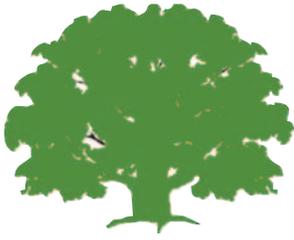


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The official newsletter of the Covington Woods community, located in Sugar Land, Texas.

Home. Sweet. Home.

THE Covington Woods CHRONICLE

SAVE THE DATE

Covington Woods' Annual Meeting – Monday, August 1, 2016. If you are interested in running for the board, please contact Mr. Floyd Thigpen, Chairman of the Nominating Committee at: fthigpen@onsite4research.com.

MISSING LIDS OR WHEELS ON TRASH RECEPTACLES

If your trash receptacle has a missing lid or wheels, please call Republic Waste Management at 713-726-7307 and give them your address and the numbers on the side of the receptacle and they will replace it at no charge on the next collection day.

TRASH COLLECTION

Trash collection reminder: Monday and Thursday are trash days, recycling day is Monday, green waste day is Monday and bulk waste day is the 1st Tuesday of the month.

BOARD UPDATE: ANNUAL ASSESSMENTS, LAWN MAINTENANCE AND ATTENDING BOARD MEETINGS

The new year of 2016 is here and I hope it is treating you well. Those of us in the Oil and Gas business have had difficult days over the last 12 months or so and are looking at many challenges ahead.

If you are reading this now, your annual assessment is past due. We, at the board, use every dollar to the betterment of the neighborhood. We all live here and pay the same dues that you pay. If for some reason you are having difficulties in paying your dues, give us a call and we will do our best to work with you. This is much better than no communication and us wasting money and time sending you letters.

I love our neighborhood and as you might recall from previous letters, this is my second time living here. I like the peace and quiet that we have. I love the big trees and nice yards. The calendar may say it's winter, but the weeds think it's spring time. I encourage each of you to weed and feed your yard so we will all have beautiful yards when spring actually arrives. Stop by your favorite hardware location and in-

vest in a good fertilizer. You will love the results.

Sugar Land is a safe city along with Covington Woods. However, crime and bad behavior are everywhere in this world. The best deterrent to this starts with you and me. If you see something that doesn't seem right, step up and make a call to the police. We have an awesome police force and their response time is terrific. They patrol our neighborhood and serve us proudly. Make sure to thank all of our first responders when you see them; as they are there protecting you from harm and saving you in times of danger.

Lastly, I encourage you to come to the board meetings. We don't know everything that happens in the neighborhood and we want to hear from you on what needs attention. Remember that we live here too.

Sincerely,
Kelly Knake



STINGRAYS SWIM TEAM

Looking for a fun way for your kids to stay cool this summer, check-out the Stingrays!

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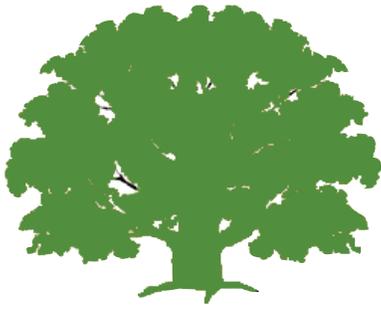
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LIGHTING CONTEST WINNERS

Find out who won the prize for Best Lighting, Best Children's Theme and more!



COVINGTON WOODS



COVINGTON WOODS STINGRAYS SWIM TEAM

Looking for a fun way for your kids to stay cool this summer, spend time with friends, and enjoy some friendly competition? If so, then you will be pleased to know registration for the Covington Woods Stingrays Swim Team will soon be open! Online registration is available for boys and girls ages 4 through 18 at www.cwstingrays.com. The Stingray's season typically consists of 5 meets, with 2 home meets and 3 at neighboring pools.

Our Stingrays also participate in an annual Swim-a-thon fundraiser, Meet of Champions, All-Stars, and end of year Awards Banquet.

Tryouts for new swimmers will be held Thursday, April 28th from 4:00 -6:00 PM at the Covington Woods Community Pool, located at 13739 Woodchester (our home field).

