

2019
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 and bulk waste day is also on Mondays.

WHAT CAN I DO ABOUT SOLICITORS IN THE COMMUNITY?

The City of Sugar Land cannot forbid door-to-door Salesman, Peddlers, or Solicitors. As a resident or property owner, if you wish to discourage some, you can fill out a form online that advises the City that Peddlers and Solicitors are not welcome and their entry on property at the provided address is forbidden. The form can be found at: sugarlandtx.gov/formcenter and by clicking on the link titled: "No Solicitation Registration". More information about solicitation can be found in the Code of Ordinances section within the tab labeled "Government".

THE POOL IS SPARKLY AND SHINY - GET YOUR POOL TAGS & GO FOR A SWIM

Summer is here! School is out, and the children and teachers are enjoying a break after a long school year of hard work!! Speaking of hard work, your HOA Board and Committees have been hitting it very hard these past few months renovating the pool area, landscape enhancements and Yard of the Month.

We have our Annual Meeting of Members scheduled for Monday August 12th, 2019. If you wish to serve on the Board of Directors please send your information and a brief bio to Leticia at Austin Properties or you may place your name and contact information on the Proxy. Please return your proxy promptly, in the event you are unable to attend you may still be elected. As usual, City of Sugar Land city officials will be in attendance to report on current activity coming up in our neighborhood. The Board will also share plans for future projects including pool/playground lighting improvements and updated camera system monitoring common areas. Also, there are plans for power washing and striping the parking spaces along Woodchester for safety reasons and marking the handicapped space for residents with special needs.

We have some great committees and awesome volunteers - Newsletter, Swim Team and others. We can always use more volunteers and leaders for neighborhood events and activities. We want to give a shout out to Paula Lowrance for organizing, advertising and running the community garage sale in April, It was a great success for all those that participated. It's a great example of a resident having an idea and the Board assisting with promoting and supporting, Thank you, Paula, for stepping up and for all your hard work for all in the neighborhood

The Beautification Committee passed out its first month of awards for its Brite Spots and Yard of the Month to homeowners that have gone above the ordinary to maintain their yards with flowers, color and excellence. Sherry and her team have done a great job with not only picking the winners, but personally stopping by and visiting with each homeowner, placing the sign in the yard, awarding them a gift card and usually getting to see the beauty that the homeowner has placed in the care in the backyard also.

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BOARD UPDATE

Our Annual Meeting will be in August. All residents are encouraged to attend.

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YARD OF THE MONTH WINNER!

The winners have been chosen! Find out who won the Yard of the Month for May!

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JESS PIRTLE FENCING

Please note the change in policy regarding our perimeter fencing along Jess Pirtle.

BOARD UPDATE (continued)

This is an awesome effort by this group to recognize those homeowners each month for their efforts. The next awards are coming up. You too can be highlighted for your accomplishments.

The Board has worked diligently and tirelessly to make the pool Shiny, Safe and Secure for all those that enjoy it, residents and swim team alike. The pool is one of our greatest assets, with neighborhoods around us desiring to use it, we have done two things this year to promote usage by the Covington Woods residents: cut the price in half for the pool tags (only \$5 each) and adopted picture ID cards for all, making it easier on the lifeguards to monitor pool usage.

Jameson has been a great addition to the Board these past 2 years. He has been setting out the pool and Board meeting signs to remind the residents of these events. He has been a Sugar Land and Covington Woods resident all his life. As a former swim team member, coach and current high school teacher, his insight and knowledge are invaluable and appreciated. Jameson was also responsible for researching and implementing the pool and park lighting as well as the camera system for resident's safety. Jameson also monitors and supervises the landscape improvements at all monument entries. Thank you Jameson.

Bruce was recently appointed the Board to fill a vacancy on the Board of Directors. Bruce will be a candidate at the August 2019 Annual Meeting and if elected will serve the remainder of Courtney's unexpired term. Bruce's construction background and expertise will be a great asset to the Board and neighborhood. He has only been on the Board a few months but has already helped with topics that are important to our community. He will be looking into ways to improve the look of the front entrances to the neighborhood. Welcome aboard Bruce.

Last but not least, Joanne and Leticia Gomez, our community association managers with Austin Properties have been a HUGE blessing to the Board and neighborhood, especially these past few months with the pool repairs. The pool needed some desperate help with the end goal for it to be Secure, Shiny and Safe - they knocked it out of the park! The more they got into the project, it was two steps forward and one step back with the weather and unexpected leaks. Through the hard times, spending many hours with contractors during the day, evenings and weekends the pool is in great shape and looking wonderful. It's the best we have seen in years, Thank you very much for your hard work and persistence in completing the project.

The Board is looking forward to a great summer. Get your pool ID cards, come out to the parties, and use the pool with its expanded hours during the week and weekend. Find a way that you can contribute to the neighborhood and community. Let us know so we can assist in any way. We are not a perfect Board, we are human, we are all residents of Covington Woods and care about every homeowner/resident. Come to the HOA meetings, they are for us to conduct the business of the neighborhood and to hear from you.

If you need to reach us between Board meetings, please contact Austin Properties directly. They are able to assist you directly and any important matters that require Board review and approval will be emailed to all Board members immediately so there is no delay. This allows all Board members to participate in decisions that affect owners and the budget. You are seeing your assessments at work for you and it is important this continues in the future. We have come so far, let us finish the job so you see those dollars at work. We count on you to point out community concerns and can schedule improvements while following the budget, that is why you elected us. We make an amazing TEAM. Stay in touch.

