

SPRING 2017

IN THIS EDITION

NOTICE Board Meetings

Glen Laurel's monthly Board Meetings will now generally be held on the 1st Wednesday of the month at 7:00pm at the Woodbridge Club House.

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MESSAGE FROM THE BOARD

In order for our community association to continue to protect, preserve and enhance our community assets and our property values, each member of our community has to acknowledge their role in our community and, at times, be willing to expand their role to take on some added responsibility.

For example: We all must obey our governing documents, we agreed to do that when we closed escrow. By obeying community rules and regulations, we contribute to our community and accept the role of a rule abiding member.

Each year we conduct an Annual Meeting at which time we elect our Board of Directors. Although we don't have to participate in the election process, choosing to do so contributes to the success of our community. When we do, our role as a rule abiding member expands to include that of a voting member.

We also have the opportunity to attend our Board of Directors meetings in order to better understand the business decisions made by the Board. When we choose to attend those meetings, our role as a rule abiding, voting member now expands to include that of a participating member.

And when we choose to serve on community committees or the Board of Directors, we accept another role and become a rule abiding, voting, participating and contributing member.

So, let's all work at recognizing what roles we can choose to accept in our community and work together at making our community the best place to live!

Swimming pool season

It's that time again! Pool season is right around the corner and many of you will want to know when the pool will be open and closed and also how you can obtain your 2017 pool tags for access to the pool. We've provided the 2017 pool schedule on page 2 of the newsletter. Consider tearing this page out of the newsletter and placing it on your refrigerator as a handy reference for our pool schedule. Also, we've included information about obtaining your 2017 pool tags on page 3. Please note the pool tag pickup dates in that article.

Thanks for making Glen Laurel a great place to live and we hope you enjoy the spring season.

Thanks,
Glen Laurel HOA Board



2017 POOL SCHEDULE AND TAG INFORMATION

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IMPORTANT INFORMATION

TO: Residents of Glen Laurel
FROM: Board of Directors

2017 SWIM SEASON; BE SURE TO BRING YOUR 2016 POOL TAGS

1. Your community pool will open on Saturday, May 27th from 1:00pm-9:00pm.
2. The pool will be open for the regular swim season beginning Friday, June 2nd.
3. **Glen Laurel End of School Party, Thursday, June 1st, 4pm to 8pm. Enjoy Hot Dogs, Chips and a drink.**
4. The pool will be closed most Mondays for cleaning unless after a holiday weekend.
5. Private pool parties may be scheduled but only outside of the swim hours listed below.
6. The pool will be open only when there are lifeguards on duty.
7. Hours of operation will be as follows:

1. MAY 2017: 27th, 28th, and 29th

<u>Day(s)</u>	<u>Pool Times</u>
Saturday	1:00p.m.-9:00p.m.
Sunday and Memorial Day	1:00p.m.-9:00p.m.

2. JUNE 2017: Full time beginning June 2nd

<u>Day(s)</u>	<u>Pool Times</u>
Monday	CLOSED
Tuesday-Thursday	4:00p.m.-9:00p.m.
Friday and Saturday	1:00p.m.-9:00p.m.
Sunday	1:00p.m.-8:00p.m.

3. JULY 2017: Full time

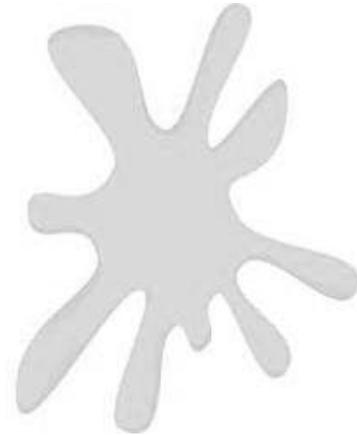
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Tuesday-Thursday	4:00p.m.-9:00p.m.
Friday and Saturday	1:00p.m.-9:00p.m.
Sunday	1:00p.m.-8:00p.m.
July 4 th	1:00p.m.-9:00p.m.

4. AUGUST 2017: 1st-20th; 26th and 27th

<u>Day(s)</u>	<u>Pool Times</u>
Monday	CLOSED
Tuesday-Thursday	4:00p.m.-9:00p.m.
Friday and Saturday	1:00p.m.-9:00p.m.
Sunday	1:00p.m.-8:00p.m.

