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Covington Woods Community Association Meetings are held on the second Monday of each month with the Homeowners Forum at 7 PM and the Business meeting beginning at 8 PM. Meetings are held at 13743 Woodchester (next to the pool and park). The Annual CIA meetings are held each August. No meeting will be held in the month of December.

2015 ASSESSMENTS

Your annual assessments were due on or before the first day of January 2015, and are determined delinquent if not received by January 31, 2015, bearing interest at a rate of 10% per annum.

Checks should be made payable to the Covington Woods Community Association and mailed or taken to:

MASC Austin Properties, Inc.
945 Eldridge Road
Sugar Land, TX 77478

Also, we are now accepting payments online from your checking or savings account. Please visit our website at www.mascape.com for more details.

Any assessments unpaid on February 1, 2015, will be considered late and will be assessed interest in the amount of 10% per annum, along with a \$10 per month collection fee, until paid in full. A letter will be mailed after February 15, 2015, to all homeowners with past due balances. A certified demand letter, with a \$25 administrative fee added to the account, will be sent after March 15, 2015. All past due accounts will be turned over to the Community Association's attorney for collection after April 15, 2015.

If you have any questions or need more information, please call MASC Austin Properties, Inc., at 713-776-1771.

HOLIDAY DECORATING CONTEST WINNERS

We had many beautifully decorated homes to judge from this year and it was very difficult to narrow it down to just a few winners! Our selections were:

Most Beautiful

13814 Ivymount

Best Lighting

1526 Hollybush

Best Children's

1187 Bournewood

Overall Best

13610 Greywood

Most Religious

1147 Pinecroft

Winner for the City of Sugar Land Holiday Lights - 1311 Bournewood.

Many thanks to all of you for your time and effort given to provide Covington Place with a bright holiday season! We look forward to whatever joys may await us next season.

ANNUAL CIA MEETING

The Covington Woods Annual CIA Meeting will be held on **Monday, August 3, 2015.**

If you are interested in running on the

board, please contact Mr. Kelly Knake, Chairman of the Nominating Committee, at:

kelly.knake@Impacsystems.com.

BE WATER WISE THIS WINTER

As winter approaches, conserving water may be the last thing that comes to mind. After all, the summer is the season to be concerned about using too much water, right? While that is true, conservation should be a year-round priority.

Adjust Sprinkler System

As temperatures drop, grass and plants require less water. Operating irrigation systems manually prevents plant damage from too much water. Turn off or reprogram automatic irrigation controllers to avoid over-watering.

Wrap Exposed Pipes

Thoroughly wrap exposed pipes to protect them during freezing weather. Make sure that all outdoor spigots are winterized to prevent pipes from freezing and bursting. Insulating pipes in the attic, kitchen and cabinets also minimizes the need to run the tap a while before water gets hot. For those with an irrigation system, the backflow prevention device will also need to be wrapped.

Locate the Main Valve

Locate and mark the location of the

main water valve to prepare for an emergency. The main valve is located where the water line from the water meter enters the house. For most homes, it is located just below an outside faucet in front or on the side of the house. Sometimes, the valve may be in the utility room, garage, kitchen or bathroom behind a small opening in the wall. It usually has a round or oval handle.

Check for Leaks

Even a tiny leak can translate into thousands of gallons of water being wasted over a short period of time. Immediately repair any leaks

NEW RECYCLING ITEM ACCEPTED

The city of Sugar Land is always looking for new and innovative ways to increase the amount of solid waste that is diverted from landfills. Soon, residents will be able to recycle aseptic plastic-coated cartons. Juice boxes, soups and milk alterna-

tives are often found in this type of package.

There are a few items that the City does not recycle. Plastic grocery bags are not accepted by the City, but most grocery stores accept them. Like most curbside programs, the

City's recycling program does not accept styrofoam containers.



For more information on the City's recycling program, visit www.sugarlandtx.gov/solidwaste.

LOST AND FOUND PETS

You may have noticed that we have had several lost pets roaming the neighborhood. These pets are probably very scared as well as hungry and cold. Here are some things you can do to help reunite them with their owners.

Reporting Lost & Found Pets

Animal Services takes reports of lost and found animals. These forms can be found at <http://www.sugarlandtx.gov/FormCenter/Animal-Services-2/Lost-Pet-Form-33> or the informa-

tion can be taken over the phone. Pictures of the animal are always helpful and much appreciated especially with mixed breeds. Pictures can be submitted online. Please reference the animal's name, your name, and phone number with the attachment.

Sugar Land Animal Services is lo-

cated at 101 Gillingham Lane and the phone number is 281-275-2364.

If you find a lost pet that does not have a collar with owner information on it, it is important that you take it to be scanned for a chip. If a chip is found, the pet may be quickly reunited with its owner. You may log onto www.sugarlandtx.gov for more information.

EGGSTRAVAGANZA

The Easter bunny is coming to town! Join us for the City of Sugar Land's 31st annual EGGS-travaganza. This event is scheduled

for **Saturday, March 28, 2015, noon-3 p.m., Eldridge Park, 2511 Eldridge Road.**

For more information, call the Parks and Recreation Department at 281-275-2885 or online at sugarlandtx.gov/eggstravaganza.

