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### WEENIE ROAST TIME!!!

The Weenie Roast will be **August** 3, 2019, 1 - 4 PM, at the clubhouse. The festivities will include:

- games
- hotdogs
- snow cones
- raffles for pool themed prizes

• and music will be provided

If you would like to volunteer to help with the event, give Angela Connell a call at (713) 776-1771.

Come and enjoy the festivities!

See you there!



#### Barrington Place Homeowners Association

Managed By:

MASC Austin Properties 945 Eldridge Road Sugar Land, TX 77478 (713) 776-1771

Angela Connell, Property Manager aconnell@mascapi.com

#### **BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

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MONTHLY HOA MEETING 08/20/19

## CURB NUMBER ADDRESS

Behavior Phone Painting Services to paint address numbers on the curbs for all 1021 homes in the Barrington Place HOA. There is no charge to the homeowner.

It has been close to 20 years since the entire community had uniform fresh curb address numbers in front of their houses.

By having a visible curb address, fire, police, and emergency vehicles save precious seconds in finding the correct address and that may save a life and/or stop a fire from spreading. Delivery trucks can quickly find the addresses and

accomplish their deliveries and leave the streets free and clear of parked vehicles.

Some owners have gone above and beyond a plain curb number by painting specially designed individualized curb address numbers (Astros, Texans, etc.) These existing in place curb numbers are acceptable if in good condition. Those owners who have contacted MASC Austin Properties, Inc. and "opted out" will not have their curb addresses painted.

Please see the schedule for your street on page two.

#### TRASH REMINDER:

Please do not put trash out before 6:00 PM on the night before the scheduled pickup day. Trash cans must be stored out of public view. Also, do not place large boxes (tv's, game systems, stereos, etc.) out for trash, except on heavy trash day, the first Monday of each month. Criminals look for these items.

Heavy trash day is the 1<sup>st</sup> Monday of the month.

## CURB ADDRESS PAINTING SCHEDULE

Weather and unforeseen conditions may alter this schedule. Any major changes

will be posted to the website. If you have any questions or concerns regarding this project, please contact MASC Austin Properties, Inc., at 713-776-1771

Phase 1	Phase 2	Phase 3	Phase 4
August 12 - August 23	August 26 - September 6	September 9 - September 20	September 23 - October 4
Barrington Place Drive	Chesswood Circle	Alston	Biscayne
Barrington Place Court	Endicott Lane	Barronett Bend	Chelston Court
Calumet Drive	Fountain Drive	Careywood Drive	Collingsfield Court
Fenimore Court	Huntleigh Way	Chattaroy Place	Collingsfield Drive
North Ferrisburg	Kingsmill Drive	Community Court	Featherton Court
South Ferrisburg	Landcircle Court	Northcliff Place	Georgetown
Gunston Court	Manorwood Court	Reddington Road	Hartman Drive
Hadley Circle	Nantucket Drive	Stancliff Oaks	Parkhaven Drive
Newberry Street	Pebbledowne	Summerfield Place	Rosstown Court
Old Manse Court		Waybridge Drive	Rosstown Drive
Squire Dobbins		Worthington Street	Saradon Drive

## RENTAL LICENSING

Sugar Land City Council passed an ordinance in November 2007 requiring all owner-occupied residences used as rental properties in the City of Sugar Land to be licensed and inspected by the city. In July 2009, the City Council amended the ordinance to include multifamily rental properties. The City of Sugar Land's primary concern is to gain compliance with our regulations relating to the safe occupancy of property and ensure that rental properties are conforming to the same property maintenance standards as owner-occupied homes within the city.

Rental Property Owner Requirements:

Effective January 1, 2018 the rental license fee increased to \$90.00.

Renewal rental applications that are submitted late will be subjected to a \$30.00 late fee.

If you own any rental property in Sugar Land, as the property owner you will have to meet a few requirements under the city's rental program including:

- Maintaining your property in compliance with all city codes relating to health, sanitation, and property maintenance
- Remedying any violation of city codes found on your property
- Not renting your unit to a registered sex offender if the unit is within 2500 feet of an area designated as a child area under Article XI, Chapter 3 of the Sugar Land Code of Ordinances

You will need to submit an application and pay the fee as soon as possible. Applications can be submitted online, by printing the application and submitting it in person at City Hall or by mail. Owners of unlicensed rental properties can be fined up to \$500 a day for each day that the unit is rented without a license.

