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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

By the time you receive this news letter, construction on the three detention ponds will have begun. Crews are scheduled to install PVC bulkheads at each of the lakes to create bank stability and improve the looks of Glen Laurel's three amenity lakes/wet detention ponds. The lake near the playground on Imperial Canyon will be the first to be fixed, followed by the lake near the HOA community pool and finally the lake at the corner of West Airport and Burney Rd (Lake A, B, and C, respectively). Construction is estimated to last approximately 105 days or less.



Initially, it will be necessary to block the sidewalk adjacent to Lake A along Imperial Canyon during construction. This area will be used as a staging area and will also allow access to Lake A by the construction crews. The area will be blocked off by orange construction safety fencing.

Please note that the park area will continue be open and accessible during the construction, but parents are advised to keep their children away from the construction and staging areas. Residents are asked to report any suspicious activity around the construction site to the police.

All employees working on the site will be identified by a sticker of the construction company, Shirley and Sons Construction Co., affixed to their hard hats and on company vehicles. Construction will only take place during daytime hours to minimize disturbance to residents.

The HOA will send out future email blasts as construction proceeds to keep residents informed of the progress being made and when planned activities shift from one lake to the next.

Trees within 20 feet of the current edge of bank for each lake will be required to be removed. However, larger trees will be replaced in a 2 to 1 ratio with smaller trees in areas to be approved by the HOA and the Burney Road Municipal Utility District (BRMUD).

For any questions or concerns as construction gets underway or as it proceeds, please notify your HOA Board. Updates will also be posted on the Glen Laurel website for your review.

Glen Laurel HOA Board

NEWS YOU CAN USE

The City of Sugar Land has advised that the following crimes are on the increase:

“Jugging” - this is where criminals follow you as you leave the bank and follow you home to rob you.

“Sliders” - this is where a criminal slides in through your driver-side door to steal your purse while you are pumping gas.

“Car Burglaries” - criminals are opening unlocked car doors and stealing items. They can also open your garage door if you keep your garage door opener in your unlocked car. Lock your car!!

Car burglaries can also occur by breaking the window or breaking the lock to the vehicle, so please do not leave valuables visible, better yet – don't leave them in your car!

“Valets” – you go to a restaurant and valet park your expensive car. The valet notifies their buddies that a fancy car just pulled up to the restaurant. They give them the license plate number, which they plug into a public app.

The app gives them your home address. They know they have at least one hour to rummage through your home. These same criminals are also watching for fancy cars parking at worship centers, so be careful!

ARCHITECTURAL REVIEW PROCESS AND DEED RESTRICTION INSPECTIONS

We would like to remind everyone that if you are planning on major work that will affect the outside appearance of your home, you must complete and submit an ACC request which is found on the Glen Laurel website (www.glenlaurel.net) under Guidelines, ACC, & Forms. Under the Important Forms heading you will find a link titled ACC application. Download, complete and fax your request to Sterling ASI. The form can also be mailed as indicated on the the form. The Board will review and approve or decline your request, usually within 5 to 7 days. When you receive our written approval, you may proceed with construction.

You will be given a detailed explanation if we are unable to approve your request. Please understand that you are legally prohibited from constructing anything that you have been advised has been disapproved.

PLEASE DO NOT START WORK UNTIL you have received an approval notice from the Board. Failure to receive approval for the improvement and/or change may result in you having to remove, alter or change the improvement in order to comply with the rules and regulations of the Association. All pool installations will required a \$1,000.00 deposit made out to the Association.

Sterling is on the property weekly to review entrances, homes and common areas. The property is driven every 14-20 days for violations. Friendly letters are sent to homeowners to bring their property into compliance. The property is reviewed again on the next drive. If the violation still exists the homeowner is sent another letter to bring the property into compliance within 10 days. Please do not ignore these letters. If you have questions, please call Bernita with Sterling ASI at 832-678-4500.

