

# Glen Laurel Connections

SUMMER 2016

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### \*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

### Lake Update from the Burney Road MUD

The Burney Road MUD Board authorized LAN Engineering to proceed with design of a vinyl sheet pile retaining wall to rehabilitate the side slopes of the existing detention/amenity lakes (Detention/Amenity Lakes A, B and C) on October 26, 2015. The plans have been approved by CenterPoint Energy and AT&T and are awaiting approval by the City of Sugar Land. The Board authorized the advertising for construction bids at its July 11th regular meeting. It is anticipated that bids will be reviewed and a contractor selected for construction at the Board's August 22nd meeting.



The Bond Issue Application Report was received by the Texas Council of Environmental Quality on May 12, 2016 for review. The application was declared administratively complete on May 19, 2016 and is under technical review. Approval of the Bond Application is anticipated prior to the MUD Board's August meeting.

The MUD Board is hoping for construction to begin in mid-September and will work with the Glen Laurel HOA for assistance in communicating with homeowners regarding construction start and other activities. The Glen Laurel HOA has already had input into restoration of trees that will need to be removed and will coordinate sprinkler repair and other restoration activities in the final stages of the work. The Glen Laurel HOA Board is excited about having these lakes repaired with the PVC bulkhead installations and anticipates that these repairs will bring further stability and beauty to our neighborhood.

### Pool Hours for Labor Day weekend

<u>Day(s)</u>	<u>Pool Times</u>
Saturday (9/3/16)	1:00 PM – 9:00 PM
Sunday (9/4/16)	1:00 PM – 8:00 PM
Labor Day (9/5/16)	1:00 PM – 8:00 PM

Come, cool-off and enjoy the pool before it closes for the season!

### Next Community Garage Sale

The next Garage Sale will be Saturday, September 24th. Stay tuned for more details.

Thanks,

Glen Laurel HOA Board

## NEWS YOU CAN USE

### City approves new school zone times

Due to changes to Fort Bend ISD's classroom schedule, the City of Sugar Land modified school zone times for the 2016-2017 school year.

Fort Bend ISD notified the City that the district modified daily schedules to comply with Texas House Bill No. 2610. Fort Bend ISD approved adding 15 minutes to the end of daily class schedules, as follows:

Elementary schools will start at 8:10 a.m. and end at 3:25 p.m.

Middle schools will start at 8:55 a.m. and end at 4:10 p.m.

High schools will start at 7:30 a.m. and end at 2:45 p.m.

The City modified the school zone times to account for the extended schedules. City staff utilized state guidelines from the Texas Transportation Institute to determine active school zone times. The City also coordinated with Fort Bend ISD, private schools, Fort Bend County and adjacent cities to develop the new school zone times.

City Council approved the new school zone times on Aug. 2 and adopted Ordinance No. 2059. The City will update school zone signs by Aug. 22, the first day of Fort Bend ISD classes.

For more details, please visit [www.sugarlandtx.gov](http://www.sugarlandtx.gov).

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## OUR END OF SCHOOL POOL PARTY WAS A BIG SUCCESS!

The community held an End of School Party on August 6th from 4 to 6 PM. James Coney Island served hot dogs and hamburgers and The Kona Ice truck was there too. Good times were had by all that attended!



## 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](http://www.glenlaurel.net) and click on the tab labeled "Email Sign-Up" to receive the notifications.

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## NEWS YOU CAN USE

### Sugar Land 101 Applications now open

Sugar Land 101 Applications are now available online 8/1 through 10/31 for class to begin in Spring of 2017. Please encourage family and friends to apply. For more information visit: [www.sugarlandtx.gov](http://www.sugarlandtx.gov).

### Arrive Alive!

The City is requesting your opinion about whether Sugar Land should ban hand-held mobile, electronic devices while driving.

More than 60 Texas cities have passed ordinances that regulate the use of mobile devices. Two options are being considered:

**Option 1:** It is unlawful to use a handheld mobile device for texting or social media while driving, but can be used to make a phone call. Please note that in other cities who have enacted this ordinance, it has been impossible to enforce since the police don't know whether you are texting or talking when they see a phone in your hand while driving.

**Option 2:** It is unlawful to use a mobile handheld device while driving that is not in the hands-free Bluetooth mode, unless the vehicle is pulled off the road and not in motion or for making an emergency call.

This is a one-question survey - please submit your opinion at: [www.sugarlandtx.gov](http://www.sugarlandtx.gov).

## WHAT TO DO ABOUT ALL THE MOSQUITOES

Houston has officially been ranked third in the nation as the city with the worst mosquito problems. Here's what you can do to reduce the amount of mosquitoes in your yard:



- **Remove standing water** - This is one of the most important things you can do. Standing water is a major contributor to mosquito problems. Because it is where adult mosquitoes typically lay their eggs. Make sure you remove standing water from bird baths, ponds, outdoor storage areas and small swimming pools.
- **Check EVERYTHING!** - Mosquitoes like to get tricky. So spots that you wouldn't even expect mosquitoes to reside are still major potential breeding grounds. This includes old tires, children's sandboxes, dog bowls, grill covers, tarps, old firewood, and even plant/flower pots. What do all these secret hiding spots have in common? They can hold leftover excess water. This also means that your gutters are one of the most troublesome hot spots for mosquitoes. Make sure to clean them regularly and often; especially after it rains.
- **Take care of your yard** - Mosquitoes love to inhabit cool areas with shade. This means you can usually find them hiding under plant leaves and in tall grass. A properly maintained yard, free of weeds and overgrown plants can be a huge help in reducing the number of mosquitoes you have.
- **Know when to call the professionals** - All the above are great ways to help control mosquitoes from breeding. However, if you live in a city with a severe mosquito problem like Houston, you will need experts who can do a thorough inspection and apply a barrier spray around your property. Maintenance is key, so be sure to be consistent with the method of service on which you decide.
- **Check out the forecast** - This is a great tool from Weather.com that will give you an idea of the mosquito problem in your area.

