

AUGUST 2011

MESSAGE FROM THE BOARD

August is here again! The year is more than half over and it is time to start thinking about school and school activities again. Many of the school sports teams will begin their practices in the weeks before school starts. Mark your calendar, the 1st day of school is August 22nd. Please remember to slow down in the school zones and to avoid the use of your cell phone while in the school zone, you can be ticketed!

Pool season is winding down and we hope that everyone has had a chance to go and enjoy our pool area. If not, there is still time for you to check it out. The pool remains open from 1 PM to 9 PM on Tuesday thru Sunday until August 19th and after that the schedule is Saturday and Sundays only from 1 PM to 8 PM until September 5th. The pool will be open on Monday for the Labor Day holiday from 1 PM to 8PM to close out this summer's season.

The HOA Board is still looking for volunteers, we need our community's help! If you have any time that you can spare, we ask that you step up to the plate and invest in your community. With the help of more of our neighbors, we can do more for our neighborhood. Some of the areas we need help on are: the newsletter and website, activities committee, landscaping/beautification committee to help with Yard of the Month during the Summer, pool committee and lake committee. If you have any time that you can volunteer please contact Terri Salter at Austin Properties, tsalter@mascapi.com, or 713-776-1771.

Several major destination projects are currently underway in the local area. Developments such as the StarTexPower Field, the Imperial Project Redevelopment, and a newly proposed performing arts center promise to bring capital investments, new jobs, and also attract visitors to the area.

StarTex Power Field will be a new stadium in Sugar Land. The project is currently in the planning stages and will be primarily used for baseball and will be the home of the Sugar Land Skeeters in the Atlantic League that will begin play in 2012.

The City of Sugar Land is also planning for the redevelopment of the Imperial Sugar refinery site to accomplish historic preservation, continued aesthetic quality and community development objectives. This will be a vibrant part the community, once it is finished.

Lastly, an area near U.S. 59 and University Boulevard could be the proposed site for a new concert venue. The 38.5-acre parcel of land is reportedly being proposed for a 6,500-seat concert and performing arts center. Towards this end, the city of Sugar Land recently released plans about housing what it calls an "entertainment-centric," mixed use development within the Telfair commercial areas. Stay tuned to see progress being made on these exciting projects!

We hope that everyone has had a chance to enjoy the improvements that have been made in the park and pool area. As we move into Fall the Board is considering several ideas for a few more improvements we think will be beneficial to our residents.

As always, our residents are welcome to join us at our monthly meetings and we encourage you to do so. Our monthly meetings are held on the second Thursday of each month, 7 PM at Austin Properties on Florence Rd. Please take the time to get involved with your community.

Board of Directors

"A hero is someone who has given his or her life to something bigger than oneself"

- Joseph Campbell

HOME TOWN HERO

The Board of Directors is asking residents to submit articles spotlighting interesting members of our community. If you know of a person that is currently or has in the past had an interesting story, career, or military service please submit to Austin Properties for review and a possible article in the new Glen Laurel Connections.

Please submit your articles to Austin Properties by the 15th of each month, for the article to appear in the following month's newsletter. If you have any questions, please contact Austin Properties at: (713) 776-1771.

SCHOOL NEWS

Kempner High School

Web site:

<http://www.fortbendisd.com/campus/khs/default.cfm>

Phone #: 281-634-2300

August activities:

August 23 – 1st day of school

SCHOOL HOURS: 7:30 AM - 2:30 PM

Sugar Land Middle School

Web site:

<http://www.fortbendisd.com/campus/slms/default.cfm>

Phone #: 281-634-3080

August activities:

August 23 – 1st day of school

Aug 23-Aug 26 – Textbooks distributed during the first week of school

Titan Tutorials:

Monday/Wednesday 8:10 – 8:50 AM

Every day in Advisory 8:55 – 9:30 AM

SCHOOL HOURS: 8:55 AM - 3:55 PM

Sugar Mill Elementary

Web site:

<http://www.fortbendisd.com/campus/sme/default.cfm>

Phone #: 281-634-4440

August activities:

August 23 – 1st day of school

Every Friday is Sparkler Sprit Day – wear your school spirit shirt

SCHOOL HOURS: 8:10 AM - 3:00 PM

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IN AND AROUND OUR COMMUNITY

The Red, White and Blue Jean Bash

The West Fort Bend Women's Charity group will hold their annual Red, White, and Blue Jean Bash on August 27th from 6:30p until 8:00p at the Swinging Door Restaurant in Richmond. The event will benefit Helping a Hero. Helping a Hero is a 501(c)(3) non-profit, non-partisan organization providing support for military personnel, severely injured in the war on terror. Helping a Hero's principal activity is to provide specially adapted homes for qualifying service members as well as engaging the community to provide services and resources for our wounded heroes and their families. For more details, visit www.wfbwc.org.

