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HAPPY NEW YEAR!

The HOA Board would like to wish all of our residents a happy and prosperous new year! We hope that everyone and their families had a good holiday season.

As we enter a new year the board is please to welcome a new member, Linda Le. Linda was appointed during the last monthly meeting to fill the vacancy we had. We look forward to working with her and thank her for enthusiasm and eagerness in wanting to serve our neighborhood.

The board's agenda for this coming year is to build upon the improvements that have been made during the past couple of years and maintain our neighborhood's assets. As always we welcome any ideas and assistance from our homeowners and committee members are still needed to assist the board. We are looking for homeowners to assist with a beautifica-

tion committee, which would handle yard of the month and Christmas decoration contests; a newsletter committee, which would handle and coordinate the contents of the newsletter we receive and a pool committee, to plan and handle activities for our community during the summer pool season. These are just a few of the committees that we would like to see formed in order to assist us with the neighborhood activities and these committees will not exist without involvement from our homeowners. Please take the time to get involved in our community. The more the involvement we have from our homeowners the stronger our community will be.

HOA board meetings are held on the second Thursday of the month at 7 PM and we welcome our homeowners to join us.

Glen Laurel Board of Directors

GREETINGS FROM NEW BOARD MEMBER

Hello Neighbor! I hope everyone had a wonderful holiday season!

After relocating to Glen Laurel one year ago, I am honored and excited to be joining the Glen Laurel Homeowner's Association Board of Directors. I look forward to working with the Board during the upcoming year and the opportunity to meet you all. I hope to contribute in any way possible to enhance the overall good and value of our community.

Together, with your input, participation, and cooperation, we can continue the success of Glen Laurel and keep our neighborhood beautiful and safe for our family and all.

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The Glen Laurel HOA Board Meetings are held at MASC Austin Properties, Inc., 13726 Florence Road, Sugar Land, Texas, at 7:00 p.m. If you would like to address the Board, you should call Terri Salter, (713) 776-1771, to be placed on the meeting agenda. The next regularly scheduled Board Meeting is:

FEBRUARY 10, 2011 7 PM

TRASH REMINDER

Please do not put trash out before **6:00 p.m.** on the night before the regularly scheduled pickup day.

DECORATION CONTEST WINNERS

Our residents did a wonderful job in saying farewell to 2010. Our neighborhood was very bright and cheerful during the holidays and your efforts were enjoyed by all. It was very difficult for the judges to select only a few to be declared winners. In our view, you were all winners, but following is the list chosen by the judges as the best of the best:

• Best use of lights 13702 Charterhouse Way

Most festive 14206 Valley Bend Court

- Winter wonderland 13819 Blue Vista Drive
- Holiday Spirit
 2310 Ashley Ridge Court
- Most traditional 14014 Sea Myrtle
- Best children's theme 14007 Abbey Lane

ONE LAST CALL FOR ASSESSMENTS

One last reminder for those of you who have not paid your assessment fees.

Any fees unpaid on February 1, 2010,

WINTER LAWN TIPS

Even in the cold season, there are still things you can do to maintain your winter lawn. Of course, winter lawn care is nowhere near as extensive as what's required in the summer, but there are certain tasks that will ensure a healthy lawn come spring. Basically, winter lawn maintenance entails establishing optimal conditions for your lawn to green up and start growing when the weather warms. If it's the end of the season and you're wondering how to proceed, here are some great winter lawn tips to get you started.

- **Remove debris.** Get rid of any large piles of leaves, twigs, and other debris that may have collected on your lawn. When left to slowly rot over the course of the winter, these elements can actually suffocate the lawn, invite pests, and contribute to mold and other diseases as well.
- Give it a good mow. By early winter, your grass will most likely have gone dormant with the advent of cold temperatures. Before the colder temperatures hit, give your lawn one last

will be considered late and will be assessed interest in the amount of 10% per annum effective January 1, 2010, until paid in full. Other penalties apply Our congratulations and thanks go out to the winners. Each winner received a \$50.00 gift certificate as well as the placement of a sign in their yard indicating the category for which they were selected.

Again, our thanks to all of you for your wonderful efforts and we look forward with great anticipation to see what surprises await us during the next season!

as time goes by.

Please pay now and save yourself the risk of having to pay additional fees!

good mow, slightly lowering your cutting height from what you've been using all summer. Grass that's left too long invites all kinds of problems come spring, as it can trap moisture, leaves the lawn vulnerable to diseases, and can even end up smothering itself. However, take care not to go too short, as scalping can kill a lawn and exposed crowns can perish in extreme conditions.

