

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.

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,
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The Summer of 2013 is rapidly coming to a close: our school aged kiddos are all back in school, the Sugar Mill swimming pools are all closed down, and the Fall football season is already several weeks old---our Texans managed to just squeak out a few wins so far!!

Please keep in mind, even though the Fall season is rapidly approaching, that hurricane season is actually at its peak in the month of October and if you do not have flood insurance, you may want to consider purchasing that safeguard. From what my insurance agent tells me, most of the damage that might be caused by a hurricane would not be covered under a standard home owner's insurance policy. Most flood insurance policies will run you somewhere around \$350 to \$450 per year which is, in my opinion, a cheap price to pay verses taking the chance of not having such insurance, having the Houston area get hit like we did in 2007 by Hurricane Ike, and trying to pay for hurricane damage to your house out of pocket.

This is the time of the year that your HOA BOD puts our budgets together for the following year. We must finalize our budgets for each year no later than the November meeting of each year as that is when we have to agree on what our fees will be for the coming year for all home owners. Most of the funds your HOA BOD spends each year are for ongoing work by our various strategic vendors such as our grounds maintenance company, our swimming pool and life guard company and so forth. If you would like to have the chance to present an idea for an improvement project for our HOA, please send any BOD member your ideas or better yet, attend one of our monthly HOA BOD meetings. We will meet on October 21 and again on November 18, 2013. We meet at First United Methodist Church, Sugar Land, 431 Eldridge Road from 7:00 PM till usually 9:00 PM. Please let Terri Salter, our project manager from our management company, MASC Austin Properties, know if you would like to attend. MASC Austin Properties can be

contacted at (713) 776-1771.

Over the past two years, your HOA BOD has spent a good bit of time and other Sugar Mill resources to significantly improve the three tennis court facilities that are a part of the many Sugar Mill amenities available to our residents, who are in good standing. All three tennis courts were completely recovered and painted plus all 3 had new nets installed. The "good news" is that those courts have been very heavily used ever since we completed that repair work effort: the "bad news" is that we have had several SM residents tell us that they have not been able to use the SM tennis courts as a small number of folks seem to be dominating the courts when they are open for use and that at least some of those folks may not actually be residents of SM. Your BOD has started a campaign of monitoring the usage of our tennis courts by showing up at the courts and asking to see the SM picture IDs of the folks who are using the tennis courts. What we have found out is that a small number of residents who have the tennis courts pass code appear to be giving that code out to non-residents which is against our long standing policy that only SM residents---who are current on the SM yearly maintenance fees, are allowed to have access to our two swimming pools, three tennis courts and our well stocked small lake. To be certain, we encourage our residents to invite their friends to use our facilities with them.

To insure that our tennis courts are available for all residents in good standing to utilize, we do ask that each resident who brings guests with them to the tennis courts stay with those guests while they are using the tennis courts and that the number of guests per SM household be limited to no more than 3. In short, if you are a SM resident who has their maintenance fees up to date, you can bring up to three guests with you to use our tennis courts but, you must stay with them while they are using our tennis courts. If you just give them the code to the tennis courts
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and let them go the tennis courts, they may well be asked to leave by a SM BOD member as they are basically trespassing. Our facilities are for the exclusive usage of our residents and their invited and "chaperoned" guests and not for the unrestricted usage of folks who know someone in Sugar Mill who has the tennis court codes. Enough said on that topic.

Our city has conducted had a consulting company study our EMS services in Sugar Land and held a hearing recently to approve that budget.

Here is the link to the city web site for the basic info.
<http://www.sugarlandtx.gov/CivicAlerts.aspx?AID=280>

We have received a letter from a representative of the local fire department union that has raised some questions as to the level of service that this new EMS proposal will entail vs. the current level of service. If what the firefighters are saying is true, we will end up with a lower level of EMS service that we currently have in Sugar Land.

Hope we see you at a coming Sugar Mill HOA BOD meeting.

Thanks,

Sugar Mill's Board of Directors

Yard of the Month-August



In 2004, we called Sugar Mill home and have found it to be a friendly community. Recently, we replaced the shrubbery in our yard with Texas natives, as well as adding a mixed grass seed to the St. Augustine grass. Both choices have allowed us to experience a decrease in water usage, pesticides, and fertilizers. The Texas natives and grass seed have been beneficial anyway we turn. Thank you Sugar Mill for recognizing our native yard.

TOM AND GHAN BARRETT
802 AZUCAR COURT

On August 1st. to thank Tom and Ghan for all their hard work and sharing their ideas for a Texas native drought tolerant landscape, I presented them with a \$25.00 gift certificate to Caldwell Nursery, our sponsors for the "Yard of the Month".

