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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 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](http://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".*

## WE HAVE SOME EXCITING NEWS ABOUT THE POOL TO SHARE WITH YOU!

Another Winter/Spring in Sugar Land. The weather, as always during this time of year, can't make up its mind. It has been in the 70's and the 30's. Seems like the only thing growing in my yard are the weeds.

I hope your Christmas was blessed and wonderful and you are keeping your 2019 new year's resolutions.

Football is over and about 200 days till opening day of the NFL for you die hard Texan fans. Spring training for the Astros starts very soon. I hope we can have another world series contender this year.

The Board has been working hard already this year negotiating the pool contract. We have worked with Aquatico to achieve some cost savings and high customer service expectations.

We have been reviewing the budget and working on savings where we can. It's your money and ours as homeowners. We strive to do the best we can as your elected representatives.

Last year we had two pool parties. This year we are trying to have three. The last one we had turned out fantastic which was due to the tremendous support by the volunteer homeowners and the HOA Board members.

This is your community. We want and need your involvement so bring us your ideas, give us a few hours of your time this summer and we can grow as neighbors and friends together.

There are a few changes regarding the pool. This summer we want to reduce the pool tag cost for the residents. We believe that the more the pool is used, the more the residents will meet each other and build acquaintances.

The cost last year was \$10 a resident and a \$5 admin charge for the transaction. This year we will

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## HOLIDAY LIGHTING WINNERS!

The competition was tough! See who won this year's holiday decorating awards!

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## ALL ABOUT THE STINGRAYS

Find out about Covington Woods very own swim team, the Stingrays!

## BOARD UPDATE (continued)

be lowering the cost to \$5 for each resident pool ID card and maintain the \$5 admin charge, a family of four cost savings of \$20.

Each resident that wants to utilize the pool will need a pool ID card. Last year we used tags. This year we will be having pool ID cards with residents' pictures and year stickers, which will assist the life guards in checking you properly into the pool and adhering to a strict policy of residents and their guests only.

We will also be expanding the pool hours a few days a week during the height of the season to assist in mothers with young children, allowing them to share in the pool before the heat of the day. We had heard from a number of mothers on this, so we are going to give it a try.

The Board is also researching some other improvements to the pool. stay tuned. I am looking forward to hearing results to this quest.

A few reminders – Improvements to the front of your home and yard.

On the Covington Woods website, you can find the ACC form – Architectural Control Committee, This needs to be submitted in advance of improvements to your home. This is a requirement of the deed restrictions that you agreed upon when you moved into this neighborhood. The ACC Committee is very responsive and agrees to most requests. Submitting and getting approval is a better alternative than doing an unapproved improvement with the possibilities of removing your changes.

Let's make it a great 2019. Love your family and treat your neighbors with respect.

Weed and feed your yard, plant some flowers and trees to beautify your home and neighborhood.

Pick up the clutter and trash from the front of your home and street. The Board wants the best for the community and neighborhood. We live here also. As a licensed realtor I see many neighborhoods and the ones that show pride increase in value and homes sell faster.

Lastly, the Board cares and wants to help. If you need assistance, ask us.

Sincerely,  
Kelly Knake



**GOT QUESTIONS? GREAT!  
OUR WEBSITE HAS ANSWERS**  
COMMUNITY NEWS, ACC GUIDELINES,  
HOME IMPROVEMENT FORM, ETC...

[www.covingtonwoods.net](http://www.covingtonwoods.net)

## Gentle Reminder



Please remember to store your trash cans on non-trash days and after collection has occurred, whereby the trash cans are **NOT VISIBLE** from the street. Thank you!!

### Holiday Lighting Winners!

The 2018 CW Holiday Lighting winners were awarded with a \$25.00 gift card to DQ (to enjoy holiday treats) along with a yard sign specific to their award.

**Best Children's Theme** - 1302 Ashwood Dr.  
**Best Religious Theme** - 1307 Bournewood  
**Best Lighting** - 13814 Ivymount  
**Best Overall** - 1187 Bournewood

We appreciate all who decorated.

### 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:

January 14th	July 8th
February 11th	August 12th (Annual Mtg.)
March 11th	September 9th
April 8th	October 14th
May 13th	November 11th
June 10th	December (No Mtg.)

