

## 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.

HOA Annual Meeting is  
scheduled for Wednesday,  
April 1, 2015 at 7 PM. It  
will be held in the Great  
Hall at the First United  
Methodist Church located  
at 431 Eldridge Rd.

For more information,  
please contact Terri Salter  
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Properties, Inc. at:  
(713) 776-1771 or  
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## From The Board:

### Annual Meeting

The annual meeting of the Sugar Mill Community Association, Inc. was held on April 1st. We would like to thank our guests; Council Member Steve Porter, Chief Doug Brinkley, Officer Eric Babnew, Asst. Fire Chief Clay Fenwick and to all of the Sugar Mill contractors who attended and donated gift cards for the resident drawing (see winners in photo to the right). Mr. Bill Cure and Mr. Robert Sheffield were re-elected to serve three-year terms.



Gift card drawing winners!

### Landscape Committee Meeting Dates

The scheduled meeting dates for the Landscape Committee are: 5/11, 6/8, 7/13, 8/10, 9/14 and 10/12. The committee meets at 7:00p in room 608 of the Sugar Land First Methodist Church. **Please note the room change to room 608.**

### 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, you may return it to the address stated at the bottom of the form or the fax number and it will be placed on the agenda. 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. Submission of this application does not include any separate requirements that the owner may have with respect to obtaining any necessary permits from the City, County, or State, and that any such requirement(s) should be independently investigated by the owner prior to commencing any construction or undertaking to make the improvement that may be approved.



Thanks,  
Sugar Mill's Board of Directors

# 2015 Pool Schedule

## 7TH STREET POOL

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

Mondays	CLOSED
TUESDAYS	12:00pm - 9:00pm
Wednesdays	CLOSED
THURSDAYS	12:00pm- 9:00pm
Fridays	CLOSED
Saturday	CLOSED
SUNDAY	12:00pm - 9:00pm

**Exception:**

Sunday	8/30/2015	12:00pm - 9:00pm
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### 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

**MEMORIAL DAY**

Monday	5/25/2015	12:00pm - 9:00pm
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**June 5th- July 31st**

Sunday	CLOSED
MONDAY	12:00pm- 9:00pm
Tuesday	CLOSED
WEDNESDAYS	12:00pm- 9:00pm
Thursday	CLOSED
FRIDAYS	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- 22nd & 29th**

Sunday	CLOSED
MONDAY	12:00pm- 9:00pm
Tuesday	CLOSED
WEDNESDAYS	12:00pm- 9:00pm
Thursday	CLOSED
FRIDAYS	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



## SUGAR LAND GARDEN CLUB SPRING GARDEN TOUR!



The Sugar Land Garden Club is hosting its 16th annual Spring Garden Tour on May 2 from 9am-3pm. Rain date is May 9. **Eight distinctive private gardens in Venetian Estates** are featured on the tour. Come stroll among gardens with beautifully designed flower and vegetable beds, spectacular containers, water features, outdoor kitchens, garden art and sparkling pools. You will leave inspired to create or expand an oasis of beauty in your home. Tickets may be purchased on the day of the tour for \$15. Tickets, which will include a tour map with house locations will be sold in the parking lot of the BancorpSouth Building, 8410 Highway 90A, next to the Venetian Estates neighborhood. Additional information will be available at [SugarLandGardenClub.org](http://SugarLandGardenClub.org) in mid-April. Photo courtesy of Lynette McQueen.

# Marion's Fishing Corner

The rigors of spring-

Largemouth bass are entering into a very physically demanding part of their life cycle. Getting through a successful spawn can be quite difficult on them.

You need to remember that they have just endured a very long, harsh winter. A winter in which very little feeding activity has taken place, and they have been surviving for the last few months on a layer of "fat" that they built up last fall. So their nutrition levels are low as they enter into a rigorous reproduction cycle. Females are heavy with eggs and ready to go on nests. The smaller males are busy with the laborious task of fanning out these nesting areas to provide silt-free areas for the eggs to be deposited. They are also charged with the task of "bumping" the female's abdomen area to loosen the eggs and make depositing them easier.

Once the eggs have been laid, the around-the-clock task of guarding the nest begins. The nest must be protected from an endless number of egg-eaters including bluegills, crawfish, and even other bass. Once the eggs hatch, the fry must be protected from those same predators until they are large enough to swim away and fend for themselves. This entire process can be very taxing on the adult bass, and

we need to appreciate what they must endure. Research studies have confirmed that approximately one-third of the total population of mature bass in a lake will not spawn on consecutive spring seasons. Some of the females will skip a year, even though they are mature, spawning age fish. Allowing the females to have a year off on occasion is nature's way of prolonging the life span of mature brood fish.



So please keep all this in mind when you catch your next bass. That fish has been through a lot and deserves its freedom. Gently release it and be content to know that it will have the chance to spawn again next year..

