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ANNUAL GARAGE SALE

Once again, it will soon be time for Glen Laurel's Annual Garage Sale.

It is scheduled to be held on **Saturday, April 9th**. If necessary, the rain date is set for Saturday, April 16th.

Notices will be placed at the entrance and advertisements will be placed in local newspapers. Hopefully, this will attract potential buyers.

With the approach of spring, this is the perfect time to clean out all those closets,



storage sheds, garages, attics, etc. Get rid of those outgrown clothes, unused toys, and unwanted items you might have taking up space.

Watch for some garage sale tips in our next issue. With ample time to gather up all your items, we hope you will be successful in cleaning house as well as making a little

extra cash to boot!

Start planning now and we wish you all happy selling!!!

EASTER EGG HUNT

All Glen Laurel residents are invited to join us at the park on Sunday, April 17, from 3 to 5 p.m., for our Easter Egg Hunt. We are expecting an abundance of Easter eggs for all the children to search for, and, hopefully, it will be an opportunity for everyone to get out and have an enjoyable time.

It would be a great time for parents to bring your cameras and catch some fun photos of your children in action!

Mark those calendars for April 17th! More information will be coming in the next issue.



POOL TAG REGISTRATION

The 2011 pool season will be here before you know it and we just wanted to give you a heads up about registration.

This year's registration is scheduled for Saturday, May 14, and Saturday, May

21st. Both registration days will be held at the pool from 11 a.m. until 2 p.m.

For your convenience, we will be providing a pool registration form in a future issue.

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The Glen Laurel HOA Board Meetings are held at MASC Austin Properties, Inc., 13726 Florence Road, Sugar Land, Texas, at 7:00 p.m. If you would like to address the Board, you should call Terri Salter, (713) 776-1771, to be placed on the meeting agenda. The next regularly scheduled Board Meeting is:

**MARCH 10, 2011
7 PM**

TRASH REMINDER

Please do not put trash out before **6:00 p.m.** on the night before the regularly scheduled pickup day.

SCULPTURE GARDEN AT OYSTER CREEK PARK

It is Bernar Venet's belief that the function of artist is to explore and discover "lands that are unknown." In this regard Venet has been interested in the function of line because it is the basis of drawing. Originally Venet would trace straight and curved lines on white canvas with black paint. A few years later his work evolved and he was creating lines made of wood that he painted black and hung on walls. It was extremely important to Venet how the lines and curves were arranged when they were put on display. For him they were installations and they were set in place according to the space with which he had to work. Eventually Venet had an idea to liberate lines from mathematics and to make lines that did not resemble any known image. With his monumental sculptures Venet forges spatial perspectives, angles, and forms that surprise, challenge, and ultimately expand the perception of the viewer. Sculptures like Three Indeterminate Lines and 97.5° Arc x 9 are

studies in variations of lines, and are examples of his latest work.

Indeterminate Lines, along with Arcs, are the works which best characterize Bernar Venet's creations, and have earned him international recognition. Venet's approach with Indeterminate Lines, consists of addressing the technical and physical feat represented by the twisting of these thick beams of steel and the opposition of the material to the artist's intentions. These rolled steel lines, without any welded or attached pieces, express the struggle between the steel and the artist.

Whenever one stands to view one of Bernar Venet's Indeterminate Lines, one can never deduce a finite solid form from them. When one walks around the sculpture the line stretches out or contracts, its loops seem to unwind themselves or tie themselves into inextricable knots.

Each series of Straight Lines express different notions of Venet's interest in

the mathematics of order versus chaos. Bernar Venet's use of line is strongly influenced by mathematical equations reduced to their purest element - two points in space converging together. All of Venet's sculptures that have these connections to mathematics such as the Arcs and Straight Lines can be measured with a ruler, triangle, or protractor.



In 12 Straight Lines over 29 feet of steel beams rise vertically to meet at the top of their summit. The abrupt ending signifies the transitory and arbitrary nature of their verticality. The piece also bears a connection to Gothic or Romanesque architecture as each beam supports another.

For more information, please call the City of Sugar Land Parks and Recreation Department, 281-275-2885.