The city is committed to working with you to ensure that your property complies with all applicable standards. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact the rental program at rentalprogram@sugarlandtx.gov or 281-275-2170.

To download documents, visit: www.sugarlandtx.gov/493/Rental-Licensing.

## EOUIFAX TO PAY \$575 MILLION

Least \$575 million, and potentially up to \$700 million, as part of a global settlement with the Federal Trade Commission, the Consumer Financial Protection Bureau (CFPB), and 50 U.S. states and territories, which alleged that the credit reporting company's failure to take reasonable steps to secure its network led to a data breach in 2017 that affected approximately 147 million people.

In its complaint, the FTC alleges that Equifax failed to secure the massive amount of personal information stored on its network, leading to a breach that exposed millions of names and dates of birth, Social Security numbers, physical addresses, and other personal information that could lead to identity theft and fraud.

The Equifax Breach - A Global Settlement. \$575 million+ settlement. Free credit monitoring and identity theft services. Strong data security requirements. Learn more: ftc.gov/Equifax. Source: Federal Trade Commission. FTC.govAs part of the proposed settlement, Equifax will pay \$300 million to a fund that will provide affected consumers with credit monitoring services. The fund will also compensate consumers who bought credit or identity monitoring services from Equifax and paid other out-of-pocket expenses as a result of the 2017 data breach. Equifax will add up to \$125 million to the fund if the initial payment is not enough to compensate consumers for their losses. In addition, beginning in January 2020, Equifax will provide all U.S. consumers with six free credit

reports each year for seven years—in addition to the one free annual credit report that Equifax and the two other nationwide credit reporting agencies currently provide.

The company also has agreed to pay \$175 million to 48 states, the District of Columbia and Puerto Rico, as well as \$100 million to the CFPB in civil penalties.

"Companies that profit from personal information have an extra responsibility to protect and secure that data," said FTC Chairman Joe Simons. "Equifax failed to take basic steps that may have prevented the breach that affected approximately 147 million consumers. This settlement requires that the company take steps to improve its data security going forward, and will ensure that consumers harmed by this breach can receive help protecting themselves from identity theft and fraud"

#### Settlement Requirements

In addition to the monetary relief to consumers, Equifax is also required to implement a comprehensive information security program requiring the company to take several measures including:

- Designating an employee to oversee the information security program;
- Conducting annual assessments of internal and external security risks and implementing safeguards to address potential risks, such as patch management and security

- remediation policies, network intrusion mechanisms, and other protections;
- Obtaining annual certifications from the Equifax board of directors or relevant subcommittee attesting that the company has complied with the order, including its information security requirements;
- Testing and monitoring the effectiveness of the security safeguards; and
- Ensuring service providers that access personal information stored by Equifax also implement adequate safeguards to protect such data.

The proposed settlement also requires the company to obtain third -party assessments of its information security program every two years. Under the order, the assessor must specify the evidence that supports its conclusions and conduct independent sampling, employee interviews, and document reviews. The order grants the Commission the authority to approve the assessor for each two-year assessment period.

The order also requires Equifax to provide an annual update to the FTC about the status of the consumer claims process.

For the complete article, log on to www.ftc.gov



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### PUBLIC EDUCATION SERVICES

## [ IRE PREVENTION DIVISION

- Fire Station Tours
  Firefighters are available to lead
  groups. Guests will be
  shown the latest advancements in
  fire equipment onboard
  the City of Sugar Land's fire trucks
  and ambulances.
- Smoke Alarms
  Sugar Land Fire-EMS recognizes
  the importance of working smoke
  alarms. Smoke alarms that are more
  than
  10 years old should be replaced with
  new smoke alarms.
  Sugar Land Fire-EMS personnel
  will install up to 2 free
- will install up to 2 free smoke alarms and/or batteries in homes meeting the installation guidelines.
- Fire Extinguisher Training Demonstrations of fire extinguisher care and proper usage are available to businesses and groups. This program is offered in April and November.
- Fire Evacuation Training

Sugar Land Fire-EMS encourages business owners to utilize this service to enhance their fire evacuation plans. Handouts, sample plans and presentations with the latest training videos are offered from the National Fire Protection Association.

