

## From The Board:

### 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  
608 at 7:00PM.

Board of Directors  
Meetings are held the  
third Monday of each  
month in room 600,  
(unless otherwise noted)  
at 7:00PM.

For more information,  
please contact Terri Salter  
at MASC Austin  
Properties, Inc. at:  
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### Swimming Pool Hours Change

Based on feedback from many homeowners, the Board has agreed to change the swimming pool hours to include having both Association pools open on all Saturdays and Sundays during June, July and August. The original plan had only the Lake Center pool open on Saturdays and only the Seventh Street pool open on Sundays.



### Kind Reminder About Recreational Vehicles

Summer is right around the corner! Boats, trailers, campers, or motor homes are not permitted to be parked or stored in sight within Sugar Mill. Lakefront homes may keep a maximum of two electric or human-powered watercraft properly stored in their yard, or along their bulkhead (tied at both ends).

### Hazardous and Electronic Waste

If you do not know how to dispose of paint, oil, batteries, computers or other hazardous waste, please check the following website:  
[www.fortbendcountytexas.gov/index.aspx?page=358](http://www.fortbendcountytexas.gov/index.aspx?page=358). Fort Bend County Recycling Center: 281-633-7527. You may also schedule a date for hazardous or electronic waste to be picked up from your home free of charge by calling - (713) 726-7307.

### New ACC Request Form

Please note, there's a new, revised Architectural Modifications Request Form posted on our website. The new form can be found on our website at: [www.sugarmillhoa.net](http://www.sugarmillhoa.net) (in the Documents section, click on the link labeled Architectural Control). Please complete and submit the Architectural Modification Form (found on the website) to the committee for its review at the next meeting. The Architectural Control Committee meets on the SECOND TUESDAY of each month, at 7:00 P.M. at the FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH, (THE EDUCATION CENTER) 431 ELDRIDGE, ROOM 608. If you are unable to attend the Committee meeting in person, return the form to the address stated. It will be placed on the agenda and reviewed by the committee at the next meeting. You will be notified of the Committees' decision by mail or you may call the Management office, at 713-776-1771 to be informed by phone. Please note that the homeowner is still responsible for obtaining any necessary permits required by the City, County, or State, prior to commencing any ACC approved project.



Thanks,

Sugar Mill's Board of Directors

# 2015 Pool Schedule

## 7TH STREET POOL

**6/7/2015-8/23/2015**

MONDAY		CLOSED
Tuesday	12:00pm - 9:00pm	
WEDNESDAY		CLOSED
Thursday	12:00pm- 9:00pm	
FRIDAY		CLOSED
Saturday	12:00pm - 9:00pm	
Sunday	12:00pm - 9:00pm	

**Exception:**

Saturday	8/29/2015	12:00pm - 9:00pm
Sunday	8/30/2015	12:00pm - 9:00pm



## POOL ID'S REQUIRED

Please remember that only residents (and guests in accordance with the established guest policy) with VALID Sugar Mill Pool ID cards will be admitted to the pool. The staff at the pools have been instructed by the Board to deny admission to anyone without a VALID Sugar Mill card. To obtain a Pool ID card, please visit [www.sugarmillhoa.net](http://www.sugarmillhoa.net) and access the Documents tab. The Pool ID form can be accessed by clicking on the "2015 Pool ID Form" link.

## LAKE CENTER POOL

**May 2nd- 31st (weekends only)**

Saturday	12:00pm - 9:00pm
Sunday	12:00pm - 9:00pm

**June 5th- July 31st**

Sunday	12:00pm- 9:00pm
Monday	12:00pm- 9:00pm
TUESDAY	CLOSED
Wednesday	12:00pm- 9:00pm
THURSDAY	CLOSED
Friday	12:00pm- 9:00pm
Saturday	12:00pm- 9:00pm

**MOVIE NIGHT**

SATURDAY	6/13/2015	9:00pm - 11:00pm
SATURDAY	7/11/2015	9:00pm - 11:00pm

**August 1st- 23rd & 29th & 30th**

Sunday	12:00pm- 9:00pm
Monday	12:00pm- 9:00pm
TUESDAY	CLOSED
Wednesday	12:00pm- 9:00pm
THURSDAY	CLOSED
Friday	12:00pm- 9:00pm
Saturday	12:00pm- 9:00pm

