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

Home. Sweet. Home.

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. Bulk waste day is on
the first Monday of each
month. Do not leave bulky
waste out other than once a
month. If you need assistance
between then, contact Republic
Services and they will provide
the extra service for a fee.

Republic Services
713-726-77307

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.

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 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 Townsquare at <http://covingtonwoods.sites.townsq.io/0>

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. We need a lead for our Beautification Committee and Community Events Committee. 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 Jennifer Morovitz at 713-459-8558. We look forward to working with you to enhance our neighborhood.

Christmas Décor Winners



1111 Fair Acres | *best lighting*

1311 Bournemouth | *best overall*

13814 Ivymount | *best children's theme*

13610 Greywood | *most beautiful*



TOP SPRING CLEANING TIPS

Top 10 spring cleaning tips to start off the season



STINGRAYS SWIM TEAM

Registration for the season is now open!



COMMUNITY GARAGE SALE

Be a part of the community garage sale
March 24th and 25th

Did You Know: Blocking Sidewalks is Illegal?

Community members have voiced their concerns with residents parking in their driveways in a manner that blocks the pedestrian from walking on the sidewalk, forcing them to walk out into the street. Per Sec. 545.302 of the Chapter 7 Texas Transportation Code (Acts 2013, 83rd Leg., R.S., Ch. 6 (S.B. 510), Sec. 2, eff. September 1, 2013) a driver shall not stop, stand, or park on a sidewalk, including where a driveway and sidewalk meet. The City of Sugar Land can write a citation for this violation. Be a good neighbor and park in accordance with the law.

Top 10 Spring Cleaning Tips

1. Make a Schedule

Scope out your home: What areas need the most work? Where do you skip during routine cleaning? Those are the best places to start. Regardless of where you start, having a plan will keep you focused on the task at hand. Just go room by room.

2. De-clutter

Studies show that a disorganized home adds to your stress level. It signals to your brain that work is not done.

Set aside some time to:

- Dust and organize your office
- Look through that dreaded junk drawer (and desk drawers!)
- Organize your closets

You may be surprised how fresh you feel after you eliminate unnecessary stress from your life.

3. Use a HEPA Vacuum

You can remove more than just dust build-up when you vacuum. A high-quality HEPA vacuum is one of the best spring cleaning supplies to arm yourself with. They catch tiny airborne particles you cannot see but can stir up allergy symptoms. They trap things like pet dander, allergens and other household particles.

If you don't have a HEPA vacuum, look for a vacuum with attachments like dusting brushes, crevice tools and hoses that can be used to clean more than just your floor. These tools make it simple to clean ceiling fans, cobwebs in corners, pillows, and tight spaces like behind furniture. Be sure to move your furniture too (or at least vacuum under it). Arm yourself with a good HEPA vacuum, and you'll enjoy a healthy, clean home all of spring season.

4. Think Green When You Spring Clean

You want to start spring off on a clean note, so don't expose yourself to chemicals and toxins. A steam cleaner is one of the best green products for spring cleaning. It can be used to clean your microwave, tile, hard floors, kitchen appliances, bathrooms and even outdoor areas. Since steam cleaners only use hot water vapor, they're a 100% natural and chemical-free cleaning solution.

If you don't have a steam cleaner, one of the best natural combinations for cleaning is white distilled vinegar, baking soda, and water. These ingredients are affordable, non-toxic, and have worked for ages when it comes to cleaning.

5. Always Work from Top to Bottom

When you think about how to spring clean your home, it is important to start from the ceiling down. This will force debris downward and keep you from having to re-dust or re-clean your space. If you have a vacuum with an extension hose, use it to get cobwebs and dust from your ceilings and fans first.

Then dust your furniture and other items before vacuuming all the dust and debris off your floors. It will save you time.

6. Walls and Windows Need Love too

People almost always clean their floors, but they typically forget about walls and windows. Not all dust settles on the floor and other surfaces. Just use a damp towel to wipe down walls and blinds (starting from the top). Remove and wipe down the window screens outside.

When it comes to the actual window, we don't suggest using chemical cleaners. A steam cleaner with a squeegee is a great way to clean windows.



7. Don't Be Scared of the Kitchen and Bathroom

Don't fear cleaning your bathroom! Here are a few common trouble areas people forget about:

Kitchens

- Wipe down your cabinets.
- Go through your pantry and refrigerator. Wipe down the shelves, and throw away any old items.
- If you have stainless steel appliances, be sure to use gentle cleaners or a steam cleaner to avoid scratching or other issues.

Bathrooms

- Change your shower curtain.
- Go through your cosmetics drawer or medicine cabinet and throw away any expired items.

You should also consider installing or upgrading to a new bathroom fan. Replacing an existing fan or adding a new one can help to ensure your bathroom remains in top notch condition. They are great for ventilating moisture during showers and removing odors/vapors. Depending on the unit you select, it may even come with built-in lighting, automatic operation, and other user-friendly features.

8. Don't Forget About Your Air

Replacing furnace and HVAC filters is one of the most important and overlooked parts of spring cleaning. In fact, replacing a standard filter with a more robust one with a high MERV rating will help keep you healthier as you enter spring.

It will catch smaller, irritating particles. Air conditioner ducts build up dust during winter, and upgraded filters catch unwanted particles so they don't enter your space. It's an inexpensive way to make sure you're breathing clean, healthy air.

The best way to ensure healthy spring air void of allergens, indoor chemicals or odors is with an air purifier. If anyone in your home suffers from allergies or wakes up stuffy during allergy season, adding an air purifier to his/her bedroom will help.

9. Have Severe Allergies? Protect Yourself.

Cleaning will more than likely unsettle all the winter dust on furniture and fixtures. If you suffer from allergies or are using heavy-duty cleaners, be sure to read the labels. For safe spring cleaning, wear rubber gloves, masks, scarves and even hairnets. Protective clothing will help guard against skin irritations and allergic reactions.

10. Let Spring Cleaning Set a New Tone

If your space feels dark and heavy, you can make small changes to help make it light and fresh for spring. Adding new colorful pillows or art are great ways to change up your space. Replacing items like bedding, towels, table linens, and even window treatments are other ways to transform your rooms for spring and warm weather ahead.



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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.

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.



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Covington Woods Stingrays Swim Team



Registration for the 2023 season is NOW OPEN!
 Come see what all the excitement is about and register your children today. We accept boys and girls from the age of 4-18.

Covington Woods Stingrays 1976-2023
 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 open to boys and girls ages 4 through 18 as of May 31st at www.cwstingrays.com The Stingray's season consists of 5 Monday night meets (2 home meets and 3 at neighboring pools or vice versa) and weekday practices thus no weekend obligations. Our Stingrays also participate in an annual Swim-a-thon fundraiser, Finals, All-Stars and an end of year Awards Banquet. Evaluations for new swimmers and Hope Team will be held Friday, April 14th @ 4:30pm and Saturday April 15th @ 9am at the Covington Woods Community Pool, located at 13739 Woodchester (our home field). Hope Team is a separate program designed to help children, ages 4 thru 8, learn basic swim and water safety. For more information please visit our website or email covingtonwoodsstingrays@gmail.com.

CWST Board and Coaching Staff

Community Garage Sale

Friday March 24th & Saturday March 25th



NO forms need to be completed, all residents are welcome to participate! Tell your neighbors and get creative! Make some Money & Have fun!

Signs will be put out at the entrances. We hope to see as many participating as possible.



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