This year we are thrilled to announce we are offering a 40% discount on registration fees in honor of our 40th anniversary!

Registration and other important dates below:
Mar. 15 –Mar.31: Early online registration for CW residents and returning swimmers **ONLY!**
Apr.1-May 1st: Registration open to new swimmers and Non Covington Woods residents
Apr.28th: New swimmer tryouts 4:00 - 6:00 PM
May 2-May 8th: Late registration (with a late fee of \$25 and no 40% discount).

For more information please visit the Stingray's website at www.cwstingrays.com.

CRIME TIPS FOR SENIORS:

Crime and the fear of crime create special problems for the elderly. Crime prevention is everyone's responsibility, not just a job for law enforcement. Seniors can learn how to protect themselves from crime by following these simple, commonsense suggestions. Share these tips with your neighbors and friends, to make it tough for criminals to work in your neighborhood.

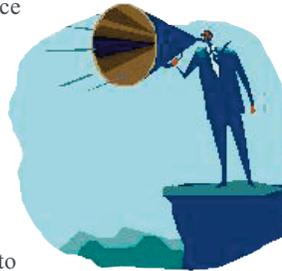
AT HOME . . .

- Never open your door automatically. Install and use a peephole.
- Lock your doors and windows. (Three quarters of the burglaries involving older persons involved unlocked doors and windows; and, less than one half of these robberies are reported.) Keep your garage doors locked.
- Vary your daily routine.
- Use "Neighbor Watch" to keep an eye on your neighborhood. A concerned neighbor is often the best protection against crime because suspicious persons and activities are noticed and reported to police promptly.
- Don't leave notes on the door when going out.
- Leave lights on when going out at night; use a timer to turn lights on and off when you are away for an extended period.
- Notify neighbors and the police when going away on a trip. Cancel deliveries such as newspapers and arrange for someone - a neighbor's child, perhaps - to mow the lawn if need be. Arrange for your mail to be held by the Post Office, or ask a neighbor to collect it for you.
- Be wary of unsolicited offers to make repairs to your home. Deal only with reputable businesses.
- Keep an inventory with serial numbers and photographs of valuable items like appliances, antiques and computers. Leave copies in a safe place.
- Don't hesitate to report crime or suspicious activities.
- Install deadbolt locks on all your doors.
- Keep your home well lit at night, inside and out; keep curtains closed.
- Ask for proper identification from delivery persons or strangers. Don't be afraid of asking . . . if they are legitimate they won't mind.
- If a stranger asks to use your telephone, offer to place the call for him or her yourself.
- Never let a stranger into your home Do not leave notes on your door when you are gone, and do not hide your keys under the mat or in other conspicuous places.
- Never give out information over the phone indicating you are alone or that you won't be home at a certain time.

- When you are gone for more than a day, make sure your home looks and sounds occupied . . . use an automatic timer to turn on lights, radio or TV.
- If you arrive at home and suspect a stranger may be inside, DON'T GO IN. Leave quietly and call 911 to report the crime.

WALKING . . .

- If you are attacked on the street, make as much noise as possible by calling for help or blowing a whistle. Do not pursue your attacker. Call 911 and report the crime as soon as possible.
- Avoid walking alone at night. Try to have a friend accompany you in high risk areas . . . even during the daytime.
- Always plan your route and stay alert to your surroundings. Walk confidently.
- Have a companion accompany you.
- Stay away from buildings and doorways; walk in well-lighted areas.
- Have your key ready when approaching your front door.
- Don't dangle your purse away from your body. (Twelve percent of all crimes against the elderly are purse snatchings and street robberies.)
- Don't carry large, bulky shoulder bags; carry only what you need. Better yet, sew a small pocket inside your jacket or coat. If you don't have a purse, no one will try to snatch it.



WHILE SHOPPING . . .

- Carry your purse very close to you . . . don't dangle it from your arm. Never leave your purse in a shopping cart. Never leave your purse unattended.
- Don't carry any more cash than is necessary.
- Don't display large sums of cash.
- Use checks or debit cards where possible.

