

Meetings

Meetings are held at:
Sugar Land First United
Methodist Church
431 Eldridge Road
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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.

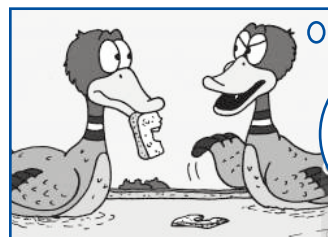
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From The Board:

Hello fellow Sugar Millions!! I hope you have all had a wonderful summer. We have received the reports from both pools and we are thrilled that so many of you have been visiting our pools this year – waaay more than in previous years! Our Pool Committee continues to give the Board their suggestions for how to make the pools even better, so if it's been awhile since you've gone give it a try before summer ends! You'll be surprised at how different the atmosphere is! Next year promises to be even better!

Here ducky ducky! Although there is no law or deed restriction about feeding the ducks, they do create quite a poopie mess, which harbors diseases. If you feed the ducks, they will keep returning, have babies, and before long, we are overrun with them, and need to pay a service from our HOA dues to have them removed again.

So before you toss out that next slice of bread, please think about the mess they will leave at your home, as well as neighboring homes, and the cost the HOA will incur to have them removed.



I agree, it's nice of them to throw us bread, but it's always stale!

What's your address?? So many homes in Sugar Mill do not have numbers on their house. If you call 911, pizza delivery, or have a package being delivered, how will they find you?? Please put this on your "honey-do" list for this weekend!

Are You OK? The Sugar Land Police Department works with the Sheriff's Office in checking the welfare of seniors or disabled citizens that reside within Sugar Land. The program makes a computer generated telephone call each day to the participant to check on their welfare. If the person called is okay, all that is needed is for them to pick up the telephone and hang up. If for some reason they do not answer the telephone, the computer will try again at 15 minute intervals. Should the telephone go unanswered after 3 calls, the Sheriff's Office will notify the Sugar Land Police Department. The Police Department will then dispatch an Officer to check on the welfare of the resident. There is no charge for this service. You decide what time of the morning you want to be called. If you will be away from home at the agreed calling time, you call the number they provide you with so you may remove yourself from the daily check in, until you return. You will have the reassurance that someone will know if you need help. Call (281) 341-4704 to get an application for this program

If you see a burnt out bulb on one of our green Gargoyle light fixtures, please contact Austin Properties at (713) 776-1771, and give us the pole number that is mounted on the unit, to make it easier for us to identify, locate and repair. Bulbs are replaced quarterly.



Yard of the Month – have you ever wondered who is behind the Yard of the Month Program? Cheryl Swanson is! She drives the subdivision monthly looking for a yard worthy of this distinction. But what's really impressive is that she also has to find sponsors willing to donate \$25 for this monthly program. This is not a volunteer position that she was assigned to. She asked permission, and started doing it. Way to go, Cheryl !!

Damaged Trash Receptacles – If your trash cart has a missing or broken lid or wheels, please call Republic Waste (713) 726-7307. Give them your address as well as the numbers on the side of the receptacle, and they will replace it for free the next collection day!

From The Board (continued)

Doggy Waste Stations – Ryan Polhemus has installed doggy waste stations throughout Sugar Mill as part of his Eagle Scout project. Way to go, Ryan!!

Our awesome Landscape Committee has developed a great landscaping plan for both pools as well as our cul-de-sacs and esplanade planters. Kudo's to this great group of volunteers!

Teen Night Fri. August 12, 8:30pm at the Lake Center Pool. We will have a DJ and pizza so our teenagers can have their fun. (Yes, there will be supervision.)

End of the Year Party Mon. Sept 5, 11am at the Lake Center Pool- Ending our summer with an ice cream social 'til next summer season.

National Night Out will be on Tuesday, October 4th. It's never too early to start making plans for your street!

