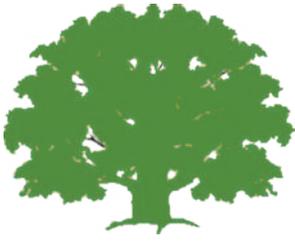


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The official newsletter of the Covington Woods community, located in Sugar Land, Texas.

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TRASH COLLECTION PICKUP DAYS

Trash collection reminder: Monday and Thursday are trash days, recycling day is Monday, green waste day is Monday. Bulk waste day is on the first Monday of each month. Do not leave bulky waste out other than once a month. If you need assistance between then contact Republic Waste and they will provide the extra service for a fee.

WHAT CAN I DO ABOUT SOLICITORS IN THE COMMUNITY?

The City of Sugar Land cannot forbid door-to-door Salesman, Peddlers, or Solicitors. As a resident or property owner, if you wish to discourage some, you can fill out a form online that advises the City that Peddlers and Solicitors are not welcome and their entry on property at the provided address is forbidden. The form can be found at: sugarlandtx.gov/formcenter and by clicking on the link titled: "No Solicitation Registration". More information about solicitation can be found in the Code of Ordinances section within the tab labeled "Government".

Board Update

HOLD THE VISION, TRUST THE PROCESS. FAREWELL 2020!

We personally were looking forward to the year 2020! Perfect vision, not hindsight and just a cool sounding year. Instead we got one that was filled with pain, suffering, hardship, job loss, eviction and even death. Who could have forecasted a year where children were not able to play with each other, grandparents couldn't hug their grandchildren, not be able to attend weddings, funerals or visit the sick? Having Zoom meetings upon Zoom meetings where you forget you're wearing your pajamas, having the dogs barking and children are screaming in the background?

Each and every day, 2020 continued to perplex, confuse and required us to re-adjust as each moment passed. Whether it was personally with your family, school or your corporation, things had to change and reevaluate on a daily, weekly and monthly basis. We, as the Board of Directors, had to look at this also. We entered 2020 with a bright shiny swimming pool that we then had to evaluate whether we were to open, close, reopen and finally shut down for the season. There was no beginning of school and end of summer pool parties, which was sad as it always brings our community together for food and movies.

One of the ways that we had to evaluate again this year was the annual assessment- to raise or to not raise. In 2020, we chose to stay at the previous rate. Going forward in 2021 in order to continue to fund our neighborhood, our updated swimming pool, landscaping and to keep your property values rising as well as we can, we decided to increase the assessment by five dollars to **\$202**. We realize that we are a community with seniors on limited budgets and families with hardships of job losses. If you need assistance please come to the Board. We are your neighbors and residents also. The HOA Board has suffered as well with job changes, remote teaching, catching Covid (not fun) and death of friends and neighbors.

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BOARD UPDATE

As we say farewell to 2020, we look forward to brighter days ahead in 2021!

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DECORATING CONTEST WINNERS

See which homes in the community won this year's Annual Christmas Decorating Contest!

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2021 ANNUAL ASSESSMENTS

Please remember: The annual assessment is due on or before the first day of January 1, 2021.

BOARD UPDATE (continued)

We think Webster will have some new words for the dictionary this year, WFH (Work from home), Zoom bombs and my least favorite-social distancing !

We saw positives in 2020-People reaching out to not just their friends, but strangers also. Helping with food, running errands and donating from their hearts. Technology has been great in allowing us to continue to reach out as we have not been able to be together. Simple hugging is a universal language, where you are able to express joy, happiness and even sorrow. I can recall many times crying with a brother on their shoulder after an event of tragedy and pain. I look forward to being able to shake a hand and hug a close friend! Unfortunately this is not the first pandemic, nor do we think it will be the last as our society continues to grow, move and travel around the world.

We've seen scientific breakthroughs, accelerated vaccines, and one thing I do know is that GOD is in control Today and Tomorrow: Psalm 73:26 *"My flesh and my heart may fail, but God is the strength of my heart and my portion forever."*

Whether it is sickness, disease or loss of a job - God shows up. His grace supports us and sustains us. He strengthens our soul through trials. **So trust the process. We can only see a little bit down the road, but faith can see around every curve.**

One awesome group of volunteers in our neighborhood is the beautification committee. They had a tough time judging all the wonderful homes that had decorated their yards, trees and rooftops with lights and favorite holiday characters. They celebrated and awarded a number of homes again this year. Their time and effort is much appreciated. The neighborhood sparkled and was beautiful!

