

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.

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

NEW-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,
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tsalter@mascap.com.

Our Pool Committee, led by Peggy Schippers, really knocked it out of the park this 2016 summer season. They worked with the HOA Board and added a slide to the Lake Center Pool, a pool volleyball net and umbrellas to the 7th Street Pool, and they engaged and entertained us with a number of well-attended pool parties! The proof of all their efforts really showed in the season end attendance reports. The attendance increase over the previous year was beyond our wildest expectations! We are so blessed and thankful to have this wonderful group of volunteers! Peggy will be stepping down from this post after 2016, so **if you have an interest in leading the Lake Center Pool Committee**, please contact Terri Salter at tsalter@mascap.com.

National Night Out will be on Tuesday, October 4th. Please take this opportunity to go outside and get to know your neighbors! If you'd like to register your block for a visit by fire or police employees register at <http://www.sugarlandtx.gov/index.aspx?nid=516> you'll all get free t-shirts!

What's all the HOOPLA about?? Love going to the library but don't have the time? Love the convenience of reading books on your tablet, smart phone or laptop? Hate paying to download books? The Fort Bend County Library can help! A new app called HOOPLA allows residents to "borrow" electronic and audio books for one month. Download books to an electronic device, and at the end of the month, it's automatically removed . . . no fines, no last minute trips to the book depository. Simple and easy with a valid library card. Visit www.fortbend.lib.tx.us/. Happy Reading!

Local Wildlife – Land development is pushing our wild neighbors out of once green and open spaces and closer to our neighborhoods. Wildlife is finding the means to adapt and thrive closer and closer to us. Animal Services plays a role in increasing people's understanding and enjoyment of our wild neighbors and promoting a safe coexistence of both our citizens and urban wildlife. Please visit their webpage to learn incredible information about wildlife such as bobcats, coyotes, armadillo's, alligators, snakes, etc. and learn what to do if you see one!
<http://www.sugarlandtx.gov/index.aspx?NID=224>

Parking over the sidewalk or on the grass is not permitted within the City of Sugar Land. This becomes a hazard for people and children who have to walk into the street to go around your vehicle. This is a ticketable offense! Vehicles parking in cul de sacs or parked in streets in such a way that prohibit emergency vehicles from responding to an emergency, will typically be ticketed or towed. So before you park a big truck across the street from another big truck, make sure there is enough room for a firetruck to pass between the two vehicles to respond to an emergency! Clean out your garages so at least one car may be parked inside.

October is Fire Safety Month - Way back in October of 1917, a fire broke out in the O'Leary family barn. Although the cause of the fire was never proved, it was traditionally blamed on Mrs. O'Leary's cow. October has become Safety Awareness Month, and in observation, the City is hosting its annual Open House on **Saturday October 8, 2016** from 10am-2pm at Fire Station #7 (1301 Chatham Avenue in New Territory). Activities include:

- A demonstration of the "jaws of life" to save victims of serious car accidents.
- Fire extinguisher demonstrations and training- Learn how to properly use one!
- How to develop a fire safety evacuation route, testing of smoke detectors, and what to do in case of a home fire will be discussed.



From The Board (continued)

- Child ID fingerprinting and photographing will be provided in case your little one is ever lost.
- Tour the City's newest Fire Station – Station #7.
- Kids test their skills with a real fire hose and enjoy face painting, bake sale and raffle!

Political signs will soon be popping up everywhere in support of the Presidential Election. Before you place a sign on your property, please review the following Property Code § 202.009 to make sure you are in compliance:



1. Residents may display standard campaign signs from 90 days before an election through 10 days after the election.
2. Signs must be ground mounted.
3. Residents may not display more than one sign for each candidate or ballot item.
4. Signs may not:
 - contain roofing material, siding, paving material, flora, balloons or lights, or any other similar building, landscaping, or nonstandard decorative component;
 - be attached in any way to plant material, a traffic control device, a light, a trailer, a vehicle, or any other existing structure or object;
 - include the painting of architectural surfaces;
 - threaten the public health or safety;
 - be larger than four feet by six feet;
 - violate a law;
 - contain language, graphics, or any display that would be offensive to the ordinary person; or
 - be accompanied by music or other sounds or by streamers or is otherwise distracting to motorists.

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Fort Bend County Libraries' are offering an online homework assistance program called Brainfuse HelpNow. This program offers online homework assistance in a broad range of subjects in both English and Spanish for students in grades K through 12, **free of charge**. This tutoring program is an Internet-based service that provides students with live, on-demand homework help, 7 days a week, from 3:00 to 11:00 pm. Certified tutors are experienced in Math, Science, Social Studies, and English/Language Arts. Students may also submit questions any time, and responses will be emailed to them within 24 hours. A Skills Building section is also available with additional exercises to master the concepts being taught in their homework lessons. Students may access this resource from any computer - at home, school, or the library - by going to www.fortbend.lib.tx.us/ and clicking on Homework Tutoring on the left.

