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NEWSLETTER



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

Home. Sweet. Home.

THE Covington Woods CHRONICLE

TRASH COLLECTION PICKUP DAYS

Trash collection reminder: Monday and Thursday are trash days, recycling day is Monday, green waste day is Monday and bulk waste day is also on Mondays.

WHAT CAN I DO ABOUT SOLICITORS IN THE COMMUNITY?

The City of Sugar Land cannot forbid door-to-door Salesman, Peddlers, or Solicitors. As a resident or property owner, if you wish to discourage some, you can fill out a form online that advises the City that Peddlers and Solicitors are not welcome and their entry on property at the provided address is forbidden. The form can be found at: sugarlandtx.gov/formcenter and by clicking on the link titled: "No Solicitation Registration". More information about solicitation can be found in the Code of Ordinances section within the tab labeled "Government".

SPEND TIME OUTSIDE MEETING YOUR NEIGHBORS

Spring has Sprung again !

Well, at least here in Sugar Land. In some parts of the nation March is roaring out like a lion with snow and hail, while we have our cars covered in pollen. 😊

It's a great time to live in Texas. Spend time outside meeting your neighbors, get to know their names, watch out for each other, help them watching their house when on vacation. Make it a goal to know your neighbors names, share a lunch, bake some cookies (or waffles like our neighbors do), start working on friendships.

As a reminder: SLPD says see something say something, remember 281-275-2020. Be mindful of our neighborhood.

I was given a copy of the "Covington Woods Survival Guide" from Verna Adams. She was past President of The Covington Woods HOA and she published this in 1974. It was an awesome little book with information on local churches, drug stores, schools, etc. Nowadays all I hear is "Google it". The book also had committees and groups for Tennis, Ladies Clubs and "Living Things Garden Club". Now we have Facebook. I miss those times. Don't get me wrong, social media has some positive things, but it also has displaced the human part of being social and the smile and touch of being friends. Thank you Verna for your service and for sharing the book with me.

It's 2019 and we still have a great neighborhood. It has changed overtime of course, aged like all of us. Our home is just like our bodies they need touch, care, planting, pruning and watering. Curb appeal brings value to your home and the whole neighborhood. The grass and weeds are growing. Take pride in your yard, not just because you might get a letter from the HOA.

Caring for your home applies to all residents, homeowners and rental properties. We have homes owned by investors, they also have an obligation to oversee the upkeep of the outside of the home.

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BOARD UPDATE

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YARD OF THE MONTH PROGRAM

Get all the details about the Yard of the Month program so that your yard can be a winner this year!

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IT'S POOL SEASON!

Pool season is just around the corner. Find the pool schedule and pool tag registration dates.

BOARD UPDATE (continued)

As I travel through the neighborhood, I see rental homes that are not being kept in beautiful shape, its sad and disrespectful to the community as a whole.

This weekend one of the Board members and myself were at the pool reviewing some repairs that needed to happen. We visited with a family in the park connected to the pool. Their children were enjoying some fun on the playground. I asked the Dad about what they enjoyed about the park and any comments for changes. They come a few times a week and complimented the park on all the shade. Quite a few parks don't have the beautiful mature trees like we are blessed with. I am a Realtor and see many neighborhoods with small trees. Our trees are wonderful, full and healthy. Let's protect them in our neighborhood and city. All too often I see the city and developers cutting down these precious assets that keep our city vibrant, green and beautiful.

Pool season is upon us. We will be having some changes in hours, pool tags with pictures, lower prices and registration dates. Please see the information on the next page for signing-up and for two pool parties!!

The HOA Board has been working hard for you and watching the budget. We have found savings in changing our waste service, adding a 911 phone to the pool and renegotiating our pool contract. These and more have saved us thousands of dollars. At our last HOA meeting, we spoke about these during our discussion on the budget and passing of it. We had great attendance and welcome everyone to these meetings every month. It's your neighborhood, pay it forward and GET INVOLVED.

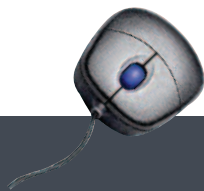
Love your family.

Love your neighbors.

Love your home and yard.

Help your neighbors and make them friends.

Sincerely,
Kelly Knake



**GOT QUESTIONS? GREAT!
OUR WEBSITE HAS ANSWERS**

**COMMUNITY NEWS, ACC GUIDELINES,
HOME IMPROVEMENT FORM, ETC...**

www.covingtonwoods.net

Yard of the Month Program

ANNOUNCEMENT

Beginning May 1st and extending through August 1st, homes will be selected each month to be recognized for the efforts of homeowners who take pride in their homes and landscape. Winners will receive a sign placed in the yard and bragging rights for the entire month. There will be one "Yard of the Month" and four "Brite Spots" each month. Judging criteria includes the overall appearance, tidiness and neatness of front of the property.

