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NEWSLETTER

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The official newsletter of the Covington Woods community, located in Sugar Land, Texas.

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THE Covington Woods CHRONICLE

TRASH COLLECTION PICKUP DAYS

Trash collection reminder: Monday and Thursday are trash days, recycling day is Monday, green waste day is Monday and bulk waste day is also on Mondays.

WHAT CAN I DO ABOUT SOLICITORS IN THE COMMUNITY?

The City of Sugar Land cannot forbid door-to-door Salesman, Peddlers, or Solicitors. As a resident or property owner, if you wish to discourage some, you can fill out a form online that advises the City that Peddlers and Solicitors are not welcome and their entry on property at the provided address is forbidden. The form can be found at: sugarlandtx.gov/formcenter and by clicking on the link titled: "No Solicitation Registration". More information about solicitation can be found in the Code of Ordinances section within the tab labeled "Government".

HAPPY NEW YEAR AND BEST WISHES FOR A WONDERFUL 2018

I am super excited with the new year. We have a great board of directors with lots of experience in many fields - oil and gas, high school teacher, property manager, executive assistant and a realtor.

We accepted a resignation recently. One of our board members moved, leaving an opening. The board has found an excellent candidate to fill the term, Mr. Courtney Smith, a six year resident of Covington Woods. We are super excited to have him on board, the energy, wisdom and leadership will be a great benefit for many years to come. In addition, Ms. Davis has agreed to be added to the beautification committee and other community events. She will join Sherry and Carol. What an awesome team!

The board is made up of volunteers. These people are your neighbors and possibly friends. Thank them next time you see them for all the work that you might see and for all those things that you probably don't see. They don't do it for the recognition, they do it because they care and want to make a difference in your life and this community! We have been called many names over the years, some are not very favorable, but we do this work to benefit all, not for the glory and certainly not the money!

Next time you get a letter from us, take a moment of self-reflection, not one of jumping on social media and firing off a nasty gram about the HOA Nazis!

VOLUNTEER

Webster defines a volunteer as "a person who voluntarily offers himself or herself for a service or undertaking, willingly and without pay."

Our community and neighborhood are full of volunteers. Last year we had some HOA sponsored events, I want to do more this year. The board can lead, we can't do it all though. We have a BIG tent, room for many. Together we can make this community great again.

We will be scheduling events in the upcoming months and will need your help. Let us know your willingness to assist with events. Email to covingtonwoodsSLhoa@gmail.com. Do you have an idea for a special event or project? We want to come alongside you and make it a reality. I will phone you personally to discuss. Send us your ideas and dreams.

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BOARD UPDATE

We have a great community and there are many ways to get involved via volunteering.

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CULLINAN PARK CLEAN-UP

Volunteers needed to clean up Cullinan Park on Saturday, February 10th

BOARD UPDATE (continued)

Need help with your home ?

If you need help or assistance with your home, contact us. Let us be better together. Sometimes our pride gets in the way. Admit to needing the help. Is your fence in need of some repair? Does your siding need some paint to make it look beautiful again? Have some mold or mildew making the side of your house green? With the latest cold weather, need help with winterizing your home? If the HOA can help with bringing together volunteers and needs, we all benefit. Call MASC Austin Properties, Inc. at (713) 776-1771.

Finally, we as the HOA board sometimes get labeled as the bad guy, but we **DO** care. If you get a letter, don't ignore it. Reach out, call, email, or simply come by the office. Don't wait for a small bill or infraction to turn into something large and involving the lawyers.

We recently had a resident come into the monthly meeting (they had received a letter about their home). They had been dealing with some health issues and a foundation repair. They asked for extra time to fix their siding. Guess what happened? The board agreed and granted an extension...talk to us.

In closing, it's a new year. Let's set out together to make it wonderful. We truly appreciate all the residents, homeowners and tenants alike. We meet every 2nd Monday of the month at the clubhouse. Come on by. We regularly have Sugar Land's finest police officers, our city council members and a few months ago the mayor and 5 city leaders.

We look forward to seeing you, talking to you about your needs and concerns and having a great 2018.

Sincerely,

-Kelly Knake

Holiday Lighting and Decorating Contest Winners!

