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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

TRASH COLLECTION PICKUP DAYS

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

Republic Services
(713) 726-7307

Green Waste Guidelines require loose materials such as grass, clippings and leaves should be placed in a reusable container or a CLEAR OR TRANSLUCENT garbage bag and tied closed. Green waste should be set out at the curb at least four feet from other objects.

Please do not place green waste in your city issued garbage or recycling cart.

2024 Annual Assessments

The 2024 annual assessment is due on January 1, 2024, and will be considered late if payment is not received on or before January 31, 2024. If you need to request a payment plan, please contact MASC Austin Properties, Inc. as soon as possible at (713) 776-1771 or send a General Request using the "Requests" tab. Communication can go a long way and help avoid additional fees added to your account. If paying by check, please write your Customer ID number on the lower left corner of your check. Your Customer ID number is shown on the 2024 Assessment invoice notice.

Please note: Payment must be RECEIVED by MASC Austin Properties, Inc. on or before January 31, 2024. Credits will be posted to eligible accounts January 31, 2024. An envelope post marked January 31, 2024, does not constitute receipt of payment. Post-dated checks will not be accepted.

Want to become more involved in our community?

If so, we are looking for you! The community and Board of Directors are looking for new committee members. If you would like to serve on a current committee, or form a new committee, and/or have an idea you would like to see happen in our community, please contact MASC Austin Properties at (713) 776-1771.

We look forward to working with you to enhance our neighborhood!



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Trash Pickup Day: MONDAY & THURSDAY

Recycling Day: MONDAY

Green Waste Day: MONDAY

BULK WASTE PICKUP WILL RETURN TO 1ST MONDAY OF THE MONTH IN NOVEMBER

In January 2023, bulk waste service changed to an on-call, concierge service in an effort to meet the diverse needs of the community.

However, after months with an on-call bulk waste schedule and mutual feedback received from City staff, Republic Services and the community, the City will be moving bulk waste collection back to the once-a-month Monday schedule effective November 1, 2023. Visit www.sugar-scoop.com or www.sugarlandtx.gov for more information.

A Friendly Reminder to Avoid Blocking Sidewalks



- A friendly reminder from the Sugar Land Police Department: blocking the sidewalk is actually illegal. This can cause many issues for neighbors and pedestrians attempting to walk, jog, or run on the sidewalk.

- Sidewalks are designed and installed to keep children and pedestrians out of the roadway, and when someone parks their vehicle blocking them, it forces people into the roadway, which can be dangerous.

- Please share with your friends, family and neighbors to help spread the word about this offense, and let's all do our part to make the streets and sidewalks of Sugar Land a bit safer.

- Please be safe and drive courteously.

Texas Transportation Code 545.302 (Parked blocking the sidewalk)

“STOPPING, STANDING, OR PARKING PROHIBITED IN CERTAIN PLACES. (a) An operator may not stop, stand, or park a vehicle:

- (1) on the roadway side of a vehicle stopped or parked at the edge or curb of a street;
- (2) on a **SIDEWALK**;

Please 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!

Holiday Decorating Contest

The holidays are just around the corner! It is a time to celebrate a wonderful 2023 and spend time with those we love. The Board of Directors is excited to announce the return of the Annual Holiday Decorating Contest! Let us see your home dressed in its holiday best!

Yard signs will be displayed at houses awarded for the following categories:

- Best Lighting**
- Best Children's Theme**
- Best Religious Theme**
- Best Overall**

Please have decorations/lights turned on by 6:00 p.m. on December 16th for judging. We look forward to seeing your beautiful holiday spirit throughout our community!

Happy Decorating,
Your Covington Woods Board of Directors



Holiday Safety

The House Watch Program is designed to provide Sugar Land homeowners a means of having their residence checked periodically by an officer when they are away from home on vacation or an extended weekend.

In order for a residence to be placed on a house watch, the following criteria should be met:

- Your house must be located within Sugar Land city limits
- The residence must be vacated for more than 72 hours
- No other people may be going into or around the residence while it is unoccupied
- The occupant must have established residency at the location
- The residence may not remain on the watch for more than three weeks
- The residence may not exceed a maximum of 12 weeks per calendar year

Visit www.sugarlandtx.gov/1548/housewatch for more information.

Neighbors Helping Neighbors

Do you have a neighbor who goes the extra mile for the residents of your street, your neighborhood, or for the community? The Neighbor of the Quarter recognition program gives you the opportunity to recognize those individuals for their acts of good will and call attention in a positive way to the benefits of being a good neighbor.

Your neighbor can be any age or background; he or she may be a youth, a teenager, a senior citizen, a longtime resident, or a newcomer that makes a positive difference in Covington Woods. Whether known by everyone in the neighborhood or an unsung hero, your good neighbor is a person who does special things to make our community a better place.

Feel free to send a message to Martha Bravo (rickandmarthabravo@yahoo.com) if you want to nominate your neighbor and why.

Need resources or looking for more information?

If you want to be in the know and stay up to date with what is going on in our community please visit our website at <http://www.covingtonwoods.net/home.html>

If you want to start a home improvement project, or update your home, please complete an Architectural Control Committee (ACC) application, found on our webpage, under the documents tab.

You can now pay your yearly assessment fee online and also find valuable information on TownSq at <http://covingtonwoods.sites.townsq.io/0>



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Thanksgiving Tradition Origins

People follow traditions because “that’s the way it’s always been done,” but every custom started somewhere. Why turkey? What’s up with the wishbone?

Eating turkey. Turkey was not the star of the show at the first feast in 1621; that didn’t happen until the mid-1800s. Magazine editor Sarah Josepha Hale read about the 1621 feast and used it as a model for an annual holiday dinner. She published recipes for turkey, stuffing and pumpkin pie, launching traditions that had nothing to do with the colonists. Today, nearly 88% of Americans eat turkey on Thanksgiving.

Breaking the wishbone. This tradition dates back to ancient Roman times, when Etruscans fought over chicken and hen bones, which they believed would bring good fortune. The English inherited this tradition and introduced it to the New World. When they discovered the land was rampant with wild turkeys, they applied the custom to that bird instead.

The presidential turkey pardon. Every year, the President frees one lucky turkey—this fairly recent tradition began with President George H.W. Bush. He gave the first official pardon to a turkey in 1989. The survivor lived out its days at a Virginia petting zoo.



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MASC Austin Properties, Inc. would like to remind everyone to make sure they have registered their address on TownSq — an all-in-one mobile app designed to help you connect, collaborate and stay up to date with your association – any time on any device.

To register your account, log onto the following website www.covingtonwoods.sites.townsq.io, use your account ID (located on your assessment invoice) and the association zip code (77478). Set your password and account preferences.