsored by Calloway's.

Your HOA Board

Check Out Website for Recommended Contractors

Are you looking for a contractor to do fence work, landscaping, outdoor lights or some other service? Check out the recommended [contractors page](#) for a list of contractors who are recommended by your neighbors. And if you've had a good experience with a plumber, air conditioning repair company, security company, maid service, childcare provider, painter, etc., please [let us know](#) and we will place their information on the website, too.

Dates to Remember:

August 22—First Day of School

August 30—Board Mtg

Sept. 3-5—Labor Day Weekend

Sept. 20—Board Mtg.

Oct. 4—National Night Out Block Party

Oct. 8—HOA Garage Sale

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Bakers Branch Outstanding Yard

July—Whipple—1313 Cayenne



Bakers Branch Outstanding Yard

August—Reed—1412 Tarragon



To recommend a neighbor's yard for the Yard of the Month award, please contact Jennifer Speer at landscape@bakersbranchhoa.com. Winners receive a \$25 gift card from Calloway's.

Architectural Control Committee (ACC) Reminder

If you are making changes to fences, patios, house color, or adding landscape beds or trim, etc., please fill out an [ACC application](#) and submit to [Dan Millner](#) or [Thomas McIntosh](#) for review by the ACC. If you are simply replacing existing fence in the same place with the same height and color, there is no need to file an application. If you are unsure whether or not you need to fill one out, please check [here](#) before starting your project or contact [Dan Millner](#). Also, major additions or structures and even fences may require a [permit from the Town](#). Please be kind & discuss changes with neighbors prior to beginning work, especially if contractors will be noisy or coming/going at odd hours.

New Trash Service

Waste Management will begin providing trash service for Flower Mound residents **October 1**. The **new service** will include weekly semi-automated waste and recycling collection utilizing 95-gallon polycarts for both services. Recycling bins currently in use will no longer be necessary. As an added convenience, residents will now receive **weekly bulk/brush pick-up** and **on-call household hazardous and electronic waste collection**. These increased services are supplied at a lower rate than currently charged, providing an approximate \$2.50, or 23%, reduction in monthly residential rates. For additional information regarding Waste Management's new trash collection & recycling services, call 972-539-7378 or visit the [Town's website](#).

National Night Out Block Party

We have a great time planned for **Tuesday, Oct. 4th, 2011,**
National Night Out in Bakers Branch. Please put the date on the calendar and join us for a fun-filled evening. FunFlicks will be showing a movie on the large inflatable screen (let us know your movie ideas!), and we hope to have local businesses showcasing their services as well. If you have ideas for the event or would like to help with planning, please [contact us](#) as soon as possible.



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Calloway's Timely Gardening Tips for August

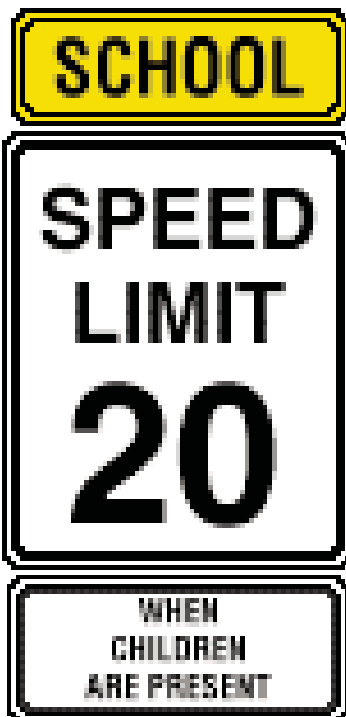
Many gardeners are looking for ways to get the most out of gardening and landscape enjoyment while preserving and protecting our environment. Using an organic approach is simply working with Nature to improve the health of the soil. Healthy soil produces healthy plants; healthy plants produce healthy animals and people! It all begins with the soil. Organic matter is important to the soil composition. It aids with drainage and helps increase the soil microbe population. Expanded shale is also used to break up hard, compacted clay soils. Calloway's Organic Fertilizer contains seven food-grade meals and can be applied to your lawn and other plantings. Top dress your flowerbeds and containers with our organic mulches. They not only break down slowly putting organic material back into the soil but, they also prevent weeds, conserve moisture and cool the soil during our hot Texas Summers.