General guidelines are as follows:

- Lawns: healthy grass with no bare spots or excessive weeds. Grass is mowed and edged. Grass around foundations, fences, driveways, and sidewalks are trimmed. The yard is free of debris.
- Landscape & flowerbeds: Flowerbeds are free of weeds and edged. Flowers are deadheaded and dead plants are removed. Trees and shrubs are pruned. Use of color and originality/creativity.
- Walkways & driveways: Walkways and driveways are clean and free of debris, dirt, trash, and clutter including containers or yard products or tools.
- Aesthetics: Landscape exemplifies a unified, simple and balanced design that is neat and natural and overall enhances curb appeal.

The following rules will apply:

- Winners must be current with their association dues
- Property cannot have existing deed restriction violations
- Properties are only eligible to win once per calendar year

The Covington Woods Community Association encourages residents to take pride in their homes and neighborhood.

We look to celebrate those who do a superior job in maintaining their yards in such a way that they enhance the overall curb appeal of the entire community.

Happy Gardening!

Sherry Ziegner
Chair, Beautification Committee
Covington Woods Board member

POOL SCHEDULE FOR 2019!

MEMORIAL WEEKEND May 25th-27th

SATURDAY	1 PM- 9 PM
SUNDAY	1 PM- 9 PM
MONDAY	1 PM- 8 PM

June 1st - August 11th

MONDAY	CLOSED
TUESDAY & FRIDAY	10 AM- 9PM
WEDNESDAY, THURSDAY & SATURDAY	1 PM- 9 PM
SUNDAY	1 PM- 9 PM

June 14th End of School Party

FRIDAY	6 PM- 10 PM
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FOURTH OF JULY

THURSDAY	1 PM - 9 PM
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August 9th Back to School Party

FRIDAY	6 PM- 10 PM
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August 17th & August 18th

SATURDAY	1 PM- 9 PM
SUNDAY	1 PM- 8 PM

August 24th & August 25th

SATURDAY	1 PM – 9 PM
SUNDAY	1 PM – 8 PM

LABOR DAY WEEKEND AUGUST 31st- SEPTEMBER 2ND

SATURDAY	1 PM – 9 PM
SUNDAY	1 PM – 9 PM
MONDAY	1 PM – 8 PM

****POOL CLOSED FOR THE SEASON****

POOL TAG REGISTRATION DATES

Pool Tag Registration dates will be offered at MASC Austin Properties, Inc. located at 945 Eldridge Road, Sugar Land, TX 77478 on the following dates:

- MAY 22nd and JUNE 5th, 5-7 PM (MASC Austin Properties, Inc offices)
- MAY 24th and JUNE 7th, 9-5 PM (MASC Austin Properties, Inc. offices)

There will also be pool tag registration dates at the Covington Woods Clubhouse on the following dates:

- MAY 4th and MAY 18th, 11AM-3 PM (Clubhouse)

You can find the pool tag registration form on the website in the Documents section: www.covingtonwoods.net.



Community Event Annual Yard Sales

April 27th
8:00AM

Off Eldridge Road, across
from Food Town.
From Jess Pirtle to Fernhill.

Meeting Dates - 2019

The Board meets monthly, except for the month of December. Board meetings are held at 7:00pm at the Clubhouse and all residents are invited to attend the meetings. The meeting dates for 2019 are as follows:

May 13th
June 10th
July 8th
August 12th (Annual Meeting)
September 9th
October 14th
November 11th
December (No Meeting)

Gentle Reminder



Please remember to store your trash cans on non-trash days and after collection has occurred, whereby the trash cans are NOT VISIBLE from the street. Thank you!!



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Did You Know?

Know Your City Council District
 Did you know that your City Council District may have changed? After the annexation of Greatwood and New Territory, some adjustments needed to be made, which will be effective for the upcoming May 4th election! Learn more about the new districts from the Gnome: What district are you in? Find out: www.sugarlandtx.gov/KnowYourDistrict

Call Before You Dig
 Building a deck? Planting a tree? 811 is the number you should call before you begin any digging project.

A federally-mandated national "Call Before You Dig" number, 811 was created to help protect you from unintentionally hitting underground utility lines while working on digging projects. People digging often make risky assumptions about whether or not they should get their utility lines marked due to concerns about project delays, costs and previous calls about other projects. These assumptions can be life threatening.

Make a call for every digging job – even small projects like planting trees or shrubs. If you hit an underground utility line while digging, you can harm yourself or those around you, disrupt service to an entire neighborhood and potentially be responsible for fines and repair costs.

According to data collected by CGA, when an individual makes a call to 811 before digging, damage occurs less than 1% of the time. So, before you dig, call 811. More details can be found online at: www.call811.com.



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**Sugar Land Is A Great Place
 To Live And Work**

Hello neighbors.
 As our city continues to grow and expand, it is great to know that our city is taking care of our neighborhood. In the past couple of years the city has replaced many of the underground storm drains and replaced many of the streets in the community. These improvements continue to increase the value of our homes. With mature trees and better infrastructure and a low tax rate, this makes our neighborhood very desirable.

A Covington resident and proud sponsor of CWST Go Stingrays!

**A PERSONAL REFERRAL IS THE GREATEST
 COMPLIMENT THAT I CAN RECEIVE.**

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