

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.

Landscape Committee
Meetings are held the
second Monday of each
month in room 608 at
7:00PM.

NEW-Pool Committee
Meetings are held the
second Tuesday of each
month in room 600 at
7:30PM.

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

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

From The Board:

If you miscalculated what your loved one wanted as a holiday gift, now is your chance for a “Do-Over”! There are still 2 weeks left until Valentine’s Day, so don’t procrastinate . . . put your thinking cap on (or ask their best friend) and figure out what they want most so you can be back in their good graces!



Happy
Valentine's
Day

The Annual Sugar Mill Homeowners Association Meeting will be Tuesday, March 29th at 7pm at First United Methodist Church in the Great Hall at 431 Eldridge Road. If you are interested in running for the available 3-year Board position, please submit your request including name, address, phone # and email address to Terri Salter at tsalter@mascap.com, Fax (713) 776-1771, or mail to Sugar Mill HOA c/o MASCAP 945 Eldridge Road, Sugar Land, TX 77478.

Do you have security lights mounted on your home? If so, please make sure they do not shine on your neighbor’s home. So many people have them mounted over their garage, and when they come on, they are shining on the home across the street! The ones that are of particular concern are mounted on the rear of lakefront homes. When they are on, they reflect off the water and shine brightly on the home across the lake! So please, take a moment to go outside tonight, turn on your lights, and make sure they do not shine beyond your property line.

Does your car block the sidewalk?? If so, this is in violation of the City of Sugar Land ordinances, and officers will soon begin issuing tickets so that we may rectify the situation. Please be considerate of children riding their bicycles, people walking their dogs, and those just taking a stroll. It is unsafe for people to be forced to walk into the street to go around your vehicle. We will soon begin identifying those addresses during our evening drives of the neighborhood. Please clean out your garage, if necessary, or park extra cars on the street. Be mindful of the fact that City garbage trucks, school buses, and emergency vehicles, must be able to pass at all times. So if you are parking more vehicles in the street, make sure you are not creating a different dangerous situation.

Solicitors - Door-to-door solicitors are not permitted in Sugar Mill. The majority of solicitors do not have the required City permits; and furthermore, there is the possibility that some of these ‘solicitors’ could be bad guys checking out the area. NEVER

From The Board (continued)

open the door, and make sure your children have been taught this as well. Just call the non-emergency police number at (281) 275-2020, and they will run them out of the neighborhood!

Do you want to be advised of crime in your area? Here's an interesting website that will email you daily of all crimes occurring in your subdivision, or you can enter your zip code and it will show you a map, including the location of all the sex offenders in that area. You can also click on "Register a Camera", if you have one mounted outside your home, and would be willing to contribute information when a crime occurs on your street. <https://www.crimereports.com/>.

There are so many exciting announcements regarding both pools! Are you ready? Here they are:

For all the kids in Sugar Mill, or young-at-heart adults our Valentine's present to you is that the Pool Committee has ordered a giant Vortex slide for the Lake Center Pool on Burney Road. It will be ready to use when the pool opens again for the Summer 2016 season! Yay!!



For all you aqua-Volleyball enthusiasts . . . We have ordered a volleyball net for the 7th Street pool, so get ready to squeeze that into your summer plans! It will be a lot of fun and will provide great exercise for any age or level of experience.

For all you adults who packed on a little pudge over the cold winter monthswe are excited to announce that we have contracted with Cida and Louis Moore, of Cida Fitness (www.cidafitness.com), to provide water aerobics classes at the 7th Street Pool. Be ready to sign up at the Annual Sugar Mill Homeowner's Meeting on March 29th. Prices are \$10 for one class, \$35/month unlimited classes, or \$100 unlimited classes for all 3 months (June, July, August). Weather permitting, a total of 16 classes will be offered per month. You must have a valid 2016 Sugar Mill pool ID photo card to attend. More details will be provided at the Annual Meeting, in future newsletters, as well as on our Sugar Mill HOA website located at <http://www.sugarmillhoa.net/>. Classes will be held Mondays & Thursdays 7-8pm, and Wednesdays and Saturdays 9-10am. No drop-in's are permitted – all classes must be prepaid to MASC Austin Properties. The pool will be closed during classes and no children will be permitted on premises during that time.

Does your child need to learn how to swim? Aquatico Pools will be providing swimming lessons this summer at the Sugar Mill pools, for a fee, to Sugar Mill residents. They offer Group Lessons (max 5 children), Semi-Private (max 2 children), and Private Lessons to children 2-12 years of age. To learn more, please contact Aquatico at (281) 578-7665, or email swimlessons@aquatico-pools.com.

Get your 2016 Pool ID cards . . . Homeowner's may get their 2016 cards at the Annual Homeowner's Meeting on Tuesday, March 29th. All other residents (renters & homeowners) may stop by our management office (MASC Austin Properties) at 945 Eldridge Road (call for times). They are conveniently located behind McDonald's. You may either bring a one-inch photo with you, or you may have your photo taken by them.