IT IS TAX TIME

The deadline to file the 2010 Tax Return is Monday, April 18, 2011.

Here are a few ideas to help you with tax and retirement planning.

For self-employed individuals, premiums for Health Insurance are deductible. For 2010, you may also deduct premiums for children under age 27.

You can contribute up to 25% of your Net Profit (from Schedule C) to a SEP IRA. This is deductible. Standard mileage rate for business use of your car is 50 cents a mile. If you are using your home for business, attach Form 8829.

With the uncertain future of our Social Security System, IRA and ROTH IRA are a good idea for anyone who has

earned income. The deadline to set up these accounts is April 18, 2011, even if you file an extension. These accounts can be set up through Mutual Funds, Annuities and CDs.

If you converted an IRA to a ROTH IRA in 2010, you will owe taxes on the converted amount. You have two options:

1. Include the converted amount in 2010 income,
2. Include half of the income in 2011 and the other half in 2012. If your 2010 income was low and the value of the converted IRA was not high, option 1 may be better.

If you were age 70 ½ in 2010, you

must receive your Required Minimum Distribution (RMD) from an IRA by April 1, 2011, and subsequently by December 31 of each year. If not, you may have to pay a 50% excise tax.



If you change jobs, you can do a tax-free rollover of your 401K to a Rollover IRA, so that you can choose from a wide variety of investment options.

For any questions or clarification, you can call VIJAY KANE, M.S., FINANCIAL ADVISOR at (281) 240-2666, 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. any day.

Summary of Financial Reports: As of 01/31/11 86.63% collected with \$348,959.79 total assets.

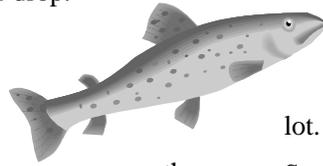
ELDRIDGE LAKE STOCKED WITH TROUT

The Texas Parks and Wildlife Department stocked Eldridge Lake with 1,000 rainbow trout on Feb. 2, adding to the bass, catfish and perch fingerlings that have been stocked in the past.

Sugar Land residents are welcome to fish the lake; however, all state fishing regulations apply – check www.tpwd.state.tx.us for up-to-date information.

Trout are a cold-water fish that thrive when temperatures drop.

The lake is part of Eldridge Park, a 43-acre community park located on Eldridge Road near the West Airport intersection. The park facilities include a community meeting room for 65 people, picnic pavilion,



restrooms, grills, benches, picnic tables, .40 miles of trails, fishing pier, concession stand, playground, 10 soccer fields, five-acre pond and 500 car parking lot.

Sugar Land residents may reserve the pavilion and meeting room by calling the Parks and Recreation Department at (281) 275-2888.

SUGAR LAND RECEIVES CLEAN AUDIT

A recent audit of Sugar Land's financial records for fiscal year 2010 received the highest level of assurance.

The audit report showed that Sugar Land ended the 2010 fiscal year in a positive financial position in all operating funds; fund balances were higher than planned despite an economic downturn across the nation. Sugar Land made the adjustments needed to mitigate the impact of declining sales tax revenues without negatively impacting service levels. These year-end results are balances over the planned levels; therefore, these funds are only available to fund one-time (non-recurring) expenditures.

Null-Lairson, P.C., one of the largest locally-owned public accounting firms, completed the audit in accordance with Governmental Auditing Standards issued by the Comptroller General of the

United States.

The audit specifically focused on activity that directly related to federal grants or areas that were considered high-risk. Analytical procedures and tests of controls were performed on all significant accounts pursuant to Generally Accepted Auditing Standards.

A city audit provides management with independent, timely and relevant information concerning the City's programs, activities and functions. Audit results typically result in recommendations – known as comments – for improvements to policies and procedures that will enhance the internal control structure of the City. The audit is an important tool to ensure transparency and maintain the general public's trust and confidence that City resources are being used effectively and efficiently.

“The completion of this audit without any comments is a testament not only

to our champion workforce, but it also provides the highest level of integrity for our citizens,” said City Manager Allen Bogard.

