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GL GARAGE SALE...ARE YOU READY?

As we told you in the last issue, it will soon be time for Glen Laurel's Annual Garage Sale. It is scheduled to be held on **Saturday, April 9th**. If necessary, the rain date is set for Saturday, April 16th.

Notices will be placed at the entrance and advertisements will be placed in local newspapers. Hopefully, this will attract potential buyers.

With the approach of spring, this is the

perfect time to clean out all those closets, storage sheds, garages, attics, etc. Get rid of those outgrown clothes, unused toys, and unwanted items you might have taking up space.

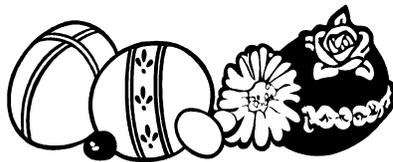
As promised, we are offering some garage sale safety tips on Page 3. Hopefully, these will be helpful, especially for you "first timers".

Plan early, practice common sense and be ready to sell on **April 9th!**

EASTER EGG HUNT APRIL 17TH

All Glen Laurel residents are invited to join us at the park on **Sunday, April 17, from 3 to 5 p.m.**, for our Easter Egg Hunt. We are expecting an abundance of Easter eggs for all the children to search for, and, hopefully, it will be an opportunity for everyone to get out and have an enjoyable time.

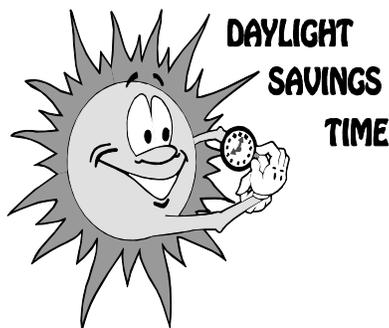
We are looking forward to a large



turnout for this event. Several activities are planned for all ages and there will be treats for the children.

It would be a great time for parents to bring your cameras and catch some fun photos of your children in action!

Mark those calendars for **April 17th!** Join in the hunt for all those eggs!



Don't forget...
Daylight Saving Time begins on
Sunday, March 13th...
set those clocks ahead!

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The Glen Laurel HOA Board Meetings are held at MASC Austin Properties, Inc., 13726 Florence Road, Sugar Land, Texas, at 7:00 p.m. If you would like to address the Board, you should call Terri Salter, (713) 776-1771, to be placed on the meeting agenda. The next regularly scheduled Board Meeting is:

APRIL 14, 2011
7 PM

TRASH REMINDER

Please do not put trash out before **6:00 p.m.** on the night before the regularly scheduled pickup day.

PICK UP AFTER YOUR PET

As a follow-up to previous articles regarding the responsibilities of pet owners to not only keep their pets on leashes outside their property, but to also pick up after your pets, we are including an excerpt from the City of Sugar Land Development Codes as follows:

Sec. 3-12 - Running at large prohibited.

- (a) It is unlawful for an owner or person having control of an animal to allow an animal to be running at large.
- (b) It is unlawful for an owner or person having control of an animal to fail to take the acts necessary to prevent an animal from running at large.
- (c) It is a defense to prosecution under this section that the animal is:
 - (1) In attendance at a formal training class and is under the direct supervision of the owner during

- the entire class.
- (2) Within a vehicle being driven or parked; or
- (3) Inside a designated off-leash animal recreation area owned or leased by the city.

(Ord. No. 1722, § 1, 12-16-2008)

Sec. 3-13 - Animal waste disposal.

- (a) It is unlawful for an owner or person having control of an animal to permit the animal to defecate on private property unless the person immediately removes and properly disposes of the feces.
- (b) It is unlawful for an owner or person having control of an animal to walk the animal on private property without carrying at all times a suitable container or other suitable instrument for the removal and disposal of animal feces.
- (c) Prior to filing a complaint with the city, the person whose property has

been defecated on must give written notice to the owner or person having control of the animal that the animal defecated on the property and the owner or person having control of the animal failed to immediately remove and properly dispose of the feces. A copy of the written notice must be presented to the city at the time of filing the complaint.

- (d) It is a defense to prosecution under this section that the animal is a specially trained dog that is being used by a blind individual.
- (e) It is a defense to prosecution under this section that the animal defecates upon private property owned by the owner or person having control of the animal.