Remember to 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 Land Set for 7th Annual Memorial Day Ceremony

The City of Sugar Land will honor the brave men and women of the U.S. Armed Forces for their selfless service by hosting its 7th Annual Memorial Day Ceremony on May 25, at 10 a.m., at Sugar Land Memorial Park, 15300 University Blvd. The ceremony will begin with a one-hour patriotic musical presentation. Those in attendance may visit with community organizations and participate in various activity stations. The official ceremony will begin at 11 a.m. with a presentation of colors and special tributes from members of the community. Patriotic performances will also fill the stage with choral and musical selections. A local Boy Scout troop will close the ceremony with a traditional flag observance at noon. In addition to the ceremony, educational and commemorative activities will take place in the park, including a military vehicle exhibition, a military flyover, a 21-gun salute, donation booths and much more. Public parking will be available at the University of Houston's Sugar Land campus, 14000 University Blvd., where a shuttle service will run from 9:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. Limited handicap parking will be available at the park. The ceremony, event activities and shuttle service are free and open to the public. For more information, contact the Sugar Land Parks and Recreation Department at (281) 275-2885 or visit [www.sugarlandtx.gov](http://www.sugarlandtx.gov).

## Pet Adoption Special Extended Through May

Sugar Land Animal Services has reduced adoption fees to \$50 for cats and \$55 for dogs through May 2. The fee includes vaccinations, spaying/neutering and a microchip with a lifetime registration.

All shelter pets require a sleepover allowing potential families to try out a pet in their home for three to five days. If it's a perfect match, just return to Animal Services to finalize the adoption.

The City also hosts adoption events at Petsmart, 16758 Southwest Freeway. Adoptable animals from the City's animal shelter are displayed on a daily basis. Cats are at Petsmart during daytime hours seven days a week, and dogs visit the store on Fridays, Saturdays and Sundays.

For more information, contact Sugar Land Animal Services, 101 Gillingham Lane, at (281) 275-A-DOG (2364).





## Yard of the Month Winner For March 2015!

### *Congratulations!*

**March "Yard of the Month"  
John & Carolyn Sears, 14118 Ragus Lake Dr.**

The March Yard of the Month award has been presented to Carolyn and John Sears, who live on Ragus Lake Drive. They are quick to point out that their landscaping was done by the original owners of the home, Pat and Vince Griffin, who built the home and lived there until 2010. Pat was especially proud of their pine tree forest, with 28 evergreens along the West side of the property in addition to the large pine trees on the South side.

The Griffins were also responsible for the layered hedges around the house. Red-tip photinia, dwarf yaupon hollies, nandina, variegated liriop, foxtail fern, with a few elephant ear plants. The net effect has been a comfortable "finished" look to the house, with relatively low maintenance. The trees, of course, shed plenty of pine cones – which John and Carolyn pick up after their daily walk around the Lake.

The Sears have mainly added to the yard by subtraction: removing/replacing plants that become unruly or unhealthy. Some of the subtractions were sad, however. There was a beautiful Norfolk Pine tree in the side yard which Pat Griffin had transplanted from her childhood home in Galveston; that tree succumbed to a hard freeze. And about a year ago one of the large pine trees on the South side became diseased and had to be removed.

The Sears were thankful for the award and the \$25.00 gift certificate to Caldwell's Nursery. It made two families very surprised and pleased.

Happy Gardening & I'll see you around the block,  
Cheryl Swanson

# 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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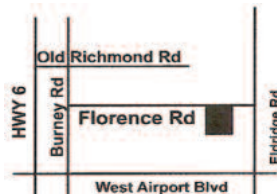
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### RETURN ON INVESTMENT

Remodeling and replacement projects can add value to your home, but some projects recoup their costs better than others. According to Remodeling Magazine's 2015 Remodeling Cost vs. Value Report, small and exterior projects return the most value for your money. The project that offered the best value overall was a steel entry door replacement, which recouped 101.8 percent of its costs when the home was sold. The steel entry door is consistently the least expensive project named in the report, costing about \$1,200 on average. The second best value is the addition of a manufactured stone veneer, which can recoup 92.2 percent of its original cost, but be prepared to invest at least

\$7,000 for the improvement. Replacing a garage door can return 82.5 percent for an upscale project and 88.5 percent for a midrange project. Replacing your home's siding with fiber cement will return 84.3 percent of the costs, while replacing vinyl siding recoups 80.7 percent. Adding a wood deck will return 80.5 percent and replacing wood windows earns 78.8 percent. A minor kitchen remodel is a strong bet to add value to your home. An investment of \$19,226 can return 79.3 percent of its costs. A major kitchen remodel recoups 67.8 percent and a bathroom remodel returns 70 percent. To find out which home improvement projects bring the most value, talk to a CRS REALTOR® who knows the local market, housing inventory, and what buyers want in a home.



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