Audits typically:

- provide independent appraisal of city programs, policies and functions in order to help management perform more efficiently and effectively;
- examine financial reports, various records and procedures to determine compliance with applicable ordinances, regulations, policies and contractual provisions; and
- evaluate the City's internal control structure and recommends improvements that will help to safeguard the City's assets.

SUGAR LAND GARDEN CLUB

On Tuesday, March 15, the Sugar Land Garden Club will host John Stubbings presenting “Secrets of Success with Orchids”.

John is the current President of the Houston Orchid Society. He has won numerous awards for both flower qual-

ity and cultural excellence and is an accredited Judge with the American Orchid Society.

The program is free and open to the public. Refreshments start at 9:30 a.m. and the program begins at 10 a.m. in the



Sugar Land Community Center, 226 Matlage Way, in Sugar Land.

For more information call 281-937-7075 or visit www.sugarlandgardenclub.org.

S. L. GRADUATES FIRST CLASS OF FUTURE LEADERS

A group of City employees recently graduated from the Emerging Leader Academy (ELA), a new program intended to provide leadership skills necessary to lead Sugar Land in the future. They were recognized by the City Council at their regular meeting on January 18.

The year-long professional development program provides comprehensive exposure and apprenticeship opportunities in all areas of the City's organization with a focus on management and leadership skills.

Under the supervision of seasoned, senior staff, ELA participants gain a hands-on understanding of City operations, policy/procedures, management techniques and leadership, particularly in the areas of strategic planning, accountability, personnel issues, budgeting, communication and collaboration.

"As all organizations are concerned with the eventual departure of experienced 'Baby Boomers' from key leadership positions, many organizations are developing leaders from within,"

said City Manager Allen Bogard. "That is the purpose of the ELA."

2010 ELA members attended the Franklin Covey Leadership series, met in round table discussions and individually with their mentors and learned how to work together as a team on a city-wide project assigned to them by the City's executive team.

A second ELA class recently began to provide another group of employees opportunities for growth and development.

CONTRACTOR SELECTED FOR BASEBALL STADIUM

Sugar Land selected on January 13 Barton Malow/Linbeck as the preferred Design/Build contractor for the construction of a minor league baseball stadium northeast of State Highway 6 and U.S. Highway 90A. Negotiations on a final cost are ongoing, with a final decision expected in February.

Fourteen companies submitted proposals for the Design/Build contract, and Sugar Land selected five finalists in September 2010. A panel that included representatives from City Council, staff and Opening Day Partners conducted interviews leading to the selection of a preferred Design/Build contractor.

Design-build is a construction project delivery system where design and construction are contracted through a design-builder who is the general contractor and also the design professional (architect or engineer). This system is used to minimize the project risk for an owner by establishing a guaranteed maximum cost and reduce the delivery schedule by overlapping the design phase and construction phase of a project.

Barton Malow Company provides con-

struction management, design-build, program management, general contracting, technology and rigging services throughout North America. With their first sports project – Navin Field in the 1930s, Barton Malow has a rich history of completing some of the most complex sports facilities in the country totaling more than \$6 billion in construction. Recent baseball projects include Coolray Field, Medlar Field at Lubrano Park and Goodyear Ballpark. Barton Malow has a staff of more than 1,200 in 13 offices and is headquartered in Southfield, Mich., with annual firm revenues exceeding \$1 billion.

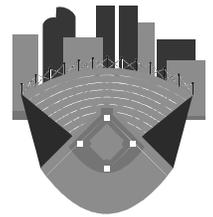
Linbeck is a Houston-based construction management company offering construction management at-risk, design/build and related construction services. Since inception in 1938, the company culture is based upon integrity and trust. Using a collaborative TeamBuild® approach and Lean Construction principles, Linbeck helps clients minimize risk and waste to achieve optimal results. Most recently, Linbeck served as the Project Manager/Tenant's Representative for the design and construction of Reliant Stadium, a world-class, state-of-the-art multipurpose sports and entertainment

facility.

Linbeck is ranked among the Top 10 Construction Managers by *Building Design & Construction Magazine* and among the Top 150 Building Contractors in the USA by *Engineering News Record*. Linbeck operates offices in Texas (Houston and Fort Worth) with operations in Arkansas, California, Colorado, Florida, South Carolina and Utah.