Congratulations to the 2017 holiday lighting contest winners! A \$25.00 Subway gift card was issued to each winner:

Best Children's Theme - 13814 Ivymount

Best Religious Theme - 13810 Vinehill

Best Lighting - 1311 Bournewood

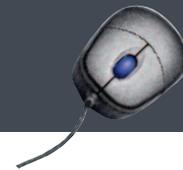
Most Beautiful - 13603 Greywood

Best Overall - 1335 Ashwood

We want to thank the residents for displaying more decorations/lighting than last year to enhance the holiday decor for Covington Woods. It was a difficult decision for the 6 judges and we appreciate everyone's participation.

**GOT QUESTIONS? GREAT!
OUR WEBSITE HAS ANSWERS.**

Check it out at:
www.covingtonwoods.net



MISSING LID OR WHEELS ON YOUR TRASH RECEPTACLE? HERE'S WHAT TO DO:



If your trash receptacle has a missing lid or wheels, please call Republic Waste Management at 713-726-7307 and give them your address and the numbers on the side of the receptacle. They will replace it at no charge on the next collection day.

In The Know: Rose Rosette Disease

Rose Rosette Disease (RRD) has been reported in wild roses since the 1940s, but not until 2011 have researchers identified it as a virus that is spread among rose bushes by a flightless mite. The disease will cause abnormalities in growth, as well as defoliation, and ultimately lead to death of the affected rose bushes. The disease has had expedited growth in the landscape and nursery industries, which has caused it to spread, and is very prevalent in North Texas.



The City's Right of Way (ROW) staff initially identified plants showing characteristics of this disease located in the first median on SH6, just south of US59. Due to the extensive grant research and tracking of this disease, ROW staff submitted information to Texas A&M AgriLife Extension, along with a random sampling of plant cuttings for verification, which came back positive. As this is the first confirmed case of RRD in Fort Bend County, TAMU has since updated the RRD tracking website to show that there is a confirmed case in Fort Bend County. This information can be found at <https://roserosette.org/>.

Staff has since met with Dr. W. Todd Watson, adjunct Texas A&M professor and horticulturist expert, to provide a report and recommendation for remediation. From this feedback back, staff was able to develop a Rose Rosette Action Plan.

After the first of the year, staff will begin reaching out to HOAs directly, as well as adding the Action Plan to the City website. This will be part of the City's horticulturally responsible approach to mitigate spread of the disease by informing our residents.

With an estimated 5,200 roses in the City maintained ROWs, the removals will be significant. By following the RRD Action Plan, budget requests will be submitted annually for the replacement of the areas where roses are removed.

The Action Plan will be implemented after the first of the year with the initial removal process, and the continual monitoring of the ROWs. This will include the removal of all rose bushes in the medians on SH6 just north and south of US59, as well as selective removal of infected plants along the SH6 corridor (map included in plan). Please email Colt Yorek, Right of Way Services Coordinator, at jyorek@sugarlandtx.gov if you have any questions.

Help Clean Up Cullinan Park!

60 Volunteers Needed! Volunteers needed to clean up Cullinan Park on Saturday, February 10th from 8am-1:00 PM.

Please plan to check in at 7:45 am in the parking lot at 12414 Hwy 6 in Sugar Land 77498. Please wear closed toe shoes or boots, gloves, long pants and comfortable clothes as you are volunteering outside and will get dirty. We will have water for all volunteers. Please be aware of wildlife in the park and the possible presence of poison ivy. Please also bring bug spray and sunscreen.

Please refrain from using your cell phone while volunteering. Please safely store any valuables in your vehicle out of sight-do not leave items visible in your vehicle. We will not have a secure location to store any personal items.

The staff contact for the event day is William Hajdik, and can be reached on the day of at 832-808-7289. If you have any questions prior to the event, please contact the volunteer office at 281-275-2329.

To volunteer -

If you are an existing Serve Sugar Land volunteer, please log into your account in the upper right hand corner at: <https://volunteer.sugarlandtx.gov> and click on "SIGN UP FOR JOBS" tab. You can then filter by day to bring up that date or search by job group "Parks and Rec" and you can search open opportunities, and click on the date/time/job you would like. Please allow time to park and you must sign in and out in order to receive volunteer credit. If you're not an existing Serve Sugar Land volunteer, please consider signing-up by clicking on the "Get Involved!" link at the top of the page.

If you are unable to volunteer for this assignment we ask that you log onto your volunteer profile and cancel the assignment off your calendar ASAP so we can try to refill your spot. You will not be able to cancel online within 48 hours of the event.

If you have any questions, please let us know at 281-275-2329 or at volunteer@sugarlandtx.gov.



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Kelly Knake

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