Free Microsoft Powerpoint Training

Fort Bend County Libraries' Adult Services staff at George Memorial Library, 1001 Golfview in Richmond, will present a variety of free, introductory computer classes this month. The classes will consist of a hands-on introduction to basic skills for people who would like to learn more about using these computer programs. The "MS PowerPoint Survival Basics" class will take place on Wednesday, August 17, beginning at 10:00 am, in the Computer Lab. The classes are free and open to the public. Seating is limited, however, and reservations are required. To register online at the library's website (www.fortbend.lib.tx.us), click on "Calendar," select "George Memorial," and find the program. Participants may also register by calling the library at 281-341-2604, or by visiting the library.

Be The One Run

Are you looking for a new and exciting way to start the fall racing season and make a difference in the lives of others? If YES, make plans to celebrate Labor Day, September 5, 2011 by joining others for the inaugural Be The One Run® presented by BASF at The University of Houston System at Sugar Land. The 5K certified course is designed with fast times in mind, the course is out and back and runs along University Blvd. This 5K event is a part of a national series of run/walk fundraising events that give patients with leukemia, lymphoma, and 70 other life-threatening diseases a second chance at life. The event has something for the entire family offering a 5K, 1K walk/run and Tot Trot (5 years and under). Awards are presented to the 5K top three overall Open and Master Male and Female finishers and the winner in each age group. Prizes will also be given to the overall fundraising individual and team. Join us after the race for post race festivities, including music provided by Zack Kibodeaux and Greg Essington. Register on line by July 31, 2011 and receive a \$5 discount on the adult 5K/1K entry fee. Use promo code: HOUSTON. Race Village opens at 7 am; 5K start 8 am; 1K start 9 am; Tot Trot start 9:15 am. For more details, visit www.betheonerun.org.

TRASH REMINDER

Reminder! Please do not put your trash out before 6:00 PM on the night before the regularly scheduled pickup day. Trash on your curb does not enhance the curb appeal of your house or our neighborhood.



FINANCIAL INFORMATION

As of 06/30/11, 98.50% collected with \$226,587.36 total assets.

TOP 4 DEED RESTRICTIONS:

1. Mildew
2. Lawn Maintenance
3. Trash receptacles/recycle bins
4. Miscellaneous items stored in public view

KINDLES AT THE LIBRARY

Fort Bend County Libraries now have a limited number of Amazon Kindles available for check-out at each of the branches in the library system. The Kindles come pre-loaded

with more than 20 bestselling adult fiction and nonfiction books. For more information, call the library main office at 281-341-2677 or visit the library branch near you.

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Market Report for Glen Laurel 2011 (first 7 months)

1 Story homes

1 Active, 1 Sold (high \$80's per sq. ft.). Since there has been only 1 sale this sq. ft. price is not necessarily representative.

2 Story homes

5 Active, 2 Sold (low \$ 70's per sq. ft.), 1 Foreclosure (not included)

Glen Laurel had an unusual low number of sales in 2011 with a significant price drop of the 2-story homes. Since there have been so few sales, appraisers will look at surrounding subdivisions as well to determine market value. If you intend to sell your home call an experienced Realtor such as Jutta.



Call Jutta - 281-799-0410

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Barrington Place Elementary

Web site:

<http://www.fortbendisd.com/campuses/bpe/about.cfm>

Phone #: 281-634-4040

August activities:

August 23 – 1st day of school

SCHOOL HOURS: 8:10 AM - 3:00 PM

Ft Bend ISD Announcements

*The Texas Heart Institute is offering free heart screenings for students who are currently 5th through 8th graders during the summer break at the Texas Medical Center. The dates will be June 9 through September 1. If you are interested in learning more about the testing or scheduling an appointment call 713-218-2112. Additional information is posted on the district websites.

