Sugar Mill

Connections

May

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 2nd Tuesday 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.

Landscape Committee Meetings are held the second Monday of each month in room 608 at 7:00PM.

Pool Committee Meetings are held the second Tuesday of each month in room 600 at 7:30PM.

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: (713) 776-1771 or tsalter@mascapi.com.



Sugar Mill HOA Pool Usage and Hours Update: Looking at the attendance numbers for each pool for the past 3 years and comparing 2014 to 2016, we have seen an incredible increase of 75% at the Lake Center Pool and 25% at the 7th Street Pool!! We owe this all to the Pool Committee that was formed by residents in 2014. The Board took their advice, and this past month we added Cool Deck pool deck coatings at both facilities, and will soon be installing per-

manent shade structures to the 7th Street Pool and large ceiling fans to the covered seating areas at both pools as well as the lifeguard rooms. The Pool Committee continues to research a "fun" feature to add to the 7th Street Pool. Since pool usage showed such a significant increase in 2016, we decided to add even more hours to the 2017 pool schedule! Both pools will now be open from 9 AM until 8 PM this summer. A full, detailed schedule is included within this newsletter. We have also decided to open the Lake Center Pool in May and September weekdays from 4am-8pm and weekends from 9am-8pm, as where in previous years it was only open on weekends. It will be closed 1 day each week for maintenance.

Year Round Pool Usage: About a month ago, a few residents asked the Pool Committee and HOA BOD to consider opening one pool year round, 6 days a week from 8 AM to 10 PM and run that schedule "Swim at Your Own Risk" (without lifeguards being present). They felt that since many apartment, condo and townhouse communities operate their pools in that manner, then we should be able to do the same. We conducted a very detailed study to analyze how such a change would impact our HOA both financially, as well as any associated risk. The bottom line is that per The State of Texas regulations, Sugar Mill is legally required to have at least 1 lifeguard and one CPR certified first responder in attendance any time our pools are open for resident usage. Apartments, condo and townhome complexes are permitted to "Swim at Your Own Risk" because they don't have diving boards and/or slides at their pools. The financial impact of having year-round lifeguards/first responders would make a large impact on our operating expenses, and since only a handful of our 1,037 residents have indicated an interest in winter swimming, we will not be considering this idea any further.

Annual Sugar Mill HOA meeting results: The Board entertained discussion by its invited guests and reviewed the accomplishments of the Board over the past year. Member questions were answered and any concerns were addressed as they were raised. As a result of there not being a quorum, the customary Annual Meeting was not able to be held. In accordance with the Bylaw Amendment, a Special Election Meeting was called for the sole purpose of electing directors. Proxies and ballots were tallied and the directors who were elected by majority vote were Harry Schippers and Suzie Bacon.

Main Entry Sugar Mill Monuments: If you haven't already noticed, the main entry monuments at Jess Pirtle, Seventh Street and Eldridge, just received a much-needed facelift. Another way that your HOA dollars are at work preserving Sugar Mill homeowner values! The landscaping at these 3 monuments will also be updated in the very near future.

Architectural Control Committee ("ACC") Volunteers are needed! If you have a few extra hours to spare each month, are able to commit long term, and are interested in learning about the Sugar Mill Deed Restrictions and Guidelines, please contact Terri Salter at (713) 776-1771. Upon attending 2 ACC meetings and obtaining Board approval, you will learn the "secret handshake" and be a member of the team! This group meets the 2nd Tuesday of the month at 7pm for approximately 2 hours. Help shape the community you live in! You will work directly with Board members and our management company.



A few words about Nextdoor: We originally thought the app Nextdoor would be a great method of communicating important Sugar Mill news to all the residents. However, due to a few who have exhibited cruel and un-neighborly behavior on this app, we will no longer be using it for the majority of our Sugar Mill HOA communications, other than to remind people about special events, meetings and parties. Please note that much of what is being posted to Nextdoor is not accurate. But in an effort to avoid unnecessary conflict, and because some people are of the opinion that Board Members and management have the ability to censor what is being said on that website (definitely not true!), we will no longer be correcting or responding to what people post on Nextdoor. As in the past, your Sugar Mill newsletters, attending Sugar Mill HOA meetings, or reaching out to a Board member or Terri Salter will be your best way to stay abreast of all the latest news, make suggestions, or ask questions. Also, please use Nextdoor's Private Messaging feature wherever possible so that residents do not receive unnecessary emails.