Signs on Sugar Mill Properties: We'd like to take a moment to remind everyone about the rules pertaining to political signs placed on a Sugar Mill residential property:

Political Signs:

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 1 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 4 feet by 6 feet, or 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.

Stay Informed! Emergency Notification System - Providing the City with your contact information ensures that you receive urgent community alerts. The easiest way to ensure that you receive all City communications is by registering with www.nextdoor.com. In addition to this, you should also visit the following City website to register to be contacted via telephone, email, text or devices for the hearing and speech impaired. <http://www.sugarlandtx.gov/index.aspx?nid=718>. Upon signing up, you can expect to receive alerts such as: Emergencies, Changes in solid waste schedules, Scheduled or Anticipated Power Outages, Drought Contingency Plan Changes, Street/Sidewalk Construction, Anticipated Water or Sewer Interruptions, Scheduled Road Closure, and City Service Interruptions/Changes.

Operation ID We recommend that you mark your belongings with an engraving pen so that they can be traced and returned to you if stolen. It is suggested that you mark your items with your driver's license or state identification number. Never mark them with your social security number! You must be a Sugar Land resident to utilize this program, and it operates on a first come, first serve basis. Engravers must be returned within 72 hours and are handed out and collected by appointment only. Please contact (281) 275-2509 to schedule an appointment.

Back to School Splash Bash - Saturday, August 6, 2016 12:00 - 4:00 pm - Beat the Heat at Sugar Land Town Square's Back to School Splash Bash! Bring your family and cool off in the FREE waterslides, have fun with the hula hoop contest, food and drinks, plus fun activities and live music all day with a DJ spinning summer fun beats! This event is benefiting the Fort Bend Rainbow Room and we encourage everyone attending to bring a back pack and school supplies which will be donated to the Fort Bend Rainbow Room. To learn more about this charity, visit www.FBRR.org for more info.

Movie Under The Moon at Sugar Land Town Square - Saturday, August 13, 2016 - 8:15 - 10:00 pm - This month's movie is *Zootopia*. Bring your family, friends, and lawn chairs!

Movie Under The Moon at Sugar Land Town Square - Saturday, September 10, 2016 - 7:30-9:30 pm - This month's movie is *Star Wars: The Force Awakens*. Bring your family, friends, and lawn chairs!

Marion's Fishing Corner



Much more than just a hobby

Some days on the water are more special than others. A couple of weeks ago, I had the opportunity to share my boat with my youngest son. I really can't remember when was the last time we fished together. It seems that he is constantly busy trying to maintain his career and his oil-related job (no small feat in itself nowadays). But this day we had plenty of time to talk and catch up on all the things going on in our lives. We talked about the weather, how things were going at his workplace, politics, and other subjects too numerous to mention. You name it, we covered it all. Being able to spend several hours of one-on-one time

with him was quite a treat. It was obvious to me that his passion for the sport of fishing was still there, but the demands of a successful career don't leave much downtime. That's OK, because I was young once and I can remember. I'm satisfied just knowing that we still share that common bond. And oh, by the way, we even managed to catch a few bass that day. That was just icing on the cake.....

Remember to 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.

Free Irrigation System Evaluation

A residential irrigation system evaluation is a free service to help residents identify irrigation system inefficiencies that contribute to high water consumption and high water bills.

Request your free evaluation

A licensed irrigator trained in water efficiency will reply to schedule an appointment to thoroughly evaluate your system and suggest improvements to achieve water efficiency. There is no obligation to make repairs.

Proper Maintenance is Key
As irrigation systems age, proper maintenance is critical to prevent wasting water. Conditions such as:

Broken sprinkler heads

Mature plants that block spray patterns

Changes in water pressure that result in over spraying and misting

Misaligned spray heads that water the street and sidewalk

Controller settings that are often applying too much water

can make lawns and plant material weaker and less vibrant.

Take advantage of this free program that provides information to get your irrigation system in peak condition. If you have additional questions about water conservation or the irrigation audit program, please call 281-275-2450.