For organic solutions, help keep harmful pests in control by using these products. Diatomaceous Earth (D.E.) is a finely ground powder containing skeletal remains of microscopic organisms. D.E. is a natural control for chinch bugs, fire ants, fleas, roaches, slugs, snails and silverfish. Bacillus thuringiensis (Bt) is a beneficial bacteria used to kill cabbage loopers and other caterpillars. Neem oil is an organic pest control solution which will not harm beneficial insects such as bees and ladybugs. Your vegetable garden and fruit trees can be sprayed right up until the day of harvest. These are all products which are safe to use around pets and children.

Visit www.calloways.com for more gardening tips, information and to become a member of our Garden Club! Also, stop by any of our garden centers and visit with a Texas Certified Nursery Professional. Success in the garden is made fun and easy at Calloway's Nursery!

Visit the [Bakers Branch website](#) for a Calloway's coupon worth \$5 off a \$25 purchase. Thank you to Calloway's for sponsoring our Yard of the Month program.

Remember to watch for school zones as school starts up shortly. Cell phone use is prohibited in school zones as well. Please be mindful of children in the neighborhood walking to and from school.



Keep Flower Mound Beautiful

Keep Flower Mound Beautiful is hosting the following upcoming events. If you'd like more details on the events, check out their [website](#).

Wildflowers: Seeds of History, Mon., Aug. 29, 6:45 to 8:15 pm at Flower Mound Library; a free film screening of a trip through the legends, facts & ecological impact behind Texas wildflowers.

Basic Composting Class, Sat., Sep. 10, 8:30 to 12:30 at Coram Deo Academy (4700 Wichita Trail). To register, [email](#) KFMB.

Fall Clean Up: Sat., Oct. 1, 8:30 to noon; meet at Home Depot (2499 & Lakeside); litter supplies furnished; lunch provided; door prizes; register on their [website](#).

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WE'RE ON THE WEB:

WWW.BAKERSBRANCHHOA.COM

If you're looking for information about the homeowners association, including our Covenants, Codes & Restrictions (CC&R's), Bylaws, Architectural Control Committee (ACC) contacts or guidelines, Board member contacts, upcoming events/dates, check our website often for current information. Also, we keep a neighborhood database of email addresses for use in distributing neighborhood information, neighborhood watch alerts, etc. and if you would like to be added to that database (we can keep your email address confidential), please contact us with that information at admin@bakersbranchhoa.com.

Quick Notes

Sidewalk Repair

Some of our sidewalks are beginning to deteriorate. Sidewalks on homeowner property are the homeowners' responsibility to upkeep. However, the Town offers discounted rates through their contractor. More information can be found on the [Town's website](#).

Staining Fences

Fences that are 50% or more gray or faded need to be restained. Pickets replaced after storms or damage also need to be stained to match surrounding fence. Please submit an ACC application or use a pre-approved color (found [here](#)).

Garage Sale



Put the date on the calendar. It's time to clean out those closets and garages! Plan to participate in the neighborhood garage sale on **Saturday, October 8th, 8-noon.**

Ideas for Family Activities

Looking for something fun to do with the family? Check out these resources:

www.familyguide.com

www.flower-mound.com/cac



Bakers Branch Girls' Night Out

Come get connected with other ladies in the neighborhood! We'll have snacks, games and time for visiting on the **first Monday** of each month (**Sept—May**), from **7:00—9:00 p.m.** We rotate hostess homes. If you're interested in participating or hosting, please contact Natalie Reid (natalie@reidauto.com) for more information.