

# TRASH PICKUP

Kirkwood Country HOA  
c/o MASC Austin Properties  
945 Eldridge Road  
Sugar Land, TX 77478

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US POSTAGE PAID  
SUGAR LAND, TX  
PERMIT NO 47

Please be advised of the trash pickup days in our community:

- City of Houston Garbage Pickup: **Every Monday**
- Recycling: Every other Monday
- Tree Waste Pickup - 1st Monday of January, March, May, July, September and November
- Junk Waste: 1st Monday of February, April, June, August, October and December

Household trash must be placed inside the city-provided container and placed at the curb no earlier than 6 p.m. the day before and 7 a.m. the day of collection. Containers must be placed out of public view. Violation of any provision of the solid waste ordinance is punishable upon first conviction by a fine of no less than \$250 nor more than \$2,000.

To report a violation or file a complaint, call 3-1-1. All Solid Waste Management Department Supervisors may issue citations.

For more information regarding your trash pickup, please visit the website at [www.houstontx.gov/solidwaste/trashfacts.pdf](http://www.houstontx.gov/solidwaste/trashfacts.pdf) or simply call 3-1-1.

[www.kirkwoodcountry.com](http://www.kirkwoodcountry.com)

# KIRKWOOD COUNTRY NEWS



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Spring/Summer 2015

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The Kirkwood Country Homeowners Association meets on the first Tuesday of each month at 7 p.m. If you would like to address the Board, please contact MASC API, Inc. at 713-776-1771

## IT'S ALMOST POOL SEASON!

Pool season is fast approaching and we are pleased to announce that Trident Aquatics will be providing lifeguard services to Kirkwood Country this year.

**We will not have on-site pool registration.** Registration will be held on the following dates at MASC Austin Properties located at 945 Eldridge Road, Sugar Land, TX 77478:

**Identification will be required for registration (TDL, utility bill, etc..)**

- Friday, May 22<sup>nd</sup> - 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.
- Wednesday, May 27<sup>th</sup> - 5 p.m. to 7 p.m.
- Friday, June 5<sup>th</sup> - 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.
- Wednesday, June 10<sup>th</sup> - 5 p.m. to 7 p.m.

The 2015 pool schedule is as follows:

## YARD OF THE MONTH

During the months of June, July and August, two yards will be selected as "Yard of the Month". Each will receive a \$50 gift certificate from Home Depot.

- Pool opens Memorial Day weekend, 12 p.m. to 8 p.m., Saturday, May 23<sup>rd</sup> 24<sup>th</sup> 25<sup>th</sup>
- Pool will close after Monday, September 7th (Labor Day)
- Pool is open Fridays, Saturdays, and Sundays from 4 p.m. to 8 p.m.

Please remember that pool I.D.'s must be verified before entering the pool and children 12 and under must be accompanied by an adult at all times. Assessment accounts must be current in order to have pool privileges. If you have any questions, please feel free to call MASC Austin Properties, Inc., at (713)776-1771. We hope you have a safe and happy summer!

With the plentiful rains so far this year, everything has gotten a boost and is growing very well. It is a perfect time to test your green thumb and see how beautiful your yard can be. Good luck to all!

### ONLINE PAYMENTS ARE NOW AVAILABLE:

Please visit our website for more details,

[www.mascape.com](http://www.mascape.com).

Phone: 713-776-1771

### Contact Numbers

**Fire, Ambulance, Police Emergency**  
911  
**HPD Non-Emergency** 713-884-3131  
**Fire & Ambulance Non-Emergency**  
713-227-7643  
**Drug Tip Line** 713-466-3673

**All other City Services** 311  
**Poison Control Center** 800-764-7661

Utilities

**City of Houston -**  
**Water/Waste Water** 713-224-2500  
<https://www.houstonwaterbills.houstontx.gov/>  
**Centerpoint Energy** 713-659-2111

Management

MASC Austin Properties 713-776-1771  
Property Managers:  
Shirley Austin and Chris Nochez

### Parking Reminders

The City of Houston has a 311 system that allows you to report issues within our community. Visit [www.houston311.org](http://www.houston311.org) for a service request. Parking trailers of any kind in our community is a deed restriction violation. Parking of large commercial vehicles in a residential area at any time is a city code violation (except while loading/unloading). Inoperable vehicles, including those with expired registration and/or inspection stickers are subject to being towed due to city code violations. Report these and other violations to Houston 311.

Parking in front of mailbox is prohibited.

### Did you know...

**It is against the law to let your pet roam freely outside the confines of your property? This applies to every person, every pet! Obey the leash law... always keep your pet on a leash!!**

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## PERSONAL SAFETY TIPS

Senior Police Officer B. Curtis, of the HPD Community Outreach Unit, provided the following safety tips on robbery prevention:

- Lock your doors and windows when you are at home.
- Install a peephole with a 190-degree viewing angle to see who is outside your door.
- Install exterior lighting around your home.
- Travel and/or park in well-lighted areas.
- Walk with confidence and be aware of your surroundings.
- Carry only the amount of cash you expect to use.
- Remember, be observant, be on guard and be safe!

If you are the victim of a robbery, remain calm and take no action that could jeopardize your safety. Take

note of any and all characteristics that could help officers identify the suspect and/or his vehicle. Go to a safe place close to the robbery scene and call 911.