Sincerely,
Board of Directors

Jess Pirtle Perimeter Fencing

The Board would like to inform all owners of a change in policy regarding the section of Covington Woods perimeter fencing along Jess Pirtle. The maintenance of these fences have, as a long-time policy, been provided by the neighboring subdivision and is now no longer available, thus requiring each of the affected owners to resume the responsibility of the maintenance, repair, and replacement of the fence bordering their back yards as set forth in the Restrictions and Guidelines applicable to their properties. This section of fencing appears to be unique in that it has a double trim board design at the top and a rot board along the bottom as well as having a uniform stain color applied.

The Board of Directors have sought legal advice and have, per the recommendation of the attorney, adopted a separate Guideline, which can be found on the association website, www.covingtonwoods.net to require that the exact fencing material and design be maintained by these owners. We are in the process of notifying each owner affected by this change in policy but would like to assure all owners that this policy change will not affect the association's budget, which remains the same.

REVISED POOL SCHEDULE FOR 2019!

May 29th - August 11th

MONDAY	CLOSED
TUESDAY	10 AM- 9 PM
WEDNESDAY	1 PM- 9 PM
THURSDAY	1 PM- 9 PM
FRIDAY	1 PM- 9 PM
SATURDAY	10 AM- 9 PM
SUNDAY	1 PM- 9 PM

June 14th End of School Party

FRIDAY	6 PM- 10 PM
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August 9th Back to School Party

FRIDAY	6 PM- 10 PM
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August 17th- 25th WEEKENDS ONLY

MONDAY-FRIDAY	CLOSED
SATURDAY	1 PM- 9 PM
SUNDAY	1 PM- 8 PM

LABOR DAY WEEKEND AUGUST 31st- SEPTEMBER 2ND

SATURDAY	1 PM – 9 PM
SUNDAY	1 PM – 8 PM
MONDAY	1 PM – 8 PM

All Covington Woods residents and guests entering the pool must sign in.

One guest allowed with guest ticket obtained from MASC Austin Properties, Inc.

Guests cannot be a resident of Covington Woods HOA

2019 Annual Meeting

The Covington Woods Homeowner Association, Inc. annual meeting will be held Tuesday, August 12, 2019 beginning at 7:00 PM. The meeting will be conducted at the Covington Woods clubhouse (next to the pool) located at 13743 Woodchester, Sugar Land, TX 77498. Two 3-year positions are open for election. Mrs. Joanne Williams (Incumbent), Mrs. Sherry Ziegner (Incumbent) and Mr. Bruce Bumgardner (Incumbent) will be running for election.

If you are interested in running for a position on the Board, please submit your request in writing by Monday July 1, 2019, providing your name, address, phone number and email address to Leticia Gomez lgomez@mascapi.com, Fax (713) 776-1777, or mail to Covington Woods Homeowner Association, Inc. c/o MASC Austin Properties, Inc., 945 Eldridge Road, Sugar Land, TX 77478.

Each homeowner will be mailed the annual meeting notice by July 15, 2019. We ask you to complete and mail, fax or email your completed proxy in time to reach our office no later than August 9, 2019. Your attendance at the meeting would void any proxy on record. By mailing the proxy in advance, you will be assured a voice in the event something unforeseen prevents your attendance.

YARD OF THE MONTH WINNERS! CONGRATULATIONS!

MAY Yard of the Month - \$50.00 Home Depot gift card
13706 Drakewood

MAY Brite Spots
13803 Baytree

13542 Brookhollow
1107 Fair Acres
1414 Pinecroft

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Meeting Dates - 2019

The Board meets monthly, except for the month of December. Board meetings are held at 7:00pm at the Clubhouse and all residents are invited to attend the meetings. The meeting dates for 2019 are as follows:

June 10th, July 8th,
August 12th (Annual Meeting)
September 9th, October 14th
November 11th, December (No Mtg)



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TREASURER, SHERRY ZIEGNER

MEMBER-AT-LARGE, BRUCE BUMGARDNER

Noteable Notes

Call For Volunteers
 The Board would like to form a Pool Committee to monitor the pool when is it open to the community. We need resident volunteers to serve on the committee and make recommendations to the Board for improvements. If you'd like to volunteer, please contact Austin Properties. Thank you!

Please Keep Your Eyes Open For Vandalism
 Recently, we had some vandalism in our recreation facilities. The Board is working with the City of Sugar Land Police Department on this issue. We'd like to remind all residents to keep your eyes open for vandalism as you walk around and use the facilities.

Lost Trash or Recycle Carts?
 Did you end up with an extra trash cart or recycle cart after the recent rain event? Many of your neighbors are having a hard time finding their cart that washed away, and we could use your help finding them. If you got stuck with a lost cart, or if you see one laying around, take a picture of the cart and tag the location within the My Sugar Land App and Republic will come pick it up! Download the app at: <https://bit.ly/2HjzizC>.

Lost Water Meter Lid?
 In the front of everyone's home is a water meter that lives inside a plastic meter box. During rain events when water ponds in the streets, sometimes the lids on top of the meter box float away and are lost. If you're missing your meter lid call 311 or 281-275-2900. You can also download the My Sugar Land app (mentioned above) and start a service request.

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If your children or friends are going to UT Austin or Texas A&M, or if you need to find a getaway for yourself. Let us know and maybe we can help.

Your Neighbor. 281-635-6081