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Board Meeting Location Change

Please note: the monthly Board Meetings will now be held at the Sugar Land First United Methodist Church in room 608 (431 Eldridge Road, Sugar Land, TX 77478)

MESSAGE FROM THE BOARD

August is here and school will soon be starting again! Mark your calendar, the 1st day of school is Monday, August 27th for Fort Bend ISD. Please remember to slow down in the school zones and watch for construction going on in the area. Also, 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 4PM to 9PM on Tuesday through Thursday, from 1PM to 9PM on Friday and Saturday, and from 1PM to 8PM on Sunday until August 26th. Thereafter, the schedule is 1 PM to 8 PM on Saturdays and Sundays only until September 2nd. The pool will be open from 1PM to 8PM on Labor Day, Monday, September 3rd to close out this summer's season.

An increasing number of residents are parking their vehicles in the streets while their home's driveways are bare and open. No matter the make, model, or worth of your vehicle, the street parking makes our neighborhood look trashy and cluttered. More importantly, it is creating obstructions and visual impairments to drivers and putting our residents and children in harm's way. Also, how a vehicle is parked in the street is problem. How often have you seen a car parked like this????



Not only is the car blocking the driveway and parked illegally, it is also blocking the fire hydrant. What if your house was the one on fire??? In short, please make full use of garage and driveways for parking. If it is absolutely necessary for you or your guests to park in the streets, below are a few parking guidelines¹ to abide by:

- Do not park:
 - o In front of a public or private driveway;
 - o Within 15 feet of a fire hydrant;
 - o Within 20 feet of a crosswalk at an intersection;
 - o Within 30 feet of a STOP sign.
- Park with the right-hand wheels of the vehicle parallel to and within 18 inches of the right-hand curb or edge of the roadway.

Also, please remember that per deed restrictions, commercial vehicles, trailers, inoperable automobiles, campers, boats, commercial-use trucks, self-propelled or towable equipment or machinery of any sort may not be stored, parked, or kept on any driveway or in the street in the neighborhood.

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact Terri Salter with MASC Austin Properties at tsalter@mascapi.com. We continue to look for homeowners to volunteer some of their time to the community. Open positions are aplenty; just let us know how you would like to help out.

Glen Laurel's Board of Directors.

¹ Texas Transportation Code, Chapter 545

SCHOOL NEWS

Kempner High School

Web site:

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

Phone #:281-634-2300

Registration for the 2012- 2013 school year will take place August 2, 2012 through August 23, 2012 from 8:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. at Kempner High School.

Requirements for registration:

STUDENTS MUST BE ACCOMPANIED BY THEIR PARENT OR GUARDIAN.

(FBISD BOARD policy requires that a student, under the age of 18 can be enrolled in school only by a natural parent, foster parent assigned by authorized entity, adoptive parent, court appointed guardian; or by a person to whom any of the above granted POWER OF ATTORNEY assigning responsibility for the students while enrolled in the FBISD schools.)

ITEMS NEEDED AT THE TIME OF REGISTRATION:

1. PROOF OF RESIDENCY

If you own your own home:
Deed of trust, Warranty Deed (these documents must have your name, address and signature)

OR

Mortgage payment book/coupon

If you are renting your home:
Signed lease agreement.
Student/students name needs to be included on the lease.

If you have just purchased your home:
Final settlement papers with your name, address, and signature

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SUMMER GRILLING TIPS

The Perfect Hamburger

A lot of cooks take pains to obtain top-notch hamburger meat, toppings, condiments, and buns only to relegate the crucial step of making the patties to an afterthought. There's an art to preparing a hamburger patty. Fortunately, it's one that can be reduced to a few straightforward guidelines.