In our own backyard.... Sugar Mill is a unique neighborhood – not just for being named after the town's founding industry, but also for the amenities that are in our own backyard. These are just a few of the many wonderful attractions and amenities:

Imperial Farmer's Market - It offers fresh produce, artisan bakery items, pre-made entrées, jams, jellies and desserts, and also handmade jewelry, plants, flower bouquets, pet treats, and all natural skin care products. Let the vendors share the interesting stories behind many of their products. Live music, a food truck and a pet-friendly atmosphere make this a fun way to start your weekend.

Fort Bend Children's Discovery Center - Located on the grounds of the Sugar Mill next to the old refinery and the Farmer's Market, is a very special project of the Children's Museum of Houston. The old historical building has been turned into a delightfully entertaining children's museum full of opportunities for the little ones to learn, while doing what they do best – play, discover, and have fun. Be sure and visit Kidtropolis; a mini city that has a bank, an ambulance, animal shelter, café, car dealership, grocery store and a newspaper appropriately titled The Fort Bend Herald. More information can be found at: www.childrensdiscoverfb.org.

Inspiration Stage Performing Arts Theater - One of the most historically significant buildings in Sugar Land, built in 1917 and designated as a Historical landmark in 1933, it is the only remaining public building of the original Imperial Sugar Company, and the only building of the original Sugar Land ISD #17. They host a variety of family friendly performances. Children will be entertained seeing their favorite characters come to life and adults will be impressed by the professionalism of the young actors and crew. Upcoming shows include James and the Giant Peach, The Aristocats, and The Wizard of Oz. This is a wonderful way to introduce youngsters to a real, live acting performance. Visit their website for details at: www.inspirationstage.com

Marion's Fishing Corner



This time of year, it's hip to be square.....

Gamefish behavior can be tough to predict this time of year. With water temps where they are, fall patterns haven't

really taken hold yet. Trying to find fish that are in a feeding mode is still very much a hit-or-miss proposition this month. The best way I know to help increase your odds of contacting active fish is to use a bait that allows you to cover more water. And the best tool for this approach? The squarebill crankbait.

Squarebills normally dive only about two or three feet deep, which make them very effective for this presentation. A 1.5 or 2 inch squarebill crankbait is great for quickly cranking the shade pockets along the bulkheads this time of year. The more water you cover in a day's time, the more fish are likely to see your lure. A majority

of the fish you contact will probably be on the smallish side, but when you are fishing for fun, a bite is a bite. Also, it's a nice change of pace from slowly dragging a worm through offshore brushpiles. The worm still works for larger bass, but we are talking numbers here. And as the season progresses, the squarebill bite will just get better. So if you are like me and just want more bites during the day, regardless of the size of the fish, get crank'in! These shallow running baits are the best tool I know of to help make good things happen for you on the water this month.

Always remember to catch and release. It's the future of our lake.

Good luck, Marion

Article written by Marion Raska who has lived in Sugar Mill and fished on Misty Lake for over 24 years.

What To Do About Those Mosquitoes

The Houston area has officially been ranked third in the nation as the city with the worst mosquito problems. Here's what you can do to reduce the amount of mosquitoes in your yard:

- Remove standing water - This is one of the most important things you can do. Standing water is a major contributor to mosquito problems. Because it is where adult mosquitoes typically lay their eggs. Make sure you remove standing water from bird baths, ponds, outdoor storage areas and small swimming pools.
- Check EVERYTHING! - Mosquitoes like to get tricky. So spots that you wouldn't even expect mosquitoes to reside are still major potential breeding grounds. This includes old tires, children's sandboxes, dog bowls, grill covers, tarps, old firewood, and even plant/flower pots. What do all these secret hiding spots have in common? They can hold leftover excess water. This also means that your gutters are one of the most troublesome hot spots for mosquitoes. Make sure to clean them regularly and often; especially after it rains.
- Take care of your yard - Mosquitoes love to inhabit cool areas with shade. This means you can usually find them hiding under plant leaves and in tall grass. A properly maintained yard, free of weeds and overgrown plants can be a huge help in reducing the number of mosquito problem in the area.

Fun Events to Attend

Houston Disc Dogs take on Town Square

Saturday, October 8, 2016 from 12:30 - 2:45 pm

Head to the Plaza to see these frisbee dogs show off with their tricks, flips, vaults off their trainer's backs and other stunts. After the show, the dogs are doing a meet & greet. Two shows lasting 30 minutes each- 12:30 PM & 2:00 PM.

Halloween Celebration at Sugar Land Town Square

Sunday, October 30 from 4-8pm

Ghosts and goblins, witches, superheroes, princesses and other creative characters are invited to bring their families and pets for an evening of friendly surprises and spooks. Festive Halloween characters will roam Town Square inviting children to participate in several activity stations and attractions provided by local organizations and businesses. Come enjoy a giant inflatable Halloween Maze, take a ride on the Halloween Express or decorate a pumpkin at the Munchkin Pumpkin Patch! Wear your most creative costume and enter the Costume Contest!

