Sugar Mill Connections

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Meetings

Meetings are held at: Sugar Land First United Methodist Church 431 Eldridge Road Sugar Land, TX 77478.

Architectural Control Committee Meetings are held the second Tuesday of each month in Room 608 at 7:00PM.

Lake Committee Meetings are held the second Tuesday of each month in room 600 at 6:30PM.

Board of Directors Meetings are held the third Monday of each month in room 600, (unless otherwise noted) at 7:00PM.

HOA Annual Meeting is held the last Tuesday in March of each year.

For more information, please contact Terri Salter at MASC Austin Properties, Inc. at: (713) 776-1771 or tsalter@mascapi.com.



From The Board:

In previous newsletters, publications, etc., there has been some confusion on the proper name of our subdivision – it is Sugar Mill. In the future, we will make every attempt to make all references to our community in a consistent manner – if you notice a difference please let the Secretary of the BOD know. It may take a little while to get everything styled the same way – but since it has been brought to our attention the error(s) should get fewer and fewer. No matter the name, it is the same great place to live!

FBISD has their last day of school on June 6 but as May ends we will see many of our college-aged students returning home for the summer. Please remind your summer guests that their association tags need to be current to use the community facilities. Also, as work schedules change around your house and there are additional cars in the driveway please remember that the sidewalks may not be blocked by a parked car and if there are cars parked in the cul-de-sacs it is imperative that emergency vehicles and the refuse/recycling trucks can make the turn.

A note about trash/recycling bins – as there are parties and more summer activities generating more trash and recycling please know that Republic will NOT empty bins with lids that are not totally closed. Even a slight rise in the bin lid will cause contents to fall out of the bins before they are dumped into the truck so the operators will pass those open bins. A suggestion would be to work with your neighbors to accommodate any excess trash/recycling. When you are away on a trip it is also a good idea to ask a trusted neighbor to take your cans to the curb – this is one way that daytime robbery scouts detect vacationers no cans along with papers or other items in the front yard may be a flag to someone who wants to break into your home. Also, the new flat screen boxes should be cut up and placed in the recycle bin so you don't shout out there is a new TV in the house - come and get it! Lastly, residents can call City Public Works to

request that their smaller recycle bins be replaced by the larger bins - maximum 95 gallons (same size as the trash bin). Residents can also request an additional recycling bin free of charge, but an extra trash bin comes with an additional charge to your bills. Public Works can be contacted for this information.

The pools are ready for summer fun – please make sure that your community tags are up to date before visiting the pools. Reacquaint yourselves with pool rules and if there are any problems that cannot be resolved by the pool staff contact our management company. Your Sugar Mill ID card is also required to be with you when using the tennis courts, playgrounds or lakes – as it is frequently mentioned our HOA dues are used to fund these amenities for our community – that is why it is necessary to know whether the individuals using the facilities are authorized to use them or not.

The Board would also like to ask that if you as a resident have an issue to discuss with the Board at our meeting on the third Monday of each month that you contact Terri Salter and let her know of your intention to attend the meeting. This is a business meeting that all residents are invited to attend and observe but to present a topic/discussion/issue to the Board we need to know in advance in order to place it on the agenda and allow the time necessary to listen to your presentation.

Here is the contact information to validate ID's, request a hearing with the Board or to submit an ACC request: Terri Salter at MASC Austin Properties via e-mail: tsalter@mascapi.com, phone (713) 776-1771 or Fax: (713) 776-1777. Please do not place ACC requests or other information in the mailbox at the Cure's house – this mailbox is for BOD use only. Thank you!

Thanks,

Sugar Mill's Board of Directors

2013 Pool Schedule

7TH STREET POOL

May weekends: 4th, 5th, 11th, 12th, 18th, 19th, 25th,

and 26th Saturday Sunday

11:00 am- 7:00 pm 2:00 pm- 7:00 pm

MEMORIAL DAY WEEKEND

Saturday	5/25/2013	11:00 am - 7:00 pm
Sunday	5/26/2013	2:00 pm - 7:00 pm
Monday	5/27/2013	12:00 pm - 8:00 pm

