Connections

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.

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 held the last Tuesday in March of each year.

For more information, please contact Terri Salter at MASC Austin Properties, Inc. at: (713) 776-1771 or tsalter@mascapi.com.



From The Board:

Play Ball!

It's April and a new season begins -Baseball. Little League has been in full swing for a while and now it is time for the Skeeters to open the season. So that you can plan to comfort any children or animals that may be firework adverse here is the information on the anticipated schedule. Opening Weekend at Constellation Field will feature the first post game fireworks show on Thursday, April 18 in the four game series against the Long Island Ducks. The initial fireworks schedule features 11 Saturday games as well as a special Sunday show on June 30. There will also be a show on Friday, July 19 during the All Star Break. Last year the City of Sugar Land entered into an agreement with the Skeeters that firework shows would be no later than 10:30 - this can be the start of the show but it should not interfere with school evening sleep times this year.

Please cut out the new pool schedule for your refrigerator. Valid association tags are required for admission to our pool and tennis facilities. The Board has also had calls about the tennis court usage. We would like to remind you that the tennis court is only for Sugar Mill residents and violators can/will be prosecuted for trespass so please do not give your access code to friends or family outside of the subdivision – you may be called to bail them out! We would also like to state that no resident may use our facilities for lessons of any kind - swimming or tennis.

It has been a great beginning to the year in Sugar Mill – our Landscape Committee is very excited to have the opportunity to begin the large task of planning for the updating of our cul de sacs and entrances – it is a multi year process! If you are interested in joining this Committee, we are meeting on the first Monday of each month (the September meeting will be announced in August because of the Labor Day Holiday) at 6:30 pm in Room 608 of SLFUMC. Jay Canine and Cheryl Swanson are the co-chairs and Stella Fox is the secretary. Please come and join us!

The Architectural Control Committee meets on the second Tuesday of each month in the same room at 7 pm. The ACC would like to remind you that any improvement to your home that is seen from any street needs to be pre-approved. If you have an emergency repair, the Committee can do an emergency approval between meetings, please contact our property manager, Terri Salter at MASC Austin Properties if you have a request that needs to be expedited.

As the weather warms and the sun shines later in the day there will be more children playing outside and folks will be walking their dogs – please slow down when you are driving on our streets. A request/reminder to those of you walking your dogs please obey the leash laws and be attentive to the waste management of your animal(s). A gentle reminder too that the City of Sugar Land Park at Sugar Mill is not a place that your dog can run without a leash – the City Dog Parks are the only place that leash free is an option. We have heard from residents that dogs have been running free in the park – please remember that your 14 year old Chihuahua is as bound to these leash laws as is your gentle Doberman. Thank you!

Expect more exciting news in the May edition of Sugar Mill Connections!

Thanks,

Sugarmill's Board of Directors

2013 Pool Schedule

7TH STREET POOL

May weekends: 4th, 5th, 11th, 12th, 18th, 19th, 25th, and 26th

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Saturday 11:00 am- 7:00 pm Sunday 2:00 pm- 7:00 pm

MEMORIAL DAY WEEKEND

Saturday	5/25/2013	11:00 am - 7:00 pm
Sunday	5/26/2013	2:00 pm - 7:00 pm
Monday	5/27/2013	12:00 pm - 8:00 pm

06/01/2013-06/02/2013

Saturday 11:00 am - 8:00 pm Sunday 2:00 pm - 7:00 pm

06/07/2013 - 08/25/2013

MONDAYS	CLOSED
TUESDAYS	CLOSED
Wednesdays	12:00 pm - 8:00 pm
Thursdays	12:00 pm - 8:00 pm
Fridays	1:00 pm - 8:00 pm
Saturdays	11:00 am - 7:00 pm
Sundays	2:00 pm - 7:00 pm

FOURTH OF JULY

Thursday 07/04/13 12:00 pm - 8:00 pm

LABOR DAY WEEKEND

Saturday	8/31/2013	11:00 am - 7:00 pm
Sunday	9/01/2013	2:00 pm - 7:00 pm
Monday	9/02/2013	12:00 pm - 8:00 pm

PLEASE NOTE: TWO LIFEGUARDS WILL BE ON DUTY AT ALL TIMES POOL IS SCHEDULED TO BE OPEN

LAKE CENTER POOL

May weekends: 4th, 5th, 11th, 12th, 18th, 19th, 25th, and 26th

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Saturday	12:00 pm- 9:00 pm
Sunday	1:00 pm- 8:00 pm

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Sugar Land Garden Club Hosts 14th Annual Spring Garden Tour

Tour Supports Local Horticultural Scholarships and Projects

Sugar Land Garden Club is hosting its 14th annual Spring Garden Tour, "The Secret Gardens of Sugar Lakes," on May 11 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m., in the Sugar Lakes subdivision. The rain date is Saturday, May 18.

