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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.

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

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.



From The Board:

Dogs are not permitted on the tennis courts ever! Their toenails tear up the playing surface, which is very costly to repair. Dogs are also not permitted to be off leash anywhere within Sugar Mill, including our parks.



If you have bushes or trees leaning on a Sugar Mill Community fence or wall, and it is determined that they helped cause the fence or wall to break, you may be responsible for costs associated with the fence or wall repair. Please trim all bushes and trees so that they do not touch any Sugar Mill Community fence or wall, even during heavy winds. A little maintenance today could save all the homeowners money in annual dues in January!

Did you know that the City of Sugar Land can ticket you for parking over a sidewalk? Please make sure that your vehicles are in your garage or driveway and that they do not block the sidewalk. This becomes a hazard for people who have to walk into the street to go around your vehicle. Vehicles parking in cul de sacs or parked in streets in such a way that prohibit emergency vehicles from responding to a call, will most likely 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!

Just a quick note about signs within our neighborhood – contractor signs are never permitted (even while they are performing work at your home). All other signs (elections, sports, realtor, etc.) are limited to two signs per property.

Did you know that putting an X on your windows with tape does practically nothing to strengthen your windows during a hurricane? Yes, it might provide a tiny bit of strength to prevent it from cracking, but chances are, during the 100+mph winds, tape just makes the mess a little easier to clean up afterwards since the tape will hold some of the pieces together. Cover the windows with wood to really get some benefit.







Tip of the Month: It is important for everyone to periodically check their credit report to ensure that someone has not opened up a credit card in your name, or stolen your identity in another manner. If you go to https://www.annualcreditreport.com/index.action, you are entitled to run a credit report with all three major credit bureaus annually for free. But it is more advantageous to run a report with one of the credit

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bureaus every four months instead. For instance – in January you could run a report with Equifax, in May you could run a report with TransUnion, and in September you could run a report with Experian. Chances are that the same information will appear with each of the three credit bureaus, and by spreading out your credit monitoring throughout the year, you can more closely monitor your credit and be quicker to respond to any abnormal findings.



If you see a burnt out bulb on one of our green Gargoyle light fixtures, please give us the pole number that is mounted on the unit, to make it easier for us to identify and locate.



We encourage residents to help make Sugar Mill a better place to live. If you have a complaint, something to report, have a suggestion, or would like to join a committee, please email or call our Property Manager, Terri Salter at tsalter@mascapi.com or (713) 776-1771. Anything you say will be held in strict confidence!!

Thanks, Sugar Mill's Board of Directors

HOUSE NUMBERS

House numbers are not only convenient for finding addresses but necessary for emergency responders to locate those in need. When responding to an emergency, minutes matter - so be sure that fire, ambulance, and police personnel can easily and quickly find your address. Be



sure to have your address clearly marked on your curb, on your home, and if you have a mailbox, be sure to have 4-inch reflective numbers, in a contrasting color, on both sides of the post, that is not hidden by grass or foliage.

NATIONAL NIGHT OUT!

Don't forget that National Night Out is October 6th from 6-9pm. So grab your neighbors and folding lawn chairs, and gather outside to enjoy the cooler temperatures and the neighbors you've been meaning to get to know!! For more information, please go to: http://www.sugarlandtx.gov/index.aspx?nid=516.

New Documents On Our Website!

We've posted new documents on the website covering guidelines and deed restrictions. You can find them in the Documents section of the website, under "Guidelines and Deed Restrictions". Here's a list of the documents recently posted:

- Minimum Acceptable Standards for Gazebos or Patio Covers
- Guideline for POD Storage Units
- Minimum Acceptable Standards for Statuary and Decorative Appurtenances
- Minimum Acceptable Standards for Building Maintenance
- Minimum Acceptable Construction Standards for Wood Fences
- Minimum Acceptable Standards for Boat Use and Storage on Misty Lake
- Minimum Acceptable Standards for Playground Equipment
- Dog Ramps on Lakefront Lots
- Guidelines for Commercial Vehicles
- Guideline for Metal Fencing
- Minimum Acceptable Standards for Outbuildings
- Guidelines for Solar Energy Devices
- Guidelines for Certain Roofing Materials
- Guidelines for the Rainwater Recovery Systems
- Guidelines for the Display of Flags
- Guidelines for Display of Certain Religious Items
- Lake Rules for Boating on Misty Lake
- Minimum Acceptable Standards for Signs
- Minimum Acceptable Construction Standards for Park Benches, Swings and Outdoor or Lawn Furniture
- Minimum Acceptable Construction Standards for Lots
- Minimum Acceptable Construction Standards for Security Lights
- Sugar Mill Approved Mailboxes
- Minimum Acceptable Standards for Fences and Short Barriers on a Lake-Lot Backyard

Marion's Fishing Corner



A few facts about exposure to the heat.

Although autumn is approaching, the summer heat can still be a factor for a while. The

hottest times of the year are behind us now, but I'd like to give you a few things to consider while outdoors in persistently warm conditions.

Daytime fishing can be brutal during mid and late summer months. With the relent-less sun beating down and air temperatures still in the mid 90's, fishing success is normally lower than any other season. But there are other reasons to exercise caution this time of year. This is the season when anglers are most vulnerable to dehydration and (in extreme cases) even heat stroke. Taking simple precautions can easily prevent these problems.

