

The Villager



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The Official Newsletter Of The Kingsbridge Village Homeowners Association.

Remember To Get ACC Approval First!

The Kingsbridge Village Architectural Control Committee (ACC) stands ready to help ensure that our neighborhood reflects the pride and care of its residents. The purpose of ACC is to focus on structural, landscape and general upkeep and to insure compliance to those conditions as outlined in our Covenants, Conditions and Restrictions. All changes and improvements made to the exterior of your home must be approved by the ACC. PLEASE DO NOT START WORK UNTIL you have received an approval notice from the ACC. Please contact Brittany Austin, MASC Austin Properties, Inc 713-776-1771, before beginning any projects.

Calling All Volunteers!

A community is only as strong as the people who participate in it. We need volunteers for the Board and committees. If you would like to volunteer, please contact Leticia Gomez of MASC Austin Properties at: (713) 776-1771 or lgomez@mascapi.com.

Barter, Don't Buy - Plant Swap

The 7th Annual Plant Swap sponsored by the Greater Mission Bend Area Council will be held on Sunday, May 19th, 2019 from 9:00 A.M. to 12:00 P.M. at George Bush Park located at 16756 Westheimer Pkwy, Houston, TX 77082. For more details and to register, go to: <http://plantswap.gmbac.com>.

Remember, Yard of the Month has started!

Our annual Yard of the Month contest began again in April. Remember to spruce up your yard and perhaps you can be a winner!

Those Pesky Mosquitoes Are Coming!

Spring is just around the corner and you know what that means - mosquitoes! Here's what you can do to reduce the amount of them in your yard: Remove standing water. This is one of the most important things you can do. Standing water is a major contributor to mosquito problems because it is where adult mosquitoes lay their eggs. Make sure you remove standing water from bird baths, potted plants and small swimming pools. Check everything! Spots that you wouldn't even expect mosquitoes to reside are still major potential breeding grounds. This includes children's sandboxes, dog bowls and grill covers. Also, take care of your yard. Mosquitoes love to inhabit cool areas with shade. This means you can usually find them hiding under plant leaves and in tall grass. A properly maintained yard, free of weeds and overgrown plants can be a huge help in reducing the number of mosquitoes you have.

Important Contacts

Have a question? Please refer to our website at: www.kingsbridgevillage.com for answers to your questions and important community updates.

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Non-Emergency	(281) 342-6116
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Fire/Ambulance	911 Emergency
Animal Control	(281) 342-1512
Poison Control	(281) 654-1701
Beechnut Post Office	(281) 498-4835
Sugar Land Post Office	(281) 494-2052
SI Environmental - Water	(832) 490-1500
Waste Corporation	(281) 368-8397
Center Point Energy Entex	(713) 659-2111
Holley Elementary	(281) 634-3850
Hodges Bend Middle	(281) 634-3000
George Bush High	(281) 634-6060
Fort Bend ISD	(281) 634-1000

Board Meetings

The HOA Board meetings are held the 2nd Tuesday of each month excluding December. If you would like to attend, the meetings are open to residents from 6:30 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. The meetings are held at Austin Properties' office located at 945 Eldridge in Sugar Land. The meeting agendas are available on our website - www.kingsbridgevillage.com.

CRIME PREVENTION TIPS

Crime prevention is everyone's responsibility, not just a job for law enforcement. Share these tips with your neighbors and friends, to make it tough for criminals to work in the neighborhood.

- Never open your door automatically. Install and use a peephole.
- Lock your doors and windows. (Three quarters of burglaries involved unlocked doors and windows).
- Keep your garage doors locked and leave lights on when going out at night.
- Don't leave notes on the door when going out.
- 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.

PROTECTION FROM THE SUN

A little knowledge can go a long way to protect you from the sun. Part of the sun's energy that reaches us is composed of rays of ultraviolet light. When ultraviolet light rays enter the skin, they can cause skin cell damage. Sunscreens actually absorb the ultraviolet radiation and reduce the amount of radiation that penetrates the skin. Sunscreen is classified as chemical, while sunblock physically blocks both the UVA and UVB radiation from the skin. SPF refers to the "Sun Protection Factor" for UVB rays only. A sunscreen with a SPF of 15 will delay sunburn from occurring for 15 times longer than normal if using no protection at all. Now you know!



PLEASE KEEP PETS ON A LEASH

Please remember to keep your furry friends on a leash when in the community. Thanks!

WATER CONSERVATION: HERE'S WHAT YOU CAN DO!

Residents want their communities to be sustainable. However, to achieve sustainability and long-term viability, it's important that residents work together to implement successful water conservation practices. Water efficiency and conservation contributes to reduced subsidence, which aids efforts to reduce flooding, and helps improve the health for our aquifers and rivers, which will provide adequate sources of drinking water for future generations.