Tickets with a tour map are available for \$15 at any one of the nine gardens the day of the tour where you'll discover ideas and inspiration for your own secret garden. Stroll among gardens with beautifully designed flower and vegetable beds, water features, outdoor kitchens, garden art and sparkling pools.







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814 Kittiwake Ct.
234 Kingfisher
819 Oyster Creek @ Teal

For more information visit: sugarlandgardenclub.org. or call Cheryl Swanson at 281.242.1773.

Spring Lawn Maintenance Tips:

It's that time again! Time to do the seasonal maintenance on your lawn so that you will have a great looking yard this Spring and Summer. Here's are some tips to get you started.

<u>Fertilizer</u>

Your lawn will need periodic applications of Nitrogen, Phosphorus, and Potassium in proper proportion to help keep it green and healthy this season. Use a complete fertilizer early in the Spring with a 3-1-2 ratio, for example, 15-5-10.

In between Spring and Fall, use nitrogen to keep the grass green. Generally, apply 50 lbs. of fertilizer per 5000 square feet. A periodic soil test will let you know exactly the amounts of each nutrient needed. Here's a sample schedule to follow for the year:

Year-round Fertilizer Schedule

April 1	15-5-10
May 1	21-0-0
June 1	15-5-10
July 15	21-0-0
September 1	15-5-10

Caution: To prevent fertilizer grass burn, place the spreader on a light setting and go over the lawn twice, spreading 1/2 of the amount needed each time. For example, go north to south one time, and east to west the second time. Apply only to dry grass and water in thoroughly after application. On new lawns, do not use weed-killing fertilizer formulas for at least two growing seasons. This includes the formulas used by many chemical lawn companies.

Watering

Watering is the maintenance practice most often done incorrectly. Water your established lawn when it shows signs of need. Grass suffering from lack of water takes on a definite sheen and the plants wilt and



curl. Apply water only as fast as it can be absorbed. In general, set your lawn sprinkler system to water your grass every 2-3 days during the growing season. To minimize losses due to evaporation, early-morning watering is recommended; This will also allow the grass to dry during the day, reducing the chance of lawn disease.

Mowing

Mow at least every 7 days during the growing season. Keep your mower blade sharp and well-adjusted. Never cut off more than one-third of the grass blade. To prevent disease, mow only when the grass is dry. Use a mulching mower or collect the clippings. Vary the mowing pattern each time you mow.

Insects

There are various chewing and sucking insects that can damage your lawn. A commercial preparation of two or more insecticides such as Spectracide® is usually ideal. Check with your local nursery or hardware store.

Here's to a healthy, green lawn!

Fifth Annual Crawfish Boil - Fort Bend County Fair

Join the fun as the Fort Bend County Fair goes Cajun for the 5th Annual Fort Bend County Crawfish Boil on Friday, April 12, 2013. The doors will open at 6 P.M. for social time and the crawfish will be boiling. Serving will be from 6:30 - 8:00 P.M. Tickets are \$30 for all the mudbugs you can eat and all the good stuff that goes with it. There will also be fried fish and french fries this year. Beverages are included during the meal. Children 6-11 are \$15 and Children 5 and under are free. There will be a live and silent auction that evening. Stephen Chadwick will heat up the night at 8:30 pm with great country music. For more information, visit www.FortBendCountyFair.com.

Five Year Crime Rate Down In Sugar Land

Part 1 crimes in Sugar Land increased 8.6 percent last year from an all-time low in 2011, according to the Sugar Land Police Department's 2012 Annual Report.

Since 2008, Part 1 crimes have dropped 18 percent. Part 1 crimes include assault, auto theft, burglary, homicide, theft, robbery and auto burglary.