## CALL BEFORE YOU DIG!

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.

So, before you dig, call 811. More details online at: [www.call811.com](http://www.call811.com).

# WATER CONSERVATION TIPS FOR OUR COMMUNITY

Residents want their communities to be sustainable. However, to achieve sustainability and long-term viability, it's important that residents work together to implement successful water conservation practices. Water efficiency and conservation contributes to reduced subsidence, which aids efforts to reduce flooding, and helps improve the health for our aquifers and rivers, which will provide adequate sources of drinking water for future generations. Additionally, water efficiency results in less run off into lakes and rivers and less energy used in the provision and treatment of water, which increases the opportunity to create a sustainable environment now and for the future. Most people don't realize the complexity of the distribution of quality drinking water and the collection and treatment of sewage and may not be aware that water and wastewater facilities represent one of the largest electrical consumers within the community. Thus, each of us has a responsibility to use less water to ensure adequate water supplies for the future and to reduce overall energy consumption.



## Do Your Part to Keep Our Water Clean

1. Use fewer and better pesticides and fertilizers to avoid chemical runoff to our waterways.
2. Water Wisely. Watering too heavily or too often weakens your lawn and causes erosion and runoff pollution.
3. Using less toxic cleaning products can reduce pollutants in both the air and water, and help improve the air quality in your house.
4. Collect your food scraps, oil, and grease to avoid clogging sewer lines, which can cause overflows that pollute nearby creeks and streams.
5. Whenever you change your oil or other vehicle fluids at home, make sure you recycle them. NEVER pour used motor oil down storm drains which will carry the oil directly to Texas waterways.
6. Check your car, boat, motorcycle, and other equipment for leaks and spills. Make repairs as soon as possible. Clean up spilled fluids with an absorbent like kitty litter or sand.

## HOW DO I ACCESS MY STERLING ASI ACCOUNT?

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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:

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Memorial Herman S.L.	281-725-5000
Methodist Health Center	281-274-7000
Oak Bend Medical Center	281-342-2811
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### Misc:

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Sugar Land Library	281-277-8934
Sugar Land Post Office	800-275-8777
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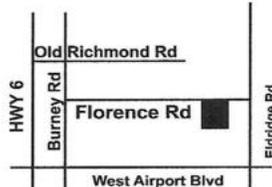
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## SUMMER LAWN TIPS:

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### **Mow high Water deeply but infrequently**

**Mow High:** If you cut your grass short, you're short-changing your lawn. Longer grass allows the growth of longer roots, which can reach down for moisture even on hot, dry days. Just set your mower on one of the highest settings. You'll be surprised what a difference this simple step can make.

**Watering:** If your grass has been cut short all season, you're going to have to water frequently. But even longer grass needs moisture. So if you choose to water during a dry spell, be sure to water deeply but infrequently. Frequent, shallow watering encourages grass to grow short roots, causing the grass to stress out during droughts. But an inch of water a week serves as a good rule of thumb for keeping your lawn green during the hot summer. Just be sure to water as early as possible.



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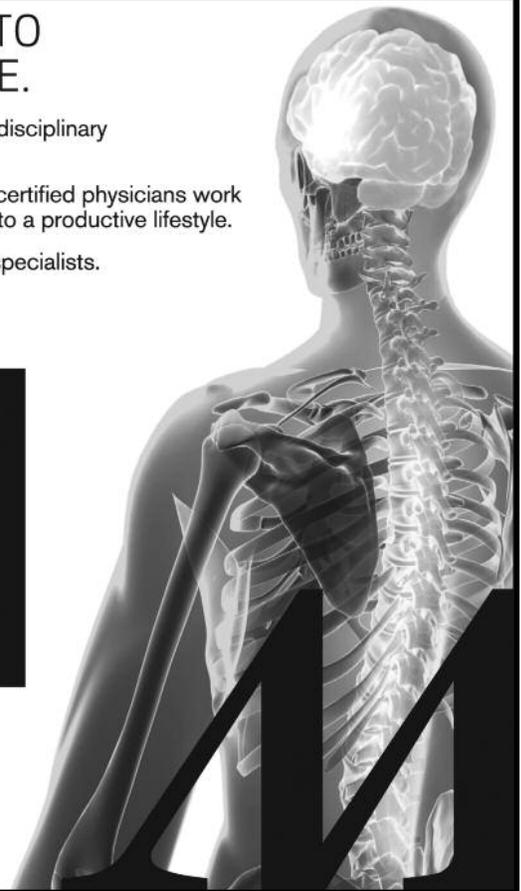
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SPF's are rated typically from 1 to 60, although there are some products with an even higher rating.

