

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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From The Board:

Backyard chicken coops are the newest home and health improvement promotion in magazines and other publications. The coops are promoted as a benefit to provide organic eggs, compost and other health benefits to the family and yard.

The other day on Facebook this was posted "It is a sad day in our house hold. The City of Sugar Land came down on us and gave us 48 hours to get rid of our home raised laying hens. We have raised chickens for 6 years in Houston and Sugar Land. My boys cared for the hens and sold the eggs to friends for extra money to pay for the feed."

We would like to remind you that not only are chickens not permitted under Sugar Mill Deed Restrictions, but they are also not permitted anywhere in Sugar Land.



The Board has also received a couple of calls about coyotes in the neighborhood. We want to admonish everyone to be careful and to not leave their pets outside unattended. Coyotes run along Oyster Creek and have become rather urbanized, so trapping and capture is economically ineffective. A loud clap will usually scare a coyote away and unless you are between a momma and her pups, the coyote is more afraid of you. Just treat these roaming animals with respect.



The construction across the street has disturbed their habitat and they will leave the area when there is no longer food around. The coyotes usually hunt between sundown and sunrise, so please keep your eyes open and your pets on a leash while out walking.

The kids are out of school so that means there is more bicycle traffic and more visitors to our neighborhoods. Please make sure that vehicles are parked safely and they do not block the sidewalks.

Have a wonderful and safe July.

Thanks,

Sugar Mill's Board of Directors

Neighborhood Notables:

The Mom's Club of Sugar Land North

Are you a stay at home mom? We have playgroups, socials, mom's night out, book clubs, and many more fun things planned! Any age children are welcome, or just come yourself if your children are in school. For more info email: momsclub_sln@yahoo.com.

Support group for caregivers

NAMI Fort Bend (an affiliate of the National Alliance on Mental Illness) would like to invite you to a Support Group for caregivers on the second and fourth Thursday of every month. These meetings are free and open to anyone who is giving care and support to a family member who is suffering from mental illness. These are caregiver ONLY meetings and are held at St. Laurence Catholic Church in Sugar Land, in the Social Concerns Conference Room from 7:00 to 8:30 pm.

Interested about breastfeeding?

Mothers wishing to find out more about breastfeeding are invited to attend a meeting of La Leche League of Fort Bend every second Monday at 7pm at Memorial Hermann Sugarland Hospital or every third Monday at 10:30am at St. Theresa Catholic Church Family Life Center. Babies are always welcome at meetings. For more info call Erin: 281-325-0618, Laura: 281-277-4989, Lisa: 281-710-7171, Briana: brianavalencia@gmail.com.

Do you like to shoot pool?

If you know how to shoot pool and are willing to share your skills with senior citizens, the T.E. Harman Senior Center on Matlage Way (across from our Post Office) is looking for a volunteer pool table instructor to teach a class on a weekly basis. Daytime and Evening instructors are needed. All equipment will be provided. If you would enjoy teaching and helping others as a volunteer, please contact the Volunteer Office at volunteers@sugarlandtx.gov or call 281-275-2329.

Volunteer Instructors Needed! Day and Evening Classes!

Have a hobby or talent you are willing to share? We are looking for volunteer instructors to lead a variety of classes for our active seniors at the T. E. Harman Center on Matlage Way,

across from the Sugar Land Post Office. Classes are typically once a week for approximately one (1) hour. We will work with you to schedule a mutually convenient time/day to hold your class.

Day Time Classes are offered: Mon-Fri- between 8am and 5 pm. Evening Classes are offered: Mon - Thurs between 6-8 pm.

Here are some ideas: Aerobics, Arts & Crafts, Book club, Chess, Computers, Dancing, Genealogy, Cards & Games – or if you have a different talent to share!



If you would enjoy teaching and helping others as a volunteer for a minimum 6-month commitment, please contact the Volunteer Office at: volunteers@sugarlandtx.gov or call 281-275-2329.

Share your concerns with the City

Did you know that if you see something in the City of Sugar Land that concerns you, you can notify the City directly through

their website at the following url:

<http://www.sugarlandtx.gov/requesttracker.aspx> There are different categories for Public Safety, Public Works, Water Utilities, Code Violations, Animal Services, Food Complaints, Parks & Recreations, General or Miscellaneous.