The \$30 million stadium will be funded with a portion of sales tax revenues that may only be used for economic development purposes. No general fund tax dollars will be spent on the stadium. In addition to the stadium serving as a community amenity, a conservative cost-benefit analysis performed by Conventions, Sports & Leisure International conservatively estimates the project will generate economic activity annually of approximately \$7.7 million or a net return of \$169 million over 30 years on the investment of the City and ODP.

Construction is expected to begin in the spring of 2011 to have the stadium ready for opening day in April 2012



REDUCE, REUSE, RECYCLE & ROCK!!!

The City of Sugar Land will host an Earth Day Celebration on **Saturday, April 16, 2011.**

The one-day event will include free household electronics recycling, paper shredding and collection of clothing

and household goods for reuse from 2:00 - 6:00 p.m. in the parking lot of Mercer Stadium.

A series of environmental activity booths and performance by Leah White & the Magic Mirrors will be

featured from 5:00 - 8:00 p.m. in Sugar Land Town Square on the plaza.



ON THE SQUARE

Sugar Land Town Square is always keeping us entertained. Some of the upcoming events are

03/05 - WATCH Health Fair, 11 AM-3 PM. Everyone is invited to the 5th Annual FBISD health Fair as organizations come together to share health information, demos, health screening and much more!

03/12-13 - Sugar Land Town Square 2011 Spring Auto Show.

03/19 - Movie under the Moon, 8-10 PM.

03/25 - Child Advocates of Fort Bend presents Light of Hope, 6-7:30 PM. Everyone is invited to join in this community event to create awareness of child abuse in our community. Attend the Light of Hope ceremony to kick off Child Abuse Prevention Month coming in April!

03/26 - Art Show presented by Sartartia Middle School, 10 AM-2 PM. Enjoy a variety of art presented by students from Sartartia Middle School, working to make a difference in the community through art. The

community is invited to purchase artwork and funds raised will benefit a local charity.

03/26 - Celebrating Abilities presented by the Arc of Fort Bend, 4-7 PM. Come out for entertainment as the Arc of Fort Bend celebrates and showcases the abilities of individuals with disabilities.

For more events, log onto <http://www.sugarlandtownsquare.com/EventCalendar.aspx>

SCHOOL CORNER

Upcoming dates of importance:

3/14-18 - Holiday/Spring Break
3/25 - End of Nine Week Period
4/22 - Holiday/Good Friday
5/27, 31 - Exams

5/30 - Holiday/Memorial Day
6/1, 2 - Exams
6/2 - Last Student Day
6/3, 4 - Graduation

PLEASE

NOTE: To view complete listings of school activities, calendars, etc., please log onto: www.fortbendisd.com/campuses/khs/; www.fortbendisd.com/campuses/slms/; www.fortbendisd.com/campuses/sme/; www.fortbendisd.com/campuses/bpe/

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Garage Sale

Barrington Place Elementary

On March 25th, 2011, BPE PTA

will accept donations from

6:00 pm - 8:00 pm

for a garage sale to be held on

March 26th, 2011,

from 7:00 am - noon

in the school cafeteria.

RE/MAX[®] ELITE

2010

Home Sales in Glen Laurel

6 one-story homes sold in 2010 with an average of \$ 89 per sq ft.
8 two-story homes sold in 2010 with an average of \$ 82 per sq. ft.
The current inventory is 8 homes for sale.

The amount of days on the market until contract have been exceedingly longer than the years before reflecting the current market condition and amount of inventory in Fort Bend County.

If you plan to sell your home, please contact me for a consultation and market update. I stage my listings for free!