06/01/2013-06/02/2013

Saturday Sunday

11:00 am - 8:00 pm 2:00 pm - 7:00 pm

12:00 pm - 8:00 pm

12:00 pm - 8:00 pm

1:00 pm - 8:00 pm

11:00 am - 7:00 pm 2:00 pm - 7:00 pm

12:00 pm - 8:00 pm

CLOSED

CLOSED

06/07/2013 - 08/25/2013

MONDAYS TUESDAYS Wednesdays Thursdays Fridays Saturdays Sundays

FOURTH OF JULY 07/04/13

Thursday

LABOR DAY WEEKEND

Saturday 8/31/2013 Sunday 9/01/2013 Monday 9/02/2013

11:00 am - 7:00 pm 2:00 pm - 7:00 pm 12:00 pm - 8:00 pm

PLEASE NOTE: TWO LIFEGUARDS WILL BE ON DUTY AT ALL TIMES POOL IS SCHEDULED TO BE **OPEN**

Sugar Land Garden Club Hosts 14th Annual Spring Garden Tour

Tour Supports Local Horticultural Scholarships and Projects

Sugar Land Garden Club is hosting its 14th annual Spring Garden Tour, "The Secret Gardens of Sugar Lakes," on May 11 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m., in the Sugar Lakes subdivision. The rain date is Saturday, May 18.

Tickets with a tour map are available for \$15 at any one of the nine gardens the day of the tour where you'll discover ideas and inspiration for your own secret garden. Stroll among gardens with beautifully designed flower and vegetable beds, water features, outdoor kitchens, garden art and sparkling pools.

LAKE CENTER POOL

26th		<u>h, 18th, 19th, 25th, and</u>
Saturday		12:00 pm- 9:00 pm
Sunday		1:00 pm- 8:00 pm
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Mondays		12:00 pm - 8:00 pm
Tuesday		12:00 pm – 8:00 pm
WEDNESDAY		CLOSED
THURSDAY		CLOSED
Fridays		12:00 pm - 8:30 pm
Saturdays		12:00 pm - 9:00 pm
Sundays		1:00 pm - 8:00 pm
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Homes on the tour: 534 Kingfisher 403 Kingfisher 814 Kittiwake Ct. 234 Kingfisher 819 Oyster Creek @ Teal

1122 Heron Way 871 Harbour Place 407 Baybridge Dr. 206 Brook Forest Trail

For more information visit: sugarlandgardenclub.org. or call Cheryl Swanson at 281.242.1773.



Marion's Fishing Corner

This is the time of year when we normally add gamefish and baitfish to Misty Lake. Based on the results of the shocking survey taken last November, our lake management company submits their recommendations for adding foodfish and gamefish as needed to keep a balanced ecosystem. This year again, as in recent years, the shock survey indicated that we have a plentiful and healthy population of gamefish.

We will not be stocking additional largemouth bass this year. We will be adding a considerable amount of forage fish that should help maintain a constant food source for our well-established bass population. This baitfish stocking will consist of smaller bluegill sunfish for an immediate food source, and larger, mature bluegill sunfish that are ready to spawn and help create a future source of food. Also, we will include a stocking of fathead minnows. These fatheads are a quick multiplying baitfish that rank high on a bass's diet. The addition of this forage base to our existing baitfish population should help support our everincreasing number of gamefish. Our water temperature should stay in the 60's and



above for the remainder of the spring, so survival rates of the newly stocked bluegill and minnows should be high.

So let's hope that our fish will have a successful spawn during the coming weeks, and we can continue to enjoy the angling opportunities that we have enjoyed in the past. Misty Lake's future looks bright, so let's enjoy our investment. Remember, catch and release, now more than ever.

Good Luck, Marion

Article written by Marion Raska who has lived in Sugar Mill and fished on Misty Lake for over 18 years.

Kempner High School Athletic Booster Club Annual Golf Classic

We are proud to announce the Kempner High School Athletic Booster Club's 10th Annual Golf Classic. It will be on Monday June 3rd at the Pecan Grove Plantation Country Club. It is a 1:00 pm shot gun start Florida Scramble.

This is our biggest fundraiser of the year and the funds raised from this event help to support all of the student athletes of Kempner High School. Some the items we have helped provide are travel bags, AV system, golf range time, tournament fees, volleyball tutor machine, college scholarships for top boy and girl athlete of the year and many other items.

Kempner Athletic Booster Club is a 501 (c) (3) and your contribution is tax deductible. Please contact Jim Hammond at 713-542-6847, David Morales at 713-828-4073, or Gary Hanne at 281-802-1961 for more information.

Thank you in advance for your support. Gary Hanne Membership Director gary@hfotco.com

Sugar Land Prepares For 5th Annual Memorial Day Ceremony

The City of Sugar Land's 5th Annual Memorial Day Ceremony on May 27 at Sugar Land Memorial Park, 15300 University Blvd, will pay tribute to those who have shown bravery and honor while serving their country.