Reminder from the HOA.....Interior fences are at the age where they need to be replaced. The exterior fencing was of the same age as our interior fences and it sure has made a difference to the appearance of our neighborhood having newer and upgraded exterior fencing. It's important to our neighborhood home values that interior fences are kept to standards and adds credibility to the neighborhood that Glen Laurel is a community that cares about home values and appearances. The HOA has done it's part replacing exterior fences and now is cooperating with the BRMUD on repairs to the lakes within our beautiful community, so please, let's all do our part as Glen Laurel residents to replace interior fencing next to our beautiful homes as well.

Winter Lawn Tips for a Better Spring Lawn

Late fall or early winter are the best times to fertilize cool season grasses. Since the majority of the lawns in North America are made from these grasses, like Bermuda and bluegrass, it is a good bet your yard has a typical cool season blend. Before the first freeze, give your lawn a thorough fertilizing to replace all of the nutrients that can be lost from the soil during the hot summer months. Once the weather turns cold, the fertilizer will remain in the soil and feed your lawn's roots all winter long. When spring comes your lawn will be full of healthy, lush, green grass that has been feeding on good fertilizer nutrients underneath the snow.

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 and click on the tab labeled "Email Sign-Up" to receive the notifications.

Signing up for email notifications will also allow you to access the Resident Only section of the website.



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NEWS YOU CAN USE

Keep Unsupervised Animals Inside!

The City of Sugar Land prohibits animals from roaming freely – including cats. Keeping your cats inside will prevent them from bringing their prizes (mice, birds) inside your home as gifts for you, and it will also prolong their lives. Cats that roam have a greater risk of catching diseases, getting into deadly fights with other cats, and falling prey to the many coyotes, hawks and bobcats that are being pushed out of their habitats and into our backyards by all the recent commercial and residential developments. These wild animals have been responsible for the death of many ducks and cats within our community. Keep your animals inside and buy them a few more toys to keep them happy!

Do You Have Jars of Change Cluttering Your Closet Floor?

Go to www.coinstar.com and search for a nearby Coinstar machine. The machine will sort and count coins for you, and cashing them in is free if you redeem the money as a gift card from companies such as Amazon, Best Buy, Starbucks, Home Depot, or Lowe's. Near us, you will find machines at Foodtown on Eldridge and Walmart on Highway 6.

HOLIDAY SAFETY TIPS

It's that time of year again. The Holiday shopping season is in full swing. Whether you are headed to the mall or boutique shops, here are a few tips to keep you safe this holiday season.

- Be aware of your surroundings. Look for suspicious persons, etc. when you are in any area.
- Stay off the phone while shopping or walking to/from your car. This distraction makes you a target to thieves.
- Remember where you parked your car. Being unable to locate a car can cause you undue confusion and stress that may present you as a better target to a criminal. *Note* take a picture of your parking location (section number and mall entrance) on your cell phone. This will make it easier to find your vehicle later.
- Park in an area that is well lighted. Keep in mind if you are shopping at a mall, the time that the store closes from which you entered the mall. This may keep you from having to walk unnecessary distances to your car if you find the store has closed earlier than you expected.
- Shop in pairs at the very least. Take a friend or family member shopping with you. There is something to be said for safety in numbers.
- As you return to your car, make sure to keep your car key in your hand.
- Avoid carrying large amounts of cash. Pay for purchases with checks, credit, charge or debit cards. Gentlemen, carry cash and wallets in a front pocket to reduce your chances of having your pocket picked.
- Don't leave phones, purses, CD cases, GPS or any other item of value in your parked car where they can be seen. Always take these items with you or conceal them in the trunk BEFORE you reach your shopping destination.
- Don't leave purchased merchandise in your parked car.
- Only make one trip to your car. By making multiple trips to place merchandise in the trunk, it makes your vehicle a target for burglary. Thieves are watching!



Mall shopping is not the only place to remember safety! Shopping online also has its dangers.

- Make sure you have current anti-virus installed on your computer.
- Never save your information on your computer and don't save your passwords
- Know the company's refund and return policies before ordering. Are there restocking fees? Do you have to pay shipping costs on returns?
- Do not rely on pictures of a product on a website. Read the description and check model numbers, if applicable.
- Be cautious of free or very-low-price offers. Often, free offers are followed by an open-ended enrollment in a program that automatically bills your credit card account every month. Before ordering anything online, make sure you click on and read all terms and conditions.
- Pay with a credit card whenever possible. That way, you can challenge the charge in the event of a dispute.
- Obtain a tracking number for shipments. If you need the product before the holidays, find out when the seller intends to ship it and if possible, how it will be shipped. Watch for Fake FedEx, UPS, USPS Delivery Verification/Cancellation Notices in INBOX.
- Your Bank will NEVER ask for information via email. DO NOT give any personal information to an unknown source.

