

Barrington Place

BANNER

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BOARD UPDATE

Don't forget! Our Yard of the Month contest continues through September. Four homes are chosen every month and will be awarded with a Yard of the Month sign as well as receive a \$25.00 Home Depot gift card!



HOA Annual Meeting

On Tuesday, November 17, 2020, the Barrington Place Homeowners' Association (BPHOA) will hold its Annual Meeting at the clubhouse at 13318 Rosstown, 7:00 p.m. On that date the membership will elect two (2)

Board of Director positions. The two Board position terms are for two (2) years. Al Lockwood and Kenneth Langer will be running for re-election for positions 4 & 5 respectively. Please note that modifications may be necessary due to challenges with the pandemic. We will continue to monitor the situation and advise accordingly.

Those wishing to run for a Board position should contact the management company, MASC Austin Properties, at 945 Eldridge Road, Sugar Land, Texas 77478, as soon as possible. The candidate may submit a candidate profile for publication in the October Banner. Candidates are requested to keep profiles to 400 words or less due to space allocation in the Banner. Should a candidate wish to submit a longer candidate profile, a notation will be made in the Banner that a more extensive profile is posted on the Barrington Place website. Candidate Profiles will be published in the Banner one time. All profiles shall be kept on the Barrington Place website from the date first published on the website until after the election. Changes to a candidate profile on the BP website may be made by a candidate as long as changes are timely made. All candidates are requested to avoid vulgarisms and profanity in their profiles.

Splash Pad Update

The Board wants to share their regret in not being able to open our pool this year and celebrate the construction of the new splash pad and pool renovation project. Project progress has

been somewhat slower due to pandemic challenges, however, we continue to move forward. We look forward to when we will celebrate this new addition with the community.

Submit An Improvement Request Form Before Starting An Improvement

If you are making any type of improvement to the exterior of your home, you must submit an Architectural Improvement request form to MASC Austin Properties, Inc. before starting the work. (This includes painting the exterior, room additions, and replacement of the roof, driveway and fence.) You can find the required form on our website at www.barringtonplace.net under the DOCUMENTS tab-Request for Home Improvement Approval. Please make sure to submit the form with the necessary information and samples for a quicker response. We are receiving applications and processing them as quickly as possible to avoid delays in the work being done.

City of Sugar Land Notification System

Sugar Land is committed to keeping residents safe and informed. The emergency alert system is a communication service available to all Sugar Land residents to receive emergency alerts and city notifications. All residents are encouraged to sign up. Once a subscriber, you will have the ability to customize subscription preferences. Notifications are available via email, text, and/or phone. www.sugarlandtx.gov/718/Emergency-Notification-System

Be Sure To Sign-Up For The New TownSq App

Make sure to sign up for the new TownSq app to manage your account and pay online. TownSq — a new all-in-one mobile app designed to help you connect, collaborate and stay up-to-date with your association – any time on any device. For more details, see the article on page 4.

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YARD OF THE MONTH

Our Yard of the Month contest will continue through September. Four homes will be chosen every month and will be awarded with a Yard of the Month sign placed in their front lawn all month long, as well as receive a \$25.00 Home Depot gift card.

Each winning home will be judged by the overall appearance, tidiness and neatness of the home and front lawn. Please note, your HOA assessments need to be paid in full in order to be eligible to win the Yard of the Month contest.

We are always so excited to host the Yard of the Month contest in our neighborhood! Even though we are a small community, we have lots of participation and sometimes it is hard to choose just one lawn!

Barrington Place HOA encourages all residents to take pride in their home and neighborhood and maintain their yard in such a way that they enhance the overall curb appeal of the entire community.

Make sure to not keep the Yard of the Month sign! It will be picked up at the end of the month to be placed on the following month's winner's lawn.

June Winners

- Section 1 - 2418 Barrington Place
- Section 2 - 13031 Nantucket Drive
- Section 3 - 13018 Careywood Drive
- Section 4/5 - 13206 Nantucket Drive

THANK YOU!

