

POA MEETINGS

The POA meetings are conducted at the Sugar Land Methodist Church, 431 Eldridge Road., Sugar Land, TX 77478 on the **first Tuesday of every month**. Meetings will be held in Room 600, beginning at 7:00 p.m. The next meeting dates are:

- May 7th
- June 4th
- (Summer Break in July & August)
- September 3rd
- October 8th
- November 5th
- December 3rd

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Tarn Springob, President Pat Krajca, Treasurer
Ed Beckham, Vice President Sue Frewin, Secretary

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

I hope you are enjoying Spring! My name is Tarn Springob and I am proud to serve the neighborhood as the new VE-POA president. I would like to start by commending my predecessor, Greg Waleke for 3 years of extraordinary service to the neighborhood. Greg served to the end of his term limit and he and his wife recently decided to move to Austin. He will continue to be a valuable member of the Board for as long as he remains in VE.

A little bit about me. I have a wife and three children, two of whom still live at home. My family and I have been Sugar Land residents since 1998. It was, and still is a wonderful place to live and watch my children grow up. I have served as a VE-POA board member since 2014 when I first bought our lot. My wife Cathy and I went through the process of constructing our home and formally moved into the neighborhood in May of

By Tarn Springob

2015. Though my years of being a homeowner in this neighborhood are relatively short compared to some of you, the care I have for this neighborhood goes back much farther. My sister moved into the neighborhood 15 years ago, followed by my parents shortly thereafter. Needless to say, I have a lot of love for the neighborhood.

Many of you have noticed that, like Sugar Land, our neighborhood is slowly changing. The changes can be inconvenient, intimidating and sometimes aggravating, but all of us who serve on the VEPOA are dedicated to making sure that not only do our new residents feel welcome, but that our neighborhood never loses the quiet charm we all know and love.

NOTE: If you would like to be on our email list, please send your email address, name and street address to:
vetrustees@yahoo.com.

MEMORIAL DAY CEREMONY

The City of Sugar Land will honor the brave men and women of the U.S. Armed Forces for their selfless service by hosting its 10th Annual Memorial Day Ceremony. This event is free and open to the public.

The program includes:

- patriotic music
- free educational and commemorative activities
- on-site military exhibits
- flag ceremony

Food will be available for purchase by a local onsite vendor.

Monday, May 27, 2019
10 a.m. - 1 p.m.
[Sugar Land Memorial Park](#)
15300 University Blvd.
Sugar Land, TX 77479

For more information visit:
<https://www.sugarlandtx.gov/921/Memorial-Day->



IT'S OFFICIALLY SKEETER SEASON!

Check out their schedule and events at:
www.sugarlandskeeters.com/schedule

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ARCHITECTURAL CONTROL COMMITTEE

By James Wong

The role of ACC is to protect the integrity of neighborhood property values by monitoring and ensuring all exterior changes and improvements to your property are within the VE Deed Restrictions and ACC Guidelines. All exterior work on your property is reviewed by the ACC including, but not limited to: paint, landscaping, outdoor lighting, window replacement, roofing, driveway, fence, bulkhead, dock repairs/replacement, play equipment, patio and patio covers, etc.

There are currently three new homes approved for construction and a fourth pending. Additionally, two more have been approved for demolition since January 1st.

Applications, guidelines and rules can be found on the VE website www.venetianestates.org. Or contact MASC Austin Properties at 945 Eldridge Road, Sugar Land, 713-776-1771.

To expedite the application process, please provide all information listed. If you have neighbors that are unaware of the process, be a good neighbor and provide them the website and/or information.

Your help in keeping VE a wonderful place to live is greatly appreciated!

VE SPRING COFFEE

The Spring Coffee was held at the newly remodeled home of Susan & Pat Uselton. Thank you to the Uselton's for graciously hosting.

