

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.

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

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:

The Sugar Mill HOA Board has finalized the 2015 budget for operation of the association. A two percent increase in homeowner's dues for 2015 will be necessary to compensate for inflation in the costs of operating the Association. Invoices for the dues will be sent out this month. Full payment is due by January 31, 2015.

Landscape Committee Plans

The recently formed landscape committee has spent considerable time and effort reviewing the landscaping in the approximately 50 street cul de sacs maintained by the Association. The Board has accepted the recommendations of the landscape committee to begin upgrading the cul de sac landscaping with drought tolerant native plants. Work is currently underway on eight of the cul de sacs that were determined by the landscape committee to be the most in need of upgrading. The current plan is to observe how the new landscaping fares during the summer of 2015. A second set of cul de sacs will be upgraded in the fall of 2015. It is anticipated that all cul de sacs will be upgraded within 6 years.

University Blvd. Extension

The City of Sugar Land is in the final stages of designing the extension on University Blvd north of Hwy 90 to Stadium Drive. The new road will require an at-grade crossing on the railroad tracks north of Hwy 90. Union Pacific railroad requires that another track crossing is closed before the University Blvd crossing is open. The current plan is to permanently close the crossing at Wood Street (just east of Mail Street) when the northern section of University Blvd is opened in early 2016.



Trash Collection During The Holidays

Christmas and New Year's holidays are on Thursdays (normal trash collection day) this holiday season. Trash and recycle will be collected on the Fridays immediately following these holidays.

Annual Holiday Regatta

We will have our annual holiday regatta on Sunday, December 21. The Christmas boat parade will begin at 5:30 PM at the pool (the one on the lake). This will also be the night for the judging for the lighting of the lake. We encourage anyone from the neighborhood to come out this evening to watch the regatta. As space allows on the boats, neighbors are welcome to try to get a seat on a boat for the regatta. If you have any questions, please email Sissie Goff at lenoragoff@aol.com.

The Board would like to take this opportunity to wish everyone a happy holiday season and a safe and prosperous new year.

Thanks,

Sugar Mill's Board of Directors

Tennis Court Access Code Sign-Up Form:



Tennis Court Access Code Sign-up Form

The Sugar Mill Tennis Courts are now controlled by a four (4) button access lock. The new access gate was installed to reduce the amount of non resident use of the facilities.

The codes at each facility will be the same and will change quarterly, or, on an as needed basis. Once you have completed this form along with the signature page of the Tennis Court Rules you can return it to the management office for processing. The access code will be mailed or emailed to you based on your preference indicated below. If you have lost or forgotten the code please contact the management office and a new access code will be sent to you. Please note: access codes will **not** be given over the phone.

Remember, you must be in good standing with the association and the signature page of the Tennis Court Rules must be returned in order to obtain the code.

Please be advised, this code is for the sole use of Sugar Mill residents. Any misuse of this code by Sugar Mill residents will result in loss of Sugar Mill tennis court privileges. Sugar Mill is a private community and all of its amenities are for the exclusive use of Sugar Mill residents and their guests only. Guests are only allowed when accompanied by a Sugar Mill resident.

Please print

Last Name, First Name:	
Sugar Mill Address:	
Phone Number:	
Email Address:	
Homeowner's Signature:	Date:

(Please check preference)

My preferred method of contact is: () Mail () Email

Mail, fax, or email the completed forms to:

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Sugar Land, TX 77478

713-776-1771 office

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rchapa@mascapi.com

Please note: Tennis Court Rules & Signature Page can be found on our website (www.sugarmillhoa.net), in the Documents section.

Marion's Fishing Corner



Trying to cope with the wind -

On a cold, blustery day, most anglers (including myself) prefer to seek calm, protected areas to fish. But while you may be more comfortable and have fewer backlashes by avoiding the wind, your fishing success can sometimes suffer as a result. Fighting a strong wind while trying to fish has always been frustrating for me. But on some occasions, the wind can actually be used to your advantage. Here are some scenarios to consider the next time you are faced with trying to catch a few fish on a blustery day.

The wind will sometimes activate bass and other species of fish into biting by setting up a food chain event. Plankton blooms that drift on or near the surface can get blown towards the banks in certain areas of the lake. Baitfish like threadfin shad and fathead minnows move shallow to feed on the plankton, and bass, sensing a feeding opportunity, move in to gorge on the baitfish.

The wind also creates current that makes bass congregate in certain areas. Depending on the direction of the wind, some of the rounded bulkhead areas will be attractive to feeding fish. There will be some current sweeping around the edges of these bulkheads, and bass

will sometimes hold around these current edges to rush out and ambush passing baitfish. I've found this to be true on several occasions. Also, as the season progresses and the water gets colder, the wind can affect water temperatures in some areas of the lake. On sunny winter days, the top layer of water will warm a few degrees compared to the deeper water. Strong wind will blow this warmer top layer against the downwind bulkheads and create areas of water that are four or five degrees warmer than the rest of the lake. This temperature difference can be enough to congregate baitfish and predator fish that are seeking some relief from the colder temperatures.