5. SEPTEMBER 2017: 2nd, 3rd, and 4th

<u>Day(s)</u>	<u>Pool Times</u>
Saturday, Sunday & Labor Day	12:00p.m.-8:00p.m.



2017 POOL SCHEDULE AND TAG INFORMATION

The following requirements must be met in order to receive Pool Tags and use the pool facilities:

1. Must be property owner and resident member of Glen Laurel HOA.
 - a. **BRING YOUR POOL TAGS AND RECEIVE A 2017 STICKER FOR THIS POOL SEASON.**
 - b. **There will be a cost of \$4.00 per pool tag if you do not have pool tags. Please bring a check or if you have cash please make sure it is the exact amount.**
2. **Must have paid current annual maintenance fees in order to receive pool tags.**
 - a. If renting, you will not receive Pool Tags if the property owner is not up-to-date with maintenance fees.
 - b. Maintenance fees WILL NOT be accepted at the pool site. Please contact Sterling Association Services to pay.
3. **Must show swim tag and sign in with lifeguard each time you arrive at pool.**
4. May bring up to two guests per family
5. Children 12 years of age and under must be accompanied by an adult 18 years of age or older.
 - a. Anyone not following lifeguards' instructions or acting in a disruptive manner may be asked to leave the pool facility.
6. Pool tags are for residents use only and may not be given to or shared with non-residents. Doing so may result in loss of pool privileges.

POOL TAG PICKUP INFORMATION:

Place: Glen Laurel Pool Area Please note that **a photo I.D. will be required.**

Dates: **Saturday May 13th and Saturday May 20th**

Time: **Between the hours of 12 noon and 4 p.m**

****Please note: Pool tags not picked up on these dates and times will then be available from Sterling by mailing, at the above address, a check payable to Sterling for \$10.00 per pool tag.** Please specify how many pool tags will be needed. Should you have any questions regarding the operation or maintenance of the facility, please contact Sterling at (832) 678-4500.

SIGN-UP FOR EMAIL NOTIFICATIONS

Please check the Glen Laurel website to get important information and sign up to provide your email address if you would like to have alerts emailed to you. Visit www.glenlaurel.net and click on the tab labeled "Email Sign-Up" to receive the notifications. Signing up for email notifications will also allow you to access the Resident Only section of the website.



SAFETY ALERT!

Now that winter is over, many residents are looking to upgrade their homes. Whether it be a new pool, new counter tops, new French doors, or an amazing home theatre system that helps you forget the upcoming summer heat whatever you are improving, adding, or installing, there is a good chance you will be hiring some contractors for assistance. Over the last year, there have been reported incidents of crimes committed by private/independent contractors. The Better Business Bureau stated that hiring a house cleaner, worker, or contractor that is licensed, bonded and insured, is 'crucial'. You need to verify that the information they provide you is legitimate and current. Here is a link from the Federal Trade Commission that is very useful when hiring a contractor to work at your residence.
<https://www.consumer.ft.gov/articles/0242-hiring-contractor>. If you have to provide a contractor with a key to your home, change the locks after the job is done. Do your homework and hire responsibly!

ANIMAL SHELTER

Don't throw out that towel! Did you know that Sugar Land Animal Services shelter needs your old towels and washcloths to help them clean cages and bathe animals? They are also very appreciative of any kennels, dog or cat beds, and cat litterboxes! They are located on Gillingham, just north of the railroad crossing.

ARCHITECTURAL REVIEW PROCESS AND DEED RESTRICTION INSPECTIONS

We would like to remind everyone that if you are planning on major work that will affect the outside appearance of your home, you must complete and submit an ACC request which is found on the Glen Laurel website (www.glenlaurel.net) under Guidelines, ACC, & Forms. Under the Important Forms heading you will find a link titled ACC application. Download, complete and fax your request to Sterling ASI. The form can also be mailed as indicated on the form. The Board will review and approve or decline your request, usually within 5 to 7 days. When you receive our written approval, you may proceed with construction.

You will be given a detailed explanation if we are unable to approve your request. Please understand that you are legally prohibited from constructing anything that you have been advised has been disapproved.

PLEASE DO NOT START WORK UNTIL you have received an approval notice from the Board. Failure to receive approval for the improvement and/or change may result in you having to remove, alter or change the improvement in order to comply with the rules and regulations of the Association. All pool installations will required a \$1,000.00 deposit made out to the Association.