July Winners

- Section 1 - 2235 Squire Dobbins
- Section 2 - 13102 Huntleigh Way
- Section 3 - 13127 Worthington
- Section 4/5 - 13315 Rosstown

August Winners

- Section 1 - 12719 Fenimore Ct.
- Section 2 - 2503 Manorwood
- Section 3 - 12810 Waybridge
- Section 4/5 - 13203 Georgetown

HALLOWEEN YARD OF THE MONTH

We will be selecting one yard with the best or spookiest decorations and awarding them with a Halloween themed winner sign and a \$25.00 gift card. Selection of the winner will be done from October 23rd through October 25th. Make sure to mark your calendar for the newest contest for our community.



BARRINGTON PLACE HOMEOWNERS ASSOCIATION

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COMMUNITY WEBSITE:
WWW.BARRINGTONPLACE.NET

COVID-19 RESPONSE UPDATE

Management Office: In order to maintain management responsibilities to our communities, office staff continues to be minimized with all other staff working remotely until authorized to return to the office. Protocols have been put into place in compliance with government guidelines as we re-open.

Community Inspections: Community inspections are being conducted monthly, as per usual schedule. If owners are experiencing difficulties related to the pandemic, a request for more time to cure the violation/concern can be submitted to the Board for review.

Suspension of In-Person Board Meetings: Until restrictions are amended to allow group gatherings, in-person Board meetings have been suspended. Any necessary Board meetings will be held by teleconference. Notice of any teleconference Board meetings will be posted to the website, sent as an email blast and posted on the TownSq app. The meeting notice will include information necessary for owners to participate in the teleconference meetings.

Closure of Common Areas: The playground is open with capacity limitations and social distancing restrictions. The swimming pool and clubhouse continue to remain closed at this time.

Suspension of Community Event Attendance: All community events have been suspended until further notice. We will continue to monitor this situation and keep you informed of any changes.

Please contact us if you have any questions or concerns at 713-776-1771 or email at aconnell@mascap.com.

Wear a Mask TO PROTECT YOURSELF AND OTHERS.

| Carrier Status | Carrier Mask | Risk of Spread | Healthy Person Mask |
|---------------------------------|--------------|-----------------|---------------------|
| COVID-19 Carrier (without mask) | None | HIGH | None |
| COVID-19 Carrier (without mask) | None | MODERATELY HIGH | With mask |
| COVID-19 Carrier (with mask) | With mask | LOW | None |
| COVID-19 Carrier (with mask) | With mask | VERY LOW | With mask |

CITY OF SUGAR LAND

COVID-19 LINKS

Barrington Place HOA encourages all homeowners to be up to date with the latest information regarding the COVID 19 epidemic. The public is encouraged to follow these COVID 19 websites and social platforms for ongoing updates. For accurate and reliable information, please be sure to visit any of these online resources:

Centers for Disease Control and Prevention
<https://www.cdc.gov/>

Texas Health and Human Services
<https://dshs.texas.gov/>

Fort Bend County Health & Human Services
<https://www.fbchealth.org/>

City of Sugar Land
<http://www.sugarlandtx.gov/>

WE'VE LAUNCHED THE NEW TOWNSQ APP!



MASC Austin Properties, Inc. has launched TownSq — a new all-in-one mobile app designed to help you connect, collaborate and stay up-to-date with your association – any time on any device. Manage your account

and access the resources you need when you need them. Please note, email blasts will no longer be used a method of communication in the coming months, as all association announcements and notifications will be posted on the TownSq App.

Download the app and register to:

- Easily communicate with your management team
- Manage your account and pay online
- Get up-to-date news and alerts
- Request and review status of service inquiries
- Engage with one another
- Access important association documents
- And more!

To register your account, please log onto www.townsq.io, use your account ID and the association zip code (77478). Set your password and account preferences and you will then be ready to start experiencing community your way with TownSq. Please contact us if you need to obtain your new account ID or if you have any questions regarding this new process as we are excited to offer these new services to your community.

