2021 SUMMER



NEWSLETTER



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

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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 Waste and they will provide the extra service for a fee.

WHAT CAN I DO ABOUT SOLICITORS IN THE COMMUNITY?

The City of Sugar Land can-not 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 ti-tled: "No Solicitation Registration". More information about solicitation can be found in the Code of Ordinances section within the tab labeled "Government".

Board Update

How We Can Create A Strong Community

A hive of bees is a perfect example of a community working together in harmony and for the common good of all its members. After all, a bee living alone can barely survive, let alone prosper. But in a hive made up of hundreds of other bees, each taking responsibility for the various jobs necessary for the survival of the community, the lone bee not only survives, it contributes mightily to the success of the hive.

The secret of the bee's success in living together in a close-knit community is that each bee not only understands the interrelationships that exist between it and the rest of the members of its community, but is willing to accept some of the responsibility for the hive's prosperity by expanding their role in the community whenever necessary.

As homeowners, we too can choose to recognize the interrelationships that exist between ourselves and our neighbors and how those interrelationships have a direct impact on our quality of life. We can also choose to take some of the responsibility upon ourselves to contribute to improving those relationships and in the process improve our community.

In order for our community association to continue to protect, preserve and enhance our community assets and our property values, each member of our community has to acknowledge their role in our community and, at times, be willing to expand their role to take on some added responsibility.

For example: We all must obey our governing documents, we agreed to do that when we closed escrow. By obeying community rules and regulations, we contribute to our community and accept the role of a *rule abiding member*. Each year we conduct an Annual Meeting at which

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BOARD UPDATE

ANNUAL MEETING

The annual meeting will be held Monday, September 20, 2021 beginning at 7:00 PM.

GOURTESY REMINDERS

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BOARD UPDATE (continued)

time we elect our Board of Directors, although we don't have to participate in the election process, choosing to do so contributes to the success of our community. Our role as a *rule abiding member* expands to include that of a *voting member*. We also have the opportunity to attend our Board of Directors meetings in order to better understand the business decisions made by the Board. When we choose to attend those meetings, our role as a *rule abiding, voting member* now expands to include that of a *participating member*. And when we choose to serve on community committees or the Board of Directors, we accept another role and become a *rule abiding, voting, participating and contributing member*.

So, let's all work at recognizing what roles we can choose to accept in our community and, like the bee, work together at making our community the best place to live that it can be!

Covington Woods Community Association 2021 Annual Meeting

Please be advised the Covington Woods Community Association, Inc. annual meeting will be held Monday, September 20, 2021 beginning at 7:00 PM. The meeting will be held at the clubhouse located at Covington Woods clubhouse (next to the pool) located at 13743 Woodchester, Sugar Land, TX 77498. There will be two 2-year positions available with two years remaining of a three- year terms and one (1) three- year position is open for election. If you are interested in running for a position on the Board, please submit your request in writing by August 18, 2021, providing your name, address, phone number and email address to Leticia Gomez @ lgomez@mascapi.com, Fax (713) 776-1777, or mail to or mail to Covington Woods Homeowner Association, Inc. c/o MASC Austin Properties, Inc., 945 Eldridge Road, Sugar Land, TX 77478.

Keep Up With Covington Woods on TownSq

MASC Austin Properties, Inc. is excited to announce the launch of TownSq — a new, all-in-one mobile app designed to help you connect, collaborate, and stay up to date with your association — any time, on any device. Manage your account and access the resources you need when you need them. Download the app and register to: easily communicate with your management team, manage your account and pay online, get up-to-date news and alerts, request and review status of service inquiries, engage with one another, access important association documents and more! To register your account, please log onto www.townsq.io, use your account ID and the association zip code (77498). Set your password and account preferences and you will then be ready to start experiencing community your way with TownSq. Please contact us if you have any questions regarding this new process as we are excited to offer these new services to your community.

CITY OF SUGAR LAND SOLID WASTE AND RECYCLE COLLECTION SCHEDULE

The City of Sugar Land is meeting to make recommended adjustments allowing residents more opportunity to put out their trash cans on specific days of the week and month so items are not left at the curb on other days. Trash is to be set out the day prior to each pickup. The current schedule is as follows:

- Solid Waste (large trash can) on Monday/Thursday of each week
- Recycle (small trash can) on Monday of each week only
- Textiles* (Are recycled through Simple Recycling and must be placed in a Simple Recycling bag or specially labeled container. Visit www.simplerecycling.com for details)
- Green Waste (grass, tree trimming and plants) on Monday
- Bulky Waste (first Monday of each month only)
- On-Call Services (Household Hazardous Waste, Bulk Cardboard, E-waste) On-call services are requested by a resident and provided at no charge. To request a service, please call 713-726-7307 or email sugarland@republicservices.com.