SLFD EXPANDED AMBULANCE SERVICE

The Sugar Land Fire Department began providing ambulance transport service beginning January 1.

The addition of five state-of-the-art ambulances, increased paramedic certifications and expanded dispatch operations is expected to decrease response times, improve patient care reporting to hospitals and provide greater flexibility in service delivery.

Fort Bend EMS has provided ambulance service since the late 1970s. The county based only two ambulances in Sugar Land; both were available for response outside of Sugar Land when needed.

Sugar Land will assign ambulances to Fire Station 1, 555 Matlage Way; Fire Station 2, 1040 Industrial; and Fire Station 4, 2100 Austin Parkway. A fourth ambulance will be available to respond throughout the City during peak demand hours, and the fifth will serve as a reserve, replacing units that are taken out of service for maintenance.

Rapid growth in Sugar Land necessitated a change in EMS delivery. City leaders, including Sugar Land’s medical director, identified a need to:

- improve response times for ad-

vanced life support calls;

- create a patient care reporting system than can be used by paramedics in the field to ensure local hospitals have access to information prior to the arrival of patients;
- build on a network of assets that provide flexibility, speed and efficiency in public safety response; and
- build an emergency medical dispatch capacity that will send appropriate personnel and equipment to public safety calls.

“This new service could literally mean the difference between life and death, as seconds often make a significant difference in public safety response,” said Assistant Fire Chief Mario Partida, who led SLFD’s project to launch an ambulance transport system. “After identifying fire-based EMS as a priority, City Council budgeted start-up costs in 2012 that allowed us to be fully operational on Jan. 1.”

Since 2013, SLFD hired an EMS battalion chief and 13 paramedic/firefighters, trained 10 existing firefighters as paramedics, expanded dispatch operations, purchased equipment

and established patient-care protocols with area hospitals.

Sugar Land’s ambulances are equipped with special safety and performance features. A five-point harness system that functions as a specialized seatbelt secures the paramedics while in transit. The harness provides the flexibility of allowing the paramedic to face different directions and be in different positions while treating the patient. Additional equipment includes an enhanced safety attendant seat, liquid spring suspension, reflective chevron striping, a traffic pre-emption system, a hydraulic lift for the primary oxygen bottle, a cardiac monitor-securing device, a station exhaust system adapter and LED lighting. The ambulances are also equipped with video laryngoscopes, four of which were donated by Nalco Champion.

“Our fire-EMS motto is ‘One Mission, One Team’ because this project has been a collaboration among many City departments,” said Partida. “The motto exemplifies the unified effort behind this strategic project and this significant step toward increased life support delivery standards for Sugar Land residents.”

Trash Pickup Day

Monday & Thursday

Solid Waste Collection Requirements

• Recycling Day - Thursday

S.L. Solid Waste Website

<http://www.sugarlandtx.gov/index.aspx?nid=313>

Curbside Recycling Information

• Green Waste Day - Monday

Green Waste Information

• Bulk Waste Day - 1st Tuesday

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Reminder: Pets should be on a leash if they are not on your property.

Be respectful to your neighbors and community. Please pick up after your pet.

CWCAI Committees

Deed Restriction Committee

Will Blakemore, Joanne Williams

Pool/Park Committee

Joe Sinclair

Architectural Control Committee

Randall Hallbrook, John Johnston

Newsletter/Website Committee

Floyd Thigpen, Joanne Williams

Beautification/Welcome Committee

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Nominating Committee

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TENNIS COURT KEY: The CW tennis courts are for residents use only. To obtain a key to the tennis courts and to fill out an application, please go to Austin Properties, Inc., 945 Eldridge Road, or you may print one out at www.covingtonwoods.net, click on *forms and information* and return it to API.

Useful Neighborhood Information

MANAGEMENT COMPANY:

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www.ci.sugar-land.tx.us
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jthompson@sugarlandtx.gov

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James Patterson 281-980-2235
commpt4@fortbendcounty.gov

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P.O. Box 110
Sugar Land, TX 77487-0110
Telephone: 281-275-2710
Fax: 281-275-2721
Email: sporter@sugarlandtx.gov

POLICE DEPARTMENT 281-275-2500
Crime Prevention Officer,
Eric Babnew 281-275-2578
beat1@sugarlandtx.gov

POOL INFORMATION:

To book pool parties, call Joanna Figueroa,
MASC Austin Properties, Inc. 713-776-1771
Swim Lessons 713-771-7665

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ARCHITECTURAL CONTROL:

ALL homeowners who plan to make alterations to the exterior of your home **MUST** get an Architectural Control Committee Request Form completed and submitted to the Covington Woods Community Association **BEFORE YOU START** the construction. This allows the A.C. Committee time to inform the homeowner before remodeling begins as to whether or not the homeowner is in violation of the Deed Restrictions. Restrictions will be used in any litigation against the homeowner for non-compliance.

ADVERTISING:

Ad rates are as follows:

<u>Business Card</u>	<u>Quarter-page</u>
\$20—one issue	\$30—one issue
\$80—four issues	\$120—four issues

All advertising copies should be **camera-ready; if not, a \$15 layout fee will be additional. No photos or screens.**

Make checks payable to the Covington Woods CAI, and send ad copy with full payment to:

c/o Barlisa, Inc.
Covington Woods CAI
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