

2016
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

RECYCLING EXPANDED

The City's curbside residential recycling program has expanded to include textile and bulk cardboard. Both programs are provided at no cost. Textiles include clothing, shoes, purses, blankets, pillows, curtains, hats and more. More details at: www.sugarlandtx.gov.

MISSING LIDS OR WHEELS ON TRASH RECEPTACLES

If your trash receptacle has a missing lid or wheels, please call Republic Waste Management at 713-726-7307 and give them your address and the numbers on the side of the receptacle and they will replace it at no charge on the next collection day.

TRASH COLLECTION

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

BOARD UPDATE: HELPING YOUR NEIGHBOR

We are past the halfway point... Wow! Where has the year gone that it's now August? I once heard that if you think the glass is half empty, get a smaller glass, fill it up and stop complaining.

In the past, I have written about helping and loving each other. Over the past few weeks/months, I have been shaken by the tragedies in Dallas, Baton Rouge and France. Where is our love for each other and our support for our brothers and sisters ?

Every man must decide whether he will walk in the light of creative altruism or in the darkness of destructive selfishness.- Martin Luther King, Jr.

This is a Texas, Sugar Land and Covington Woods issue, whether it's respect to our police officers, elected officials or even the HOA. The HOA is a volunteer force and some of the postings that I have heard about on Facebook and other social media outlets don't reflect love and support. Rather they are divisive, sometimes based on misunderstanding and seem to be easy to say because you are on your computer and not standing in front of the person or group.

Stand back and ask yourself, is this positive and uplifting? Am I respected more or less after I post this? If my child said these things, would I be proud of them ?



For one swallow does not make a summer, nor does one day; and so too one day, or a short time, does not make a man blessed and happy. -Aristotle

We are a community; let us help each other at all times, both in good times and in sorrow. If you see homes that need some love and touch, reach out and offer help. You never know what is behind that overgrown tree, dilapidated wood or siding, and peeling paint. We have a number of seniors that live in our neighborhood that could use a helping hand if offered.

The HOA and Management company doesn't drive around the neighborhood with nothing better to do than wait to find an erroneous issue with your home. We have found cars with inspection stickers 3 years out of date and plants growing underneath them.

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ALL THE MOSQUITOES!

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ELECTION UPDATE

See the results from the Board Member election at this year's Annual Meeting.

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YARDS OF THE MONTH!

Check-out who won Yard of the Month for May, June, July and August! Brite Spots listed too!

BOARD UPDATE (continued)

So, let's fill up the smaller glass and see it as full... we are all in this together as a community.

Matthew 18:20 For where two or three gather in my name, there am I with them.

The hottest place in Hell is reserved for those who remain neutral in times of great moral conflict. - Martin Luther King, Jr.

Special note: If you need help, write or call us. covingtonwoodshoa@gmail.com or you can call Austin Properties Management at (713) 776-1771. We will find you some assistance, big problems or little ones -We are all in this together.

Thanks,

Kelly Knake

Annual Meeting Recap!

Please visit the website for pictures from the Annual HOA meeting that was held on August 1st. It pays to come out to vote, see your neighbors and listen to the city talk about the drainage project coming to Covington Woods next year. Thank you Chamberlain ACE Hardware for supplying the raffle items. Go to: www.covingtonwoods.net.

BOARD MEMBER ELECTION UPDATE

The residents reelected two Board Members at the annual meeting. Congratulations to Joanne Williams and Sherry Ziegner on being reelected and also "thank you" for your willingness to serve another 3 year term!

The 2016-17 Board Members for Covington Woods are as follows:

President, Kelly Knake
Vice-President, Will Blakemore
Secretary, Joanne Williams
Treasurer, Sherry Ziegner
Member-At-Large, Floyd Thigpen

ANNOUNCEMENT

POOL SCHEDULE FOR THE REMAINDER OF 2016

August 27th & August 28th

Saturday	1 pm – 9 pm
Sunday	1 pm – 9 pm



LABOR DAY WEEKEND Sept 3rd, Sept 4th, Sept 5th

Saturday	1 pm – 9 pm
Sunday	1 pm – 9 pm
Monday	12 pm – 8 pm

DON'T FORGET: You can find our pool rules on our website: www.covingtonwoods.net, in the Documents section.

Cut out and stick on your fridge!

WHAT TO DO ABOUT ALL THOSE MOSQUITOES!

The Houston area has officially been ranked third in the nation as the city with the worst mosquito problems. Here's what you can do to reduce the amount of mosquitoes in your yard:

1. 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 typically lay their eggs. Make sure you remove standing water from bird baths, ponds, outdoor storage areas and small swimming pools.

2. Check EVERYTHING! - Mosquitoes like to get tricky. So spots that you wouldn't even expect mosquitoes to reside are still major potential breeding grounds. This includes children's sandboxes, dog bowls, grill covers, tarps, old firewood, and even plant/flower pots. What do all these secret hiding spots have in common? They can hold leftover excess water. This also means that your gutters are one of the most troublesome hot spots for mosquitoes. Make sure to clean them regularly and often; especially after it rains.

3. 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.

4. Know when to call the professionals - All the above are great ways to help control mosquitoes from breeding. However, if you have a severe mosquito problem, you may need to call the experts who can do a thorough inspection and apply a barrier spray around your property. Maintenance is key, so be sure to be consistent with the method of service on which you decide.



YARD OF THE MONTH WINNERS FOR 2016!

From May 1st through August 1st, we selected a home in the community each month to be recognized for the efforts of homeowners who take pride in their homes and landscape. Winners received a sign placed in their yard, a \$50.00 gift card (complements of Matt Dietz at Sugar Land Home Realtors), and bragging rights for the entire month. Also, four homeowners were recognized each month for being a “Brite Spot” with a yard sign and a flower. Please help us congratulate this year winners! Congratulations everyone!



May Yard of Month
13811 Baytree

May Brite Spots
1119 Bramblebury
13523 Brookhollow
1142 Pinecroft
13731 Woodchester



June Yard of Month
1311 Bournewood

June Brite Spots
13723 Drakewood
13603 Hampton
1510 Hitherfield
1407 Maygrove



July Yard of Month
1187 Bournewood

July Brite Spots
13911 Fawnbrake
13939 Ivymount
13702 Fernhill
13606 Hampton Court



August Yard of Month
1522 Hollybush

August Brite Spots
13602 Woodchester
1554 Hitherfield
13918 Vinehill
13819 Vinehill



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