Additionally, water efficiency results in less run off into lakes and rivers and less energy used in the provision and treatment of water, which increases the opportunity to create a sustainable environment now and for the future.

Most people don't realize the complexity of the distribution of quality drinking water and the collection and treatment of sewage and may not be aware that water and wastewater facilities represent one of the largest electrical consumers within the community. Thus, each of us has a responsibility to use less water to ensure adequate water supplies for the future and to reduce overall energy consumption.

Do Your Part to Keep Our Water Clean

1. Use fewer and better pesticides and fertilizers to avoid chemical runoff to our waterways.
2. Water Wisely. Watering too heavily or too often weakens your lawn and causes erosion and runoff pollution.
3. Using less toxic cleaning products can reduce pollutants in both the air and water, and help improve the air quality in your house.
4. Collect your food scraps, oil, and grease to avoid clogging sewer lines, which can cause overflows that pollute nearby creeks and streams.

MAY PROGRAMS AT THE MISSION BEND BRANCH LIBRARY

Fort Bend County Libraries' Mission Bend Branch Library, 8421 Addicks Clodine Road in Southwest Houston, presents a variety of programs, Young Adult programs for teens, adult computer classes, and special events for people of all ages each month. All programs are open to the public. For more information, call the Mission Bend Branch Library at 832-471-5900 or the library system's Communications Office at 281-633-4734. Here's a sample of just a portion of programs scheduled for upcoming weeks:

SUMMER READING CHALLENGE "A Universe of Stories" - May 27-Aug 31. Fort Bend County Libraries presents special reading challenges during the summer to encourage reading among readers of all ages. Library programs and activities begin during the week of June 3, and continue through July 27. There is no charge to join the Summer Reading Challenges (SRC), and they are open to everyone, regardless of the county of residence. Participants may register at any Fort Bend County library, or they may register online by going to the FBCL website (www.fortbend.lib.tx.us) and clicking on the "SRC Sign-Up" image, which will become available on May 27. When the online registration form has been completed, readers will then have their own online page on which to record their books or reading time. Readers may also register and log books/reading time by downloading the free Beanstack Tracker app to their mobile device from the Apple App or Google Play stores. Fort Bend County Libraries and the Summer Reading Challenge will appear as options when the program starts on May 27.

Reading rewards can be redeemed beginning Monday, June 3. Prizes must be collected from the "primary library of use" that the reader indicated on the registration form. The last day to pick up awards is August 31. The names of participants who complete the program will be entered into a drawing for gift cards from area stores -- donated by the Friends of the Library organizations -- that will be awarded to several lucky readers in a drawing scheduled at the end of the program at each library location.

The Summer Reading Challenges are sponsored by Fort Bend County Libraries, the Friends organizations that support the county library system, and the Collaborative Summer Library Program, a consortium of states working together to provide high-quality children's summer-reading program materials for public libraries.

Summer Reading Challenge for Children. Children from infancy through elementary school-age are invited to come to the library to read a lot of great books, see some exciting programs, and join in some fun activities to kick off a great summer! Children are encouraged to read as many books as they can and they will earn rewards based on the total number of books they read or have read to them. For the first five books read, the child will receive a bookmark. The rewards continue with a certificate for 10 books, a color-changing ruler for 15 books, and a reading trophy for the first 20 books read. For every 20 books read, the participant's name will also be written on a picture of a space shuttle to be displayed in that branch library. Drawings for puppets will take place weekly.

Middle School Summer Challenge. Area youth in grades 6-8 can participate in the SRC by logging online the time they spend reading. Kids are encouraged to read as many books as they can, and they will earn rewards based on the total amount of time they spend reading. Upon completion of 20 hours (1200 minutes) of reading, readers will receive a trophy or a mystery prize.

Summer Reading Challenge for Teens & Adults. Adults of all ages, including young adults in high school, may participate in the YA & Adult SRC by logging online the time they spend reading books and by participating in optional weekly "challenges" that can be completed individually at home online. All YA and adult readers who complete the goal of reading for 1,000 minutes will earn a desk cube with phone accessories, while supplies last. An ultimate grand prize will be awarded to one lucky reader in the library system. Participants in the YA/Adult Summer Reading Challenge who complete the program by logging 1,000 minutes of reading time will be entered into a drawing for a 16 GB Fire HD 7 tablet with a red case, which will be awarded to one winner in the library system on August 5.

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REMEMBER: CALL BEFORE YOU DIG!

Building a deck? Planting a tree? 811 is the new 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.

A recent study revealed that nearly half of homeowners who plan to dig this year won't call 811 to learn the approximate locations of buried gas, electric, communications, water and sewer lines before digging, putting their safety and the safety of others at risk. According to data collected by CGA, when an individual makes a call to 811 before digging, damage occurs less than 1 percent of the time.

So, before you dig, call 811. More details online at: www.call811.com.