PLEASE DO YOUR PART TO HELP KEEP OUR COMMUNITY CLEAN

Every minute a sack of fast-food trash gets thrown from a vehicle's window. Did you know that 33 percent of all littered garbage is fast food waste? Styrofoam containers take many years to decompose. It also takes many years for aluminum cans to biodegrade, of which these make up 28 percent of incorrectly disposed trash. Littering certainly doesn't help the environment but most importantly it hurts humans as well as resulting in the deterioration of our planet. Reversing neighborhood litter and pollutants back to green environments is our challenge.



Littering is letting trash or garbage lie in an open place or area. Litter is not only an eyesore it also has very bad effects. Plastic shopping bags are an example. They have become a big issue as their light weight makes it easy for them to travel in the wind. This kind of litter gets stuck in trees, fences and storm drains. This plastic bag litter also impacts the health of smaller wild animals.

If you see litter in the community, please pick it up and dispose of it properly. It is good practice to recycle the litter you've collected, if at all possible. Contact Fort Bend County's recycling center (281-633-7581) for advice on whether certain materials should be collected separately, where they should be taken on how they should be disposed.

To protect, save and improve our environment from litter it first starts making observations and changes at home where we live, in our neighborhood and beyond.

Green is possible when we start by cleaning up our own litter. We should be doing this for the good of the earth and its wildlife and humans, as we are the only ones who can make that change. Thank you for helping to keep our neighborhood beautiful.

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City Hall	281-275-2700
Councilman/Mayor	281-275-2710
Fire Department	281-275-2851
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:

24HR Emergency Center	281-277-0911
Memorial Herman S.L.	281-725-5000
Methodist Health Center	281-274-7000
Oak Bend Medical Center	281-342-2811
S.L. Medical Center	281-274-6600

Misc:

Poison Control	800-764-7661
Sugar Land Library	281-277-8934
Sugar Land Post Office	800-275-8777
Recycling Center	281-342-5226

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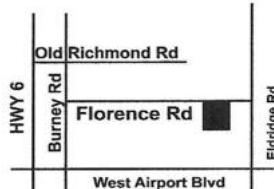
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AUTO THEFT PREVENTION TIPS:

It doesn't matter what kind of car you drive, all vehicles are a potential target of theft. Nearly 65,000 cars and trucks are stolen in the state of Texas each year, and thousands more are burglarized. Almost half of all vehicles stolen had the keys left inside.

Things to do to protect your vehicle:

- Always lock your vehicle and take your keys.
- Never leave your car running and unattended.
- Park in a well-lit area.
- Take valuables with you when you are not in your vehicle.
- Keep valuables out of sight.
- Give parking attendants the ignition key only. Keep your trunk and glove box locked at all times. If possible, get separate keys for the ignition and the trunk and glove box.
- Install an anti-theft device. Many insurance companies may give you a discount for certain anti-theft devices. Check with your agent for details.

What to do if your car is stolen:

Although the rate of auto theft is declining, thousands of Texas vehicles are stolen every year. If your car is stolen,

the first thing to do is to remain calm and then follow these steps:

- Immediately contact the police and file a report. Make sure you provide your Vehicle Identification Number (VIN) number to help law enforcement agencies locate your vehicle if it has been stolen. If you do not have your VIN number readily available, contact your insurance company or financial lender.
- Report the theft or burglary to your insurance provider. Even if the loss is not covered, reporting the crime will protect you if the automobile causes harm to others after being stolen. If possible, have the vehicle's title, the location of all keys before the theft, a thorough description of the vehicle and any personal property that was stolen with the vehicle.
- Contact your financial institution if the vehicle is leased or still being financed.