- Home Safety Surveys
  Firefighters are available to evaluate
  the safety of homes, and free smoke
  alarms will be installed, if needed.
  After conducting a general
  inspection of a home's interior and
  exterior, a summary report will be
  provided.
- Youth Fire setting Prevention & Intervention
  This one-on-one educational program is available to parents and their children who have demonstrated a behavior of playing with fire. Our goal is to address and deter this risky behavior through assessment, education, and referral, if needed
- Fire Safety & Fall Prevention for Seniors

Retirement centers and organizations serving seniors are encouraged to schedule these programs that are geared for citizens who are at highrisk of injuries as a result of fire or falls.

- Children's Fire & Life Safety
  Through the Fire Prevention
  Division's Public Education
  Program, thousands of children in
  the community are given
  presentations on how to avoid and
  best respond
  to dangerous situations. Third
  graders are offered fire safety
  lessons in October at their schools.
  Schedule
  your fire and life safety presentation
  today for any age!
- Citizens' Fire Academy
  The Sugar Land Citizens' Fire
  Academy is a dynamic
  educational program covering fire
  prevention, rescue, operations,
  EMS, communications and portable
  fire extinguisher training. Students
  participate in hands-on training in
  firefighting and rescue. For more
  information, go to
  www.sugarlandtx.gov/CFA.

## DISPOSAL DROP OFF CENTERS

Public Works Service Center, 111 Gillingham Lane, accepts the following items between the hours of 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Should you need assistance at the drop-off center, please call 281-275-2450.

Tires — Passenger tires only. Rims must be removed. A maximum of four tires per delivery.

Cooking Oil — City residents may dispose of up to 10 gallons of liquid cooking oil per day at no charge.

The cooking oil recycling center is for residential customers only and includes only liquid cooking grade fats, oils and grease, and not petroleum products.

Further Information Residents wishing to recycle or properly dispose of materials can review the city's Disposal Directory. www.sugarlandtx.gov/315/Drop-Off-Centers

Regional recycling center: Fort

Bend County Recycling Center. www.fortbendcountytx.gov/ government/departments/countyservices/recycling-center-hhw

Core Values – We C.A.R.E.

Committed to protecting the environment
Aim for continuous improvement
Responsive and friendly staff
Effective and efficient services

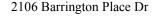
## YARD OF THE MONTH JULY 2019

Job well done! Congratulations to our July Yard of the Month winners.

Thank you for beautiful yards and giving our community bright spots to enjoy.

Remember you must be current in your assessments to be eligible to win.

Please do 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.





12903 Stancliff Oaks



2402 Pebbledowne



13315 Rosstown



## CALLS CLAIMING TO BE THE SSA

Scammers are calling, pretending to be from the Social Security Administration (SSA) and saying that your Social Security number (SSN) has been suspended because of suspicious activity or being involved in a crime. Sometimes, the scammer wants you to confirm your SSN to reactivate it or will ask for money or gift cards to keep your SSN or bank account safe.

#### Here's what to know:

 Your Social Security number is not about to be suspended. You don't have to verify your number to anyone who calls out of the blue. And your bank accounts are not about to be seized.

- SSA will never call to threaten you or your benefits. And SSA will not tell you to wire money, send cash, or put money on gift cards. Anyone who tells you to do those things is a scammer. Every time.
- Don't trust what you see on caller ID. Scammers can make it look like they're calling from anywhere – even a real SSA phone number. Read what the real SSA has to say about this scam at their Social Security Matters blog.
- Never give any part of your Social Security number to anyone who contacts you out of

- the blue. Or your bank account or credit card number.
- Real SSA staff do call people who have ongoing business with the agency. But they'll never threaten you, or ask you to send money.

If you got one of these calls, file a report at ftc.gov/complaint.

For further information about identity theft, log on to https://identitytheft.gov/SSA

Do not be a victim of scammers. When in doubt, hang up!