SugarMill Elementary Sparkler Fair

Saturday, November 5th from 10am-2pm

13707 Jess Pirtle Boulevard

For kids of all ages! The Sparkler Fair will include 20 different games, including water balloon toss, nerf wars, outdoor twister and crab soccer - just to name a few!! Other attractions include a silent auction, train rides, face painting and food trucks. Join the Sugar Mill Sparklers for an awesome day full of games and fun! For more information, please visit www.sugarmillpta.org. All proceeds go towards the Sugar Mill PTA which helps to fund field trips, school programs like Music Madness and Field Day, Teacher Appreciation Week, student magazine subscriptions and more. The PTA is hoping to raise enough money from this event to purchase an iPad cart for the school and/or make various improvements to the school playgrounds. Please help us reach our goal and come out and support the Sparklers! SPARKLERS SHINE BRIGHT!

Yard Of The Month Winners! Congratulations!!



August 2016 "Yard of the Month"
Roger & Jan Myers at 13915 Wilde Forest Ct.

Roger and Jan are so pleased to be the winners of the "Yard of the Month". When I came by to award the Myers, Yard of the Month for August, Roger and his son had just finished adding 8 yards of mulch to their existing flower beds. Both Jan and Roger enjoy working in their yard so that the yard can always be at its best.



As a thank-you gift, both winners received a \$25.00 gift certificate from the Caldwell Nursery in Rosenberg. Happy gardening & I'll see you "around the block". Cheryl Swanson



September 2016 "Yard of the Month"
Alan and Donna Kent at 906 Oakland Ct.

The Kent family moved to Sugar Mill in 1990 and always have a beautiful yard. They even grow their own pineapples!



Important Numbers

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Sugar Land Library	281-277-8934
Sugar Land Post Office	800-275-8777
Police (Emergency)	911
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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
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Get a copy of our deed restrictions and guidelines on the Sugar Mill HOA website at:
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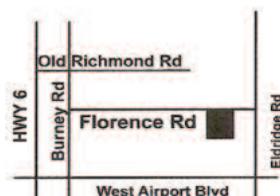
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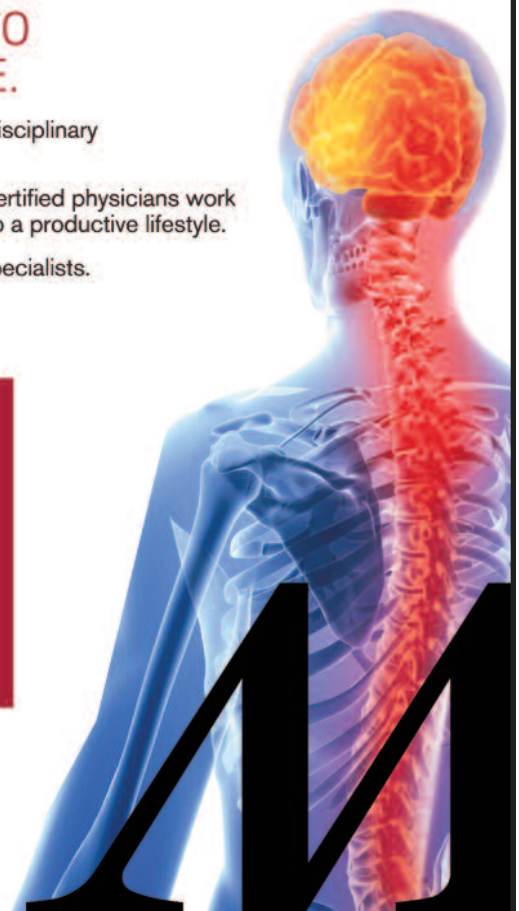
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old place and then into the new, unpacking and then getting settled, you might be too overwhelmed to actually get out and meet the neighbors. But nothing will make your new house feel like a home like knowing the area and the people around you. Here's a few ways to get involved:

- ➔ **Get outside.** Nothing is quite as easy or effective as showing your face in the neighborhood. Do some yardwork, take frequent strolls or take the kids (or the dog) to a nearby park.
- ➔ **Volunteer.** Whether you can spare a few hours at your kids' school, with a service group or at

an animal shelter, volunteering will allow you to meet people while doing good. Try Volunteer-Match.org or contact your local municipality about opportunities.

- ➔ **Join a club.** Try your local library, events listings for the area or Meetup.com for groups that might share your interests.

- ➔ **Take a class.** Community colleges, local art and music schools, fitness centers and libraries all offer classes that provide you with the ability to learn something new while networking with neighbors.

- ➔ **Get connected online.** So much of our socializing is done online. Trying joining Nextdoor (sugarmilltx.nextdoor.com), a social network dedicated to neighbors or searching for local Facebook pages.



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