(Ord. No. 1722, § 1, 12-16-2008)



TAX TIME, IRA TIME

IRA and ROTH accounts must be set up by April 18, 2011, even if you are filing an extension.

All contributions made to an IRA until April 18 can be credited for year 2010, so long as you instruct the financial institution.

Since interest rates on bank CDs and Money Market Accounts are at an all-time low, use other vehicles for IRAs: 1) Mutual Funds can offer opportunities for growth. Due to extreme volatility in the stock market their returns can be very unpredictable. 2) Variable Annuities offer death benefits along with potential growth. They are also loaded with fees and charges e.g. M&E (Mortality & Expense charge). 3) Fixed and Indexed Annuities may be a perfect compromise. They offer guarantee of principal and attractive interest rates (usually better than bank CDs) plus upfront bonuses. Several

annuities have the ability to provide a guaranteed lifetime income stream.

Americans save less than anyone in the developed world. Life expectancy has increased significantly. Contributing to IRA or ROTH IRA is a great way to build a comfortable retirement nest egg. If we fail to plan, we plan to fail.

Contribution limit for IRA is \$5,000 per year (\$6,000 for age 50 and above). You must be under age 70½. It is easier and less painful to start automatic monthly contributions from the checking account by EFT. If your Tax filing status is single and Modified AGI is less than \$56,000, you can still deduct the IRA contribution even if you were covered by an employer retirement plan.

Contributions to a ROTH IRA can be made regardless of your age and are not deductible. If held until age 59½ and for

5 years, the entire value of the account can be withdrawn without any income tax (unlike a Traditional IRA). This is a great source of tax free income in the retirement years. Required Minimum Distribution (RMD) rules do not apply for ROTH IRAs while the owner is alive. You are not required to take distributions at any age. Contribution limit is \$5,000 (\$6,000 for 50 and over) if MAGI is less than \$105,000 (Single) and \$167,000 (Married/filing jointly).

There is no MAGI restriction on eligibility to convert a Traditional IRA to a ROTH IRA. So, people with MAGI higher than the limits can start a non-deductible traditional IRA and immediately convert it to a ROTH IRA.

For any questions or clarification you can call VIJAY KANE, M.S., FINANCIAL ADVISOR at (281)240-2666, 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. any day.

GARAGE SALE SAFETY TIPS

- **KEEP ALL DOORS AND WINDOWS, FRONT AND BACK, LOCKED ON THE DAYS OF THE SALE**, especially while you are outside. Don't forget to lock garage-entry doors to your house, especially if your sale is actually in your garage. Instruct your friends and family (expressly remind your children) to re-lock the doors when they go in and out for any reason. It's a good idea for two adults to have a house key, in case someone accidentally locks a key inside. **DO NOT ALLOW ANYONE YOU DON'T KNOW AND TRUST TO ENTER YOUR HOUSE FOR ANY REASON!** This includes to use the bathroom, the telephone or anything. If you have electrical items to sell, have a long extension cord hooked up to a garage or outside outlet so that buyers can test items without having to go inside.
- If your garage door will be open for your sale, use tarps, or sheets and blankets to cover anything **NOT FOR SALE**, so that people will not be able to see what you have.
- **KEEP "CHANGE MONEY" IN A SAFE PLACE**, possibly on your person, such as in your pockets, or in a "fanny pack" around your waist. If you keep money in a small box on a table, be sure to keep your hands on the box at all times. **HIDE LARGE AMOUNTS OF MONEY INSIDE YOUR HOUSE, AND ADD TO IT AS YOU MAKE IT.** You only need to keep a small amount to provide change with outside.
- **HAVE ENOUGH PEOPLE HELPING YOU**, especially if you have a lot of items to sell, so that one person can keep watch, while the others help customers. A "buddy system" combining your sale with a neighbor's is a good way if you don't have anyone else to help you. **BE CAUTIOUS** of large groups of people arriving together.
- The Number One suggestion from the Sheriff's Department is all encompassing: **"BE AWARE OF YOUR SURROUNDINGS AT ALL TIMES!"**
- Have paper bags and plastic bags as well as newspaper on hand to wrap fragile or breakable items.
- A fair asking price is 1/4 of the new price. Pin sizes on clothing, sheets, curtains and bedspreads. If you have items that are marked individually, be sure to make signs clearly stating prices. People love to bargain, so expect them to try to talk your price down. Have a lower limit or percentage in mind.
- If you are selling items from more than one person, use stickers of different colors or shapes for each person. Remove the sticker from each item as sold and keep the stickers in a notebook for easier accounting later.
- Don't leave your children's good toys outside. They might accidentally get sold or adopted!
- **Be ready early.** People will be at your garage sale as soon as you open it.