The organizers of the coffee were Terry Beckham, Carol Tralie and Susan Uselton who planned the menu and arranged all the food, coffee/tea and juice, as well as all of the supplies. A special thanks to Pat Uselton for his homemade Bailey's addition! Also, a great big thank you to the Tannahill's for making the new yard sign for the coffee.

A large gathering of about 50 neighbors enjoyed the delicious breakfast casseroles, French toast bake, Soda bread, various

By Susan Uselton

muffins, banana bread, pigs in a blanket and fruit dish. Thank you to Angie Schultz, Randi Magliaro, Susan Wilson, Alice Tannahill, Julie Macdonell and our hostesses for providing such a delicious menu.

The weather was absolutely perfect and described by many as "Chamber of Commerce" weather. Much of the gathering was enjoyed on the large outdoor patio of the Uselton's.

This event and others is only possible when neighbors volunteer. Thanks to all who made this another successful VE gathering.



Our residents enjoying The VE Spring Coffee with hosts and neighbors.



FLASHING YELLOW ARROW

During the VE annual meeting, a request was made concerning a right turn flashing yellow arrow (FYA) for northbound Lombardy at US 90. VE resident and Sugar Land Council Member, Bridget Yeung, requested the City to issue a study. The result from the City are as follows:

Flashing yellow arrows (FYA) are mostly installed today as an alternative to permissive green ball indications for left turn permissive movements. Research showed that drivers easily understood the meaning of the FYA and it addressed the issue of driver confusion when seeing a green indication which in most instances means the vehicle has the right of way.

FYA have been used for right turn movements but are rare. Again, they are the alternative to green ball which gives vehicles permission to turn against pedestrians. The FYA emphasizes that it is a permissive movement in this case, hence right turn FYA are used to emphasize safety while taking a right turn against a ped crossing.

It is important to note driver expectancy is critical to safety when installing any traffic control device. Both typical implementations mentioned above for the FYA replaced the green ball indication but not any of the rules on why and how they are implemented. The FYA is active when the previous green ball was active.

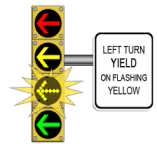
The FYA cannot be programmed to be active when SB move-

ment is active as it goes against driver expectancy. First the red ball for NB thru movement would be on with a right FYA. The NB driver now has to process what the right turn FYA is permissive to versus typical meaning of yielding to ped when the NB thru movement is also green.

Additionally, if implemented in the requested manner, then there is no issue with a right FYA being programmed on at any other locations for any other movement (i.e. on all the time). This by default would go against transportation law where vehicles have to stop then turn right when a red indication is present.

The alternative to FYA is a Flashing Red Arrow (FRA) which as described does same but flashes the red arrow and vehicles are expected to stop instead of yield. This is something that I have not seen in practice but to keep it short most of the above concerns should still apply (driver expectancy, use for peds, use with untypical conflicting movements). I additionally have concerns with this as a flashing red typically means the signal is in all red flash and motorist expect all drivers to stop as well. I don't feel comfortable implementing this especially with traffic that is adjacent to US 90.

- James Turner, PE
City Traffic Engineer



DEED RESTRICTION AMENDMENT

Within the next week, you'll receive an amendment to restrictions for Venetian Estates, sections I, II, III, and IV. The amendment is important for the Board to help maintain the integrity of our changing neighborhood. Please read, sign and mail back within the allotted time. Your support in this matter is greatly appreciated.



SPRING INTO ART

Calling all world travelers! This International Arts Festival celebrates the diversity of cultures within the community and features dozens of local organizations that showcase unique and vibrant heritages from all around the world.

The festival activities are for all ages and includes:

- booths representing various countries and regions
- performances and dances by local organizations
- international food and beverages available for purchase
- face painting and henna artists

Saturday, April 27, 2019
Noon - 6 p.m.
The Crown Festival Park
18355 Southwest Freeway
Sugar Land, TX 77479

For more information visit:
www.sugarlandtx.gov/1719/International-Arts-Festival