# COVINGTON WOODS STINGRAYS SWIM TEAM

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 will soon be open! Early Online registration is available for CW residents and returning CWST Stingrays Only from March 1-March 15. Open registration for all others will begin March 16-May 1. Online Registration is open to boys and girls ages 4 through 18 as of May 31st at [www.cwstingrays.com](http://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 Wed, April 24th thru Friday, April 26 from 3:30-4:30 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 on Hope Team only, please email Jenny Miertschin at [jmgalleries@gmail.com](mailto:jmgalleries@gmail.com). Any other questions, please visit the Stingray's website at [www.cwstingrays.com](http://www.cwstingrays.com).

Covington Woods Swim Team is seeking sponsorship of our program for the upcoming 2019 swim season. As a member of the Southwest Houston Recreational Swim League since 1976, we have a long-standing goal to provide an environment of fun, safe, and competitive swimming for approximately 200 children ages 4-18. We also focus on the values of teamwork, cooperation, and sportsmanship, and we offer a junior coaching program for those youth that are interested in leadership.

In order to continue our efforts, we need sponsors like you. Funds received are used for equipment, coaches' salaries, and league dues. We offer several different ways for you to sponsor and advertise your name (see below for details) - please consider sponsoring our team.

## 2019 CWST Sponsor Options

- \$1000** Separate Team Banner, ad on Team Website, recognition in local newspaper, plaque with team photo, listing on Team Webmails, "Top Billing" on Team T-shirts, (2) Team T-shirts, honorary mention and sponsors seat at Awards Banquet
- \$500** Plaque with team photo, listing on Team Webmails, "Top Billing" on Team T-shirts, Team Banner and Team Website, honorary mention and sponsors seat at Awards Banquet
- \$250** Listing on Team T-shirts, listing on Team Banner, listing at Team Website
- \$100** Listing at Team Website

- The Team Website is [www.cwstingrays.com](http://www.cwstingrays.com).
- The Team Banner is prominently displayed at time trials, swimathon, and all home swim meets for all to see.
- Team T-shirts have the qualifying sponsors names listed on the back and team logo on the front. They are issued to each member of the team and are also purchased by parents and family members to support the team at the meets and in the community.
- The Awards Banquet is our end of season finale with a meal, awards presentation, and sponsor and volunteer recognition.
- Webmail is the team's email communication system, and webmails are sent out at least weekly throughout the season.

Mail your sponsorship check **made payable to Covington Woods Swim Team** to

CWST President  
1430 Pinecroft Dr.  
Sugar Land, TX 77498

Be sure to mail your payment no later than **March 4, 2019** to ensure the above listings for the Summer 2019 season. Feel free to call me if you have any questions. Artwork, logos, and advertisements can be emailed to: [covingtonwoodsstingrays@gmail.com](mailto:covingtonwoodsstingrays@gmail.com).

Sincerely,  
Khristina Maxson, CWST Sponsorship Chairman. 832-771-8426.





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## Top Reasons To Volunteer In The Community

#1: It's good for you. Volunteering provides physical and mental rewards. It reduces stress. Experts report that when you focus on someone other than yourself, it interrupts usual tension-producing patterns. It can make you healthier. Moods and emotions, like optimism and joy strengthen the immune system.

#2: It saves resources. Volunteering provides valuable community services so more money can be spent on local improvements. The estimated value of a volunteer's time is \$26.87 per hour based on the Corporation for National and Community Service.

#3: Volunteers gain professional experience. You can test out a career!

#4: It brings people together. As a volunteer you assist in uniting people from diverse backgrounds to work toward a common goal, while also building camaraderie and teamwork.

#5: It promotes personal growth and self esteem. Understanding community needs helps foster empathy and self-efficacy.

#6: You learn a lot. Volunteers discover hidden talents and learn about the functions and operation of the community. Volunteers gain knowledge of local resources available to solve community needs.

#7: Volunteering strengthens your community. As a volunteer you help: Support families (daycare and eldercare), improve schools (tutoring, literacy), support youth (mentoring and after-school programs) and beautify the community (park cleanups).

Consider volunteering today!



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Matt Dietz  
*Texas Licensed Broker*

**Sugar Land Is A Great Place  
To Live And Work**

Hello neighbors.  
 As our city continues to grow and expand, it is great to know that our city is taking care of our neighborhood. In the past couple of years the city has replaced many of the underground storm drains and replaced many of the streets in the community. These improvements continue to increase the value of our homes. With mature trees and better infrastructure and a low tax rate, this makes our neighborhood very desirable.

A Covington resident and proud sponsor of CWST Go Stingrays!

**A PERSONAL REFERRAL IS THE GREATEST  
COMPLIMENT THAT I CAN RECEIVE.**

**281-635-6081**