- Apply a final fertilization. This is an important winter lawn tip, as proper fertilization can set the stage for earlier greening come spring. Since lawns are dormant over the cold season, the nutrients won't be used immediately but will rather be stored in the root system, ready to use once the weather begins to warm.
- Get rid of weeds. Weed seeds will happily overwinter and reappear stronger than ever come spring. By eradicating weeds ahead of time, you reduce any springtime competition for water and nutrients, resulting in an overall healthier lawn.

- Water one last time. This is good to do in conjunction with your final fertilizer application. The extra water will activate the fertilizer and help it to settle in the soil.
- **Break things up.** Dethatching and aerating in late fall help break up compacted soil. This allows fertilizer nutrients, sunlight, and air to better infiltrate the soil to prepare your lawn for winter.
- Keep off the grass! Even though your winter lawn is dormant, that doesn't mean it's a good idea to park your car there. Also avoid, if you can, the development of any heavily worn footpaths. Either of these scenarios will result in compaction and the grass in those areas will be much slower to recover.

Caring for a winter lawn primarily consists of taking preventative measures to ensure a healthy turf come spring. By taking these steps, you can help establish a lawn that's better able to endure the harsh conditions that winter so often brings.

S.L. 2010 ACCOMPLISHMENTS; VISION FOR FUTURE

C ugar Land will partner with the Fort Bend Chamber of Commerce to present a State of the City Address focusing on the City's 2010 accomplishments. This is the third year that the City has presented an annual summary of activities to citizens. The community is invited to attend the program to be held Friday, Jan. 14 at the Sugar Land Marriott Hotel and Conference Center, located at 16090 City Walk at the corner of U.S. Highway 59 and State Highway 6. Breakfast will be served at 7:30 a.m., followed at 8 a.m. with a dynamic presentation of 2010 Sugar Land achievements and a look at exciting activities on the horizon. Register at http://www.fortbendchamber.com/.

A preview of accomplishments for 2010 follows:

- The Sugar Land Police Department's annual report was presented in April. It showed that violent crime in Sugar Land decreased 11 percent during 2009 and investigative clearance rates improved by 4.7 percent, according to the Sugar Land Police Department's 2009 Annual Report.
- During 2010, Sugar Land was again named among America's safest cities, a distinction based on an analysis of FBI crime statistics. The distinction made Sugar Land the safest city in Texas.
- To ensure the distribution of accurate, timely information, SLPD focused additional resources toward the better distribution of crime data through direct communications with homeowner associations, SLtv 16, e-policing and the Crime Prevention Division.
- In FY2010, SLFD completed an exhaustive audit, inspection and replacement of all firefighter bunker gear, an effort intended to ensure the safety and efficient operation of personnel.
- Flood plain management programs that addressed potential flood concerns helped Sugar Land citizens obtain reduced flood insurance policies. The insurance policies are available from FEMA due to Sugar Land's participation in the National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP), a program that requires the adoption and enforcement of minimum criteria to reduce potential flooding in local communities.
- Phase 1 of the Ditch H extension project was completed in 2010; this involved a

bridge opening along Union Pacific Rail Road right-of-way. Phase 2, currently under construction, will divert water from Oyster Creek to Ditch H and ultimately to the Brazos River. A key objective of the project is to lower elevations in Oyster Creek during extreme rainfall events and alleviate potential flooding.

- Drainage improvements targeting sections 2 and 3 of Sugar Mill began in June 2010 and are expected to be completed by December 2010. Relief storm sewers are being installed along Greenbelt Drive that outfall into Ditch A-22 to alleviate flooding problems within these sections.
- Sugar Land began construction of a Surface Water Treatment Plant. Oyster Creek will provide raw water to the new plant that will be capable of producing 9 million gallons per day. Located in the Gannoway Lake area, the plant will include state-ofthe-art water processing equipment and will be online in late 2012.
- Sugar Land and Fort Bend County Water Control & Improvement District No. 1 worked toward the dissolution of WCID No. 1, an action intended to transfer local water rights from WCID #1 to the City of Sugar Land through legislation. Both agencies have been working for several years to protect local water rights and ensure an adequate supply of water for future needs. The City's future surface water treatment plant will treat water from Oyster Creek.
- Sugar Land reconfigured the southbound U.S. 59 approach to S.H. 6 to include triple turn lanes that enable more cars to quickly access S.H. 6. As part of the improvements, a dynamic message sign and LED lights installed in the pavement were intended to guide motorists more efficiently through the intersection. This was the first triple-left turn lane in Texas. The intersection provides access to a critical transportation corridor used by motorists traveling to First Colony Mall, Sugar Land Town Square and many more retail stores and restaurants in the area.
- City traffic technicians reconfigured key intersections along S.H. 6 near U.S. 59 to keep traffic moving. New specialized computer equipment utilizes vision techniques that accurately tracks vehicles and enables the traffic signals to be adjusted in realtime to better handle traffic demand.
- Traffic signal timing along U.S. 90A was upgraded to allow for two separate timing operations, one for longer trains and an-