Hurricane Season

The Atlantic Hurricane Season began June 1st. Start stockpiling those canned goods and bottled water in case of emergency! For a full list recommended by FEMA, please go to www.FEMA.gov.

Free Movies

Free outside movies are offered for your family and friends at the Sugar Land Town Square in front of City Hall on July 19th at 8:22pm – Hook. Remember to bring lawn chairs to sit on! For more information, go to: <http://sugarlandtownsquare.com/events/>.

Cat Adoption Rates Lowered

The Sugar Land Animal Shelter has temporarily reduced cat adoption fees from \$90 to \$20. The shelter is currently housing 16 cats and 76 kittens. The reduced fees are valid through July 13 and include vaccinations, spaying or neutering and a microchip with lifetime registration. All animals come with a sleepover option that allows prospective families to try out a pet for three to five days. If it is not the perfect fit, they can bring them back. If it is love at first sight, they need to return to Animal Services and complete the adoption. For more information, contact Sugar Land Animal Services, 101 Gillingham Lane, at 281-275-A-DOG (2364).

Marion's Fishing Corner

Summer patterns

The water temperatures on Misty Lake are hovering around 82 to 85 degrees. This means that the bass are locked in to their summer-time patterns. Their normal routine now is short flurries of feeding activity early in the morning and again late in the evening. During the bright sunlight and heat of the day, the larger fish are usually content to sulk out in deeper water in whatever structure they can find. These fish can sometimes still be caught, but bait presentations usually need to be slow and methodical. The exceptions to this, of course, are the small bass. They remain more active in bright, hot conditions and can normally be caught with more regularity.

Other species of fish are not as sensitive to super-warm water conditions. Bluegill and catfish are very active this time of year. Blue and Channel catfish are just now wrapping up their spawning activities that occur in late spring and early summer. They can be found along any of the bulkheads and will readily eat shrimp, prepared "stink baits", or even hot dogs that are suspended under a bobber. This is a great time to re-introduce our youngsters to the pleasures of fishing. With school out for

the summer and air temperatures not as brutal as they will be later, the opportunity for success is at hand. These fish are eager to tug on their line. Bluegill and other sunfish are always easy to find and catch this time of year. Just pick up a carton of live mealy worms at the local sporting goods store, hook one on a small aberdeen-style hook under a bobber, and you are in business.



So I hope you all have a safe and enjoyable summer. Our lake is in great shape and I hope that we all share the resolve to preserve it and enjoy it for years to come.

Remember to 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.

Service Days for Bulky Trash Collection to Change

Service days for bulky waste pickup will change for all residents on Aug. 4. Bulky waste service is provided once a month for items too large to fit in the garbage cart. Bulky waste does not include construction, demolition or hazardous wastes. Some residents will also have a new day for recycling, but collection days for garbage and green waste will not change. The changes are detailed online at the City's website: www.sugarlandtx.gov/solidwaste, and residents will receive information by mail that includes a magnet detailing the new service schedules. Automated recycling service is provided once a week utilizing a City-issued green cart with a wide range of materials being accepted, including:

- all colors of glass bottles and jars;
- newspapers, magazines, catalogs, phonebooks, office paper, school paper, mail, paper-back books;
- cardboard, paperboard and paper bags;
- steel and tin cans (labels are ok);
- aluminum cans, foil, and food trays; and
- plastics #1-5, 7.

Green waste collection is also provided weekly. The green waste program ensures all green waste -- grass clippings, leaves, brush, tree limbs, etc. -- will be recycled rather than sent to a landfill. Green waste materials should be placed in a reusable container or tied bags; compostable bags are not required.

VACANCIES AND RECRUITMENT APPLICATION DEADLINE JULY 18, 2014
CITY COUNCIL APPOINTMENTS SEPTEMBER 2014

The City of Sugar Land relies on specialized boards and commissions, made up of residents living within the corporate city limits, to assist with community decision-making processes.

City Council has opened recruitment for two boards with vacancies: Parks, Art, Recreation, Culture, and Streetscapes and Tree Advisory (PARCS) Board; and Building Standards Commission.

Applications are being accepted up to 5:00 p.m., July 18, 2014. All applications must be submitted electronically through the city website "Serve Sugar Land Volunteer Opportunities - <https://volunteer.sugarlandtx.gov/be-a-volunteer>".