Sterling is on the property weekly to review entrances, homes and common areas. The property is driven every 14-20 days for violations. Friendly letters are sent to homeowners to bring their property into compliance. The property is reviewed again on the next drive. If the violation still exists the homeowner is sent another letter to bring the property into compliance within 10 days. Please do not ignore these letters. If you have questions, please call Bernita with Sterling ASI at 832-678-4500.

Reminder from the HOA.....Interior fences are at the age where they need to be replaced. The exterior fencing was of the same age as our interior fences and it sure has made a difference to the appearance of our neighborhood having newer and upgraded exterior fencing. It's important to our neighborhood home values that interior fences are kept to standards and adds credibility to the neighborhood that Glen Laurel is a community that cares about home values and appearances. The HOA has done it's part replacing exterior fences and now is cooperating with the BRMUD on repairs to the lakes within our beautiful community, so please, let's all do our part as Glen Laurel residents to replace interior fencing next to our beautiful homes as well.

reminder

HOW DO I ACCESS MY STERLING ASI ACCOUNT?

To check your Sterling ASI account please go to:
www.sterlingasi.net

PLEASE STOP FOR SCHOOL BUSES AND WATCH FOR CHILDREN

Watch out for school buses! Did you know that passing a school bus that is loading or unloading children is illegal? The law states that even if you are on the opposite side of the road, driving in the opposite direction, you may not pass the bus unless the road is divided by a median, the bus has begun moving again, they have removed their little Stop Sign or turned off their flashing red lights, or unless the driver has waived you on. Hefty fines of up to \$1,000 for violators!



Here are several safety measures drivers can take to help keep children safer:

- When driving in school zones, be alert and watch out for children.
- Slow down and watch for children gathering near bus stops.
- Look for children who might dart into the street without looking for traffic.
- Know and obey the laws concerning school zones and school buses.

IDEAS FOR SUMMER BREAK!

Starting to think about where you'll go this summer for a break? Texas is large enough that you don't have to leave the state to find an incredible summer adventure. Here are some summer vacation destinations to consider:

Corpus Christi: Corpus is a great summer vacation destination because it's not too far of a drive, but still possesses gorgeous Gulf Coast beaches and plenty of sights to see. Corpus is home to the Texas State Aquarium where you can view dolphins and other marine animals, as well as the South Texas Botanical Gardens and Nature Center where you can check out the local flora. If you're interested in history, the World War II United States Navy aircraft carrier the USS Lexington is docked in Corpus and open for tours.

Concan: Out in southwest Texas lies a little piece of paradise known as the Frio River. Immortalized in song by none other than the great George Strait himself, the Frio is a clear, spring-fed river that meanders through lush Texas greenery. Get yourself a cabin at Garner State Park and spend a week or more; you'll never get bored on the Frio. Drive into town if you somehow grow tired of floating the crystal clear waters. Concan also offers horseback riding, golf, hunting and dancing.

New Braunfels: Surrounded by lush greenery and flowing rivers, New Braunfels is an ideal place to spend a summer vacation in Texas. New Braunfels is home to the original Schlitterbahn, the largest water park in the United States. If you're more into nature, try a tubing excursion on the Guadalupe or Comal River. You can float the river and then go eat some good traditional German fare at the celebrated Oma's Haus in town. Cabins are available to rent on the shores of the river, and portions of Schlitterbahn even pass through segments of the river, giving the monolithic water park a more natural feel.

IMPORTANT NUMBERS

Emergencies	911
City Hall	281-275-2700
Councilman/Mayor	281-275-2710
Fire Department	281-275-2851
Fire Dept. Non-emergency	281-275-2500
Police Department	281-275-2525
Public Works/Street Lights	281-275-2450
Ordinance/City Code	281-275-2370
Sugar Land Animal Control	281-275-2750
Animal Control Alternate	281-275-2364
Auto Registration	281-341-3710
Crime Stoppers	281-342-8477
Driver's License	281-232-4334
Health Department	281-342-6414
Fort Bend ISD	281-634-1000
Sheriff's Department	281-341-4700
Social Services	281-342-7300
Voter Registration	281-341-8670

Hospitals:

