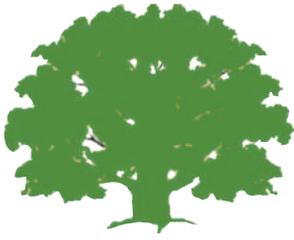


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The official newsletter of the Covington Woods community, located in Sugar Land, Texas.

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THE Covington Woods CHRONICLE

RECYCLING EXPANDED

The City's curbside residential recycling program has expanded to include textile and bulk cardboard. Both programs are provided at no cost. Textiles include clothing, shoes, purses, blankets, pillows, curtains, hats and more. More details at: www.sugarlandtx.gov.

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 also on Mondays.

BOARD UPDATE: HELPING YOUR NEIGHBOR

Wow, a little cool weather has finally come to Sugar Land!! By the time you are reading this America will have selected a new president. No matter whom, our country needs to always lift up and pray for the leadership in place. Being a leader is hard, tireless work. Along with the changes in the country, we have had some changes at our local level here in Covington Woods. I am honored to have been selected to serve as President for the homeowners association this coming year. I want to take some time and thank our outgoing President, Will Blake-more. He has served on the Board for many years and we all say a BIG "Thank You" for all the time and dedication that he has given during his tenure.

You're as young as your dreams, not as old as your calendar - Shimon Peres

My last few newsletters have focused on community, loving each other and helping those in need.

I would also like to talk about peace. Mostly everyone in the world wants peace; it frees the soul and keeps you healthy. I think about a great leader that passed away recently, Shimon Peres,

a man that lived in a region that hasn't had peace in quite some time.



There are two things that cannot be achieved in life unless you close your eyes a little bit. And that's love and peace. If you want perfection you won't obtain either of them - Shimon Peres

I recently got to speak to two wonderful neighbors of Covington Woods that had come to odds over actions of the others. I'm not siding one way or the other and I am sure that there are truths and possible misunderstandings of actions on both parties. I hope they continue dialogue about these issues and come to good terms moving forward.

I encourage all neighbors to meet each other, learn their names, phone numbers and how you might be able to assist them.

A life is not important except in the impact it has on other lives - Jackie Robinson

Time on this earth is short, do what you can to get along, find common ground, if not Love,

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PICK UP AFTER YOUR PETS

Be a better neighbor and always be sure to pick up after you're pet



HOLIDAY DECORATING CONTEST

The annual holiday decorating contest is almost here so dust off those lights and give it your all!



ANNUAL ASSESSMENTS

Annual assessments are due on or before the first day of January 2017

BOARD UPDATE (continued)

then at least not hate or be discontent with neighbors, family and friends.

Peace is the fruit of love, a love that is also justice. But to grow in love requires work -- hard work. And it can bring pain because it implies loss -- loss of the certitudes and comforts that shelter and define us." - Jean Vanier

I have met about 9 of my neighbors around my house, some I know better than others. We wave and talk, they look out for me and my property, and I am happy to do the same for them. Reaching out to people is not easy, nor is developing relationships, but it's worth it and each of my neighbors are a blessing to me. I am honored that they trust me and call upon me for help. Recently, an ambulance pulled up in front of the home of one of them. We called over to check on them and offered any assistance we could with their home and their cute doggie. I would have felt terrible if something happened and we had no connection.

My challenge to you as 2016 is coming to a close is to reach out to two neighbors that you haven't met yet- just a hand shake, maybe exchange names and phone numbers. You never know, it might grow into a nice friendship. Let us know how it goes; we would love to hear your stories.

Be completely humble and gentle; be patient, bearing with one another in love. Ephesians 4:2

Finally, brothers and sisters, rejoice! Strive for full restoration, encourage one another, be of one mind, live in peace. And the God of love and peace will be with you. 2 Corinthians 13:11

The Board wants to do everything they can to make our neighborhood all it can be, but we can't do it alone though. We are looking for help, whether it's with events like movie night in the park, night out to meet your neighbors or cook out at the pool. Are you willing to lead or help work an event? Do you have ideas and want to share them? The board is willing to listen, act and help organize and fund all or partial events.