IN YOUR CAR . . .

- Always keep your car doors locked, whether you are in or out of your car. Keep your gas tank full and your engine properly maintained to avoid breakdowns.
- If your car breaks down, pull over to the right as far as possible, raise the hood, and wait INSIDE the car for help. Avoid getting out of the car and making yourself a target before police arrive.
- At stop signs and traffic lights, keep the car in gear.
- Travel well-lit and busy streets. Plan your route.
- Don't leave your purse on the seat beside you; put it on the floor, where it is more difficult for someone to grab it.

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2016 ASSESSMENTS ARE PAST DUE!



The 2016 Annual Assessment were due January 31, 2016 and are now considered delinquent. Past due accounts are assessed interest at a rate of 10% per annum, along with a \$10.00 per month collection fee until paid in full. For information regarding your account please contact Pennie Mancuso at MASC Austin Properties, Inc. at 713-776-1771 or via email to: pjohnston@mascapi.com.

HOLIDAY LIGHTING CONTEST WINNERS!

Best Lighting - 13803 Ivymount

Best Children's Theme - 13610 Greywood

Best Religious Theme - 13903 Ivymount

Most Beautiful - 1111 Fair Acres

Overall Best - 1311 Bournewod

CONGRATULATIONS WINNERS!



2016 EGGStravaganza!

Saturday,
March 19, 2016

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2511 Eldridge Rd.
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The Easter bunny will welcome thousands of families to the 32nd Annual EGGStravaganza in Eldridge Park. The day will be filled with Egg Hunts, carnival games, a petting zoo, and more. The first 200 families will have the opportunity to take pictures with the Easter bunny. Come join the fun!

CRIME PREVENTION.. (CONTINUED)

- Lock packages or bags in the trunk. If interesting packages are out of sight, a thief will be less tempted to break in to steal them.
- When returning to your car, check the front and back seat before entering.
- Never pick up hitchhikers.

BANKING . . .

- Many criminals know exactly when government checks arrive each month, and may pick that day to attack. Avoid this by using Direct Deposit, which sends your money directly from the government to the bank of your choice. And, at many banks, free checking accounts are available to senior citizens. Your bank has all the information.
- Never withdraw money from your bank accounts for anyone except YOURSELF. Be wary of con artists and get-rich schemes that probably are too-good-to-be-true.
- You should store valuables in a Safe Deposit Box.
- Never give your money to someone who calls on you, identifying himself as a bank official. A bank will never ask you to remove your money. Banks need the use of your money, and they don't want one of their customers to invite crime by having large amounts of cash around.
- When someone approaches you with a get-rich-quick-scheme involving some or all of YOUR savings, it is HIS get-rich-quick-scheme. If it is a legitimate investment, the opportunity to contribute your funds will still be there tomorrow-after you have had time to consider it.
- If you have been swindled or conned, report the crime to your local police or Prosecuting Attorney's office. Con-artists count on their victim's reluctance to admit they've been duped, but if you delay you help them get away. Remember, if you never report the crime, they are free to cheat others again and again and you have no chance of ever getting your money back.

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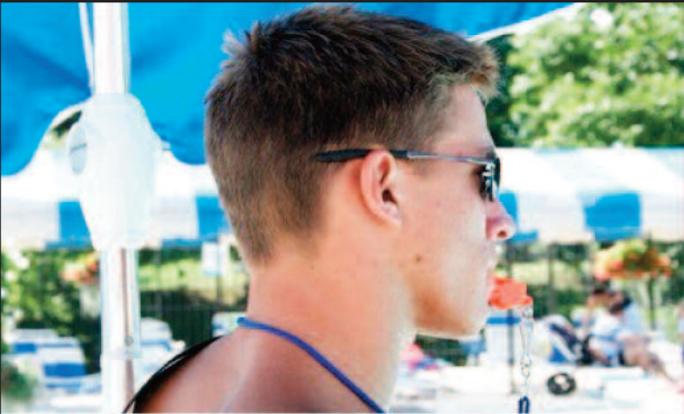
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