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2015 POOL TAG REGISTRATION

The 2015 Pool Season is just around the corner! We are including a Pool Tag Registration form and the 2015 Pool Schedule on **Page 2.**

Pool tags remain the same amount as last year until **May 22** and may be purchased for \$10 each at the May board meeting. After Memorial weekend, the cost for tags increases to \$12 each. Please be advised a \$5 administrative fee will be charged per application. You will need to prove residency by either showing your driver's license or copy of a utility bill.

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

Friday, May 22^{nd} 9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m., Wednesday, May 27^{th} 5:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m., Friday, June 5^{th} 9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m., Wednesday, June 10^{th} 5:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.

YARD OF THE MONTH GUIDELINES

B eginning 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.

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

ANNUAL CIA MEETING

- The Covington Woods Annual CIA Meeting will be held on Monday, August 3, 2015.
- If you are interested in running on the

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!

board, please contact Mr. Kelly Knake, Chairman of the Nominating Committee, at:

kelly.knake@Impacsystems.com.

COVINGTON WOODS COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION

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Covington Woods Community Association Meetings are held on the second Monday of each month with the Homeowners Forum at 7 PM and the Business meeting beginning at 8 PM. Meetings are held at 13743 Woodchester (next to the pool and park).

The Annual CIA meetings are held each August. No meeting will be held in the month of December.

Covington Woods 2015 Pool Tag Application

OFFICE I	PHONE CELL PHONE				
NAME	ME HOME PHONE				
	PROPERTY ADDRESS				
	OCCUPIED BY: HOMEOWNER TENANT				

EMAIL ADDRESS: _____

Name	Age	Emergency Number	POOL TAG #

I affirm that all information on this application is true, and that all those listed on this form are full-time residents of Covington Woods at the address listed above. I also agree that the residents and guests of the household agree to abide by Covington Woods rules and regulations regarding the use of facilities.

SIGNATURE_____ DATE_____

Pool tags purchased on or before May 22nd (Memorial Weekend) are \$10.00 each, all tags purchased after this date will be charged \$12.00 each

Please be advised a \$5 administrative fee will be charged per application

Each pool tag purchased will receive a guest ticket. The ticket allows one guest in the pool area for the day. If you require additional guest tickets during the pool season they will only be available at MASC Austin Properties, Inc. Their office is open Monday – Friday from 9 AM – 5 PM

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Covington Woods 2015 Pool Schedule

MEMORIAL WEEKEND - May 23	3. 24. 25	August 29, 30	
SATURDAY	1 PM - 9 PM	SATURDAY	1 PM - 9 PM
SUNDAY	1 PM - 8 PM	SUNDAY	1 PM - 9 PM
MONDAY	12 PM - 8 PM		
<u>May 30 & May 31</u> SATURDAY SUNDAY	1 PM - 9 PM 1 PM - 8 PM	<u>LABOR DAY WEEKEND - S</u> SATURDAY SUNDAY MONDAY	1 PM - 9 PM 1 PM - 9 PM 1 PM - 9 PM 12 PM - 8 PM
<u>June 5 - August 23</u> MONDAYS	CLOSED	**POC	OL CLOSED FOR THE SEASON**

COVINGTON WOODS STINGRAYS

Looking for a fun way for your kids to stay cool this summer, spend time with friends and enjoy some friendly competition? If so, then you will be pleased to know registration for the Covington Woods Stingrays Swim Team is now open! Online registration is available for boys and girls ages 4 through 18 as of May 31st at cwstingrays.com.

The Stingray's season consists of Monday night meets (home meets and at neighboring pools) and weekday practices thus no weekend obligations. Our Stingrays also participate in an annual Swim-a-thon fundraiser, champi-



onship meet, All-Stars and end of year Awards Banquet. Tryouts for new swimmers will be held Thursday April 30th from 4:00-6:00 PM at the Covington Woods Community Pool, located at 13739 Woodchester (our home field). For more information please visit the Stingray's website at www. cwstingrays.com.