Call Jutta - 281-799-0410



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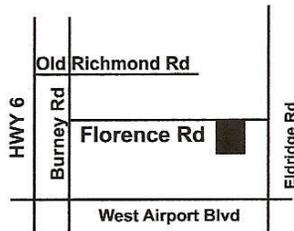
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Schedule of Events

- 01, 15, 22 - City Council Meeting, 5:30 PM
- 02 - Texas Independence Day
- 08, 24 - Planning & Zoning Meeting, 6:30 PM
- 08 - Mardi Gras
- 09 - Ash Wednesday
- 10 - HOA MONTHLY MEETING, 7 PM
- 12 - Cultural Kite Festival
- 13 - Daylight Savings Time Begins
- 14-18 - FBISD Spring Break
- 17 - St. Patrick's Day
- 19 - Holi Festival
- 20 - Purim
- 25 - FBISD End of Nine Week Period

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1*	2*	3	4	5
6	7	8*	9*	10*	11	12*
13*	14*	15*	16*	17*	18*	19*
20*	21	22*	23	24*	25*	26
27	28	29	30	31		

TEEN DIRECTORY

Glen Laurel teens interested in being listed in the Teen Directory should e-mail their name, address, phone number, date of birth and service being offered to barlisa@pdq.net by the first of each month in order to be included in the current issue.

REMINDER: Remember to submit a completed architectural form for any exterior projects before work is begun. You may contact Terri Salter, MASC Austin Properties, Inc., at 713-776-1771, for copies of the proper forms or you may log onto www.glenlaurel.net and download the forms for printing.

Important Phone Numbers:

For all emergencies for Police, Fire & Ambulance, please dial	911 281-275-2525
S.L. Police Department	281-275-2500
S.L. Police Admin. Offices	281-491-0852
S.L. Fire Department	281-275-2851
	or 281-342-2100
S.L. Fire Dept. Admin. Offices	281-275-2700
S.L. City Hall	
S.L. City Manager, Mayor or Councilman	281-275-2710
S.L. Ordinance/City Code	281-275-2370
S.L. Revenue Department	281-275-2750
S.L. Public Works/Street Lights	281-275-2450
S. L. Library	281-277-8934
S. L. Post Office	1-800-275-8777
Animal Control	281-275-2596
Fort Bend County Sheriff's Office	281-341-4700
Fort Bend I.S.D.	281-634-1000
Recycling Center	281-342-5226
MASC Austin Properties, Inc.	713-776-1771

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- <http://www.co.fort-bend.tx.us/>
- http://www.sugarlandtx.gov/police/services/program/citizen_police_academy.asp
- <http://www.sugarlandtx.gov/fire/index.asp>
- <http://www.familywatchdog.us/>
- <http://www.felonspy.com/search.html>
- http://www.sugarlandtx.gov/police/services/programs/house_watch.asp

COMMITTEE VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

- Newsletter & Website
- Beautification/Landscaping
- ACC/Deed Restrictions
- Pool

If you can spare any time to help on these Glen Laurel committees, please call Terri Salter, 713-776-1771, to volunteer.

The *Gazette* welcomes letters/articles from the residents of Glen Laurel, but we reserve the right to edit all articles for space allocation.

REMINDER

It is **against the law** for dogs to be outside a fence without being on a leash. If you see a dog running loose, we urge you to call Animal Control, 281-275-2596. If a loose animal is found on your premises, you have the right to confine the animal until Animal Control has been notified to come impound the animal.

Parents, be aware of who lives in your neighborhood by logging onto <https://records.txdps.state.tx.us/soSearch/soSearch.cfm>. Simply enter your zip code and find out if you have any offenders living near you. Another good source is <http://www4.familywatchdog.us/>.

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All advertising copy is due no later than **5 p.m. on the 1st of the month**. All ads must be paid in full at submission. Make check payable to: **Glen Laurel HOA** All advertising copies should be **camera-ready; if not, a \$25 layout fee will be additional. No photos or screens.**

Ad rates are as follows:

Business Card

\$20—one month
\$100—six months

Quarter-page

\$35—one month
\$175—six months

The deadline for submitting information to the *Glen Laurel Gazette* is the **1st of each month by 5 p.m.**

To submit ad information to the *Gazette*:

- ⇒ **E-mail copy to barlisa@pdq.net**
- ⇒ If it is not possible to e-mail, then mail or drop copy to *Glen Laurel Gazette* c/o Barlisa Enterprises, 9050 Cook Road, Suite 101, Houston, TX 77099
- ⇒ Send ad checks or articles to *Glen Laurel Gazette* c/o Barlisa Enterprises, 9050 Cook Road, Suite 101, Houston, TX 77099

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