1. A pat of cold butter enclosed in the center of the patty bastes and flavors the meat while it cooks. Be sure to seal the butter pat in completely.
2. Don't pack the meat too much: overworking it can cause the burger to become mealy and overly dense. Gather the meat into a loose ball and set it on a work surface. Curl the palms of your hands around the sides of the patty and work it back and forth in a rotating motion so that the sides of the patty flatten slightly. Then gently press down on the top of the patty with the flat of your hand. (A note on size: thick is good, but there's a limit; any burger patty weighing more than eight ounces when raw will overwhelm your average bun.)
3. An ice cream scoop gives a loosely packed portion perfectly sized for being squashed into a thin, old-school skillet burger.
4. Thick burger patties tend to puff up in the middle while they cook. Making a depression in the top of the patty using the back of a measuring spoon, or just your thumb, helps a burger hold its shape.

Happy Summer grilling!

SUMMER LAWN TIPS

Lawns need at least one inch of water per week, and more when the heat is severe. Use a rain gauge or straight-sided can to keep track of the amount of water received from rainfall and irrigation. It's best to water deeply and less frequently to encourage drought-tolerant roots and to water early in the day to reduce evaporation and fungal growth.

Raise your mower blade in the summer. Taller grass is more drought-tolerant, grows deeper roots, and helps shade the earth to prevent weed seeds from germinating. Warm-season grasses like St. Augustine should be mowed at 2'' - 3''. Mulching grass clippings helps keep moisture levels steady. Mow regularly, to prevent cutting more than 1/3 of the grass blade at a time. This keeps your grass healthier and prevents the clippings from smothering the grass.

If your lawn is looking bad in midsummer, resist the urge to fertilize. Applying extra fertilizer in the heat of summer can burn your lawn and create a flush of tender growth that will struggle in the hot summer weather.

TRASH REMINDER

Reminder! The new poly carts delivered by the City of Sugar Land must be stored behind the fence or in the garage so that they are not visible to the public.



FINANCIAL INFORMATION

As of 06/30/12, 98.03% collected with \$215,983.25 total assets

TOP 4 DEED RESTRICTIONS:

1. Lawn Maintenance
2. Trash Receptacles
3. Mildew
4. Miscellaneous Items

CRIME PREVENTION-THINK LIKE A BURGLAR

They're business owners...I can tell from the van/truck with the business logo they park in front of the house every night. I bet they keep a stash of cash inside the house...



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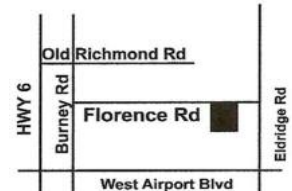


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- Have You Gotten One of **THOSE** Letters from Your HOA?
- Have the Spider Pods and Mud Dobbers Taken Over **YOUR** Home?

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SCHOOL NEWS

2. ONE (1) CURRENT UTILITY BILL (Electric, gas, or water with your name and FBISD address)

3. VALID DRIVERS LICENSE (Parent/Guardian license or TX ID must reflect FBISD address)

STUDENT INFORMATION NEEDED:

1. BIRTH CERTIFICATE
2. CURRENT IMMUNIZATION RECORDS (must be validated by a physician or health official)
3. -WITHDRAWAL FORM (If enrolling during the school year)
- UNOFFICIAL TRANSCRIPT FROM PREVIOUS SCHOOL (9TH through current grade)
- LAST REPORT CARD FROM PREVIOUS YEAR (I.E. promoted to 9th grade)
4. SOCIAL SECURITY CARD
5. PASSPORT (only if you do not have a SS Card)

Sugar Land Middle School

Web site:

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

Phone #: 281-634-3080

Summer Registration Dates

August 6th - 23rd

8:00AM - 12:00

Sugar Mill Elementary

Web site:

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

Phone #: 281-634-4440

Barrington Place Elementary

Web site:

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

Phone #: 281-634-4040

2012-2013 Class Lists will be posted on the front doors of the
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CRIME PREVENTION REMINDER

For a vast majority of people, summer is the season for vacations, water parks and trips to the beach. For burglars, summer is a season of opportunity. Numerous studies have shown that crime rates typically tend to soar during the summer months for a variety of reasons. According to the FBI, burglary rates overall increase around 10% in summer. The worst months of the year for crime rates, according to the FBI, are July and August.