other for shorter trains (i.e., trains that pass in less than two minutes). This allowed for a quicker transition back to normal traffic signal coordination between signals. Approximately 40 trains of varying length pass through Sugar land each day.

- Sugar Land City Council approved on Sept. 7 a \$282.2 million budget for fiscal year 2010-11. The budget was based on a tax rate of 30 cents per \$100 valuation, which maintained the same tax rate since 2007.
- Sugar Land City Council approved on Oct. 5 Lease and Development Agreements with Opening Day Partners, LLC to bring professional minor league baseball to Sugar Land. ODP -- an experienced community-focused operator that emphasizes year-round community events and activities at their stadiums -- will own and operate Sugar Land's baseball team. ODP will be the owner of an Atlantic League expansion team in Sugar Land.
- State and federal grants totaling \$4 million were awarded for a pedestrian and bicycle project in the Town Center area. The project is intended to provide safe, convenient access for pedestrians and bicyclists within Sugar Land's business district, eventually connecting to a larger hike and bike trail system throughout the City.
- An international bond rating agency raised Sugar Land's credit rating to the highest possible rating, a signal of strong fiscal management and city planning. Fitch Ratings assigned Sugar Land's general obligation bonds an AAA rating, an increase from the previous rating of AA+. The AAA rating is assigned to the best quality organizations, those considered reliable and stable. Aviation International News again rated the Fixed Based Operator (FBO) at Sugar Land Regional Airport as the Western Hemisphere's best operation. The publication's 2010 FBO Survey compares fixed-based operators in the western hemisphere. The survey is completed by pilots and other corporate aviation experts who rate facilities in categories such as pilot amenities and services, line service, passenger amenities and facilities.
- Sugar Land broke ground on Feb. 27 for its newest address -- 234 Matlage Way -the future site of the City's new Recreation Center. At more than 17,000 square feet, facilities at the center will include a full gymnasium, exercise room, two multipurpose rooms and a patio/garden area.

TREE TRIMMING REMINDER

J ust a reminder about the Sugar Land City Ordinance No. 1505 for tree trimming requirements

within the city limits.

Residential Streets: Where the tree overhangs a residential street, there

must be a clear space under the tree that is **12 feet above the street surface and 8 feet above the sidewalk surface.**

SIGN UP FOR THE CITIZENS POLICE ACADEMY

W ant to discover firsthand what it takes to be a police officer, get to know your beat officer and learn more about criminal investigation? Find out by signing up for the Sugar Land Police Department's Citizens Police Academy. The 10-week course begins Jan. 27, with students meeting once a week from 7-10 p.m.

While learning about the challenges faced by police officers, laws affecting citizens, the judicial system and emergency management, participants personally interact with officers, detectives and other personnel in a nontraditional law enforcement setting.

The training program consists of classroom and "hands on" instruction designed to provide interested Sugar Land citizens with a working knowledge of the Sugar Land Police Department, its personnel and emergency management operations.

Topics taught during the academy include police training, roles and responsibilities of the uniformed officer, use of firearms and deadly force options, criminal investigative skills, traffic law, crime scene search, communications, narcotics, gang education, specialized units, tactical operations, juvenile law, community involvement and emergency management. Additionally, participants have an opportunity to participate in a "staged" traffic stop, a "staged" building search and a tour of a local prison unit in the Texas Department of Criminal Justice system.

Everything needed for the 10-week course is supplied free-of-charge.

Call SLPD police officer Amy Cummins at (281) 275-2575 for more information or register online at www. sugarlandtx.gov.

SUGAR LAND EMPLOYEES HELP LESS FORTUNATE

City of Sugar Land employees are giving back to the community through volunteer efforts intended to ensure needy families have a merry Christmas.

Recent examples of charitable activities include a charity football game organized by the Sugar Land Police Officers' Association, a Salvation Army Angel Tree Program and a food drive.