24HR Emergency Center	281-277-0911
Memorial Herman S.L.	281-725-5000
Methodist Health Center	281-274-7000
Oak Bend Medical Center	281-342-2811
S.L. Medical Center	281-274-6600

Misc:

Poison Control	800-764-7661
Sugar Land Library	281-277-8934
Sugar Land Post Office	800-275-8777
Recycling Center	281-342-5226

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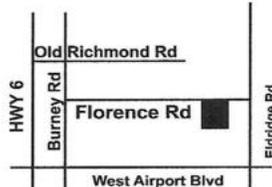
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CELL PHONE LAW

Sugar Land's new ordinance took effect on March 20th, and prohibits the use of portable electronic devices while driving a vehicle in Sugar Land unless the device is in hands-free mode or being used for an emergency. Drivers will only be issued warnings during the first 90 days; however, following the grace period, any person found guilty of violating the ordinance will be fined up to \$500 for each offense. Ouch!!



NOISE ORDINANCE

Noise nuisances, such as a barking dog or people being loud after 10pm or before 7am, should be reported to the non-emergency police number at (281) 275-2020. The police will typically respond within 15 minutes. For those of you who do not want your name to be known, just tell them you prefer not to have your name revealed, and they will respect your privacy. Please note that dogs are not permitted to bark excessively, even during the day. The City of Sugar Land Quiet Zone Ordinance is in effect 7 days a week from 10pm-7am. Please be respectful of your neighbors and do not create noise during that time period.

SPRING CLEANING TIPS:

Door Mats: Shake 'em, wash 'em, swat 'em with a broom. Give them the toughest cleaning they can take. They're your front line against tracked-in dirt—so keep them clean enough to function at peak efficiency.

Carpets and Upholstery: Fabrics that have absorbed a winter's worth of dirt, body oil, and germs will need a deep cleaning to get them ready for another year of wear—and for that close inspection by your relaxing guests. When you're shampooing carpets or cleaning upholstery with a rented carpet cleaner, practice first in an unobtrusive area to make sure you have the knack of the machine and that the treatment won't discolor fabrics or cause dyes to run. Move furniture just slightly—not out of the room or against the wall, as the old rules dictated—and place the legs of each piece back on top of small wax paper squares after shampooing. The wax paper will protect your carpet and keep the furniture legs from getting wet as the carpet dries. Open the windows to speed the drying process, which can take a day or more. If you're not the furniture-shifting and machine-renting type, use a professional carpet and upholstery cleaner.

Floors: To protect the floors in your kitchen from another year of wear and tear, wax or apply a sealer following label directions. The simplest method: Use a combination wash-and-wax floor cleaner. No-wax floors don't need a polishing treatment, but an occasional makeover will keep them looking fresher and add a protective buffer that could help them last longer. Use a floor cleaner that cleans, shines, or both. If you have wood floors, move furniture and rugs aside, then apply a wood cleaner and either liquid or paste polish to clean and add a new wax coating.

Walls: The walls may not look as if they need a bath—dust falls to the floor, right? Most of it does, but just enough clings to vertical surfaces to warrant a seasonal or pre-holiday bath. Use a sponge and hand dishwashing detergent, washing the surface in sections. A sponge mop makes it easier to reach higher spots. Use two buckets: one for dishwashing detergent solution and another for wringing your sponge. Dry the walls and woodwork with a clean cloth.

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Call Before You Dig - You'll Be Glad You Did!

Building a deck? Planting a tree? 811 is the new number you should call before you begin any digging project.

A federally-mandated national "Call Before You Dig" number, 811 was created to help protect you from unintentionally hitting underground utility lines while working on digging projects. People digging often make risky assumptions about whether or not they should get their utility lines marked due to concerns about project delays, costs and previous calls about other projects. These assumptions can be life-threatening.

Make a call for every digging job – even small projects like planting trees or shrubs. If you hit an underground utility line while digging, you can harm

yourself or those around you, disrupt service to an entire neighborhood and potentially be responsible for fines and repair costs.



A recent study revealed that nearly half of homeowners who plan to dig this year won't call 811 to learn the approximate locations of buried gas, electric, communications, water and sewer lines before digging, putting their safety and the safety of others at risk.

According to data collected by CGA, when an individual makes a call to 811 before digging, damage occurs less than 1 percent of the time. So, before you dig, call 811. More details online at: www.call811.com.