For more details, visit: - www.sugarlandtx.gov/solidwaste



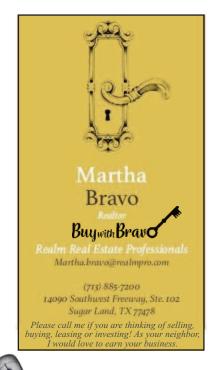
Courtesy Reminders

During this critical time, many residents are staying home. Could this be our opportunity to assist neighbors in need of front yard landscape maintenance? If we are already mowing our yard, see if we can mow their front yard. Some cannot keep on top of this, and some can't afford to have it done. Some may need the help now, and they may do the same for us with something else now or later. Let's find out which it is so We may assist.



The same is true with trash cans. Technically they are to be stored out of the public view, but just getting them to the curb for pickup can be challenging. Currently, heavy trash day remains on the first Monday of each month. If a neighbor cannot get heavy trash cans to the curb, they certainly cannot get heavy trash there as well. Our neighborly assistance would make a considerable contribution. While trash cans should either be stored in the garage or behind the side fence, the Board is working with Management to allow them to be stored on the side of the house or between the house as an acceptable option for the present. If we see trash cans still at the curb following the scheduled weekly trash days, pull them back to the side of the house, so our neighbor doesn't receive a violation letter. Yards and trash cans are the two most frequent monthly compliance issues.

It only takes a minute to help our neighbors; we are in the situation together. #neighborshelpingneighbors #covingtonwoodsstrong #homesweethome





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ACC GUIDELINES AND REQUEST FOR HOME IMPROVEMENT APPROVAL

You will find a full copy of the January 2017 updated Guidelines and ACC Applications on the community's website. We are seeing many home improvements while residents are staying home. The first page sets forward the Procedure to apply for exterior modifications covering 1.0 Outbuildings, 2.0 Basketball Goals, 3. Patio Covers, 4.0 Decks, Deck Covers & Gazebos, 5.0 Room Additions, 6.0 Prefabricated Sunrooms & Solariums, 7.0 Exterior Painting, 8.0 Storm Windows and Storm/Screen Doors, 9.0 Swimming Pools, Spas and Enclosures, 10.0 Solar Energy Devices, Solar Panels, Screens & Films, 11.0 Satellite Dishes, 12.0 Fence and Fence Extensions, 13.0 Decorations, 14.0 Exterior Lighting, 15.0 Wind Turbines, 16.0 Outdoor Carpeting, 17.0 Burglar Bars, 18.0 Birdhouses, 19.0 Landscaping, 20.0 Antennas, 21.0 Swing Sets, 22.0 Driveway Extensions & Sidewalks, 23.0 Garage Conversions, Carports, Detached Garages, 24.0 Window Air Conditioners, 25.0 Window Shades/Awnings, 26.0 Roofs, 27.0 Rainwater Harvesting Systems, 28.0 Flags, 29.0 Display of Religious Items.

These forms are available from the management company and on the Association website. Please seek prior ACC review and approval and complete the application with all information for your resident records. All pertinent information such as plans, specifications, building permits, locations indicated on a copy of the survey, etc. should be included with the applications. If an application is not approved, the ACC will state in their letter why such approval was denied and what type of changes, if any, would alter that decision. The ACC is always open to considering a variance where there are extenuating circumstances even when the modifications were not properly submitted prior to making the improvements. We are a united community and the Board is here to assist residents in good times and bad.

Remember, when making any exterior change to your property, you must fill out a REQUEST FOR HOME IMPROVEMENT APPROVAL. The application must be approved by the Architectural Control Board before improvements are made. You may download the form on our website at covingtonwoods.net under documents Questions? Please contact MASC Austin Properties, Inc., at 713-776-1771, Brittany Austin @ bwigley@mascapi.com before beginning any projects.



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MEMBER-AT-LARGE, KELLY KNAKE

YARD OF THE MONTH WINNERS! CONGRATULATIONS!



June 2021

1143 Pinecroft (Bright Spot) 13522 Fernhill (Bright Spot) 1414 Pinecroft (Bright Spot) 1311 Bournewood (YOTM)

July 2021

1102 Ashdale (Bright Spot) 1142 Pinecroft (Bright Spot) 13823 Woodchester (Bright Spot) 1119 Brambleberry (Bright Spot) 13811 Baytree (YOTM)

Generator Rebate Pilot Program

Sugar Land City Council recently approved an ordinance establishing a generator rebate pilot program -- a move intended to promote preparedness, resiliency, and residential reinvestment.

Qualifying homeowners must apply for the rebate by Nov. 30, which will be issued after completion and approval of all required city building inspections.

For more about generator permits and to submit a complete application, visit the following website: www.sugarlandtx.gov/193/Forms-Applications



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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