For more information on personal safety and how to avoid becoming a robbery victim, go to [www.houstontx.gov/police/pdfs/bro](http://www.houstontx.gov/police/pdfs/bro).

The “Help Us, Help You” campaign is aimed at sharing information and educating citizens on crime prevention.

## PROHIBITED YARD PARKING ORDINANCE

The Board of Directors is pleased to announce that the Prohibited Yard Parking Ordinance, Ordinance 2013-1132 was passed by Houston City Council on December 11, 2013, and is now in full force! All residents should be advised that parking any vehicle in your yard is a misdemeanor and violators will be fined not more than \$150.00 per day.

Vehicles and equipment refers to and includes any house trailer, mobile home, motor truck, passenger motor vehicle, motor home, camper cabin, motorcycle, trailer, boat, farm machinery or similar equipment or any truck with more than two (2) axles or any trailer,



mobile home or motor home with a length exceeding 20 feet.

If you witness a vehicle parked in the front yard of any home in our community, please report it to HPD by calling (713) 884-3131. The address where the vehicle is located, make, model, color and license plate number of the vehicle is required.

## PARK AND TENNIS COURTS

The tennis courts and large park are temporarily closed.

Please report vandalism and/or graffiti

to Houston Police, non-emergency, at 713-884-3131 and to MASC Austin Properties at 713-776-1771.

Please help us keep our parks and playground area safe and beautiful!

## VACATION SAFETY TIPS

Below are some helpful tips to assist you make your home safer when you are on vacation:

- Never announce on any social website that you will be out of town.
- Leave a light on in a room to give the appearance that someone is in the home.
- Call the post office and have your mail stopped while you are gone.
- Stop the delivery of your newspaper.
- If you have a lawn service, pay in advance so that the service is maintained while you are away.
- Be sure to make accommodations for your pets if they will not be traveling with you.
- Unplug small appliances. This will also assist in lowering your utility bill while you are away.

- Be sure all doors, windows and garage doors are locked.
- If you leave a key outside for emergency purposes, make sure it is removed while you are away. You may ask a neighbor you trust or family member to keep it in case of emergency until you return.

We want you to enjoy your vacation, so be cautious while planning.

## HURRICANE PREPAREDNESS

Know the difference between a hurricane *watch* and a *warning*:

A hurricane WATCH is issued when a hurricane becomes a threat to this coastal area within 36 hours. Everyone in the area covered by the watch should listen for further advisories and be prepared to act promptly if a hurricane warning or relocation is recommended. When a hurricane WATCH is issued :

Continue to monitor local TV or radio stations for instructions.

- Check supplies, especially water.
- Fuel vehicles and generators.
- Cover windows with plywood.
- Bring in outdoor furniture, trash cans, toys and tools.

A hurricane WARNING is issued when hurricane winds of 74 mph or higher or a combination of dangerously high water and rough seas are expected within 24 hours. Precautionary actions should be completed immediately. When a hurricane WARNING is issued:

Continue to monitor local TV or radio stations for instructions.

- Move out of low-lying areas or

from the coast, at the request of officials.

Those who live on high ground away from the coast and plan to stay should secure the building, windows and garages and follow all recommended emergency procedures.

- Turn off utilities, if requested.

Stay away from windows, doors and openings

**Proper Care of Pets During an Emergency**

Be sure to include your pets in household disaster planning. When assembling emergency supplies for the household, include items for the pets: food, water, medications, litter and toys.

- Have a pet carrier that allows your pet to stand up and turn around inside.
- If your pet is on medication or a special diet, find out from your veterinarian what you should do in case you have to leave it alone for several days.

Make sure your pet has a properly fitted collar that includes current license and rabies tags and an identification tag with address and phone number.

Keep your pet's shots current and a copy of the records available.

If, as a last resort, you have to leave your pets behind, make sure you have a plan to ensure their care.

- Decide on safe locations in your house where you could leave your pet in an emergency.

Avoid rooms with hazards such as windows, hanging plants or pictures in large frames.

- In case of flooding, the location should have access to high counters that pets can escape to.
- Leave familiar items, such as the pet's normal bedding and favorite toys.
- Leave a two- or three-day supply of dry food, even if it's not the pet's usual food. The food should not be moistened.
- Leave the water in a sturdy, no-spill container. If possible, open a faucet slightly and let the water drip into a big container.

Replace a chainlink “choker” collar with a leather or nylon collar. Make sure the collar has tags and identification.

## ACC GUIDELINES AND DEED RESTRICTIONS

Please keep in mind any improvements or revisions to the exterior of your home must be approved prior to any work being performed. You may call MASC Austin Properties, Inc., 713-776-1771, for an ACC form or with any questions regarding your renovations. Failure to follow these guidelines may result in immediate removal and/or legal action being taken.

The top four deed restriction violations are:

1. Lawn maintenance
2. Exterior - paint, rotten boards, mold, etc.
3. Fences - falling or in need of repair or replacement.
4. Unsightly stored items such as trash cans.

Help keep Kirkwood Country beautiful and attractive to new buyers and keep our property values up.

The ACC Guidelines and Deed Restrictions were put in place to protect our values. Buying a home is one of the biggest investments you make in your lifetime. Help protect your investment and your neighbors. Please abide by the ACC Guidelines and Deed Restrictions.