Make sure money is secured.

SUGAR LAND'S 27th ANNUAL EGGStravaganza

All eager egg hunters and fans of the Easter Bunny are once again invited to the City's 27th annual EGG-Stravaganza to be held at Eldridge Park on Saturday, **April 16th, from noon - 3 p.m.**

Our unique version of egg hunts, famously titled "egg scrambles", will be open to children up to 12 years old. Eggs scrambles for children with special needs will be back again this year. The special needs scramble area will include beeping eggs for the vision impaired and hay bale course with eggs

hidden at accessible heights for children in wheelchairs.

Photo opportunities with the Easter Bunny, entertainment and plenty of fun activities will also abound to make this another memorable day in the park for Sugar Land families, friends and neighbors.

This is a free event, open to the public. There will egg scrambles throughout the event. When not scrambling for eggs, there will be plenty of activities and entertainment for children, their

families and the young at heart.

Making a very special appearance will be the Easter Bunny, who always hops in for this occasion. Free photos with the Easter Bunny for the first 200 lucky people will be available throughout the event.

The Sugar Land Lion's Club will be selling drinks and tasty treats from the Pavilion at the park.

For more information, please call the City of Sugar Land Parks and Recreation Department, 281.275.2885.

Summary of Financial Reports: As of 01/31/11 86.63% collected with \$348,959.79 total assets.

GLEN LAUREL POOL TAG REGISTRATION FORM 2011

Each household member will be required to have a pool tag to enter the pool area

NAME: _____ HOME #: _____

ADDRESS: _____ WORK #: _____

EMAIL: _____

OWNER: _____ TENANT: _____

NAME OF RESIDENTS:	RELATIONSHIP	AGE
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____

EMERGENCY CONTACT PERSON:

NAME: _____ PHONE #: _____

2011 NEW TAGS \$2.00 EACH #of tags requested _____
 REPLACEMENT TAGS \$3.00 EACH #of tags requested _____

PAYMENT MUST BE ENCLOSED AND CHECK MADE PAYABLE TO:
GLEN LAUREL HOMEOWNER'S ASSOCIATION, INC.

REMINDER:

POOL TAGS WILL NOT BE ISSUED UNLESS
ALL ASSOCIATION ASSESSMENTS ARE PAID IN FULL.

TO OBTAIN 2011 POOL TAGS PLEASE REFER TO THE INFORMATION BELOW:

- AVAILABLE AT THE POOL AREA ON MAY 14TH FROM 11-2 PM & MAY 21ST FROM 11-2 PM.
- AUSTIN PROPERTIES LOCATED AT 13726 FLORENCE ROAD 9AM-5PM MONDAY - FRIDAY

MASC AUSTIN PROPERTIES, INC.
13726 FLORENCE ROAD
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(713) 776-1771

BY SUBMISSION OF THIS FORM, YOU, YOUR TENANTS AND GUESTS AGREE TO OBEY ALL POOL RULES. **LIFE-GUARDS HAVE FINAL AUTHORITY!**

EARTH DAY CELEBRATION

Come celebrate Earth Day during several City of Sugar Land events on **Saturday, April 16:**

- from 2-6 p.m. in the Mercer Stadium parking lot (free household electronics recycling, paper shredding and collection of clothing and household goods for reuse will take place); and
- from 5-8 p.m. in Town Square Plaza (events include a series of environmental activity booths featuring face painting, arts/crafts and a recycling game, along with a performance by musicians Leah White and the Magic Mirrors that is sponsored by the City of

Sugar Land, Sugar Land Town Square and Republic Services).