HONORING OUR FRONTLINE HEROES

We would like to acknowledge and honor the frontline heroes that live in Barrington Place. We have a lot of police, fire, emt's, doctors and nurses who live in our community and work hard to provide us with a safe and healthy neighborhood.

If your occupation is listed above, or if you know someone in the community that has been a frontline hero, we'd love to hear about it!

Please contact us at 713-776-1771 or email at: aconnell@mascapi.com.



BARRINGTON PLACE INCOME/EXPENSES - JULY 2020

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|-------------------------|-------------------|------------------------------|-------------------|-------------------------------|---------------------|
| <u>INCOME</u> | | <u>ADMINISTRATIVE</u> | | <u>UTILITIES</u> | |
| ASSESSMENTS ACCT ADJ | -\$2,400.00 | CERTIFIED DEMAND LETTERS | \$765.00 | ELECTRIC | \$266.96 |
| BANK INTEREST | \$35.14 | LEGAL- CORPORATE | \$532.50 | GAS | \$21.86 |
| COLLECTION-HOMEOWNERS | \$45.00 | LEGAL- INDIVIDUAL | \$2,397.05 | TELEPHONE | \$69.48 |
| CERTIFIED LETTERS | \$675.00 | MINUTES | \$100.00 | WATER/SEWER | \$547.49 |
| HOMEOWNERS SELF HELP | \$180.00 | OFFICE EXPENSE | \$198.12 | TOTAL | \$905.79 |
| INTEREST-HOMEOWNERS | \$69.64 | PRINTING | \$345.70 | | |
| TOTAL | \$1,395.22 | POSTAGE | \$330.70 | | |
| | | TOTAL | \$4,669.07 | | |
| <u>COMMITTEE</u> | | <u>CONTRACT</u> | | <u>MAINTENANCE</u> | |
| BEAUTIFICATION | \$150.40 | CLUBHOUSE CLEANING | \$600.00 | HOMEOWNERS SELF HELP | \$180.00 |
| TOTAL | \$150.40 | EXTERMINATING - MOSQUITO | \$475.00 | TOTAL | \$180.00 |
| | | LAWN CARE | \$2,461.90 | | |
| | | MANAGEMENT | \$2,750.00 | | |
| | | NEWSLETTER | \$1,300.00 | | |
| | | POOL SERVICE | \$1,250.00 | | |
| | | SIGN MAINTENANCE | \$90.00 | | |
| | | TRASH PICK-UP | \$45.66 | | |
| | | WEBSITE | \$450.00 | | |
| | | TOTAL | \$9,422.56 | | |
| | | | | TOTAL EXPENSE | \$15,327.82 |
| | | | | TOTAL CASH IN ACCOUNTS | \$787,496.78 |

HAVE YOU COMPLETED THE CENSUS YET?

This event only happens once every 10 years! Invite your friends and family to help Sugar Land count in the 2020 Census. The decennial census was first taken in 1790, as mandated by Article I, Section 2 of the Constitution.

When you fill out the census, you help:

- Determine how many seats your state gets in Congress.
- Support Texas. Based on the 2010 Census, Texas received \$59B in federal funds annually, equivalent to \$1,548 per person per year.
- Create jobs, prepare for emergencies, and build schools, roads and hospitals.
- Census data gives community leaders vital information to make decisions about building our community, opening businesses, and planning for the future.



For more information and to fill out the United States 2020 Census, please visit <https://www.2020census.gov/>.

CITY OF SUGAR LAND SUMMER & FALL VIRTUAL PROGRAMMING

Sugar Land's most anticipated annual events and programming have taken on a virtual approach during Covid-19, and the best is yet to come! The Sugar Land Virtual Fall Festival Experience on Saturday, Sept. 26 will be a wonderful opportunity for residents and visitors to enjoy many festive activities that the fall season brings to Sugar Land from the comforts of their homes.

