



# SUGARLAND SENTINEL

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## A NOTE FROM JAY:

Hello neighbors. I hope you will attend the meeting October 9<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 at the Community Building. You may have noticed this is not our usual meeting date of the 1<sup>st</sup> Thurs. of the month. As there were date conflicts with the Board members wanting to attend, we moved the meeting **this time only** to the 9<sup>th</sup>. I hope to see you there. There are several things to be discussed, including voting on the positions of President and Secretary. If you are you interested in either position, or know of someone who is, please contact the Nominating Committee. Also, someone is needed to oversee the grounds. If you would consider this worthwhile position, again, please contact the Nominating Committee.

I will be writing an article soon to appear on our website. If you have yet to check our website, please go to [www.sehoa.com](http://www.sehoa.com) and you will find helpful information there. Being the President of the SEHOA is a worthwhile job. I have enjoyed meeting folks at meetings and look forward to continuing to count you all as my friends.

Jay Walters, President

## Sugarland Estate Home Owners Association

### Treasurer's Report

May 1 through August 31, 2014

Checking account balance as of May 1, 2014	67,674.25
Income:	
Membership Dues and Fines Received	59,425.98
Donations	35.00
Total Income:	59,460.98
Expenses:	
Administrative Costs (Postage, Facility Rental)	30.00
Grounds Maintenance	13,040.67
Ponds Maintenance	511.09
Trail Maintenance	11,900.00
Hospitality Expense	51.73
Income Taxes	18.00
Professional Fees	1365.30
Utilities	455.80
Total Expenses:	27,372.59
Checking Account Balance, August 31	99,762.64
Money Market Account Balance, May 1	30,129.44
Interest Income	50.81
Money Market Account Balance, August 31	30,180.25

## POND CLEAN-UP DAY SCHEDULED:

Summer is all but gone and the beauty of fall is nearing. It's time to prepare our ponds and their surroundings for winter. Back in May we had over thirty volunteers help with some spring clean-up at Mystery Hill pond and Weather Station pond. **October 4th, Saturday from 8 a.m.-to-Noon** we plan again to enlist the help of residents, who would give their time, to clean up the ponds' surrounding areas and ready them for winter. We have five ponds in Sugarland and each pond committee monitor will have a list of things that need attention at the pond locations. Bring work gloves, implements, and a willing spirit for making our community look better. Our goal will be general clean up and removal of unwanted tree growth. Our work schedule will start at the Mystery Hill shelter parking lot at 8:00 a.m. with a short safety meeting and assignments. We will end operations at 12 noon with a gathering of volunteer friends and neighbors at the Mystery Hill shelter for food, drinks, and camaraderie. Come join your neighbors and take part in the beautification of our neighborhood surroundings.

Rick Wagner

Pond Committee Chairman

## RESIDENTS SERVING YOU

President	Jay Walters	816-507-2776
Vice President	Robert Hastings	816-456-7478
Treasurer	Sue Pinkley	816-540-2068
Secretary	Tina Myers	816-540-3030
Homeowner Dues	Méridian LLC	816-987-2393
Mowing & Grounds	Dave Hamilton	816-540-2769
Pond Maintenance	Rick Wagner	816-540-5757
Architectural Review	Mark Miller	816-540-5425
	Todd Franklin	816-392-1233
	William Zurcher	816-540-3240
	Bob Roach	913-927-4774
Shelter House	Jim Niebaum	816-540-4412
Welcoming Committee	Nina Brown	641-521-0199
	Phil Brown	641-521-1944
Special Events	Marijo O'Malley	816-540-3635
	Joyce Niebaum	816-540-4412
	Cindy Wilson	816-260-8907
Nominating Committee	Nola Boyd	816-540-6059
	Betty Lynn Ward	816-540-4777
Newsletter	Betty Lynn Ward	816-540-4777
	Joyce Dechman	



ARE YOU READY FOR HALLOWEEN?





## **Sugarland Estates Homeowner's Association General Meeting**

**Thursday, June 5, 2014**

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by President Jay Walters with 22 residents in attendance.

There were no additions to the March 4<sup>th</sup> Minutes that were published in the newsletter. They were approved as printed.

**Treasurer** - Steve Sproul handed out an expense report. He explained that for tax purposes our balance sheets are reported on an accrual basis. If necessary, our accountant will come to the fall meeting to explain the report to the members. Our accountant suggests that it might be clearer if the report covered from the beginning of the fiscal year to the time of the meeting. A request was made to have more detail of expenses in the newsletter, but that would take up too much room. The expenditures for our fiscal last year (before June 1, 2014) were about \$45,000.00 with the trail commitment. Steve will finalize the budget for next year (2015) soon. There will be \$2200.00 per year added into our emergency fund until it reaches about \$55,000.00. We need to budget \$2,000 to \$3,000 more in mowings due to drought in the past. We generally end up with \$4,000 to \$6,000 left over at the end of each year to use for major projects. Lew Pinkley asked about payments to Infinity. They get paid as they do the work. They receive \$686.95 for each mowing and weeding. It was asked if we are in good shape financially compared to last year and Steve answered 'yes'. Steve said they were also looking at a leak in the rock pond and major work on the weather station pond as major expenses.

Steve Sproul resigned as Treasurer. Sue Pinkley was unanimously voted in as the new Treasurer.