So I am making a conscious effort to change my way of thinking about fishing on windy days. Instead of just hoping for calmer conditions sometime later, I'm going to try to use the wind to help locate some active fish. Keeping a positive attitude will at least help fight off the frustrations.....

Remember to catch and release, because a bass is 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.

Applications Now Being Accepted For Airport Academy

Applications are now available for the Citizen's Airport Academy, a program that provides a comprehensive overview of operations at Sugar Land Regional Airport (SLRA).

Participants learn about SLRA's history, its role in the City's organization, airport operations, the economic impact on the region and benefits provided to Sugar Land residents and businesses.

The six-week course begins Jan. 29, with classes held every Thursday from 6:30-8:30 p.m. Academy registration ends Monday, Dec. 15, and applications are available at <https://volunteer.sugarlandtx.gov>.

City of Sugar Land employees and people currently holding or seeking elected office will not be considered. In addition, academy applicants must:

- live within a 5 mile radius of the airport, have a City of Sugar Land address or be a realtor who specializes in the community;
- be a registered voter in Fort Bend County;
- be at least 21 years of age; and
- agree to attend all sessions.

Only one person per household may enroll in the course.

For more information, email slra@sugarlandtx.gov, call (281) 275-2124

Sugar Land Animal Services Reduces Pet Adoption Fees

Bring a new family member home for the holidays! Sugar Land Animal Services reduced pet adoption fees to \$45 for cats and \$55 for dogs through Jan. 3, 2015. The fee includes vaccinations, spaying/neutering and a microchip with a lifetime registration.

All shelter pets require a sleepover option allowing potential families to try out a pet in their home for three to five days. If it's a perfect match, just return to Sugar Land Animal Services to finalize the adoption.

The City also hosts adoption events at PetSmart, 16758 Southwest Freeway. Adoptable animals from the City's animal shelter are displayed on a daily basis. Cats are at PetSmart during daytime hours seven days a week, and dogs visit the store on Fridays, Saturdays and Sundays.

Give Sugar Land's pets the gift of a forever home this holiday season. For more information, visit or contact Sugar Land Animal Services, 101 Gillingham Lane, at (281) 275-A-DOG (2364).

Yard of the Month Winners For October and November!

Congratulations Winners!

Winners for October: Hank & Ceanne Ochel
1203 Misty Lake Ct.

What a fun yard!

Happy Gardening & I'll see you around the block, Cheryl Swanson



Winners for November: Bruce & Michelle Wohlwend

Bruce & Michelle Wohlwend received the November "Yard of the Month" for Sugar Mill & were given a \$25 gift certificate from Caldwell Nursery on Band Road.

Pansies and pumpkins are what catch your eye as you approach the home of Bruce & Michelle Wohlwend. Michelle was told "Majestic" pansies are the best choice for planting if you are interested in hearty winter color for your yard. Michelle congratulates all our Sugar Mill neighbors for taking pride in the care of their yards and houses.

Happy Gardening & I'll see you around the block, Cheryl Swanson



Deck The Halls with the Fort Bend Symphony:

December 7th at the Stafford Centre. Deck the Halls is back with a second performance at 7 pm. Celebrate the season with all your favorite Christmas music. Due to the amazing response to the choir at last year's concert, this concert will feature the HBU Schola Cantorum. Information and tickets are available at www.fbso.org or by calling 281.276.9642. Children 12 and under are free when accompanied by an adult, but must have a ticket. There is a limit of three children's tickets per adult.



Important Numbers

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Did You Know?

Bulky Waste pick up day in Sugar Mill has been changed to the first Tuesday of the month. The garbage/recycling/green waste pickup days remain the same.

DOGGONE It!



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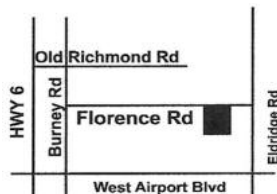
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COLOR YOUR WORLD

With autumn just around the corner, you want to give your home a fresh look for the season. *Better Homes and Gardens* reports that brushing on a new coat of paint is an obvious first step, but by adding small splashes of color to your home's exterior, you can improve curb appeal and entice buyers to walk through your door. If you don't have the time or the budget to repaint the entire exterior, focus on one or two areas, such as the front door, window trim or the roof. Look for doors that come ready to be painted and choose high-quality acrylic latex paint. If your budget allows, decorative glass inserts add more visual interest,

and often complement a range of housing styles. Painting the roof can often make a big impact on your home's overall look. For best results, choose a tone in the same color family as the home's paint or siding color, or pick a color that's close to the hues in the brick or mortar. Don't feel like painting? Changing out the hardware and lighting in your front entrance — from the door knockers and house numbers to the porch lights and mailbox — adds character to your home's appearance, while plants such as coleus and bigroot geraniums are lower-cost and colorful options for your landscaping. These plants also thrive in shady areas and are easy to care for. With a little creativity, you can turn your home into a neighborhood show-stopper.



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