*To All 6th Grade Parents, following is information regarding the State of Texas guidelines regarding immunization requirements. Incoming 7th graders are required to get Tdap, Meningitis, and Varicella (or proof of chickenpox disease). So make sure if you are going to the doctor between now and the start of the next school year (2011-2012) that you get these for your 6th grader. If your child has already had these immunizations, please furnish the school with a copy for their records. 7th graders will NOT be allowed to start next school year if they are not up to date on their immunizations. The SLMS office is open through the summer – Monday through Thursday, 7:30 AM – 5:30 PM; Fridays the office is CLOSED.
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HOME FIRE SAFETY

According to the National Fire Protection Association, 80% of fires in the United States occur in the home. In the U.S., someone dies from a home fire roughly every 134 minutes. In Canada, someone is fatally injured in a home fire roughly every 31 hours.

Roughly half of all home fire deaths in the U.S. resulted from fires that were reported between the hours of 10:00 p.m. and 6:00 a.m. But only one-quarter of home fires occur between those hours.

Although children five and under make up about 9% of the country's population, they accounted for 17% of the home fire deaths.

Smoking was the leading cause of home fire deaths overall, but in the months of December, January and February, smoking and heating equipment caused similar numbers of fire deaths.

Every 20 seconds, a fire department responds to a fire somewhere in the nation.

With these startling statistics in mind, here are some safety tips for you:

SMOKE DETECTORS

Smoke is responsible for three out of four deaths. Install smoke detectors on every level of your home and outside of sleeping areas.

Test every detector at least once a month. Keep smoke detectors dust free. Replace batteries with new ones at least once a year, or sooner if the detector makes a chirping sound.

If you have a smoke detector directly wired into your electrical system, be sure that the little signal light is blinking periodically. This tells you that the alarm is active. Inexpensive smoke detectors are available for the hearing impaired.

FIRE EXTINGUISHERS

They remain your best bet if you're on the spot when a fire begins. Fire extinguishers should be mounted in the kitchen, garage, and workshop. Purchase

an ABC type extinguisher for extinguishing all types of fires. Learn how to use your fire extinguisher before there is an emergency. Remember, use an extinguisher on small fires only. If there is a large fire, get out immediately and call 911 from another location.

THINKING AHEAD

As with other things, the best motto is, "Be Prepared." Prepare a floor plan of your home showing at least two ways out of each room.

Sleep with your bedroom door closed. In the event of fire, it helps to hold back heat and smoke. But if a door feels hot, do not open it; escape through another door or window.

Easy-to-use window escape ladders are available through many catalogues and outlet stores. For instance, First Alert sells one for around \$90.

Agree on a fixed location out-of-doors where family members are to gather for a head count. Stay together away from the fire. Call 911 from another location. Make certain that no one goes back inside the burning building.

Check corridors and stairways to make sure they are free of obstructions and combustibles. To help cut down on the need for an emergency exit in the first place, clear all unnecessary items from the attic, garage, and closets.

FIREPLACE

Remember, you're deliberately bringing fire into your home; respect it. Use a fireplace screen to prevent sparks from flying. Don't store newspapers, kindling, or matches near the fireplace or have an exposed rug or wooden floor right in front of the fireplace.

Have your chimney inspected by a professional prior to the start of every heating season and cleaned to remove combustible creosote build-up if necessary. Install a chimney spark arrester to prevent roof fires. When lighting a gas fireplace, strike your match first, then turn on the gas.

IDENTIFY THEFT

Identity theft occurs when someone uses your personally identifying information, like your name, Social Security number, or credit card number, without your permission, to commit fraud or other crimes.

The FTC estimates that as many as 9 million Americans have their identities stolen each year. Here are six common ways thieves can steal your identity:

1. Driver's License Identity Theft:

Your driver's license is our universal form of identification. Crimes can be committed in your

name and you will never know about it until a police officer checks your license during a regular traffic stop. A License is worth \$150 on the identity theft black market.

2. Social Security Identity Theft:

Identity thieves can become employed (1099) using your social security number and you are responsible for the taxes. The Social Security Number is the #1 piece of information sought after by identity thieves.

3. Medical / Healthcare card Identity Theft:

46 million Americans

don't have health insurance. Your health insurance card is worth \$600 on the ID theft black market. If you are a victim of medical identity theft then your blood type could be inadvertently changed, tests, operation and procedures could be completed and you get the bill for all the medical procedures.