The reason for the sharp spike in crime rates during summer are fairly easy to pinpoint. Summer is when school is out and teenagers tend to get into more trouble with issues such as theft, assault, drugs and alcohol. Summer months are also when many homeowners tend to go on vacation, leaving largely unprotected homes and property behind them. In addition, people often tend to overlook common sense precautions, such as locking doors and securing windows, more often during the summer months than any other season.

In June, Channel 2 KPRC reported a story on how thieves are getting better at out-smarting home alarm systems. According to Doug Adolph, Assistant Communications Director with the City of Sugar Land, the suspects remained in the master bedroom or adjoining rooms, and stayed away from the living room or the den, where typically, there are motion sensors that would activate a security alarm. The report also highlighted two burglaries that occurred in our community while the families were gone on vacation.

Below is the crime statistics compiled from the Sugar Land Daily Crime Report for Glen Laurel.

	May-11	Jun-11	Jul-11	Aug-11	Sep-11	Oct-11	Nov-11	Dec-11	Jan-12	Feb-12	Mar-12	Apr-12	May-12	Jun-12	July-12*
Burglary	0	1	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	2	3
Burglary of Vehicle	2	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	1	0
Other**	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	0
Total Reports	3	1	2	1	0	1	0	0	2	0	0	1	2	3	3

*As of 7/15/2012

**Includes Assault, Theft, Robbery, Criminal Mischeif

In response to the uptick in activity, Marion Nixon, a Glen Laurel resident, suggests:

Everyone needs to get to know your neighbor. Everyone needs to make an effort to introduce their neighbors and exchange phone numbers (cell phone number preferred). Let someone know when you are going out of your home so walkers with or without dogs are able to keep an eye on your home, pick-up papers, advertisements left in doors, pick up mail, and just be aware of the surroundings.

The Sugar Land Police are always there for us, but we must also carry the responsibility to work together for the safety of all of us. The Sugar Land Police are available to keep an eye on your home if they are notified for the time schedule of the absence of residents. If there is a person who steps forward willing to handle home observations, let them know that you have notified the police, so they will not be questioned if seen on your property.

We cannot think "It will not happen to us, but to them!"

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CRIME PREVENTION REMINDER (CONTINUED)

The "them" could be "us"!

Remember, crime prevention is a community commitment. If you observe any suspicious activity or crime in process, **please call 9-1-1 immediately.**

Sources: http://www.sugarlandtx.gov/police/services/daily_crime_report/index.asp
<http://www.usalarmcompanies.com/summer-crime-rates/>

YARD OF THE MONTH WINNERS!

Please join us in congratulating our July 2012 Yard of the Month Winners!



Section I
1902 Baumeadow



Section II
14122 Laurelstone



Section III
14010 Sandy Springs



Section IV
2327 Meadow Briar



Section V
14126 Beckett Wood



Section VI
2334 Imperial Canyon



Section VII
2319 Dolan Lake



Section VIII
2407 Dolan Lake



The Reserve
13719 Saxony

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

office on August 17, 2012 after 5:00pm. Please do not call the front office for your child's classroom information. This information will not be given out over the phone.

Sales Tax Holiday

In 2012, Texas shoppers get a break from state and local sales taxes on Aug. 17, 18 and 19 — the state's annual tax holiday. Lay-away plans can be used again this year to take advantage of the sales tax holiday. As in previous years, the law exempts most clothing, footwear, school supplies and backpacks priced under \$100 from sales and use taxes, which could save shoppers about \$8 on every \$100 they spend. Texas families also get a sales tax break on most school supplies priced at less than \$100 purchased for use by a student in an elementary or secondary school.