Sugar Land residents can bring working and non-working household electronics free of charge for recycling and reuse. These items include TVs, VCRs/DVD players, computers, cell phones and digital cameras.

Residents can also bring paper, cds and dvds for shredding onsite.

The Fort Bend County Women's Center will accept donations of clothing and household items for resale at the County's PennyWise Resale locations.

The recycling collection event will follow these guidelines:

- Residents must remain in their vehicles at all times.
- Walk-ups will not be accepted.
- City staff will remove items from vehicles.
- Residents will not be able to watch their documents get shredded.
- Containers used to transport items and papers will not be returned.

For more information, contact 281-275-2450.

ON THE SQUARE

Sugar Land Town Square is always keeping us entertained. Some of the upcoming events are

03/25 - Child Advocates of Fort Bend presents Light of Hope, 6-7:30 PM. Everyone is invited to join in this community event to create awareness of child abuse in our community. Attend the Light of Hope ceremony to kick off Child Abuse Prevention Month coming in April!

03/26 - Art Show presented by Sartartia Middle School, 10 AM-2 PM. Enjoy a variety of art presented by students from Sartartia Middle School, working to make a difference in the community through art. The community is invited to purchase artwork and funds raised will benefit a local charity.

03/26 - Celebrating Abilities presented by the Arc of Fort Bend, 4-7 PM. Come out for entertainment as the Arc of Fort Bend celebrates and showcases the abilities of individuals with disabilities.

03/27 - First Annual Memorial Hermann Sugar Land Half Marathon, 6:45-11:45 AM. 2011 First Annual Memorial Hermann Sugar Land Half Marathon, with start/finish at Sugar Land Town Square. Runners will enjoy a certified, double-loop Sweetwater Country Club course. Must be 8 years old or older to participate, great prizes and lots of fun. SEVEN local charities benefit from this event.

03/30 - Sugar Land Jr. Superstar Auditions, 5-7:30 PM. Calling all 9 to 13 year old Fort Bend County residents—it's Sugar Land Jr. Superstar! Are you the next Sugar Land Superstar? Come audition in the Plaza for a chance to be in Sugar Land's biggest singing competition now for 9 to 13 year old superstars! Auditions will be done without track music or instruments and participants should be prepared to sing for 90 seconds. No pre-registration required. Must be a full-time resident of Fort Bend County and must be at least 9

years of age at the time of audition.

04/01 - Opry on the Square, 7:30-9 PM.

04/02 - Fort Bend Habitat for Humanity Youth Build Challenge, 11 AM-9 PM.

04/07 - Jazz in the Plaza, 7-9 PM.

04/09 - Annual Spring Corvett Show, 10 AM-3 PM.

04/09 - Movie under the Moon, 8:30-10:30 PM.

04/16 - Sugar Land Earth Day Celebration, 5-8 PM.

04/21 - Giving Spirits Concert Series, 7-9 PM.

04/22 - Dancing Under the Stars, 7:30-9 PM.

For more events, log onto <http://www.sugarlandtownsquare.com/EventCalendar.aspx>

SCHOOL CORNER

Upcoming dates of importance:
3/14-18 - Holiday/Spring Break
3/25 - End of Nine Week Period

4/22 - Holiday/Good Friday
5/27, 31 - Exams
5/30 - Holiday/Memorial Day

6/1, 2 - Exams
6/2 - Last Student Day
6/3, 4 - Graduation

PLEASE NOTE: To view complete listings of school activities, calendars, etc., please log onto: www.fortbendisd.com/campuses/khs/; www.fortbendisd.com/campuses/slms/; www.fortbendisd.com/campuses/sme/; www.fortbendisd.com/campuses/bpe/

Happy St. Patrick's Day

Effective 03/07/11

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To submit an article, advertising, or questions,

Please contact:

Monty Campell, Prepared Publications
(281) 652-5802

Email: monty@preparedpublications.com

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rel housing market:

In inventory of active homes for sale in February they were
7 homes

1 home is currently under contract - a foreclosure

No homes were sold this year so far.