Twenty Sugar Land police officers recently competed against Fort Bend County deputies in Fort Bend Holiday Bowl V, an annual charity flag football game.

Almost 600 spectators attended the game and donated toys and money to

Toys for Tots, a value of more than \$2,500. Another 15 Sugar Land employees volunteered their time to support the event through publicity, sponsorship and game-day logistics.

For the fourth year in a row, Sugar Land employees adopted needy children and senior citizens as part of the Salvation Army Angel Tree program.

Each year, the Salvation Army accepts applications from families that cannot provide Christmas for their families. The applications are carefully screened by the Salvation Army. Once the families are adopted, each child has an angel tag printed with their name, age and the items that would like or need. A team of City employees assisted with this year's project, ensuring the adoption of 150 children and seniors, up from 90 over 2009.

Several more employees donated their time to help with the Share Your Holidays Food Drive. More than 6,500 pounds of food was collected for local charities, including the East Fort Bend Human Needs Ministry and St. Vincent de Paul.

Other food drive participants included the Sugar Land Lion's Club, Serve Sugar Land volunteers, students from Barrington Elementary School and employees from area businesses (Kelsey Seybold, Imperial Sugar and the Epic Dance Center of Sugar Land).

Summary of Financial Reports: As of 11/30/10 98.56% collected with \$173,834.72 total assets.

REMINDER: Remember to submit a completed architectural form for any exterior projects before work is begun. You may contact Terri Salter, MASC Austin Properties, Inc., at 713-776-1771, for copies of the proper forms or you may log onto *www,glenlaurel.net* and download the forms for printing.

REDUCE, REUSE, RECYCLE & ROCK!!!

The City of Sugar Land will host an Earth Day Celebration on Saturday, April 16, 2011.

The one-day event will include free household electronics recycling, paper shredding and collection of clothing

ON THE SQUARE

Sugar Land Town Square is always keeping us entertained. Some of the upcoming events are

01/22 - Community Blood Drive. Donate to assist the Gulf Coast Regional Blood Center and enjoy refreshments and prizes from local retailers. Register to win a \$500 Gift Card to Sugar Land Town Square just for participating! Schedule an appointment via email: events@sugarlandtownsquare.com.

01/22 - American Cancer Soeciety Relay for Life - Day of Awareness, 12-7 PM. For more information visit: www. relayforlife.org/sugarlandtx

02/12 - Valentine's Date Night, 7-9 PM.

and household goods for reuse from 2:00 - 6:00 p.m. in the parking lot of Mercer Stadium.

A series of environmental activity booths and performance by Leah White & the Magic Mirrors will be

03/05 - WATCH Health Fair, 11 AM-3 PM.

03/12-13 - Sugar Land Town Square 2011 Spring Auto Show.

03/19 - Movie under the Moon, 8-10 PM.

03/25 - Child Advocates of Fort Bend presents Light of Hope, 6-7:30 PM. Everyone is invited to join in this community event to create awareness of child abuse in our community. Attend the Light of Hope ceremony to kick off Child Abuse Prevention Month coming in April!

03/26 - Art Show presented by Sartartia Middle School, 10 AM-2 PM. Enfeatured from 5:00 - 8:00 p. m. in Sugar Land Town Square on the plaza.



joy a variety of art presented by students from Sartartia Middle School, working to make a difference in the community through art. The community is invited to purchase artwork and funds raised will benefit a local charity.

03/26 - Celebrating Abilities presented by the Arc of Fort Bend, 4-7 PM. Come out for entertainment as the Arc of Fort Bend celebrates and showcases the abilities of individuals with disabilities.

For more events, log onto *http://www.* sugarlandtownsquare.com/ EventCalendar.aspx

SCHOOL CORNER - Upcoming dates of importance:

1/17 - Holiday2/9 - Elem. Parent Conf. & Early Release2/21 - Holiday

3/14-18 - Holiday/Spring Break 3/25 - End of Nine Week Period 4/22 - Holiday/Good Friday

PLEASE NOTE: To view complete listings of school activities, calendars, etc., please log onto: www.fortbendisd.com/campuses/ khs/; www.fortbendisd.com/campuses/slms; www.fortbendisd.com/campuses/sme; www.fortbendisd.com/campuses/bpe