Tennis Courts . . . It is very costly to maintain the tennis courts. For this reason, no animals, skateboards, or bicycles are permitted, and never give the tennis court codes to anyone. All guests must be accompanied by a Sugar Mill resident.

Thanks,
Sugar Mill's Board of Directors

Marion's Fishing Corner



Two important elements -

When considering the factors that affect our fishing success, there are two elements that are far more important than any others. These elements are temperature and oxygen. As anglers, we can benefit from understanding how one of these elements affects the other, and how the combination of the two affects gamefish.

Bass are very hardy creatures and can tolerate a temperature range of below freezing to well above 90 degrees. Being cold blooded creatures, their body temp will always match the temperature of the water that surrounds them. So the element of temperature dictates many aspects of their lives. Water temperature influences how a bass's metabolism works, at what rate they digest food, how often they get hungry, when they spawn, when they move shallow or go deeper, and their overall activity level.

Dissolved oxygen (DO) levels in the water also greatly affect all aquatic life. Every living creature in the water column depends on adequate dissolved oxygen levels to survive. For bass, DO levels of 6 parts per million or more is ideal. Should the oxygen content drop to 3 parts per

million or lower, serious conditions can occur. The fish can become stressed, and can lose their ability to resist diseases, among other things. If DO levels remain very low for an extended length of time, even death can occur. Thankfully, this rarely occurs. Lower oxygen levels are more likely to happen during the summer months, as rising water temperatures decreases levels. Cooler water, on the other hand, increases water's ability to hold more oxygen.

So what does all this mean to anglers? Well, avoiding unfavorable water conditions can help us keep from wasting time while trying to locate active fish. There are easy-to-use hand-held meters available that can quickly tell us water temps and oxygen levels of the area we are fishing. Having this information at our disposal can help us have a more productive day on the lake. Sometimes knowing where NOT to fish is just as important as anything else....

Remember to always catch and release, because a bass is far too valuable of a resource to catch just once.

Good Luck, Marion

Article written by Marion Raska who has lived in Sugar Mill and fished on Misty Lake for over 24 years.

City Of Sugar Land's Crime Prevention Cameras

Program Summary

Cameras have long been an effective crime-fighting tool for Sugar Land neighborhoods and businesses. They have successfully served as a deterrent and also a forensic tool to solve crimes after they occur. Continued interest from business districts and neighborhood associations to expand the reach of their cameras resulted in funding for a network of similar crime prevention cameras along public roadways. The cameras planned along entrances to Sugar Land are identical to those which have been used by the City for years in patrol cars and several stationary locations in the Town Center area and city parks.

The cameras are a passive, non-monitored system used to locate suspect vehicles after a crime occurs. The camera locations will include license plate recognition, the same technology already used in patrol vehicles. License plate recognition cameras scan license plates and notify officers of stolen vehicles, amber alerts, and more. All images captured in this system create a searchable data bank of license plates that can be used as an investigative tool to help narrow possible leads for crimes in given areas. For more, visit: www.sugarlandtx.gov.

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Congratulations! Yard of the Month Winners For December & January.

Congratulations Winners!



Winner for December 2015:

Carol Tanner at 115 Shadow Wood Dr. Carol loves living in Sugar Mill and moved here in 1998 to be close to her extended family in Sugar Mill. Carol gives most of the credit for her beautiful yard to her Dad.

Winners for January 2016:

Ian & Debbie Roberts at 14002 Ragus Lake Dr. This couple designed and landscaped their own yard, and they don't have a yard service because Ian and Debbie love working in their yard together.



Each couple received a \$25.00 gift certificate from Caldwell Nursery as a thank you for taking such good care of their yards and making Sugar Mill a better place to live.

I'll be seeing you around the block,
Cheryl Swanson

Important Numbers

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Sugar Land Library	281-277-8934
Sugar Land Post Office	800-275-8777
Police (Emergency)	911
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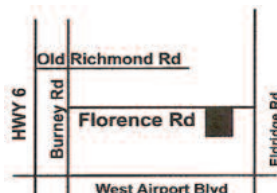
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While dedicating an entire room for a home office is ideal, it's not always practical. With smaller laptops and office furnishings and Wi-Fi connections, work areas can be set up anywhere in the home. Before setting up a workspace at home, here are a few ideas to consider: **Reliable power.** Many older homes may not have sufficient power or may lack grounded outlets. An electrician can do a wiring inspection and upgrade outlets and circuits as needed. A strong Internet connection is also important. Make sure your DSL or cable modem is func-

tioning well and can handle a demanding workload. **Adequate storage.** Storage solutions don't have to be fancy or expensive, but they do need to be tailored to hold everything you need, including reference books, office supplies and files. **Sufficient lighting.** Tasks like reading or drafting require lighting that shines directly on the work. For task lighting, use energy-efficient, long-lasting LEDs and a dimmer switch to control levels. **Work surface.** The type of work you do will determine the size of work surface you need. A longer, wider area is better for spreading out papers, while a smaller desk may work best for reading documents and making phone calls. If you use a printer every day, place it within easy reach. **Seating.** If you sit for long periods, invest in an ergonomic chair. It can provide better support.



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