All summer long, the Sugar Land Parks and Recreation Department has been planning fun and festive activities for the community to enjoy even while social distancing. After the cancellation of the International Art and Kite Festival and the closure of some city facilities in March, the city decided to reimagine events and programs.

The Sugar Land Memorial Day Ceremony on May 25 became a ceremonial video to showcase Sugar Land Memorial Park, along with onsite monuments. The video was published the Friday leading up to Memorial Day and included special appearances from City Council to remind the community that everyone must work together to stay safe and encouraged residents to safely visit Sugar Land Memorial Park. Staff made necessary preparations at the park and created messages to remind everyone to continue to social distance.

For Independence Day, the city's annual Red, White and Boom event was transformed into a virtual celebration and took place on Saturday, July 4, at 8 p.m. The 30-minute celebration included a live patriotic game of BINGO, interactive crafts and activities, a virtual parade and a celebration video which featured local residents, businesses and city staff showcasing community pride before reflecting on footage from past years' event programming and fireworks finales. Patriotic party packages were also available for purchase for in-home celebrations.

Programming at both the T.E. Harman Center and Imperial Park Recreation Center have also taken on a virtual form. While the Recreation Center has opened, the T.E. Harman Center remains closed.

The Virtual Summer Series reached over 20,000 residents and members of the community, and hundreds participated in programs throughout the week. Stay tuned because there's more virtual fun ahead. Plans are currently underway for the city's Virtual Fall Festival Experience on Saturday, Sept. 26. The Sugar Land Fall Festival Virtual Experience will feature Sugar Land Town Square restaurants, bars and retailers with the majority of the virtual programming taking place within the plaza and within onsite businesses. Join the online event in September for music, fall-themed classes and other exciting entertainment.

For more information about events or to become an event sponsor, contact Sugar Land Parks and Recreation Department at (281) 275-2825 or visit www.sugarlandtx.gov/specialevents. To be part of Sugar Land's virtual programming, follow Sugar Land Parks and Recreation on Facebook @SugarLandParks and the Department's Twitter and Instagram for updates @SugarLandParks.

SUGAR LAND PRESENTS PROPOSED FY2021 BUDGET, CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM

The proposed budget includes \$226.9 million for operations - a more than 2 percent decline from the prior year - and \$27.5 million for capital projects, including a first, but limited, phase of projects approved by voters in 2019. Overall, it follows guidelines in the City Council-adopted Financial Management Policy Statements and reflects responsible and conservative decision making as a result of unprecedented uncertainty in the midst of the COVID-19 global public health emergency.



Recognizing the economic impacts of COVID-19 on residents and businesses, the City immediately began taking budgetary actions at the start of the global health emergency to respond to anticipated declines in various city revenues - most notably sales tax revenue, which is a major funding source for the city's operating budget. While also working swiftly to ensure the city's financial resiliency, the city has been able to continue to provide critical public safety, emergency management, infrastructure and business support services.

The proposed budget provides for continued financial resiliency and maximum flexibility in an effort to place the city in a position to respond if the recovery is stronger than anticipated or the economy worsens beyond projections.

In preparing the proposed FY21 budget, the city delayed significant decisions to better align with the availability of data and to allow for the development of multiple scenarios and strategies focused on varying degrees of economic recovery. Such actions and strategies, which are in accordance with the strong financial management practices that have earned Sugar Land recognition as a financial leader across the nation and by bond rating agencies, include:

- *reducing departmental expenditures to continue line-item reductions identified in FY20;
- *managing vacancies and continuing a non-public safety hiring freeze, with the potential to eliminate vacant positions if necessary;
- *reducing and delaying major expenditures, such as infrastructure rehabilitation and fleet and high-tech equipment replacements, until there is more economic certainty; and
- *focusing on critical infrastructure projects - including implementation of the Integrated Water Resource Plan (IWRP) to further secure the city's future water supply and a limited number of projects approved by voters in 2019 to address structural flooding.