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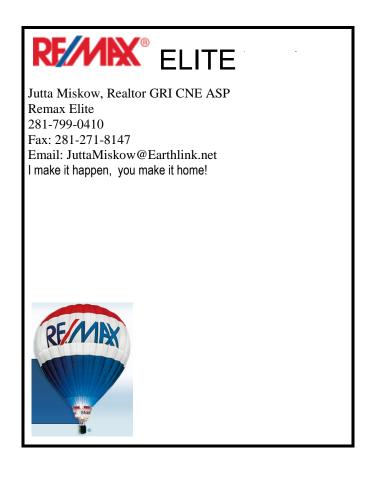
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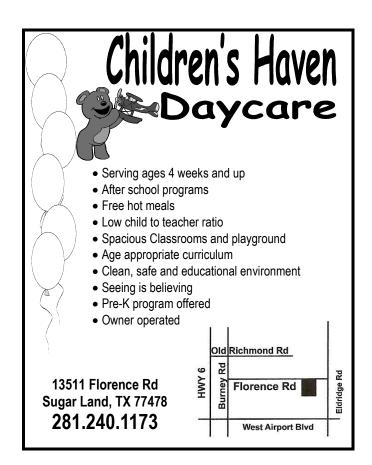
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Schedule of Events

• 01, 15, 22 - City Council Meeting, 5:30 PM

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- 02 Groundhog Day
- 08 Planning & Zoning Meeting, 6:30 PM
- 09 FBISD Elem. Parent Conf. & Early
- Release

 10 HOA MONTHLY MEETING, 7 PM
- 14 Valentine's Day
- 21 President's Day/FBISD Holiday

February 2011

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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6	7	8*	9*	10*	11	12
13	14*	15*	16	17	18	19
20	21*	22*	23	24	25	26
27	28					

TEEN DIRECTORY

Important Phone Numbers:

For all emergencies for Police, Fire	911
& Ambulance, please dial	281-275-2525
S.L. Police Department	281-275-2500
S.L. Police Admin. Offices	281-491-0852
S.L. Fire Department	281-275-2851
or	281-342-2100
S.L. Fire Dept. Admin. Offices	281-275-2700
S.L. City Hall	
S.L. City Manager, Mayor or	
Councilman	281-275-2710
S.L. Ordinance/City Code	281-275-2370
S.L. Revenue Department	281-275-2750
S.L. Public Works/Street Lights	281-275-2450
S. L. Library	281-277-8934
S. L. Post Office	1-800-275-8777
Animal Control	281-275-2596
Fort Bend County Sheriff's Office	281-341-4700
Fort Bend I.S.D.	281-634-1000
Recycling Center	281-342-5226
MASC Austin Properties, Inc.	713-776-1771

Helpful websites:

- http://www.ci.sugar-land.tx.us/
- http://www.co.fort-bend.tx.us/
- http://www.sugarlandtx.gov/police/services/program/ citizen_police_academy.asp
- http://www.sugarlandtx.gov/fire/index.asp
- http//www.familywatchdog.us/
- http://www.felonspy.com/search.html
- http://www.sugarlandtx.gov/police/services/programs/ house_watch.asp

COMMITTEE VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Newsletter & Website
 Beautification/Landscaping

ACC/Deed Restrictions
 Pool

If you can spare <u>any</u> time to help on these Glen Laurel committees, please call Terri Salter, 713-776-1771, to volunteer.

The *Gazette* welcomes letters/articles from the residents of Glen Laurel, but we reserve the right to edit all articles for space allocation.

REMINDER

It is **against the law** for dogs to be outside a fence without being on a leash. If you see a dog running loose, we urge you to call Animal Control, 281-275-2596. If a loose animal is found on your premises, you have the right to confine the animal until Animal Control has been notified to come impound the animal.

Parents, be aware of who lives in your neighborhood by logging onto https://records.txdps.state.tx.us/soSearch/soSearch.cfm. Simply enter your zip code and find out if you have any offenders living near you. Another good source is http://www4. familywatchdog.us/.

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Ad rates are as follows:

Business Card	Quarter-page
\$20—one month	\$35—one month
\$100—six months	\$175—six months

The deadline for submitting information to the *Glen Laurel Gazette* is the **1st of each month by 5 p.m.**

To submit ad information to the Gazette:

- ⇒ E-mail copy to *barlisa@pdq.net*
- ⇒ If it is not possible to e-mail, then mail or drop copy to Glen Laurel Gazette c/o Barlisa Enterprises, 9050 Cook Road, Suite 101, Houston, TX 77099
- ⇒ Send ad checks or articles to Glen Laurel Gazette c/o Barlisa Enterprises, 9050 Cook Road, Suite 101, Houston, TX 77099

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