*Lord, make me an instrument of your peace.
Where there is hatred, let me sow love,
Where there is injury, pardon
Where there is doubt, faith,
Where there is despair, hope,
Where there is darkness, light,
Where there is sadness, joy.
St. Francis of Assisi*

Thanks for listening. Let's go in peace and meet your neighbors
-Kelly

Holiday Lighting and Decorating Contest

The upcoming holidays present a time for all to join in to decorate our neighborhood. Let's have some great competition of holiday decorations for the judges. Yard signs will be displayed at houses awarded for the following:

Categories
Best Lighting
Best Children's Theme
Best Religious Theme
Most Beautiful
Overall Best

Please have decorations/lights turned on by 6:00 p.m. on Sunday, December 18th, for judging to begin. If you are interested in joining the group of judges, please contact Sherry Ziegner through the Covington Woods website.

Happy Decorating,
Sherry Ziegner - Chair of Beautification Committee,
HOA Board Member

Be a Good Neighbor, Pick Up After Your Pet

It doesn't take much to remember that we have pets in our community. In fact, if you don't watch your step, you're liable to step in one such reminder!



Besides being unsightly and smelly, animal waste can be hazardous to the health of our children who play in the community and other pets. One of the most common forms of disease transmission between dogs is through fecal matter.

When walking your dog in our community, remember that it should be leashed. Also, it is important to remember to immediately clean up after your pet.

Take along a baggie with you to pick up waste with and then dispose of it properly.

By taking a few simple steps to clean up after your pet, you can contribute not only to the beautification of our community, but also towards the elimination of one of the most irritating nuisances in a neighborhood. Thank you for your cooperation!

2017 ANNUAL ASSESSMENTS



Please keep an eye out for the 2017 annual assessment invoice. In compliance with the governing documents, an increase of 3% has been implemented. The 2017 annual assessment will be \$187.00 and is due on or before the first day of January 2017, and is determined delinquent if not received by January 31, 2017.

All past due accounts will be assessed interest at a rate of 10% per annum, along with a \$10.00 per month collection fee after January 31, 2017 until paid in full. Please note it is possible to pay the annual assessment in monthly installments as long as the final payment is received on or before January 31, 2017. We accept payments on-line from your checking or savings account. Please visit www.mas capi.com for more details.

Your assessments are what allow your Board of Directors to maintain your community. This includes, but is not limited to, maintenance of the common areas, as well as other operational costs of the Association (utilities, insurance, management and recreational activities). They also allow for improvements to the common areas and funding of reserves, all of which assist in maintaining the equity in one of your most important investments; your home.

We continue to solicit your support and active involvement in your Association. We, your Covington Woods Community Association, Inc., Board of Directors, along with your help, can continue to make our neighborhood an even more pleasant place to live.

How We Can Create A Strong Community

A hive of bees is a perfect example of a community working together in harmony and for the common good of all its members. After all, a bee living alone can barely survive, let alone prosper. But in a hive made up of hundreds of other bees, each taking responsibility for the various jobs necessary for the survival of the community, the lone bee not only survives, it contributes mightily to the success of the hive.



The secret of the bee's success in living together in a close-knit community is that each bee not only understands the interrelationships that exist between it and the rest of the members of its community, but is willing to accept some of the responsibility for the hive's prosperity by expanding their role in the community whenever necessary.

As homeowners, we too can choose to recognize the interrelationships that exist between ourselves and our neighbors and how those interrelationships have a direct impact on our quality of life. We can also choose to take some of the responsibility upon ourselves to contribute to improving those relationships and in the process improve our community.

In order for our community association to continue to protect, preserve and enhance our community assets and our property values, each member of our community has to acknowledge their role in our community and, at times, be willing to expand their role to take on some added responsibility.

So, let's all work at recognizing what roles we can choose to accept in our community and, like the bee, work together at making our community the best place to live that it can be!

Holiday Shopping Safety Tips

It's that time of year again. Black Friday is right around the corner, but the Holiday shopping season is in full swing. Whether you are headed to the mall or boutique shops, here are a few tips to keep you safe this holiday season.

- Be aware of your surroundings. Look for suspicious persons, etc. when you are in any area.



- Park in an area that is well lighted. Keep in mind if you are shopping at a mall, the time that the store closes from which you entered the mall.

- Shop in pairs at the very least. Take a friend or family member shopping with you. There is something to be said for safety in numbers.

- Avoid carrying large amounts of cash. Pay for purchases with checks, credit, charge or debit cards. Gentlemen, carry cash and wallets in a front pocket to reduce your chances of having your pocket picked.

- Don't leave purchased merchandise in your parked car.

- Only make one trip to your car. By making multiple trips to place merchandise in the trunk, it makes your vehicle a target for burglary.



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