Pool Committee News: The Sugar Mill Pool Committee is proud of the drastically improved pool attendance during the 2016 season. We hope to continue increasing use and hours at the pools with more events and longer access for residents of our wonderful neighborhood. We need your help to make this happen! A great deal of work has already gone into scheduling and making arrangements for the upcoming pool parties, but if we do not receive enough volunteers some events may need to be cancelled. Even 30 minutes of your time would be greatly appreciated. Please email sugarmillpools@gmail.com to volunteer to help with pool parties.

Upcoming Pool Parties (Sugar Mill residents only please. 2017 pool tags required.):

May 6th Splash Day 3-6pm at the Lake Center Pool – Pool season opening celebration includes food and family activities!

May 13th Dash & Splash - 9am meet at Sugar Mill Park (corner of Hidden Lake Lane and Drakewood Drive). Run, walk, hop, or skip 1 mile to the Lake Center Pool. Police escort, golf cart lead, balloons, and volunteers cheering and handing out water along the route, will guide you to the Lake Center Pool where you can splash, swim, and have fun!

June 3rd Splash Day 3-6pm at the 7th Street Pool - Pool season opening celebration includes food and family activities!

June 5th Dunkin' and Donut Days 9am at Lake Center Pool – Enjoy donuts, juice, and the opportunity to meet your neighbors!

If you wish to volunteer, or donate a prize for one of the parties, please email sugarmillpool@gmail.com. If we do not receive adequate volunteers for an event, it will be cancelled.

Pool Tags: Don't forget to get your 2017 Pool ID Tags validated if you wish to gain access to a Sugar Mill pool or tennis court. To obtain 2017 tags/stickers, visit:

May 6 Splash Day @ Lake Center: 3-5pm only

May 23 & June 6 at MASC Austin Properties: 5-7pm only

May 26 & June 2 at MASC Austin Properties: 9am-5pm only

June 3 Splash Day @ 7th Street Pool: 3-5pm only

Or mail completed Pool ID form to MASC Austin Properties, and these will be mailed to you. For more information, or to obtain Pool ID form, please visit www.sugarmillhoa.net, and on the left, scroll down and click on Pool.

Kayak, Paddleboard Rentals Coming to Sugar Land Memorial Park: Interested in getting out on the water at Sugar Land Memorial Park but don't have a kayak? No problem! The Sugar Land Parks and Recreation Department is partnering with Bayou City Adventures to bring kayak and paddleboard rentals to the lake at Sugar Land Memorial Park. Kayak and paddleboard rentals will be available on Saturday and Sundays from 10 a.m. until 30 minutes before sunset. The rate is \$20 per hour and paid to the attendant onsite. Lifejackets are provided and required. Park staff anticipate expanding the program to include various levels of instructional classes in early summer. For questions, contact the Imperial Park Recreation Center at (281) 275-2885 or visit www.facebook.com/SugarLandParks.

Damaged Trash Carts – If your trash cart has a broken lid or wheels, please call Republic Waste at (713) 726-7307. Give them your address as well as the numbers on the side of the cart, and they will replace it or repair it at your curb for free the next trash collection day!

Do you have security flood lights mounted on your home? If so, please make sure they do not shine on your neighbor's home. So many people have them mounted over their garage, or in their rear or side yard, and when they come on, they are shining in your neighbor's window! So please, take a moment to go outside tonight, turn on your security lights, and make sure they do not shine beyond your property line. We receive lots of calls about this topic! Also, security lights are never permitted to remain on for more than a minute. They may only be motion activated.



Barking Dogs – We continue to receive complaints about people allowing their dogs to bark for extended periods of time. Yes, dogs will bark when someone passes your home, but if you have a dog that barks at birds, leaves, and butterflies passing through your yard, then please only allow them outside when you are there to supervise them. Do not leave your dog outside unattended, and especially don't keep them in the garage! If you have a pup that can't be trusted while you go for a walk or to work, then please be considerate of your neighbors and cage them inside your home. Sugar Land does have very strict noise ordinances!

Garage Sales – please remember that garage sales are not permitted within Sugar Mill.

Keeping Our Community Beautiful

Every minute a sack of fast-food trash gets thrown from a vehicle's window. Did you know that 33 percent of all littered garbage is fast food waste? Styrofoam containers take many years to decompose. It also takes many years for aluminum cans to biodegrade, of which these make up 28 percent of incorrectly disposed trash. Littering certainly doesn't help the environment but most importantly it hurts humans as well as resulting in the deterioration of our planet. Reversing neighborhood litter and pollutants back to green environments is our challenge.