Exhibits, activities and patriotic music begin at 10 a.m. An official ceremony at 11 a.m. will include a presentation of colors, special tributes from members of the community and patriotic performances. The ceremony will end at noon with a traditional flag observance led by a local Boy Scout Troop.

Educational and commemorative activities will include a military vehicle exhibition provided by the Texas Army National Guard, the group's first time as an event participant. There will also be a military flyover, a 21gun salute, donation booths and more.

Parking will be available at the University of Houston Sugar Land, 14000 University Blvd. Free shuttle service from the campus will operate from 9:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. Limited handicap parking will be available at the park.

Come out and enjoy the festivities.

For more information, contact the Sugar Land Parks and Recreation Department at (281) 275-2885 or visit www.sugarlandtx.gov.

Sugar Land Recycling Convenience Centers To Close

Sugar Land's drop-off recycling centers at 113 Gillingham Lane and 4802 Scenic Rivers Drive will close on June 1.

The City now contracts with Republic Services to provide recycling for all residents and businesses. With the addition of the commercial franchise, Republic Services is contacting businesses to discuss service levels for solid waste and recycling.

Residents currently receive automated curbside recycling collection once per week utilizing a City-issued recycling cart. Sugar Land's curbside recycling program was expanded last year to include all colors of glass bottles and jars. The addition of a green waste program ensures all green waste -- grass clippings, leaves, brush, tree limbs, etc. -- will be recycled rather than sent to a landfill.

Not all recyclables are accepted in the curbside programs. For that reason, there are over 90 drop-off sites throughout the 13-county region.

To locate a regional recycling center, visit www.recycleinfo.org.

Architectural Control Committee Update

The City of Sugar Land has recently revised the regulations for decks, covered patios, and home additions on the lake, and we would like to make everyone aware of these new rules so that you may plan accordingly.

The new City Code (City of Sugar Land Development Code Chapter 2 Zoning Regulations, Article III Section 2-184) requires that any home or covered patio be 25 feet from the water's edge. This new Code does not include an arbor, trellis, or uncovered pergola. If the new deck/patio is only partially covered, the 25-foot setback would be measured from the post that holds up the roof. They would not measure from the portion of the deck that is uncovered. To further clarify, if the rain can get through the pergola, it is not considered a "covered" patio.

In light of this new City Code, the Sugar Mill Architectural Control Committee will no longer be able to approve any structures that do not comply with these new regulations. Maintenance to existing structures will still be permitted to non-compliant decks, roofs and structures; however, you would need to bring the structure into compliance if the cost of the repairs exceeds 50% of what it would cost you to make the structure Code compliant. As such, if someone wishes to make changes to the structure that are fairly substantial, the City will ask for a cost estimate to make the structure Code compliant, as well as a cost estimate to make the repairs that you are seeking to perform. This will enable them to ascertain whether these repairs will be more than 50% of what it would cost you to bring the structure into compliance with the Code. In other words, if you currently have a covered deck that is within 25 feet of the water's edge and you are seeking to perform maintenance, you would need to provide the cost of the repairs you are seeking, and you would also need to provide a cost estimate of how much it would cost to modify the roof portion so that it does not come within 25 feet of the water's edge. This new Code will unfortunately mean that quite a few residents will no longer be able to have covered decks because their yard is not far enough away from the water's edge. You might need to replace the covered roof with an arbor, trellis, or uncovered pergola, or just have a deck with nothing overhead.



When you seek approval from the Architectural Control Committee ("ACC"), please provide the two abovementioned cost estimates, a full materials list (including colors), and a plot plan showing the dimensions of this structure as well as where it is situated on your lot. The ACC will not be approving any maintenance or new structures that we feel will not comply with the City's Code.

The reality is that all residents need to get ACC approval for any thing that they want to do to the outside of their houses even if all they are doing is to repaint using the "same colors" as were on their home before it is being repainted. The ACC has run into more than one or two cases where a resident claimed that they were using the "original" colors but when the before and after colors were viewed on the house, there was a huge difference in the colors.

By insisting that all outside improvements are approved by the ACC, we are trying to save our residents from having to bear the costs of redoing an improvement that they have undertaken without getting ACC approval before they started that improvement.

It is not better to ask forgiveness than permission from the ACC Board. There are costly repercussions to enforcing the deed restrictions on "improvements" that are not approved. By submitting requests to Terri at the management company, residents will be provided with the current restrictions/guidelines for review in preparation of the request.

