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SUMMER



NEWSLETTER

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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.

Please call Republic Services 713-726-7307 to schedule your bulk waste service.

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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.

Annual Meeting Results

As a result of the 2023 Annual Meeting, Mark Miertschin and Mike Flood were re-elected to the Board of Directors and Chet Miertschin was newly elected to the Board of Directors. Welcome to the team, Chet! Officers will be elected by the Board of Directors during the next Board meeting, scheduled Monday, September 11, 2023 at 7:00 p.m. at the clubhouse. If you have any questions, please contact the management team at MASC Austin Properties, Inc. (713) 776-1771.

Stay Cool and Hydrate at the Pool!

No one predicted at the start of the pool season that we would be experiencing the hottest summer temperatures in Texas History!

The pool season started off with a busy and productive year for the more than 200 swimmers of the Covington Woods Stingrays swim team! In their championship meet they set a new team record placing second overall in Division 1 summer league. Congratulations to all the moms, dads and coaching staff who volunteered to help make this happen!

Post swim season, nights and weekends have been super busy all summer long at the pool. Because of this extreme heat, your HOA is currently considering extending pool hours, staying open on Friday night and weekends, at least until the end of the summer. This decision will be largely based upon our lifeguard company securing the necessary staff to stay open.

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COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT

Join or create a committee to enhance our neighborhood



KEEP IT SAFE AND CLEAN

Home and driveway upkeep



SCHOOL ZONE DRIVING SAFETY

Driving TIPS to help keep our kids safer as they go back to school

Now that July has finished we should be open daily until FBISD students head back to school on Wednesday, August 9, and then see what our lifeguard company provides in August and beyond. I would like to see more fitness/lap swimming with lap lanes in the late afternoon. The heaviest pool usage is after-dinner swim time when the work day is done and families come to cool off.

In other aquatic news, the FBISD high school teams will kick off their second inaugural season with the launch of high school water polo. Kempner High School has a new water polo coach and at least six or eight new coaches will be on deck at Don Cook Natatorium and/or the FBISD Aquatic Practice Facility. Hopefully, some of our Stingray swimmers will be on the scoreboard! Ideally, this is a great new opportunity for summer swim and middle school swimmers to try out for their high school teams. FBISD Aquatic Club has been working evenings year round with water polo players to develop training skills to help them make varsity! Check your local high school website to find out when and where your team is competing.

It comes as no surprise to acknowledge that this summer is unprecedented in the need for a more inclusive use of the Covington Woods pool. It would be great to get feedback from our community on what hours, days of the week, and season(s) you would prefer to use the pool. Please forward your ideas on how to expand the utilization of our neighborhood pool to Rachel Rivera, our Covington Woods Property Manager, Austin Property Management, at rchapa@mascap.com.

Thanks!
Mike Flood
Treasurer, CW-HOA

Trash Collection Reminder

Trash Pickup Day: MONDAY & THURSDAY

Recycling Day: MONDAY

Green Waste Day: MONDAY

When taking out your garbage and recycling carts, remember:

- Ensure all materials fit in the cart. Only items placed inside the cart will be collected.
- Always keep the lid shut.
- Carts should be placed at the base of the curb (where curbs exist) with the cart wheels against the curb.
- Cart handles should be facing away from the street. Lids should open away from the street.
- Carts should be placed at least three feet apart to ensure the collection truck can service both carts.

After your collection takes place:

- Return your carts to your property no later than 8 a.m. on the morning following the day of collection.
- Carts must be stored on your property, in compliance with deed restrictions. Do not store your cart in the alley or on the street.
- The cart remains the property of the City of Sugar Land. It is yours to use while participating in the program. If you move, leave the cart at the residence.

Bulky Waste

Bulky waste service is provided on a flexible on-call basis. Visit www.sugarlandtx.gov/518/Bulky-Waste for more information or call Republic Services at 713-726-7307.

- The service allows residents to schedule 12 bulky waste collections per year.
- Do not set out your bulky waste until you have a confirmed service day.
- The City offers 3 additional bulky waste collections following the Thanksgiving, Christmas, and New Year's holidays at no additional cost.
- Additional bulky waste collections are available for a fee. Fees must be paid prior to scheduling the service.

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!

Keep it Safe and Clean!

Your friendly HOA Board kindly reminds its beloved residents to please maintain your home's driveway, sidewalks, brick/wood exterior, and street area. While we realize that it's more fun to focus on beautifying your yard, flowerbeds and/or garden, tending to the aforementioned areas also contribute to the beautification and safety of your home and the neighborhood.

As for driveways and sidewalks, please ensure they are kept cleaned and free of debris. This summer's extreme heat and temperatures has significantly reduced essential moisture and rain which helps naturally wash off these concrete pathways. You can power wash the concrete or contact a local handy man or contractor to perform the service for you. Wear safety glasses, gloves and rain/rubber boots for added protection while power washing.

Please keep your driveway and sidewalk expansion slots clean and trimmed if you have grass or weed overgrowth. Pouring a small amount of white vinegar in the expansion slots will kill any existing growth, just be careful in the area where the slots meet the grass line.

If you have pine trees that shed, please remove the needles from the sidewalks and streets. Many residents, including parents with kids in strollers and bike riders, have had to walk/ride on the street to avoid slipping on the pine needles, making them vulnerable to a potential street accident from oncoming traffic. We've had several reports of folks speeding through the neighborhood so keeping your sidewalks clean and clear provides a safer pathway for everyone.

As for brick and/or wood exteriors, you can carefully power wash those areas, too. There are several mold and mildew cleaners available, many of them made from natural, bio-degradable agents which effectively remove surface mold and mildew. The water/mix solution is also safe for surrounding plants and grass areas.

If you own a power washer and would like to help out some of your elderly neighbors who are unable to perform and/or afford these services, simply offer to power wash their driveway and sidewalks for them. Working together makes our community brighter and stronger!

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 new-comer 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 are wanting to start a project or improve 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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SCHOOL ZONE DRIVING SAFETY TIPS

- Be on the lookout for school zone signals and ALWAYS obey the speed limits.
- When entering a school zone, be sure to slow down and obey all traffic laws.
- Always stop for school busses that are loading or unloading children.
- Watch out for school crossing guards and obey their signals.
- Be aware of and watch out for children near schools, bus stops, sidewalks, in the streets, in school parking lots, etc.
- Never pass other vehicles while driving in a school zone.
- Never change lanes while driving in a school zone.
- Never make U-Turns while driving in a school zone.
- Never text while driving in a school zone.
- Avoid using a cell phone, unless it is completely hands-free, while driving in a school zone.
- Unless licensed to do so, never use handicap or emergency vehicle lanes or spaces to drop off or pick up children.



TownSq

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.