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

Cheryl Swanson
For the Landscape Committee

Yard of the Month-September



THE IVY-COVERED HOUSE

We have lived in our home here on Morning Mist Ct. for almost 12 years, after living on Shadow Wood for over 14 years. We love Sugar Mill and have been blessed with many life-long friends from here in the neighborhood. It has been a wonderful place to raise our family! When telling people how to get to our home, we always describe it as the ivy-covered house in the middle of the cul-de-sac, and think it will be a great place for grandkids to come and stay someday!

MARTY AND JAN McHENRY
1227 MORNING MIST CT.

After talking with this lovely couple they have decided to get involved with the Sugar Mill Landscape Committee. If you are interested please contact me at 281.242.1773.

As a thank you for taking such good care of their yard, Marty & Jan received a \$25.00 gift certificate from Caldwell Nursery.

Happy Gardening & I'll see you around the block, Your neighbor,

Cheryl Swanson
For the Landscape Committee

Marion's Fishing Corner

THIS TIME OF YEAR, VERSATILITY IS A VIRTUE

Well, the "dog days of summer" are certainly here. Afternoon temperatures are in the upper 90's every day, with scorching sun and very little rain. Surface water temperatures are near 90 degrees in all the area lakes and waterways. Personally, I believe that this is without a doubt the toughest fishing conditions of the year. Gamefish are very lethargic under these conditions, and only actively feed during low-light conditions. How can you overcome disadvantages like this? Versatility is your best weapon.

This time of year, you really need to "think outside the box". If your confidence baits and tactics fail to produce, then don't hesitate to try something out of the ordinary. Sometimes, just subtle changes can result in getting a few more bites than you would ordinarily get. For instance, instead of throwing a crankbait that has a shad-type color scheme, try the same bait in a crawfish (red/orange/brown) pattern. Then try a bluegill or perch type color scheme. Bass can really become selective this time of year and may home-in on one particular type of forage, and ignore the rest. The same holds true for plastic worms. If your standard curly-tail and straight-tail worms aren't producing, try throwing craw-type worms or "creature" baits to the same areas. Also, if 6" worms

aren't drawing any strikes, don't hesitate to throw the 8" to 10" versions. And remember, sometimes adding a scent attracter to plastic worms will result in a few more bites during the day.



In a nutshell, the best advice that I can give about fishing this time of year is to have all options on the table. If your tried-and-true baits don't draw any reaction from the fish, break out the baits from the bottom of your tackle box and give them a serious try. Oftentimes, small changes can make a big difference. And if all your experimentation and trial-and-error ends up a big fat zero at the end of the day, just tip your hat to the fish and acknowledge that they won this day. But you gave it your best shot, and the dog days won't last forever. Cooler weather is just around the corner.

Please remember to practice "catch and release" because a bass is 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 18 years.

Career Fair Planned at Constellation Field

The City of Sugar Land will host the 2nd Annual Fort Bend County Employer Career Fair on Oct. 24, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., at Constellation Field, 1 Stadium Drive.

The career fair is being planned and organized by the cities of Sugar Land, Richmond and Rosenberg; Fort Bend County; and Workforce Solutions & Forum Energy. Employers representing local governments, hospitals, education and private industries will be in attendance.

The purpose of the event is to allow individuals to explore job opportunities in both the public and private sectors in Fort Bend County. Job applicants are encouraged to bring copies of their resumes and dress professionally. Many companies will pre-screen job applicants and perform interviews during the Career Fair.

For more information, contact the Sugar Land Human Resources Department at (281) 275-2735 or visit the Human Resources Department Event page on the City of Sugar Land website - www.sugarlandtx.gov.

Ken Hall Chautauqu Talk Scheduled For October 17th

The Sugar Land Heritage Foundation is pleased to announce that Mr. Ken Hall, Sugar Land High School graduate and football legend, will be speaking at the Sugar Land Auditorium on October 17, 2013 at 7:00 pm.

Mr. Hall, nicknamed the Sugar Land Express, set 17 national high school football records while playing for the Sugar Land Gators from 1950 - 1953. Several of Mr. Hall's records stood for over 50 years. He went on to play professional football in the Canadian and National Football Leagues, including for the Houston Oilers. While with the Oilers, Mr. Hall held the record for a 104-yard kick-off return. Locally, FBISD's Ken Hall Stadium and Hall Lake Subdivision in Sugar Land are named after him.

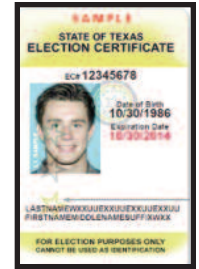
You will be entertained and inspired by hearing Mr. Hall reminisce about growing up in Sugar Land, his family, his football career, and his life after football. He will sign autographs at a brief reception at the conclusion of his talk.

Admission is free and seating is open. The Sugar Land Auditorium is located at 314 Lakeview Drive in Sugar Land. This event is held by the Sugar Land Heritage Foundation and its partner for this event, the Sugar Land Cultural Arts Foundation.

Photo ID Required for Texas Voters

Texas voters must show a photo ID to vote in elections in Texas, unless you are exempt.