**BACK TO SCHOOL PARTY**

SATURDAY	8/22/2015	1:00pm- 5:00pm
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**LABOR DAY WEEKEND**

Saturday	9/5/2015	12:00pm - 9:00pm
Sunday	9/6/2015	12:00pm - 9:00pm
Monday	9/7/2015	12:00pm - 9:00pm



## HAZARDOUS WASTE: DID YOU KNOW?



Dumping household products, paint, automotive waste, leaves and yard trimmings into the storm drains could result in a fine from the City of Sugar Land? These drains are meant to move rainwater from our City streets to the drainage ditches.

If you put hazardous waste in a storm drain, it will pollute our waterways. If you sweep lawn debris into the storm drains, it could clog them and hinder their ability to prevent flooding during a rain storm. Let's all work together to keep our drains clean and ready to do their job. Give a hoot and don't pollute!

# Marion's Fishing Corner

A few observations about the shad spawn:

In freshwater fishing circles, most conversations this time of year revolve around the spawning cycle of the largemouth bass. And this is understandable, as largemouth are the most pursued freshwater gamefish in North America. But not much is said about the spawning cycle of another very important fish this time of year, the threadfin shad. Threadfin, after all, are the #1 food item on a largemouth bass's menu during late spring and on into the summer. And nature's schedule delivers this convenient food source at just the right time.

The reason this is such a crucial event is that the shad typically spawn shortly after the bass, and after the bass spawn, they are hungry. The bass need to eat, and the spawning shad are very vulnerable. Threadfin always want to spawn on a hard surface, so concrete bulkheads, any rocks or riprap, or even the underside of boats will be areas where their spawning occurs. Water clarity often factors in to where shad spawn, as does the food chain. If, for instance, you have west wind blowing across the lake, shad will congregate on the east shoreline because the wind will blow more plankton to that side. The shad will oftentimes establish spawning grounds wherever they can also find a food source.

The shad spawn is not a slow-occurring event. They will pull up to the selected area, spawn, and then quickly return to open water areas.



They will often do some of their spawning at night, especially if there is a bright moon shining. The shad will only be shallow for about an hour each morning during this period. An exception to this is extremely cloudy conditions, which can extend their window of opportunity to about 10:00 or 11:00 a.m.

So these happenings are just another example of how nature provides for its creatures. The correlation between the bass spawn and the threadfin shad spawn goes a long way towards maintaining a balanced predator/prey relationship.

Remember to always catch and release, because a bass is far 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.

## Sugar Mill Annual Fourth Of July Parade!

Put on your red, white and blue... decorate those bikes, wagons and strollers because it's time for the annual Sugar Mill Fourth of July Parade! On Saturday, July 4, 2015.

Participants will line up at 10:15 a.m. in the Sugar Mill Elementary School parking lot. Sirens will sound at 10:30 a.m. as we are escorted by Sugar Land's police and fire departments down Jess Pirtle to Oak Knoll to Drakewood and on to Sugar Mill Park.

Dress cool and bring water to drink. All participants will receive a popsicle compliments of the Sugar Mill Community Association, Inc. Roller skates/blades, skateboards and pets are also welcome. Motorized vehicles are not allowed.

Contact Kim Baley at 832-207-4597 or Crystal McKeon at 713-591-0203 for more information.

## Noteable Notes:

**Window air conditioning units:**

Window air conditioning units are not permitted within Sugar Mill.

**Commercial Vehicles**

Commercial vehicles (except fire or police vehicles) are not permitted to be parked anywhere in view within Sugar Mill.

If your passenger car has an advertisement or phone number on it, then it is considered a commercial vehicle.

If your pick-up truck or van has a ladder, wheelbarrow or other equipment or construction debris stored within view, then it must be emptied before it is parked on your property for the night.

**Skeeter's Games  
Fireworks:**

Get ready to hear fireworks again after the Skeeter's games at approximately 10pm on the following Friday nights: June 12 & 26. July fireworks dates are July 10 & 24.

**Lawn mowing frequency  
during growing months:**

Lawns must be mowed weekly during the Sugar Mill growing months.