CRIME RATE IN SUGAR LAND HITS HISTORIC LOW

Part 1 crimes in Sugar Land decreased 12.75 percent last year while the City's five-year trend shows an overall decrease of more than 26 percent. The results were included in the Sugar Land Police Department's 2014 Annual Report and placed Sugar Land's crime rate at a 20-year historic low.

Last year, Sugar Land was named the third safest city in Texas and the 19th safest city in the nation, a distinction based on an analysis of FBI crime statistics.

Part 1 crimes include assault, auto theft, burglary, homicide, theft, robbery and auto burglary. The most recent Part 1 data shows Sugar Land's overall crime rate is nearly 45 percent and 35 percent below the state and national averages, respectively. The City's violent crime rate compares even better at more than 71 percent and 69 percent below the state and national averages, respectively.

Vehicle burglaries have long been an SLPD focus, one that resulted in a 38 percent decrease last year and a drop of more than 46 percent since 2010.

Criminal investigations in Sugar Land continue to yield positive results. More than 62 percent of violent crimes were cleared, compared to the state and national averages of 45 percent and 48 percent, respectively.

NEW CRIME MAP TO EMPOWER CITIZENS WITH INFORMATION

The Sugar Land Police Department will launch a new online crime map on March 2, one that provides a regional perspective of crimes occurring in Sugar Land and surrounding jurisdictions.

Known as RAIDS Online, the tool offers expanded, more robust features than previous maps. Anyone may access the free site at **www.sugarlandtx.gov**/ **crimereporting or http://raidsonline. com.**

Using the map is as simple as typing an address. The result is a display of geographic labels representing nearby crimes reported in the area.

Crimes are displayed with color-coded icons. For example, aggravated assaults are red fists, and thefts are green bags of money. Clicking the icons displays more data, including the type of crime, location, block-level address, date and time.

Results can be filtered by distance, date range and type. A data grid tab shows results in spreadsheet format, providing a document that's easy to download and share with neighbors.

RAIDS Online automatically syncs with

SLPD's crime records to keep data updated online and in a mobile app. Information available will include homicides, robberies, assaults, burglaries, thefts, fraud reports, alcohol and drug offenses, disorderly conduct, vandalism and weapons violations.

The website goes beyond crime mapping by automatically alerting the public about recent crime activity -- just sign up for daily, weekly or monthly alerts to receive email notifications. The service also improves communication between the public and law enforcement through anonymous tips.



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Newsletter/Website Committee

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Nominating Committee

Kelly Knake

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<u>TENNIS COURT KEY</u>: The CW tennis courts are for residents use only. To obtain a key to the tennis courts and to fill out an application, please go to Austin Properties, Inc., 945 Eldridge Road, or you may print one out at www.covingtonwoods.net, click on forms and information and return it to API.

Useful Neighborhood Information

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Eric Babnew	281-275-2578
beat1@sugarlandtx.gov	

POOL INFORMATION:

To book pool parties, call Joanna Figueroa, MASC Austin Properties, Inc. 713-776-1771 Swim Lessons 713-771-7665

COMMUNITY BOARD MEETINGS:

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ARCHITECTURAL CONTROL:

ALL homeowners who plan to make alterations to the exterior of your home **MUST** get an Architectural Control Committee Request Form completed and submitted to the Covington Woods Community Association **BEFORE YOU START** the construction. This allows the A.C. Committee time to inform the homeowner before remodeling begins as to whether or not the homeowner is in violation of the Deed Restrictions. Restrictions will be used in any litigation against the homeowner for non-compliance. ADVERTISING: Ad rates are as follows:

Business Card	<u>Quarter-page</u>	
\$20—one issue	\$30-one issue	
\$80—four issues	\$120—four issues	

All advertising copies should be **camera**ready; if not, a \$15 layout fee will be additional. <u>No photos or screens</u>.

Make checks payable to the Covington Woods CAI, and send ad copy with full payment to:

> c/o Barlisa, Inc. Covington Woods CAI P. O. Box 1683 Sugar Land, TX 77487-1683

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