Littering is letting trash or garbage lie in an open place or area. Litter is not only an eyesore it also has very bad effects. Plastic shopping bags are an example. They have become a big issue as their light weight makes it easy for them to travel in the wind. This kind of litter gets stuck in trees, fences and storm drains. This plastic bag litter also impacts the health of smaller wild animals.

If you see litter in the community, please pick it up and dispose of it properly. It is good practice to recycle the litter you've collected, if at all possible. Contact Fort Bend County's recycling center (281-633-7581) for advice on whether certain materials should be collected separately, where they should be taken on how they should be disposed.

To protect, save and improve our environment from litter it first starts making observations and changes at home where we live, in our neighborhood and beyond.

Green is possible when we start by cleaning up our own litter. We should be doing this for the good of the earth and its wildlife and humans, as we are the only ones who can make that change. Thank you for helping to keep our neighborhood beautiful.

Speaking of green, while many people still rely on print directories to make local purchase decisions, Yellow Pages publishers know that there is no point of delivering a print directory to someone who does not want one. That is why they created YellowPagesOptOut.com to give consumers the choice to limit or stop the delivery of print directories to their homes. Opting-out is as simple as going to the site and selecting the Opt-Out option.

Water Use Tips

Residents want their communities to be sustainable. However, to achieve sustainability and long-term viability, it's important that residents work together to implement successful water conservation practices. Water efficiency and conservation contributes to reduced subsidence, which aids efforts to reduce flooding, and helps improve the health for our aquifers and rivers, which will provide adequate sources of drinking water for future generations.

Additionally, water efficiency results in less runoff into lakes and rivers and less energy used in the provision and treatment of water, which increases the opportunity to create a sustainable environment now and for the future. Most people don't realize the complexity of the distribution of quality drinking water and the collection and treatment of sewage and may not be aware that water and wastewater facilities represent one of the largest electrical consumers within the community. Thus, each of us has a responsibility to use less water to ensure adequate water supplies for the future and to reduce overall energy consumption.

Do Your Part to Keep Our Water Clean

- 1. Use fewer and better pesticides and fertilizers to avoid chemical runoff to our waterways.
- 2. Water Wisely. Watering too heavily or too often weakens your lawn and causes erosion and runoff pollution.
- 3. Using less toxic cleaning products can reduce pollutants in both the air and water, and help improve the air quality in your house.
- Collect your food scraps, oil, and grease to avoid clogging sewer lines, which can cause overflows that pollute nearby creeks and streams.
- 5. Whenever you change your oil or other vehicle fluids at home, make sure you recycle them. NEVER pour used motor oil down storm drains which will carry the oil directly to Texas waterways.
- 6.Check your car, boat, motorcycle, and other equipment for leaks and spills. Make repairs as soon as possible. Clean up spilled fluids with an absorbent like kitty litter or sand.

2017 Pool Schedules

2017 - LAKE CENTER POOL HOURS

May 6 th - 31st	
Monday	POOL CLOSED
Tuesday – Friday	4:00pm - 8:00pm
Saturday	9:00am - 8:00pm
Sunday	9:00am - 8:00pm
Memorial Day Weekend	
Saturday, May 27th	9:00am - 8:00pm
Sunday, May 28th	9:00am - 8:00pm
Monday, May 29th	9:00am - 8:00pm
June 2 nd - July 31 st	
Monday	9:00am - 8:00pm
Tuesday	POOL CLOSED
Wednesday	9:00am - 8:00pm
Thursday	POOL CLOSED
Friday	9:00am - 8:00pm
Saturday	9:00am - 8:00pm
Sunday	9:00am - 8:00pm
July 4 th	
Tuesday	9:00am - 8:00pm
August 1st - 20th	
Monday	9:00am - 8:00pm
Tuesday	POOL CLOSED
Wednesday	9:00am - 8:00pm
Thursday	POOL CLOSED
Friday	9:00am - 8:00pm
Saturday	9:00am - 8:00pm
Sunday	9:00am - 8:00pm
August 26th & 27th	
Saturday	9:00am - 8:00pm
Sunday	9:00am - 8:00pm
September 1st - 30th	
Monday	POOL CLOSED
Tuesday – Friday	4:00pm - 8:00pm
Saturday	9:00am - 8:00pm
Sunday	9:00am - 8:00pm
Labor Day Weekend	
Saturday, Sept 2 nd	9:00am - 8:00pm
Sunday, Sept 3 rd	9:00am - 8:00pm
Monday, Sept 4th	9:00am - 8:00pm
Tuesday, Sept 5th	POOL CLOSED