Back To School Scramble

On Monday, August 27th, 2012, the 13th Annual, Back to School Scramble, benefiting the Fort Bend Education Foundation will be held at Sweetwater Country Club, which again has graciously donated their facilities to the Foundation. Since its inception, the Education Foundation has awarded over 3.5 million dollars to Fort Bend ISD schools through teacher and school site grants. These grants enable teachers to provide enrichment to the more than 69,000 students in their classrooms for projects for which tax dollars are not available. More information is available at www.fortbendisd.com.

LIFE INSURANCE POLICIES FOR COLLEGE EDUCATION

By Vijay Kane

Last month's article was about 529 plans for college education. Since these plans totally depend on the unpredictable and erratic behavior of the stock market, most participants have been disappointed in their performance.

What are the other options?

Many insurance agents recommend Whole Life, Universal Life, or Variable Universal Life Insurance policies on children. All these policies have two components: 1) Death Benefit, 2) Cash or Accumulation value. The policy premium is split in two parts. One part goes towards mortality costs i.e. to pay for the death benefit. The other part goes towards building a savings plan.

The value of the plan called CASH or ACCUMULATION value grows with the age of the policy. If the child needs money for college, a portion of the cash value is available as a loan with interest.

The policy can also be cashed out or surrendered to receive the CASH SURRENDER VALUE which is Accumulation value minus the SURRENDER CHARGE. This appears very appealing, however most policy owners have been disappointed. After

owning these policies for several years, the cash surrender value was actually less than the total premiums paid into the policy.

This happens because the portion of the policy premium that goes towards mortality costs plays no role in building cash value and is practically wasted.

Life insurance policies with cash values may be appropriate if the primary objective is to obtain death benefit for the beneficiaries. These policies pay a death benefit to the parents upon the death of a child. If the primary objective of purchasing these policies is to save for college education, it makes no financial sense.

In conclusion, if you do not trust the stock market or do not like Cash value Life Insurance policies, use a Non-Qualified Fixed or Indexed Annuity to save for college education.

For any questions or clarification you can call VIJAY KANE, M.S., FINANCIAL ADVISOR AND EDUCATOR at (281) 240-2666, 10 A.M. to 9 P.M. any day.





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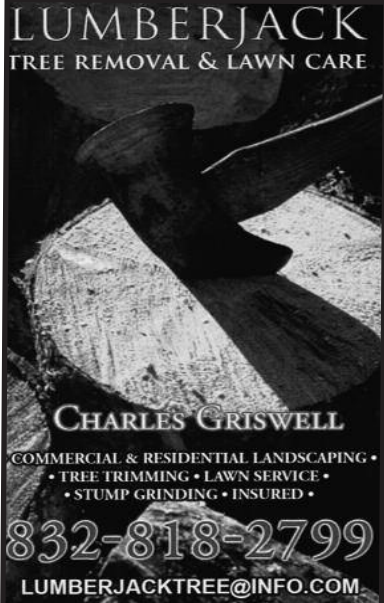
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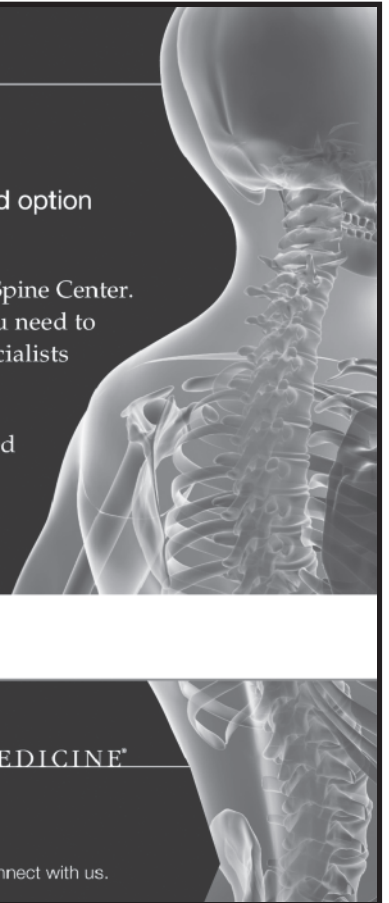
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