Important Numbers

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	President Vice-President Treasurer Secretary	President 281-491-9536 Vice-President 281-242-0453 Treasurer 214-293-4376 Secretary 713-628-6991

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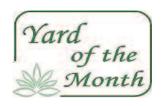
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Yard of the Month Program

Hi neighbors, my name is Cheryl Swanson, I have lived in Sugar Mill for 15 years. I am Co-Chairman for the new Landscape Committee in Sugar Mill, Master Gardener, Ad Sales and Tour Chairman for the Sugar Land Garden Club. If you see me hanging around your house please do not be alarmed, I might be coming to give you "Yard of

the Month" designation that the Landscape Committee has been authorized to begin on May 1st. One yard will be selected each month, with an award of a \$25.00 gift card from Papershell: A Garden Gallery. There will be a Yard of the Month sign placed in your flowerbed and your picture taken for the monthly The Sugar Mill



Connection". Now how fun is that!!! So, I'll be seeing you around the block, Happy Gardening!

Cheryl Swanson

Spring Lawn Care



The most important thing you can do for your lawn is to feed it. A well-fed lawn is healthier, which means it has a better root system to combat heat, cold, drought, mowing, foot traffic and other stresses.

Lawns wake up hungry in the spring. Feeding your lawn in the spring strengthens roots and gets it off to a good start before the heavy growing season. Unfortunately, broadleaf weeds are actively growing, too. Hit them and feed your lawn with a combination of fertilizer with broadleaf weed control (a "weed-n-feed").

Contrary to popular belief, setting your mower at a very low height can actually increase weeds by exposing the soil surface to sunlight and removing stored nutrients in leaf blades. Warm season grasses, like St. Augustine should be kept at 1.5 to 2.5 inches tall.

Here's to lush green lawns this season!

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Barking Dogs

The dog is man's best friend. But a barking dog can put a strain on neighborly goodwill. We have received complaints of dogs barking.

Dogs are dogs and they do what they do. But we all have the right to enjoy our private property without any trespass and noise is a trespass. If the noise comes through the fence, it's a problem.

Here are some tips from the Humane Society, to help eliminate dog barking:

1. Remove the motivation. Your dog gets some kind of reward when he barks. Otherwise, he wouldn't do it. Figure out what he gets out of barking and remove it. Don't give your dog the opportunity to continue the barking behavior. If he barks at people or animals passing by the living room window, manage his behavior by closing the curtains or putting your dog in another room. If he barks at passersby when he's in the yard, bring him into the house. Never leave your dog outside unsupervised all day and night.

2. Desensitize your dog to the stimulus. Gradually get your dog accustomed to whatever is causing him to bark. Start with the stimulus (the thing that makes him bark) at a distance. It must be far enough away that he doesn't bark when he sees it. Feed him lots of good treats. Move the stimulus a little closer (perhaps as little as a few inches or a few feet to start) and feed treats. If the stimulus moves out of sight, stop giving your



dog treats. You want your dog to learn that the appearance of the stimulus leads to good things (treats!).

3. Teach your dog the "quiet" command. It may sound nonsensical, but the first step of this technique is to teach your dog to bark on command. Give your dog the command to "speak," wait for him to bark two or three times, and then stick a tasty treat in front of his nose. When he stops barking to sniff the treat, praise him and give him the treat. Repeat until he starts barking as soon as you say "speak." Once your dog can reliably bark on command, teach him the "quiet" command. In a calm environment with no distractions, tell him to "speak." When he starts barking, say "quiet" and stick a treat in front of his nose. Praise him for being quiet and give him the treat.

Talking to neighbors can help solve the problem. Open lines of communication may mean the problem is solved more quickly.



Sugar Land Conserves Water

Hot and dry weather patterns are characteristic of Sugar Land's summers and residents are too familiar with the cost of irrigating withering lawns and landscapes.

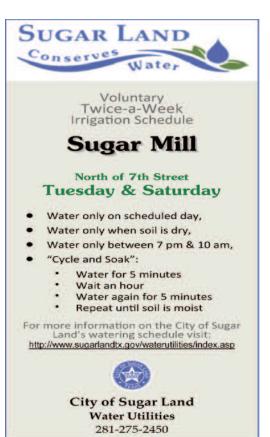
The City's new Irrigation Zone Schedule aims to reduce daily water demands and promote responsible water use year round. By following the voluntary two days-a-week Irrigation Zone Schedule, residents contribute to:

- reducing peak daily water demands;
- circumventing groundwater withdrawals to meet high peak demands;

achieving long term water conservation and reductions in per capita water demand;
increasing irrigation efficiency throughout the City; and

• protecting the integrity and extending the lifespan of the City's water wells and infrastructure

The Irrigation Zone Schedule has been developed for simplicity. The City is divided into four different zones.