If you do not have any of the following acceptable forms of ID, you may now apply for an Election Identification Certificate (EIC) at no charge. However, if you already have any of the following forms of ID, you are not eligible for an EIC:



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There are exemptions. For more information on exemptions, please visit: www.dps.texas.gov/DriverLicense/electionID.htm.

To apply for an EIC, visit a driver license office and complete an Application for Texas Election Certificate. The application can also be found online at: www.dps.texas.gov/DriverLicense/electionID.htm.

Download New City App

“My SL” is the City of Sugar Land’s official new mobile app.

It is available for both iOS (via App Store) and Android (GooglePlay) platforms at www.sugarlandtx.gov/apps. The app provides a connection between the City and its citizens and visitors. Whether a resident or visitor, “My SL” delivers access to community news, events and emergency alerts.

Features include:

- News – Receive official news releases from the City of Sugar Land.
- Calendar – See what’s going on in the city.
- Notify Me – Receive important community news, street closures, road conditions and construction updates.
- Emergency Alert – Get up-to-the-minute emergency updates.
- Ask City – Report concerns, ask questions and give feedback.
- Railroad traffic-monitor railroad traffic through the city

Download the “My SL” app and connect with the City of Sugar Land. The new app coincides with the recent launch of Sugar Land’s new website – www.sugarlandtx.gov – a communications tool that utilizes new technology to improve service delivery and make government more accessible to the public.

Kempner Seniors ProGrad ‘14

Kempner High School Seniors Expect Another Frenzy of Fun at ProGrad ’14.

“I keep hearing about this thing called Pro Grad. What is Pro Grad?” Great question. Pro Grad is actually short for “Project Graduation”.

Project Graduation was formed in 1980 to prevent drug and alcohol-related tragedies during commencement season. It began in Oxford Hills area of Maine after the area experienced seven alcohol and other drug-related teen deaths during the 1979 graduation season.

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(ProGrad '14 continued...) Adults planned alcohol-free activities as part of a post-graduation party, in lieu of student-run events with alcohol or drugs. They called this chemical-free party "Project Graduation." The entire process, a huge success, was covered by the media and was adopted as a major program initiative of the Division of Alcohol and Drug Education Services. Today, Pro Grad events are held all over the country. They usually last all night and graduates participate in a variety of entertaining and safe activities.

Obviously, ProGrad takes all year to plan. Throughout the

year you'll hear about fundraisers with which you can help or to which you can donate. Upcoming fundraisers include a dunking booth during the week of October 21st; Market Day on November 16th; and poinsettia sales during November.

Kempner's Project Graduation 2014 is co-chaired by Tammie Smith and Lindsay Kulhanek. If you have questions about donating and/or volunteering, please contact Tammie Smith at 281.923.9655 or Lindsay Kulhanek at KempnerProGrad2014@gmail.com.

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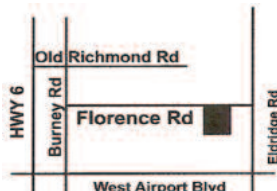
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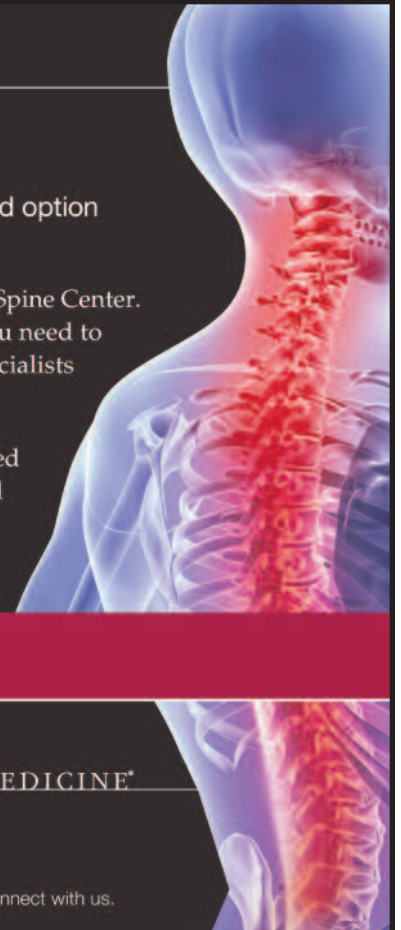
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Make your home a no-smoking zone. Second-hand cigarette smoke contains more than 4,000 chemicals and can increase the risk of respiratory infections, asthma, cancer and sudden infant death syndrome in children. If entertaining guests who smoke, request that they do so outdoors. Test your home for radon. This colorless, odorless gas is produced from the natural decay of uranium found in soil and seeps into the house through cracks and holes in the foundation. A radon test is easy and inexpensive to use, and can help you find the source of radon. Replace laundry products and soaps containing synthetic fragrances with scent-free or naturally-scented laundry products and mild cleansers. Breathe easier.



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