It is recommended that you SAVE your application responses in a word-type document and cut and paste the responses into the application.

Application Review Process
City Council in August will review all applications submitted for the board and commission openings or reappointments under consideration. From the applicant pool, City Council will select nominees for further consideration. Due to the number of applicants, only the nominees are contacted. For more details, visit: www.sugarlandtx.gov.

Yard of the Month Winner For May!

2014 Earth-Kind Kids' Kamp

Fort Bend County Master Gardeners announce their Junior Master Gardener Earth-Kind @ Kids' Kamp ("EK 3") to be held August 4-8, 2014, from 9 am to 3 pm at the Fort Bend County Agriculture Center in Rosenberg, Texas. The Kamp is open to children ages 8-10 and entering grades three through five for the 2014-2015 school year. We have space for 25 children. Master Gardener volunteers will mentor each group and lead daily activities, and we have several guest speakers during the week.

"Our Coastal Prairie" is our selected theme. At one time, Texas had 6.5 million acres of coastal prairie — what was it like before farmers plowed the fertile soil, houses and roads built and millions of people settled here? Where did it go and what happened to the people and wildlife who once called it home? Kampers will not only learn about the people, the plants and wildlife; they will be immersed in Texas history throughout the week. The kids will make themed crafts to take home. To earn a Junior Master Gardener Plant medal, children must attend Kamp every day. The fee for Kamp is \$50, includes activities, a t-shirt, snacks, and drinks. For more information, contact Margo "Mac" McDowell at 281-633-7033 or email: mmcdowell@ag.tamu.edu.



Jim & Ivy Hu, 1118 Oak Knoll

I began working on my garden about 15 years ago. Gardening initially served more as a form of exercise and stress relief. However, it wasn't long after that I realized the satisfaction of seeing a blooming and growing garden. I have five kids, and after they grew up and left home, gardening became a hobby much like raising and growing a family. When the time and energy was put into it, the results were satisfying and gave me a sense of pride. I started planting flowers, trees and ground cover in the backyard. My husband contributed by replanting baby water oaks found while mowing the lawn. These trees have grown and matured over the last twenty years and now provide shade for our house and yard. There is also a grapefruit tree in the backyard that my second daughter started growing about 15 years ago after finding a seed sprouting in her grapefruit. Over the years, I've exchanged flowers with friends and purchased several others. There are probably now more than thirty different varieties of plants in my backyard garden. I naturally began designing my garden with borders, pottery, and small statues. Eventually, my efforts turned to the front yard. I have done all the landscaping myself, from planting the flowers to trimming the shrubs and trees. Only the maple and live water trees were planted by my husband. I am honored to be recognized with yard of the month. Maintaining my yard and garden has always been a personal endeavor, and I am surprised to have my efforts now recognized. I will probably continue to garden until my grandchildren become too much of a distraction. Then, I will probably have them help me maintain it!

*Best regards,
Ivy Hu*

Ivy, I know that all your family, friends & neighbors have always recognized your amazing efforts in this beautiful yard! Jim & Ivy are pictured here in one of Ivy's unique gardening designs.

Happy Gardening!
Your neighbor, Cheryl Swanson

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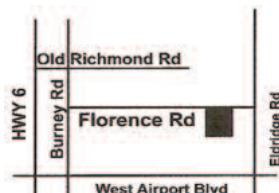
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MOW TIME

Don't let the grass grow under your feet this season. For a healthy looking yard, now's the time to get started. Take a page from HGTV's lawn care handbook with these tips.

Choose the grass seed that is right for your climate and how you will use the lawn.

When it's time to cut the grass, set the mower to the highest notch that only mows the top third. This helps with root development and prevents the ground from drying out too quickly.

First, clear the weeds and roots and rototill 6 inches below ground. This will help prepare the area to include equal parts loam, sand and topsoil. During this time, create a slight slope to help with drainage.

Then, get out the hose. If you just seeded, water every day for five to 10 minutes. After new grass comes up, water once a day for 15 to 20 minutes. Consider your soil type to figure out how much.

If sod is not in your budget, the next step is to hand-seed or hydroseed (a technique that spreads the seeds evenly).

Twice a year, in spring and fall, fertilize.



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