Neighborhoods are grouped within one or two zones, therefore neighbors will water on the same days of the week. Following the Schedule allows more flexibility in the time of day you can water, however watering after 10:00 a.m. and before 7:00 pm is strongly discouraged.

Please see the information below for Sugar Mill's specific irrigation schedules (one schedule for residents north of 7th street and one schedule for residents south of 7th street). Also, the City offers residents a free irrigation systems evaluation. For more details, visit: www.sugarlandtx.gov/wiseguys.

More information on Sugar Land's Irrigation Zone Schedule can be found on the Water Utilities Department's website: http://www.sugarlandtx.gov/irrigationschedule. As always, you can also contact the Water Utilities Department at (281) 275-2450.



City To Hold New 4th of July Celebration

The Star Spangled Celebration at Constellation Field will include traditional patriotic entertainment along the stadium concourse, and families may bring blankets to spread along the outfield for an ideal view of entertainment on dual stages. The fireworks finale will include new entertainment features especially designed to complement the stadium atmosphere.

The stadium accommodates a capacity of 10,500 and provides a safe alternative to Oyster Creek Park that lacks adequate infrastructure to host what has become a large-scale community event. Constellation Field provides adequate parking, restroom facilities and multiple entry points, amongst other advantages.

Due to stadium capacity requirements, free tickets will be distributed for the Star Spangled Celebration at Constellation Field on a firstcome, first-served basis. Sugar Land residents may request six tickets per household from now through June 1 by providing a Driver's license at Imperial Park Recreation Center, 234 Matlage Way, or Constellation Field, 1 Stadium Drive. For more information. contact the Sugar Land Parks and Recreation Department at (281) 275-2885 or visit www.sugarlandtx.gov.

Sugar Land Launches New Website

Sugar Land's new Web site – www.sugarlandtx.gov – utilizes new technology to improve service delivery and make government more accessible to the public.

The City's website is among its most effective communications tools, a fact supported by the City's most recent Citizen Satisfaction Survey. Approximately 2,500 people visit Sugar Land's website each day; last year, the website received 813,932 visits.

Recently updated with a new look and streamlined navigation, the new website was designed and developed to accommodate a broad range of users and browsers, improve content organization so users can quickly obtain the information they seek and ensure access for people with disabilities.

All website content is now automatically compatible for mobile browsing in platforms such as tablets, iPhone, Android, Blackberry, etc. and a customized, branded mobile application will soon be developed.

The City held numerous website focus groups covering the majority of Sugar Land's demographics in preparation for launching a new website. The feedback was gathered through web-based surveys and small focus groups of six to 12 people.

Annual Meeting Doorprize Winners!



2013 Sugar Mill Winners and presenters, Martha Lusk, Re/Max Southwest Realtors and Vicki Haislup, Weichert Realtors

Sugar Mill's Tennis Court Rules

 Tennis courts are reserved for Sugar Mill CAI residents and their guests only. Only one court per household can be used at one time for a total of four (4) players.
 Valid Sugar Mill ID card required

- 2. Valid Sugar Mill ID card required
- 3. Guest must be accompanied by resident
- 4. Tennis courts are open daily from 7:00 A.M. to 10:00 P. M.
- 5. Tennis courts are for tennis use only. No soccer, volleyball or basketball permitted.
- 6. Only tennis shoes are allowed on the court (no black soled shoes).
- 7. Tennis must be played with racket guards or metal rackets.
 - 8. No sitting, standing or leaning on tennis court nets.
 - 9. No roller blades, skateboards or bicycles permitted on the tennis courts.
 - 10. Limit playing time to (1) hour after others begin waiting for court use.
 - 11. No pets allowed in tennis court area.

12. No glass containers permitted on courts. All drinks must be placed in plastic container or plastic water bottle.

13. Dispose of all trash in the trash receptacle provided by Association.

14. Children under 12 years of age must be actively supervised by an adult resident at all times.

15. No alcoholic beverages allowed.

16. The Association and Management Company are not responsible for any accidents or injury incurred while using the facility.