Sugar Land's crime rate dropped 25 percent in 2011, accounting for the lowest crime rate on the City's record. The 2012 crime rate was still the second lowest since computerized records have been maintained.

Burglaries are largely responsible for the 8.6 increase in 2012 Part 1 crimes. At 1,648 Part 1 crimes for 2012; however, Sugar Land is still 10.19 percent lower than the previous three-year average (2009 – 2011) of 1,835 Part I crimes.

Average response time to emergency calls in 2011 was 2:45, down from 2:56 in 2011 and 4:42 in 2009.

Partnerships and technology implementation remain a focus of the department. An example of technology to improve public safety is the use of red light cameras that have proven to reduce accidents by more than 58 percent at current intersections. The analysis charts accident data back to 2009, the year that the last of the current cameras were installed.

Police visibility, overtime initiatives and regional partnerships contributed to the department's goal of ensuring Sugar Land remains one of the "Safest Cities in America."

A Legendary Past, Preserved For The Future

The Sugar Land Heritage Foundation was formed in 2008 with the goal of preserving the historical artifacts, documents, and photographs that trace the evolution of the community from its early days as a sugarcane plantation into its modern era as one of the fastest growing cities in Texas.

The Foundation operates a Museum that is open every Saturday from 9:00 am to 1:00 pm. The museum is currently housed in the old Engineering and Personnel Building at 198 Kempner, right next to the iconic 1925 Char House. Admission is free.

An informative docent led walk is featured the second Saturday of each month. On April 13th, the walk features a tour of Sugar Land's oldest building; the Auditorium. You will hear about the restoration of this treasure and of its historic and cultural significance. Cost is \$10 for adults, \$5 for children 12-18 and children under 12 are free. Groups of 10 or more adults are discounted to \$8 with a reservation. The walk begins at the Museum, promptly at 10:00 and lasts about an hour and a half

To learn more about the Sugar Land Heritage Foundation, please visit the website at www.slheritage.org.

Red Carpet Treatment: Drive Your Car Right To The Door

Looking to expand your knowledge of Sugar Land? Driven by the airport a million times and yet never walked in? Have some evening time to spare? If you can answer yes to any of these questions, think about the Sugar Land Airport Academy next time a class begins.

The sixth class just graduated and having been selected to represent Sugar Mill (unofficially) I thought sharing my experience might be enlightening. There were ten in the class for six weeks each from a different part of the city.

First of all, anyone can stop on by the airport, watch planes, picnic at the gazebothere is a BBQ, get a Starbucks and food at the cafe, relax in the lobby, buy a gift in the gift shop. It is a beautiful building. Unfortunately, you won't be able to go in the private areas without taking the course tour. It has a beautiful TV room for pilots while they wait for their clients and a relaxing room (the pilots weren't interested in the exercise equipment so a conversion took place). There are rooms for elite customers too-could be a corporate executive, a celebrity, etc...but you will never know. Hush Hush.

The airport is open 5am-11pm and most flights land during the week. The whole operation explains why this airport has been considered the Best Fixed Based One (FBO). It even has a runway of 8,000 feet. I don't remember when it was Hull Field and owned by a dentist for the prison (1952) because I moved to Sugar Land after the city had acquired it in 1990. However, I have been here since the airport received its new name in 2002 and its new terminal in 2006-I love the stone facade-did I already say that? Did you ever notice Sugar Land Regional also has a control tower and a custom's office? In the course you actually get to enter the control tower and watch the planes landing and taking off from a "neat" perspective.

Don't think of local tax dollars being used in this enterprise. The airport is totally self sufficient from selling gas for the planes to its landing operations. When you become a millionaire-maybe you already are-you can take flying lessons from Anson Aviation-it costs about \$15,000 to acquire a license, you can house your plane at Western Airlines some famous football people already do. You can charter a flight to play golf for a few hours or a few days somewhere else in the US or even abroad.