News You Can Use: Water Efficiency and Conservation

Water efficiency and conservation contributes to reduced subsidence, which aids efforts to reduce flooding, and helps improve the health for our aquifers and rivers, which will provide adequate sources of drinking water for future generations. Additionally, water efficiency results in less run off into lakes and rivers and less energy used in the provision and treatment of water, which increases the opportunity to create a sustainable environment now and for the future.

Most people don't realize the complexity of the distribution of quality drinking water and the collection and treatment of sewage and may not be aware that water and wastewater facilities represent one of the largest electrical consumers within a community. Thus, each of us has a responsibility to use less water to ensure adequate water supplies for the future and to reduce overall energy consumption.

Do Your Part to Keep Our Water Clean

1. Use fewer and better pesticides and fertilizers to avoid chemical runoff to our waterways.
2. Water wisely. Watering too heavily or too often weakens your lawn and causes erosion and runoff pollution.
3. Using less toxic cleaning products can reduce pollutants in both the air and water, and help improve the air quality in your house.
4. Collect your food scraps, oil, and grease to avoid clogging sewer lines, which can cause overflows that pollute nearby creeks and streams.
5. Whenever you change your oil or other vehicle fluids at home, make sure you recycle them. NEVER pour used motor oil down storm drains which will carry the oil directly to Texas waterways.
6. Check your car, boat, motorcycle, and other equipment for leaks and spills. Make repairs as soon as possible. Clean up spilled fluids with an absorbent like kitty litter or sand.

From The Board (continued)

Speak Up! Do you have an issue you would like to see addressed by the Board or Management Company? Please feel free to email our Property Manager, Terri Salter at tsalter@mascapi.com, or any of the Board Members (emails are on front of this newsletter). Nextdoor.com should not be used for requests you would like the Board to address.

Sugar Mill Website – Have you had an opportunity to look at our Sugar Mill website yet? You will find it's a great source of information, and it is updated weekly! www.sugarmillhoa.net

Mow your lawn weekly please! So many of you try to save a buck and only mow every other week, but in Sugar Mill, the rule is weekly during the growing season. Please help keep our neighborhood looking tidy and welcoming!

Railroad crossing updates: Union Pacific is almost done completing the double track which will allow for two-way rail-road traffic along Highway 90. They are also progressing nicely with the new University Boulevard North at-grade crossing. Since Union Pacific requires that two crossings be closed in order to open the University crossing, the crossing at Nalco was closed in April, and the Wood Street crossing will be closed when the new crossing opens.

Sugar Mill's Board of Directors

Yard Of The Month Winners! Congratulations!!



June 2016 "Yard of the Month"
Cherie Loughridge at 824 E. Greenbelt Drive

With the help of many friends, Cherie recently updated her landscaping, which was already beautiful, but now is just spectacular! Thanks Cherie!

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



July 2016 "Yard of the Month"
Michael & Martha Lusk at 815 Sugarplum Circle

The July 2016 "Yard of The Month" for the Sugar Mill subdivision goes to Michael & Martha Lusk at 815 Sugarplum Circle.

Both of us find pleasure and satisfaction working in our yard. The landscaping was designed to have color blooming year round. Trying to stay in our budget we chose planting many annuals and native plants. Jose Rodriguez, our long-time friend and yardman for twenty plus years has helped us maintain and keep our yard alive. We love our neighborhood we have called home for twenty-six years. And looking forward to even "greener" days in years to come.

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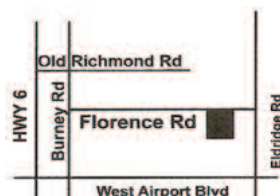
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Moving is hard: With all the logistical considerations of buying the home, closing, moving out of the

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. Try joining Nextdoor (sugarmilltx.nextdoor.com), a social network dedicated to neighbors or searching for local Facebook pages.



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