**Grounds Chairman** - Dave Hamilton, said the grounds have been sprayed and they will pick up tree branches. Tom Livingston asked what Infinity is supposed to trim because it is not being done on the Rock Pond. Dave wants to be shown. Rick Wagner said he will cover ponds later. He said the by-laws state we have to maintain the grounds. The Mystery Hill pond already has riff raff growing after the pond cleanup day.

**Trails** - Lew Pinkley said Garrett has been working on the trails and new culverts had been put in on the south side. More culverts are to be installed on the north side.

**Ponds** - Rick Wagner reported on all the pond work (a copy of his report has been emailed to the SEHOA Secretary). Jay Walters stated that 30 people showed up for pond clean-up and did "a hell of a job". Tom Livingston said Sandy Bronson does a fantastic job picking up trash around the ponds and she should be recognized in the newsletter. Tom Livingston mentioned that Sandy Bronson was always helping to clean up around the rock pond and would like thanks expressed to her for her assistance.

**Special Events Committee** - July 4<sup>th</sup> parade will be held. If there are any suggestions contact a member of the committee.

**ARB Committee** - no one from the committee was present. It was mentioned that SE Facebook had a comment about poor house conditions and tall grass, and it says in the by-laws that is the responsibility of the ARB. President, Jay, said a better avenue would be to contact the city. Lew wanted to know if all HOA's are run that way and asked about contacting our attorney. Steve Wilson and Steve Sproul both said they had long discussions about this with the attorney in regards to that years ago with no results. The city has ordinances about run down homes. Betty Lynn Ward said it has been mentioned in the newsletter, and maybe there should be a stronger statement in the newsletter. Lew also asked about raising the dues. That requires 2/3 of membership vote. Steve Wilson said in his conferences with the attorney about that, the attorney said the covenants would have to be changed before he could pursue that.

**Welcoming Committee** - Arva Umland and Sharrel Allen have resigned. Arva recruited the new committee of Nina and Phil Brown. It was suggested Meridian can notify the committee of new neighbors.

**Newsletter** - nothing to report

**Shelter House** - nothing to report

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**Nominating Committee** – Betty Lynn said there are only 2 members now if anyone wants to help.

**Old Business** - New residents at 2002 Hidden Valley have not received their dues invoice. Meridian will be contacted.

**New Business –**

1. Motion #1 in the newsletter; Sue Pinkley stated she will not sign any promissory notes. A motion was made and seconded to table the amendment to be rewritten to apply to our association.
2. Rick Wagner said problems on Weather Station Pond are kids from Wildwood swimming in the pond and bringing in trash. They have been run off.
3. Rick Wagner and Dave Hamilton do not want adversary rolls between committee so Rick wants the board to authorize him to contact Infinity for weeding ponds. Treasurer suggested Rick write up a budget for ponds and come to the next board meeting. Rick says the ponds need to be sprayed now. The board can vote on that by email. There was also discussion on a boat parked in a driveway, and that is against city codes also.
4. Matt Logan the owner of the property located at 1413 Sugarland Parkway requested SEHOA homeowners not fish in the pond behind his house. It is not SEHOA property.

Meeting adjourned at 8:10 p.m.

Betty Lynn Ward and Sue Pinkley -- Acting Secretaries

**ARE YOUR DUES PAID?**

Sept. 1<sup>st</sup> is when homeowners unpaid dues are reviewed. Avoid attorney fees - submit your payments.

**YOU ARE BEING WATCHED !!!!**

Don't panic! This is a good thing! There have been several residents who have stepped up to assist with keeping our islands and lake areas looking good. You know who you are, and we thank you. It is important we work together to keep Sugarland looking nice - *keeping our homes painted; yards mowed; trash cans picked up from driveways as soon as possible on Tuesdays, etc.* This will ensure our property values are maintained. As mentioned in previous newsletters, if you see an island needing attention, simply decide what you would do to improve it; contact a Board member with the estimated cost involved; and proceed! Forms are in the Welcome Book under the section **Bylaws and Policies** with guidelines to use in submitting names of neighbors not complying with the covenants and by-laws (i.e. boats and RVs in driveways, etc.) With cooler weather upon us, it's a perfect time not only to winterize our homes, but to bring common ground areas "up-to-snuff" to be well groomed as we enter winter months. Let's work together to keep Sugarland pristine !!!

**ARE YOU A NEW SUGARLAND RESIDENT?**

The Welcoming Committee wants to visit with all new residents and share a copy of our Welcome Book. If you are new to our community, and have yet to receive the book, please feel free to contact the committee members. (see Residents Serving You box in this newsletter for phone numbers).

**HOLIDAY CHRISTMAS LIGHTING CONTEST IN DECEMBER:**

Again this year, we will have our annual holiday lighting contest. Start thinking how you can decorate your home to participate. 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, and 3<sup>rd</sup> prizes will be awarded.

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## JULY 4<sup>TH</sup> IN THE PARK

The neighborhood July 4<sup>th</sup> Parade was held again this year. It is always good to visit with neighbors, and to meet new folks in our community. Thanks to parents and grandparents who decorated bikes and wagons for the festivities. And a big "thank you" goes out again to Marijo and Joyce, members of the Special Events Committee, for pulling off another fun morning in our park.



The Park at the end of Mystery Hill is available for use by any resident of Sugarland. Always check with the Shelter House Chairman to reserve the date you need.

**ATTENTION!!!**  
Meeting Date Change - *This Time Only*  
Thurs., Oct. 9<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m.  
Community Bldg at Fairgrounds  
west of town on 58 Hwy.

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