The airport has great marketing-go online and check out "Global Select" and the logo. It also has the only taxiway over water they claim (and I couldn't find any discrepancy in that). Got some idea for the future-boutique hotel, fancy restaurant-who knows maybe they're on the horizon. But no room for another runway...and no commercial flights planned. You can even rent a car there if you have no connection to the airport at all. Right now there are no plans for another open house due to the limited spaces though

The Sugar Land Regional is prepared for all emergencies-fire, hurricanes etc. Lots of people wanted to use them when the last hurricane was due to hit. They even had to develop a plan to deal with the fireworks at 10:30pm from Constellation Stadium when the Skeeters are playing.

So you might be like me-not able to distinguish one plane from another or not know the flying lingo and actually being a bit fearful of flying in a smaller plane.. and yet enjoy every minute of the class. And the icing on the cake is the last night of the class you can bring your family to share the thrill of your "graduation" and instill in them the pride in living in Sugar Land!

Enjoy the professionalism and warmth of the staff while you are learning. Put it on you calendar. Next November: Apply for the Airport Academy! So watch out for red lights, watch the windshear, and watch those planes-Sugar Land is soaring!

By Joyce Roberta "JR" Miller-Alper Sugarmill resident

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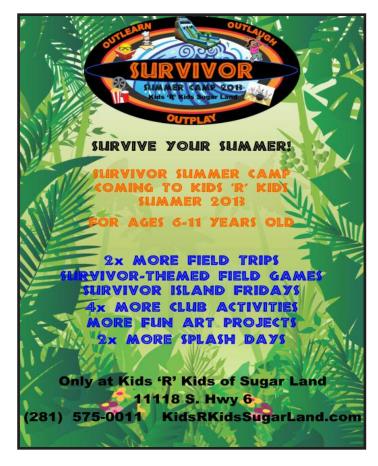
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Woof! Woof! It's Finally Here!

The Kitty Hollow Bark Park is now open! Come out and enjoy Fort Bend County's park built exclusively for our four-legged family members. The eleven acre tract dog park is located at 9555 Highway 6. The new addition for dog park patrons and their four legged family members has a variety of amenities including: swimming ponds, agility

equipment, shaded areas, walking trails, and designated areas for large and small dogs. Expansions to Kitty Hollow Park were approved in the County's 2010 and 2011 budgets as Capital Improvement Projects to be completed in phases. The first phase of funding in 2010 was used to extend the access road, and the required drainage

along with water lines and electrical service to the area that would feature the dog park. The creation of a dog park facility provides a designated space which allows dogs to exercise and socialize safely, promotes responsible dog ownership, and is an outlet for dog owners to socialize.







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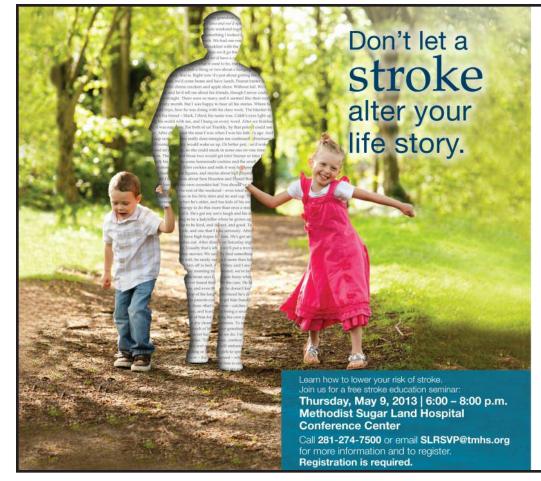
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Common Scents

There is a strong connection between smells and human emotions. Given that homebuying can be a very emotional process, you'll want to make sure your home looks

and smells good to appeal to more buyers. Make sure your home passes the smell test by following these tips from HGTV.

If there are any foul odors in your home, don't just cover them up by baking cookies — try to identify the source and focus on eliminating the odors. Old carpets are often the biggest culprit. If you don't have the time or budget to replace

old rugs with new carpet or hardwood floors, wash the carpet with mild detergent soap and water solution, then go over it with a damp towel to neutralize the odor. And open the windows on opposite walls to circulate fresh air.

After you've rid your home of bad scents or if you just want to fill it with more pleasant smells, consider boiling fruit peels, spices or herbs in water. Rather than throwing away lemon or orange peels, boil water and let the peels sit for a few minutes, adding water every half hour or so. You can also mix the peels with other soothing scents. Using oils such as sandalwood, lavender, tea tree and eucalyptus can be therapeutic and inviting.



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