17. Violation of the rules will result in suspension of member privileges.

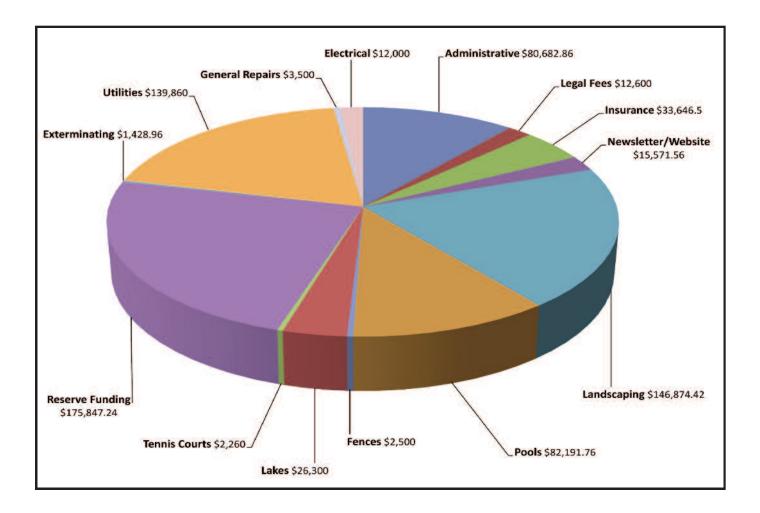
PLEASE CALL 911 IN THE EVENT OF AN EMERGENCY

If you have any questions about the Tennis Court or to report misuse, please call:

Sugar Mill Community Association, Inc.

MASC Austin Properties, Inc. 13726 Florence Road, Sugar Land, TX 77498 713-776-1771

Sugar Mill Community Association, Inc. 2013 Budgeted Expenses



April Lake View of the Month



The winners are Scott & Kim Chapa at 1127 Misty Lake. They will receive a \$25 gift certificate from Home Depot donated by Vicki Haislup with Weichert, Realtors-Wayne Murray Properties.

Congratulations Scott & Kim!

Emergency Notification System

Sugar Land has acquired a state-of-the-art emergency notification system to quickly communicate with citizens by residential, business or cell phone as well as e-mail, text message or devices for the hearing and speech impaired.

Sign up to receive notifications during emergencies. Providing your contact information ensures you receive important warnings and instructions.

Reach of the System

Sugar Land's emergency notification system reaches thousands of citizens with one phone call. The service is a web-based solution that allows authorized staff members to send messages via the public telephone networks, as well as by text and email. And, if no computer or Internet connection is available, emergency calls can be made using any telephone to access the Emergency Notification System.





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For back and neck pain, there's only one premier choice — Methodist Sugar Land Hospital's Spine Center. Whether you've had pain for just a few days or several long years, you'll find everything you need to diagnose and treat your condition in a convenient location, with access to premier spine specialists and a complete range of treatment options.

Getting started is easy. We will guide you through a customized treatment plan, with expedited access to world-class neurologists, neurosurgeons, orthopedic spine surgeons and interventional pain specialists. Plus, physical therapy, occupational/hand therapy, and the most advanced imaging and surgical technologies in the world are available on-site.

Stop enduring pain. Call or email today and begin your personal treatment plan. 281-313-BACK (2225) or SpineCenter@tmhs.org.

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Overcoming House Blindness If you have lived in your home a

long time, chances are you've become so comfortable that you no longer see the buildup of dirt and dust that has accumulated. According to Merry Maids, a national

home cleaning service, here are some commonly overlooked areas and a few solutions to fix them. Pay attention to the stuff above your head. The ceiling, ceiling fans, light fixtures, and the tops of curtains and window treatments attract dust, cobwebs and remnants of dead insects, so make sure you dust them frequently. If you're not organized, clutter will take over. Recycle those magazines stacked on the desk, store books on bookshelves, and toss the half-dead

houseplant or give it away to a more caring friend. The kitchen is another hotbed of clutter. The refrigerator door may seem like a logical place to keep shopping lists, recipes, coupons and school notices, but the exterior needs to be cleared so it can be properly cleaned. Remember to clean appliance handles too, which can be a breeding ground for germs. When you've lived in one place long enough, it's easy to become desensitized to odors from pets, kids, cooking, cigarettes or mustiness. A deodorizer, usually available as a spray or in crystal form, can neutralize odors without chemicals or fragrances. If you still have a hard time seeing the dirt in your home, call a trusted friend who can give you an honest assessment. Just be ready to listen to the truth - and take Martha N. Lusk, CRS action.

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