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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".

WINTER / SPRING / SUMMER OR FALL ???

Another beautiful spring day in Sugar Land. AH, February the month that seems to want to be all 4 seasons during its normal short 28 days, this year its 29!!

I moved down from the North in February many years ago, leaving the snow and cold for sitting by the apartment pool and barbecuing outside, I thought I was in heaven. Little did I know August was coming, but that is a story for another day. Just like February gets confused, so does the yard, I'm seeing fallen leaves still in the yard while the grass is dormant, but the weeds are flourishing. Do your neighbors a favor and keep your yard neat and tidy. When I walk the neighborhood, I see some yards that need some time, attention and love. Good time to fertilize also.

Our little neighborhood is coming up on being 50 years old in the next few years. It has grown from farmland to a beautiful place to live. Some of the best things I see in our neighborhood is the care of others from our residents, when I see them pick up newspapers for folks out of town, bringing up the trash cans for people that have a harder time walking, that shows care. Recently one of my neighbors Janie was bringing some fresh fruit to another one of our neighbors and she stopped to tell me that she had been visiting and checking in on her. She also found out that she was feeling a little under the weather. Showing care to each other is something that I believe our residents shine in. Pay it forward, we all need a little help sometime in our life. Another neighbor Diana was speaking with me the other day and gave me some magnetic information pads that the SLFD Fire Department are giving out for people to fill in their medical needs/history and place on the refrigerator so they can act quickly if you are in need. If you want one, she has extras and we can get you one or two. These are examples of great neighbors!

The HOA Board continues to be hard at work in our neighborhood. The pool is complete, leaks are fixed, replastering is done to go along with the deck getting completed last year. One topic that we hear many residents express is safety. We are happy to report that the pool and park now have high definition cameras to monitor and record any trouble especially in the evening when things happen under the cover of darkness.

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BOARD UPDATE

We need volunteers for our Beautification Committee. Who wants to help?

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POOL IMPROVEMENTS!

We made major pool improvements to get the pool ready for summer. Check out the before and after pics!

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WHO WERE THE WINNERS?

There were many homes to choose from. See which homes won the holiday decorating awards!

BOARD UPDATE (continued)

Spring is quickly approaching. It's time to plant, fertilize, and plan for outside projects to keep your home in great shape. We at the Board strive to make this a great place to live. We always invite you to attend the monthly meetings and just as important, volunteer your time for a committee, especially something that will bring our neighbors together to be a friend that you can count on. One of those committees in need of support is the Beautification Committee, everyone loves to win a Brite Spot and Yard of the Month. Who wants to help? Start getting ready to show your yard off!!

Sincerely,
Kelly, Jameson, Joanne, Bruce and Rick

Census 2020 Is Coming!

It's hard to believe that we're already less than 90 days from the next decennial census - Census Day is April 1, 2020. Once a decade, America comes together to count every resident in the United States, creating national awareness of the importance of the census and its valuable statistics. The decennial census was first taken in 1790, as mandated by the Constitution. It counts our population and households, providing the basis for reapportioning congressional seats, redistricting, and distributing more than \$675 billion in federal funds annually to support states, counties and local communities' vital programs — impacting education, transportation, employment, health care, public policy and more. As such, having an accurate census count is critical to the city's ability to leverage federal funding for Sugar Land Way priorities such as transportation and mobility, public safety and emergency preparedness – which further helps the city maintain the second lowest property tax rate in the State of Texas among cities of similar size.

Complete Count Committee

The city formed a Complete Count Committee (CCC). The CCC is a resident committee responsible for education and outreach for the 2020 Census in Sugar Land. The purpose of the Committee is to inform residents about the importance and benefits of an accurate count. The Committee work began in September with an orientation and will extend through June 2020.

Help get the word out in the community about the importance of completing the Census!

For more information, please visit:
<http://www.sugarlandtx.gov/1766/Census-2020>

We've Made Major Improvements To The Pool!

The HOA has been hard at work getting the pool in great shape for this summer! Last year we've focused on improving the deck to make it safe, shiny and secure for residents. This year we added a new bottom and skimmers. The pool has never had this work done and it was needed! Below are before and after pictures. Pool season is right around the corner. Get ready to enjoy the new and improved community pool!

Before



After



Holiday Lighting and Decorating Contest Winners!

We had so many of you decorate for the holidays this season. You certainly made it difficult for the Christmas Lighting Committee to choose the top 5 winners. It was so fun presenting the signs and getting excited with our neighbors as the bragging rights commenced.

The winners are as follows:

- 1311 Bournemouth-Most Religious**
- 1118 Fair Acres-Most Beautiful**
- 13726 Drakewood-Best Childrens Theme**
- 13803 Ivymount-Best Lighting**
- 13814 Ivymount-Best Overall**

We are constantly finding ways to improve as a community and as a Board. If you have any suggestions or concerns please feel free to let me know.

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CONGRATULATIONS

Covington Woods 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 now-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. 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, Meet of Champions, All-Stars and an end of year Awards Banquet. Evaluations for new swimmers and Hope Team will be held Wednesday, April 22nd from 4-5pm 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 Martha Bravo @ martha.bravo@realmpro.com or call/text (713) 885-7200. Any other questions, please visit the Stingray's website at www.cwstingrays.com.

Meeting Dates - 2020

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 2020 are as follows:

March 9th
April 13th
May 11th
June 8th
July 13th

August 10th - Annual Meeting
September 14th
October 12th
November 9th
December - No meeting



Lost Water Meter Lids



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 are missing your meter lid call 311 or 281-275-2900. You can also download the city's MySugarLand App and start a service request.



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Sugar Land's 311 Service

This is a great way to communicate with the City of Sugar Land on issues/needs that you see in our city. Recently one of our Board members submitted a ticket for curb repairs where a drainage ditch had been broken by a large truck and was causing a safety issue. The city responded quickly, fixed the issue and even sent an email with the status and results of the case. This service is for everyone to use, via phone, email or through the city website. These are the departments that you can Report a Concern, Ask a Question to:

- Animal Services
- Code Enforcement
- Fire Department
- Food Inspection
- General Questions/Concerns

If your concern does not fall into any other category that is offered, please submit your concern in this request type. Example: Railroad Concern, Hike & Bike trail issues, etc. If this is an in-progress emergency, please call 911. To report a crime that has already occurred, contact 281-275-2020.

- Parks and Recreation
- Police Department
- Solid Waste and Recycling
- Streets and Traffic
- Water Utilities

For more details, visit:
<http://www.sugarlandtx.gov/1590/311-Sugar-Land>
 P: 311 or 281-275-2900 E: 311@sugarlandtx.gov
 Hours of Operation Monday to Friday
 8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m



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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