If you have any questions or intend to sell your home,
please contact me Under 281-799-0410 or mailto:
TexasHomesForU@Earthlink.net

Call Jutta - 281-799-0410



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Schedule of Events

- 01 - April Fool's Day
- 05, 19, 26 - City Council Meeting, 5:30 PM
- 10 - Concert in the Park
- 12, 28 - Planning & Zoning Meeting, 6:30 PM
- 14 - HOA MONTHLY MEETING, 7 PM
- 16 - Earth Day Celebration / EGGStravaganza
- 17 - Concert in the Park
- 19 - Passover
- 21 - San Jacinto Day
- 21 - HOA Quarterly Meeting, 5:30 PM
- 22 - Earth Day / Good Friday
- 22 - FBISD Holiday
- 24 - Easter

▶ April 2011

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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3	4	5*	6	7	8	9
10*	11	12*	13	14*	15	16*
17*	18	19*	20	21*	22*	23
24	25	26*	27	28*	29	30

TEEN DIRECTORY

Glen Laurel teens interested in being listed in the Teen Directory should e-mail their name, address, phone number, date of birth and service being offered to barlisa@pdq.net by the first of each month in order to be included in the current issue.

REMINDER: Remember to submit a completed architectural form for any exterior projects before work is begun. You may contact Terri Salter, MASC Austin Properties, Inc., at 713-776-1771, for copies of the proper forms or you may log onto www.glenlaurel.net and download the forms for printing.

Important Phone Numbers:

For all emergencies for Police, Fire & Ambulance, please dial	911
S.L. Police Department	281-275-2525
S.L. Police Admin. Offices	281-275-2500
S.L. Fire Department	281-491-0852
	281-275-2851
or	281-342-2100
S.L. Fire Dept. Admin. Offices	281-275-2700
S.L. City Hall	
S.L. City Manager, Mayor or Councilman	281-275-2710
S.L. Ordinance/City Code	281-275-2370
S.L. Revenue Department	281-275-2750
S.L. Public Works/Street Lights	281-275-2450
S. L. Library	281-277-8934
S. L. Post Office	1-800-275-8777
Animal Control	281-275-2596
Fort Bend County Sheriff's Office	281-341-4700
Fort Bend I.S.D.	281-634-1000
Recycling Center	281-342-5226
MASC Austin Properties, Inc.	713-776-1771

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Helpful websites:

- <http://www.ci.sugar-land.tx.us/>
- <http://www.co.fort-bend.tx.us/>
- http://www.sugarlandtx.gov/police/services/program/citizen_police_academy.asp
- <http://www.sugarlandtx.gov/fire/index.asp>
- <http://www.familywatchdog.us/>
- <http://www.felonspy.com/search.html>
- http://www.sugarlandtx.gov/police/services/programs/house_watch.asp

COMMITTEE VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

- Newsletter & Website
- Beautification/Landscaping
- ACC/Deed Restrictions
- Pool

If you can spare any time to help on these Glen Laurel committees, please call Terri Salter, 713-776-1771, to volunteer.

The *Gazette* welcomes letters/articles from the residents of Glen Laurel, but we reserve the right to edit all articles for space allocation.

REMINDER

It is **against the law** for dogs to be outside a fence without being on a leash. If you see a dog running loose, we urge you to call Animal Control, 281-275-2596. If a loose animal is found on your premises, you have the right to confine the animal until Animal Control has been notified to come impound the animal.

Parents, be aware of who lives in your neighborhood by logging onto <https://records.txdps.state.tx.us/soSearch/soSearch.cfm>. Simply enter your zip code and find out if you have any offenders living near you. Another good source is <http://www4.familywatchdog.us/>.

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All advertising copy is due no later than **5 p.m. on the 1st of the month**. All ads must be paid in full at submission. Make check payable to: **Glen Laurel HOA** All advertising copies should be **camera-ready; if not, a \$25 layout fee will be additional. No photos or screens.**

Ad rates are as follows:

Business Card

\$20—one month
\$100—six months

Quarter-page

\$35—one month
\$175—six months

The deadline for submitting information to the *Glen Laurel Gazette* is the **1st of each month by 5 p.m.**

To submit ad information to the *Gazette*:

- ⇒ **E-mail copy to monty@preparedpublications.com**
- ⇒ If it is not possible to e-mail, then mail or drop copy to *Glen Laurel Gazette* c/o MASC API, 13726 Florence Road, Sugar Land, Texas 77498.
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