# August 2019

Sat	Fri	Thu	Wed	Tue	Mon	Sun
Weenie Roast	2	1				
10	9	8	7	6	<b>5</b> Heavy Trash Day	4
17	16	15	14 Back to school	13	12 Banner Deadline	11
24	23	22	21	20 HOA Meeting	19	18
31	30	29	28	27	26	25

City Council Meeting, 5:30 - 2nd, 3rd, 4th Tuesday of each month Planning & Zoning meeting, 6:30 - 2nd & 4th Thursday of each month

## BARRINGTON PLACE INCOME - EXPENSES 06/30/19

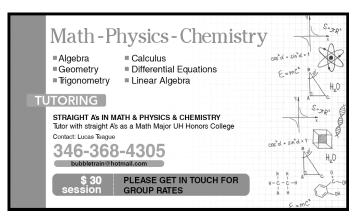
INCOME		UTILITIES		MISCELLANEOUS	
BANK INTEREST	\$1,923.26	GAS	\$22.60	CERTIFIED DEMAND LETTERS	\$735.00
CLUBHOUSE RENTALS	\$50.00	ELECTRIC	\$718.36	INSURANCE	\$20,562.00
ASSESSMENTS ACCT ADJ	-\$1,817.00	WATER/SEWER	\$247.22	SIGNS	\$210.00
INTEREST-HOMEOWNERS	-\$152.36	TELEPHONE	\$138.22	OFFICE EXPENSE	\$781.76
POOL TAG INCOME	\$40.50	TOTAL	\$1,126.40	POOL SERVICE	\$16,629.24
ADMINISTRATIVE FEES	\$45.00			POOL REPAIRS	\$5,701.36
LEGAL FEES	\$2,339.59	COMMITTEE		POOL MONITORS	\$839.96
TOTAL	\$2,428.99	COMMUNICATION	\$2.036.82	POOL TAGS	\$750.00
		TOTAL	\$2,036.82	HOMEOWNERS SELF HELP	\$274.20
		101712	<b>V</b> 2,000.02	MOSQUITO FOGGING	\$360.00
<u>ADMINISTRATIVE</u>	*****			LEGAL- CORPORATE	\$592.47
PRINTING	\$670.11			LEGAL- INDIVIDUAL	\$761.51
MINUTES	\$75.00			TRASH PICK-UP	\$43.45
POSTAGE	\$884.70			TOTAL	\$48,240.95
TOTAL	\$1,629.81				
				TOTAL EXPENSE	\$58,353.50
				TOTAL CASH IN ACCOUNTS	\$931,204.48

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## TOWN SQUARE EVENTS

Toddler Music with Sessions Music

Thursday, September 6 @ 9:30 am - 10:15 am

• Giving Spirits Concert benefiting AADA

Friday, September 7 @ 7:30 pm - 9:30 pm

 Movie Under the Moon sponsored by First Colony Church of Christ

Saturday, September 8 @ 7:30 pm - 9:30 pm

Project One Way

Thursday, September 13 @ 6:30 pm - 8:00 pm

Opry on the Square

Friday, September 14 @ 7:30 pm - 9:30 pm

- Hypnotist Daniel James
- Saturday, September 15 @ 7:00 pm 8:30 pm

https://www.sugarlandtownsquare.com/play/july

#### **BE A RESPONSIBLE PET OWNER**

ALWAYS PICK UP AFTER YOUR PET AND OBEY THE LEASH LAW

#### NEWSLETTER ADVERTISING

Ad rates:

Business card: \$20/month; \$100/6 months Quarter page - \$35/month; \$175/6 months (Six-month ads receive one free month)

Make checks payable to the Barrington Banner and send camera-ready ad copy (additional charge for layout if ad is not camera ready) with full payment by the 8th of each month to:

The Barrington Banner c/o MASC API, 945 Eldridge Road Sugar Land, TX 77478

For further information concerning ads, please email barlisa@sbcglobal.net

Ad space is limited.

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TO VIEW MONTHLY HOA MEETING MINUTES, PLEASE LOG ONTO: WWW.BARRINGTONPLACE.NET

#### **Useful Phone Numbers**

- 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
- City of 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



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