# Yard of the Month Winners For April 2015 & May 2015!

Below are two more amazing yards in the Sugar Mill subdivision, where there's always something blooming! Both families work very hard at maintaining their yards and received a \$25 gift certificate compliments of Caldwell Nursery. Congratulations!

## April "Yard of the Month"

Billy Joe & Mari Ann Byrd  
615 Rozelle Ave.

## May "Yard of the Month"

Terri Ammerman  
506 Muirwood

Thank you, Billy Joe, Mari Ann & Terri for all you do to make Sugar Mill a more beautiful place to live! Happy Gardening & I'll see you around the block! Your neighbor, Cheryl Swanson

### **Winners for April 2015: 615 Roselle Ave.**

*Mow day on Thursday, our strategy - planning "both of us" prepping the ground "me" planting the plants and pulling weeds "wife" and a lot of help from mother nature. Oh ya, and a little luck. These are the ingredients for a nice yard. We were all blessed with a beautiful spring this year. The mild winter weather and the plentiful amount of rain this spring really did stimulate the plant and tree grow this year. Our Sugar Mill neighborhood looks great because of this good season. The wife and I get a tremendous amount of pleasure and therapy from the results of a little planning and work. The efforts we put into our yard not only benefits our viewing pleasure, it builds equity in our home and the neighborhood. My wife and I have lived in many places throughout our working life and have found Sugar Mill to be the best! Thank you for the honor of yard of the month in Sugar Mill. It did bring smiles to our faces:-) our efforts were rewarded. Living our Dreams, and Harley Davidson's motorcycles Rock!!!  
Billy Joe & Mari Ann*



### **Winner for May 2015: 506 Muirwood**

*Terri Ammerman has been a resident of Sugar Mill since the early 90's and moved to 506 Muirwood in 2001 with her two children, Trace and Sheridan. They are now grown and on their own so her little 1500 square foot bungalow is just perfect for her. She shares her yard these days with her two little granddaughters who delight in all of her beautiful flowers. Terri even has flash cards with pictures of all the different flowers so she can teach her granddaughters about them. Terri's yard has evolved over the years. She has always loved lots of color and interesting landscaping and has added more and more color to her yard each year. Her backyard is also full of flowers as well as a little playhouse for her granddaughters. Terri is an executive with the media training firm, The Ammerman Experience, and says that she loves coming home to her little haven at the end of a hectic day. "One of my great delights is creating beautiful environments for my family. I love entertaining in my home and a beautiful, welcoming yard, is an important part of the ambience. Frankly, I've been hoping to win Yard of the Month for years. So, when I drove into my driveway last Friday, at the end of a busy week, I was absolutely thrilled to see the sign in my yard. It was a wonderful validation of all my hard work!"*



# 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.

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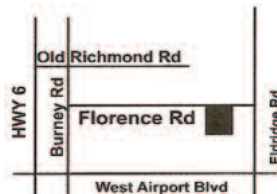
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### YOUR ULTIMATE BACKYARD.

With spring coming to an end, it is time to prepare your home for all things summer. Whether you

want to play host to summer barbecues or just want a place to relax in the sun, there are lots of options for outdoor recreation spaces. Working to build a premier outdoor area can not only serve as the ideal place to spend time with family and friends, but it can also add value to your home. Here are some ideas for equipping your ultimate summer backyard: **Let There Be Light.** Light up your outdoor space by installing lights along walkways or on tables, or stringing lights around a seating area. This lighting not only cre-

ates a relaxed atmosphere, it's also great for night-time showings when it's time to sell. **Create an Outdoor Kitchen Area.** While only about 4% of affluent households have outdoor kitchens today, 13.6% say they are planning to add one in 2014. A recent study by the National Association of Home Builders found that outdoor kitchens can add to a home's value. Upgrading your standalone grill to a built-in grill with additional counter space can go a long way. **Cozy Up.** Adding outdoor couches, throw pillows and rugs creates the perfect ambiance for entertaining and invokes a feeling of comfort and serenity, according to the National Association of REALTORS® (NAR). These additions also provide value for staging and help potential homebuyers visualize themselves in the home.



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