Overall, the city is facing and has identified strategies to offset a significant revenue shortfall across all major funds as a result of COVID-19- including a multimillion-dollar impact in the city's main operating fund.

Due to the economic impact of COVID-19, the proposed budget includes a revised implementation plan for the 2019 voter-approved bond election projects. The first year of the revised plan will now focus on those projects addressing structural flooding, reducing the previously planned year one tax rate increase of three cents to approximately half a cent. The remainder of the increase is planned to occur in future years, with implementation of the projects being spread over five years instead of three. The City Council also previously directed the calculation of the voter-approval tax rate in accordance with disaster provisions approved by the state legislature in 2019 in order to allow for more time to gather information and input prior to taking action on the tax rate.

Additionally, an approximate \$10 monthly increase to utility bills for customers is included in the proposed budget as the city prepares to implement the IWRP and meet the unfunded mandate to reduce groundwater consumption by 60 percent in 2025. Solid waste services are also subject to a minor contractual increase, which is under negotiation to ensure the best value for residents. The budget will be formally considered for approval by City Council in September. Public hearings will be scheduled to provide residents with opportunities for input prior to the budget and tax rate approval. For more information, visit www.sugarlandtx.gov/FY21budget.

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 Quarter page - \$35/month; \$175/ 6 months
 (Six-month ads receive one free month)

Make checks payable to the BPHOA and send camera-ready ad copy (additional charge for layout if ad is not camera ready) with full payment by the 15th of each month to: c/o Prepared Publications, Inc. PO Box 2191 Missouri City TX 77459. For further information concerning ads, please email info@preparedpublications.com

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IMPORTANT NUMBERS

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| Emergency | 911 |
| Police Department | (281) 275-2020 |
| Fire - EMS Department | (281) 275-2873 |
| Officer Reid, Crime Prevention Officer | (281) 275-2578 |
| City of Sugar Land/Information/Complaint/etc | 311 |
| Animal Services | (281) 275-2181 |
| Poison Control | (800) 764-7661 |
| Sugar Land Municipal Court | (281) 275-2560 |
| Fort Bend Courthouse | (281) 342-3411 |
| Councilman, Mayor's Office, City Manager | (281) 275-2700 |
| Sugar Land Public Works/Trash Pickup | |
| Republic Services: | (713) 726-7307 |
| Development Services / | |
| Ordinance/Code enforcement | (281) 275-2170 |
| Water Operations & Information | (281) 275-2450 |
| Recycling Center | (281) 275-2450 |
| MASC Austin Properties, Inc. | (713) 776-1771 |

FORT BEND ISD NATION TO HELP ALUMNI CONNECT, CONTRIBUTE TO LOCAL SCHOOLS

The Fort Bend Education Foundation aims to increase its focus on engaging alumni by launching a new digital community.

Want to reconnect with your alma mater? Joining Fort Bend ISD Nation is the best way to do exactly that!

Fort Bend ISD Nation's mission is to keep alumni informed about everything going on in our schools, along with the various events and opportunities happening through which you can get plugged in.

Fort Bend ISD Nation provides alumni access to regular updates, mentor and volunteer opportunities, special events and an alumni directory. The Nation's blog and a monthly email update will include news and updates on a variety of subjects of interest to alumni.

Any alumni may sign up for Fort Bend ISD Nation. They may also submit their names to the online directory and get information on class reunions, make connections and share profiles with their fellow alumni, as well as receive news on district initiatives and events. Members of the Nation can also learn how they can get involved and make a positive impact on the school district's current students.

Becoming a member of Fort Bend ISD Nation is easy. Just click over to the "Join" page on their website, fill out the fields and click "signup." If you wish to create a public profile, you can give yourself a bio right away, and even connect with your Facebook or Twitter profile. To learn more about Fort Bend ISD Nation and to get more involved in the school district community, visit <https://fortbendisdalumni.nationbuilder.com>.