As we turn to 2021, take heart, continue to use it as a challenge to reach out to your friends, neighbors, and loved ones. Each day is a blessing. Find sunshine and happiness as best as possible. Share your Love and Joy with others in any way that you are able to. 2021 is here. Let's see it as "one better" than 2020. A reboot of sorts. How can you make the world a better place, your city and your neighborhood of Covington Woods?

Sincerely,
The HOA Board

CHRISTMAS LIGHTS DECORATING CONTEST WINNERS!

BEST LIGHTING-1111 Fair Acres

BEST RELIGIOUS-13715 Drakewood

BEST CHILDREN'S THEME-13610 Greywood

MOST BEAUTIFUL-1311 Bournewood

OVERALL BEST-1302 Ashwood



Don't Forget To Sign-up For TownSq!



MASC Austin Properties, Inc. is excited to announce the launch of TownSq — a new, all-in-one mobile app designed to help you connect, collaborate and stay up-to-date with your association – any time, on any device. Manage your account and access the resources you need when you need them.

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To register your account, please log onto www.townsq.io, use your account ID and the association zip code (77478 or 77498). Set your password and account preferences and you will then be ready to start experiencing community your way with TownSq.

Please contact us if you have any questions regarding this new process as we are excited to offer these new services to your community.

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Submit An Improvement Request Form Before Starting An Improvement

If you are making any type of improvement to the exterior of your home, you must submit an Architectural Improvement request form to MASC Austin Properties, Inc. before starting the work. (This includes painting the exterior, room additions, replacement of the roof, driveway and fence.) Please make sure to submit the form with the necessary information and samples for a quicker response. We are receiving applications and processing them as quickly as possible to avoid delays in the work being done.

2021 ANNUAL ASSESSMENTS

The annual assessment is due on or before the first day of January 1, 2021, and is determined delinquent if not received by January 31, 2021. All past due accounts will be assessed a \$15.00 late fee, 10% per annum interest, and a \$15.00 per month collection fee until paid in full. Please note it is possible to pay the annual assessment in monthly installments as long as the final payment is received on or before January 31, 2021. Your assessments are what allow your Board of Directors to maintain your community. The assessments cover all operational costs of the Association.

Please log onto your TownSq account for your account information and online payment options. To register your account, please log onto www.covingtonwoods.sites.townsq.io.

PAST DUE BALANCES: If owners are experiencing difficulties related to the pandemic, a request can be submitted for payment deferment and/or extended payment plans to the Board for review. Please contact Pennie Mancuso in our accounting department at MASC Austin Properties, Inc. via phone at (713) 776-1771 or via email at: pmancuso@mascapi.com to make the necessary payment arrangements if you have a past due balance.



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COVID-19 Response Update

Closure of Management Office Visitation: In order to maintain management responsibilities to our communities, office staff has been minimized to allow for proper distancing and sanitization protocols. All other staff has been and will continue to work remotely until authorized to return to the office. Protocols have been put into place in compliance with government guidelines as we are permitted to re-open.

Community Inspections: Community inspections are being conducted monthly, as per usual schedule.

Suspension of Board Meetings: Until restrictions are amended to allow group gatherings, in-person board meetings have been suspended. Notice of any teleconference board meetings will be posted to the website and on the new TownSq app.

Suspension of Community Event Attendance: All community events have been suspended until further notice.

Please note, COVID-19 spreads easily from person to person, mainly by the following routes: Between people who are in close contact with one another (within 6 feet) and people who are infected but do not have symptoms can also spread the virus to others.

Everyone should wash your hands often with soap and water for at least 20 seconds especially after you have been in a public place, or after blowing your nose, coughing, or sneezing.

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If your children or friends are going to UT Austin or Texas A&M, or if you need to find a getaway for yourself. Let us know and maybe we can help.

Your Neighbor. 281-635-6081