Simply stated, dehydration occurs when water leaving the body is greater than water being taken in. We easily underestimate just how many ways our bodies actually lose water during hot conditions. For example, just the simple act of breathing accounts for water loss as we exhale humidified air. Sweating uses a significant amount of water in an attempt to cool our bodies. Studies show that under certain weather conditions, a brisk walk can generate up to 16 ounces of perspiration (one pound of water). With 75% of our body

weight being due to H2O, it's easy to see that maintaining water levels is critical.

There are simple steps that we can take to reduce the effects of the heat while fishing this time of year. Avoid alcohol, because alcohol increases water loss and impairs our ability to recognize early signs of dehydration. Wear light colored and loose fitting clothes while spending hours outdoors. Light colored fabrics reflect heat instead of absorbing it. Loose fitting clothes help promote air flow and allow cooling from evaporation. If possible, try to break up your exposure to hot temps. Seek out a shady spot and allow yourself to cool off between exposures. Letting your body temperature moderate for even a short time on occasion can help control water loss.

Following these simple suggestions along with having ample drinking water along with you during warm weather outings will make your next fishing trip a lot more bearable and enjoyable.

Remember to always catch and release, because a bass is far 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 24 years.

Indoor Art Show And Sale

Sugar Land Art Center and Gallery will host an indoor art show and sale on Sunday, October 11th. For the last two years, local artists have been invited to be a part of the show. It's turning into a success and lots of fun for a Sunday afternoon! Below are the details of the show and sale:

What: Artist Attic Sale (Ready To Sale Prices)

Who: Local artists and artisans

Where: Sugar Land Art Center & Gallery

Address: 104 Industrial Blvd., Suite Q, Sugar Land, TX 77478

Date: Sunday, October 11, 2015

Time: 1:00 to 5:00 pm

Come out and support local artists and artisans!

Noteable Notes:

City's Halloween Town

Get ready for another frighttastic adventure as Halloween Town returns to Sugar Land Town Square on Sunday, Oct. 25, from 4-8 p.m. All little witches, superheroes, princesses and other creative characters are invited to bring their families and pets for this evening of friendly surpris-

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 our giant inflatable Halloween Maze or decorate a pumpkin at the Munchkin Pumpkin Patch! There is something for everyone at Halloween Town!

Admission is free to the community. Just remember, no blood or gruesome horror elements, as Halloween Town is for friendly ghosts, goblins and ghouls. Children and pets in their Halloween best are invited to enter Halloween Town's costume contest.

Hurry because there is limited space per category. Be the first to sign up children or pets using the contest entry form at www.sugarlandtx.gov/halloweentown.

For more details, visit: www.sugarlandtx.gov.

Congratulations! Yard of the Month Winners For August and September!



Congratulations Winners!

Winners for August 2015:

Eileen and Douglas Boyd at 1014 Sugar Mountain survived the drought in August and had the greenest grass on the block due to their beautiful oak trees that shaded the front yard.

Winners for September 2015:

Charlie and Christine Diep at Misty Island Estates 1131 Morning Mist Ct. Charlie and Christine have found a good place to live in Sugar Mill and moved here from the northwest side of town back in March. After working all day, Charlie and Christine spent numerous evenings and weekends re-landscaping their front yard and what a beautiful transformation. Their efforts were rewarded and their neighbors are so pleased that they moved to Morning Mist Ct.



Both couples received a \$25.00 gift certificate from the Caldwell Nursery. Happy gardening and I'll see you around the block!

Your neighbor, Cheryl Swanson

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Sugar Land City Hall	281-275-2700
Sugar Land Library	281-277-8934
Sugar Land Post Office	800-275-8777
Police, Fire, Ambulance	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

Did You Know?



Bulky Waste pick up day in Sugar Mill has been changed to the first Tuesday of the month. Monday is Trash and Green Waste day and Thursday is Trash and Recycle day.

TO Call Vicki



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LOCK IT UP

With all the advancements in smarthome security technology and systems, some homeowners may overlook one of the most basic keys to home security — door locks and

keys. According to This Old House, nearly 3 million U.S. homes are broken into each year. Locks have come a long way in terms of the protection they provide, and it's a good time to examine some options for improving home security with a simple upgrade of door-lock hardware. Determining what kind of exterior lock you need is the first step. Consider the pros and cons of various keyed-entry doorknobs, handle sets and dead bolts before you buy. All exterior doors need a dead bolt no matter what kind of knob or handle set you decide on. You can

mount the dead bolt and doorknob together or separately, or purchase a set that includes both as one installation. Exterior locks should be either Grade 1 or 2. Choose locksets with a dead-locking latch bolt or dead bolts that include hardened pins. Install these with a heavy-duty plate and at least 3-inch screws. Prices for the locksets vary from \$25 to over \$300 depending on quality, style and safety rating. When you're shopping for a new lockset, keep in mind that you want to look for a dead bolt that will withstand door jimmying with a credit card or saw. According to a study by ConsumerReports.org, forcible entries such as door kick-ins are the most common type of home break in. Since technology isn't always the solution, reinforcing doors with upgraded locks that feature good safety-rated parts will keep your home safe.



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