4. Character / Criminal Identity theft:

Identity thieves can commit felonies, fraud, and other crimes in your name and you would be responsible.

5. Financial Identity Theft:

Identity thieves could not only access your bank account, but open bank accounts in your name, open credit card accounts and establish lines of credit- all of which you would be responsible for.

6. Synthetic Identity Theft:

This is the newest form of identity theft and occurs when an identity thief blends the Social Security Number, name, address and birth date from four (4) different people creating a new fictitious person.

Keep your identity safe!

IMPORTANT NUMBERS

Emergencies	911
City Hall	281-275-2700
Councilman/Mayor	281-275-2710
Fire Department	281-275-2851
Fire Dept. Non-emergency	281-275-2500
Police Department	281-275-2525
Public Works/Street Lights	281-275-2450
Ordinance/City Code	281-275-2370
Sugar Land Animal Control	281-275-2750
Animal Control Alternate	281-275-2364
Auto Registration	281-341-3710
Crime Stoppers	281-342-8477
Driver's License	281-232-4334
Health Department	281-342-6414
Fort Bend ISD	281-634-1000
Sheriff's Department	281-341-4700
Social Services	281-342-7300
Voter Registration	281-341-8670

Hospitals:

24HR Emergency Center	281-277-0911
Memorial Herman S.L.	281-725-5000
Methodist Health Center	281-274-7000
Oak Bend Medical Center	281-342-2811
S.L. Medical Center	281-274-6600

Misc:

Poison Control	800-764-7661
Sugar Land Library	281-277-8934
Sugar Land Post Office	800-275-8777
Recycling Center	281-342-5226

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SCHOOL NEWS

*School supply lists can be found on your child's school web site or at <http://www.fortbend.k12.tx.us> under the parent's information section.

*Fort Bend ISD 2011 High School Football Season Tickets go on Sale in August. Existing season ticket holders may renew their seats beginning August 8; all others, starting August 15. Season tickets for Austin, Bush, Clements, Dulles, Elkins, Hightower, Kempner, Marshall, Travis and Willowridge High Schools will be issued in the form of a pass for each seat. The pass will be retained by the purchaser for the season and will be good at Mercer or Hall Stadiums for all Home and Visitor games for that school. All tickets sold during the football season will be GENERAL ADMISSION tickets, sold at the stadiums for \$8 each. Stadium parking for the 2011 Football season is free of charge. Tickets will be sold at the FBISD Athletic Office in Wheeler Field House, 16403 Lexington Blvd., from 8:30 a.m. until 4:00 p.m., Mondays through Fridays.

FBISD high schools that will have 8 games in Mercer or Hall Stadiums are: Bush, Elkins, Marshall and Travis. Season tickets for these schools are \$40 per reserved seat. FBISD high schools that will have 9 games in Mercer or Hall Stadiums are: Austin, Clements, Dulles, Hightower, Kempner and Willowridge. Season tickets for these schools are \$45 per reserved seat.

For more information, call 281-634-1900.

YARD OF THE MONTH WINNERS!

Please join us in congratulating our July 2011 Yard of the Month Winners!



Section I
14234 Deep Cove



Section II
14107 Bracebridge



Section III
14003 Sandy Spring



Section IV
2327 Meadow Briar



Section V
14214 Silver Glade



Section VI
2315 Ashley Ridge Ct



Section VII
14010 Blue Vista



Section VIII
14206 Cobalt Glen



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ANNUAL SALES TAX HOLIDAY

Great news for back-to-school shoppers! The 2011 sales tax holiday begins at 12:01 a.m. on Friday, Aug 19 and ends at midnight Sunday, Aug. 21.

Most clothing and footwear priced less than \$100 are exempt, in addition to school backpacks and most school supplies also qualify for exemption. Some of these items include binders, composition books, crayons, erasers, glue, highlighters, notebooks, paper,

pencils, and more. Some of the clothing includes dresses, jeans, pants, shirts, shoes, sweaters, and uniforms.



For more details and a complete list of what will be exempt during the sales tax holiday go to : http://www.window.state.tx.us/taxinfo/taxpubs/tx98_490/tx98_490.html.

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*Rehab Services located in the Spine Center off Town Center Boulevard

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