2017 - 7TH STREET POOL HOURS

Memorial Day Weekend Saturday, May 27 th Sunday, May 28 th Monday, May 29 th	9:00am - 8:00pm 9:00am - 8:00pm 9:00am - 8:00pm
June 2 nd – July 31 st Monday Tuesday Wednesday Thursday Friday Saturday Sunday	POOL CLOSED 9:00am - 8:00pm POOL CLOSED 9:00am - 8:00pm POOL CLOSED 9:00am - 8:00pm 9:00am - 8:00pm
<u>July 4th</u> Tuesday	9:00am - 8:00pm
August 1st - 20th Monday Tuesday Wednesday Thursday Friday Saturday Sunday	POOL CLOSED 9:00am - 8:00pm POOL CLOSED 9:00am - 8:00pm POOL CLOSED 9:00am - 8:00pm 9:00am - 8:00pm
August 26th - 27th Saturday Sunday	9:00am - 8:00pm 9:00am - 8:00pm
<u>Labor Day Weekend</u> Saturday, Sept 2 nd Sunday, Sept 3 rd Monday, Sept 4 th	9:00am - 8:00pm 9:00am - 8:00pm 9:00am - 8:00pm

Pool Party Schedule:

Splash Day

Lake Center May 6 @ 3-6pm, 7th Street June 3 @ 3-6pm

Dunkin' and Donut Days

June 5 & July 21 @ 9am at Lake Center Pool

Movie Night

Lake Center July 14 @ 8pm and 7th Street August 19 @ 8pm

End of Year Party

Lake Center Sept. 4 @ 11am and 7th Street Sept. 3 @ 1pm



Important Numbers

Sugar Mill's Board of Directors:

Name	Position	Contact #	Email Address
Bill Cure	President	281-491-9536	bill.cure@gmail.com
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Police (Non-Emergency)	281-275-2020
Fire Department	281-275-2873
Police Department	281-275-2500
City Hall	281-275-2700
Sugar Land Library	281-277-8934
Sugar Land Post Office	800-275-8777
Police (Emergency)	911
Sherriff's Department	281-341-4700
Crime Stoppers	281-342-8477
Kempner High School	281-634-2300
Sugar Land Middle School	281-634-3080
Sugar Mill Elementary	281-634-4440
Fort Bend ISD	281-634-1000
Animal Control	281-275-2364
Ask City	281-275-2489



Our Deed Restrictions and Guidelines Are Online

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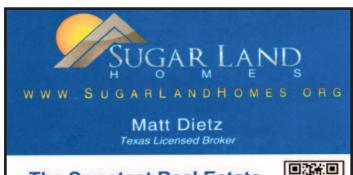
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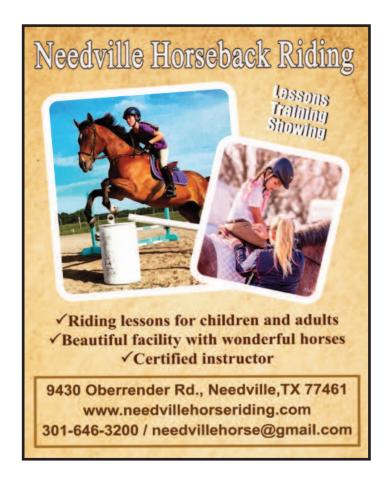
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For many Americans, spring equals allergies. Itchy and watery eyes, runny nose, congestion—it's enough to make you want to

skip the season altogether. But with these five steps from DIY Network, you can help reduce allergens in your home and find a brief respite.

- Remove clutter: Less stuff means fewer places for allergens to linger.
- 2 Clean the air: A well-ventilated house is your first line of defense. Use HEPA filters

in your air conditioning system, maintain the humidity at about 50 percent and keep your windows closed when pollen counts are highest in the early morning and between 10 a.m. and 3 p.m.

- Oclean the bathroom: Mold tends to gather there.
- Reduce dust-generators: Fabrics and carpeting create dust by breaking down fibers. Swap carpets out for washable throw rugs.
- Make smart landscaping decisions: Avoid planting trees such as maple, birch and ash, which have allergenic particles that can trigger discomfort.



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