Avoid Buying a Stolen Vehicle:

Many stolen vehicles are sold to unsuspecting buyers. If you knowingly buy a stolen car, you can be arrested. If you buy a stolen car unknowingly, you could lose the car and your money. To avoid becoming the car thief's second victim, we urge you to keep these tips in mind:

- When buying from a private individual, make sure the title and registration match the name and address of the person selling the car.
- Be cautious of a seller with no fixed address, place of employment or phone number.
- Ask the seller for references about past financing and insurance on the vehicle. Verify the information with the bank, finance company or agent.
- Ensure the vehicle identification number (VIN) on the automobile's dash is present, secure and unaltered.
- Check to ensure the VIN plate has not been repainted and the numbers stamped in the plate appear to be the original factory numbers.
- If in doubt about plate authenticity, check with a new car dealer who handles the same model, or contact a law enforcement agency. (Thieves may remove the VIN plate and replace it with one from a similar wrecked vehicle.)
- Be suspicious of any deal that seems "too good to be true."

Top ten most stolen vehicles:

- 1) Ford Pickup
- 2) Chevrolet Pickup
- 3) Dodge Pickup
- 4) Chevrolet Tahoe
- 5) Honda Civic
- 6) Honda Accord
- 7) GMC Pickup
- 8) Chevy Impala
- 9) Toyota Camry
- 10) Nissan Altima

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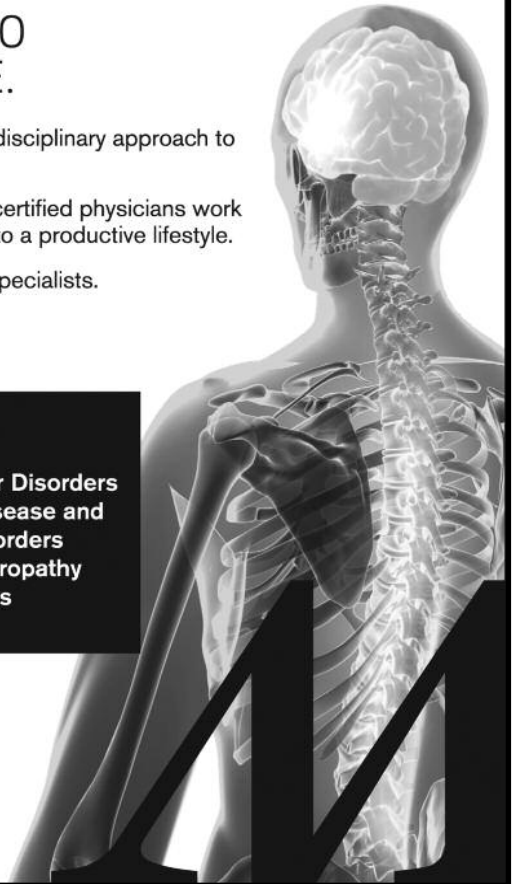
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IN THE KNOW:

License Plate Recognition Cameras (LPR's) – in 2009, the first Sugar Land LPR's were installed in North Sugar Land, at major intersections entering our City. They are also active at Sugar Land Town Square, First Colony Mall, and Cullinan Park. These are NOT red light cameras. Since they have been installed, 38 stolen vehicles have been recovered. What most people don't realize is that criminals are stealing cars in Houston, and then burglarizing Sugar Land homes with these stolen cars. By stopping these cars as they enter our City, we are preventing burglaries as well. These cameras have also been instrumental in helping the Police investigate leads, deter criminal activity, apprehend people with outstanding warrants, catch Mall shoplifters, and find missing persons. The City of Sugar Land's goal is to eventually install LPR's at major intersections throughout our City. This is how the camera's work: A crime occurs. A witness then provides the police

with a vehicle description and all or part of a license plate number. A designated police staff member (who is authorized to access the system) searches the database for the suspect vehicle and its license plate number. The driver cannot be identified, but the license plate is recorded for up to 30 days. This information is then purged, unless it is needed as evidence as part of a criminal investigation. Information will not be shared with the public unless required by law in certain legal matters. The use of the LPR system will be consistent with privacy laws and the constitutional rights of individuals. City Council will review findings from the pilot program report at an upcoming meeting and discuss their next steps.

