

Glen Laurel Connections

MAY 2011

BOARD UPDATE:

"We hope that as our improvement projects are completed our residents enjoy the updated amenities that are available for them to use"

"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.

This month's featured resident is John Pistone. John and his family are long time residents of Glen Laurel and he has a long career with the United States Army. Thank you John for your military service, you are truly a Home Town Hero!

John's story can be found on page 5.

Park Area Guidelines

We are pleased that the picnic tables and BBQ pits have been installed at the park area! We are encouraging our residents to utilize this area and equipment for their enjoyment. If you are planning on having a party or event at the park and playground areas, please adhere to the following guidelines:

- Park hours are from dusk to dawn.
- Parties or events may be held only during park hours. However, roping off of the area is not allowed. This is a community park and is available for all of our residents to use and enjoy.
- Our landscaping company does a fantastic job of keeping the area neat. So, cleaning up after yourself and your guests is expected.
- Be respectful of the homeowners who live adjacent to the park and playground areas. Do not block driveways. If you plan on playing music, keep the volume at a respectable level so as to not disturb your neighbors

Park Graffiti

While up at the park for the Easter egg hunt we noticed that some of our new playground equipment has



Graffiti found on new playground equipment

been tagged with graffiti. This is something that really disappointed the board members. Graffiti is not something that belongs on a swing set or playground for our children, nor does it belong in our neighborhood. When our amenities are defaced it cost every home owner in our community money! We now have to pay someone to remove it. If anyone has any idea who is responsible for this graffiti please contact the board either by calling Austin Properties and speaking with Terri Salter or e-mailing one of the board members, you can remain anonymous. Keep in mind if you see anyone committing any activity that is not legal you can contact the police department. As a board we are trying to look out for our community and hope

that you as a resident would too.

Feeding Ducks

It was noted that the ducks that are around the park area are coming up to people entering the park. The main reason a duck comes over to a person is if they are being fed by people. As a reminder we want to let you know that you should not be feeding the ducks in the lake areas. Although you may enjoy feeding the ducks they can be a nuisance to your neighbors. Ducks are not domesticated animals; they are wild birds and need to be able to fend for themselves. For the ducks safety, we are asking that you keep wildlife wild and do not feed them.

We hope that as our improvement projects are completed our residents enjoy the updated amenities that are available for them to use.

Remember homeowners are always welcome at our monthly meeting and volunteers are needed.

Board of Directors

SCHOOL NEWS

Kempner High School
Web site:
<http://www.fortbendisd.com/campuses/khs/default.cfm>
Phone # 281-634-2300

May & June activities:
May 17 – Senior awards night 7PM
May 27 – Semester exams
May 30 – Holiday, Memorial Day
May 31 – Semester exams
June 1 – Spring semester exams & early dismissal @ 11:45AM
June 2 – Spring semester exams & early dismissal @ 11:45AM
June 3 – Graduation at Toyota Center (graduates arrive @ 12:30)
Pro-grad 10:30 PM – 5:30 AM (overnight at KHS)

CONGRATULATIONS TO ALL GRADUATING SENIORS!

Sugar Land Middle School
Web site:
<http://www.fortbendisd.com/campuses/slms/default.cfm>
Phone # 281-634-3080

May & June activities:
May 27 – Semester exams
May 30 – Holiday, Memorial Day
May 31 – Semester exams
June 1 – Spring semester exams & early dismissal @ 12:50PM
June 2 – Spring semester exams & early dismissal @ 12:50PM

Titan Tutorials:

Monday/Wednesday 8:15 – 8:45 AM
Every day in Advisory 8:50 – 9:20 AM

**Summer reading lists for High School and Middle School are available online.

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IN AND AROUND OUR COMMUNITY

SITE CLEARING OF WATER TREATMENT PLANT

On behalf of the City of Sugar Land, CH2M HILL wishes to notify you that site clearing will begin at the water treatment plant located at the corner of Voss and Burney Roads this week. There will be increased truck traffic starting in early May, as debris will need to be hauled from the site. This will go on for approximately two to three weeks. Traffic will be monitored during periods of increased volume to determine if additional control measures are necessary.

SUGAR LAND ENHANCES SOLID WASTE AND RECYCLING AT LOWER COST TO RESIDENTS

A new solid waste and recycling program will enhance services and save City residents \$800,000 annually.

Sugar Land City Council approved a 10-year contract with Republic Services at an initial monthly rate of \$15.77, a decrease from the scheduled 2012 rate of \$18.62. New service will begin on Dec. 5.

Households in Sugar Land currently provided service by Republic Services will receive automated garbage collection twice per week, automated recycling collection once per week, green waste collection once per week, bulky waste collection once per month and an on-call collection service.

Current curbside recycling will be expanded to include all colors of glass bottles and jars. The addition of a green

waste program ensures all green waste -- grass clippings, leaves, brush, tree limbs, etc. -- will be taken to a composting facility and recycled into mulch or compost rather than sent to a landfill.

Also new for every household will be a 95-gallon garbage cart and a 65-gallon recycling cart, though larger or smaller cart sizes may be requested by June 30 if preferred.

Automated curbside collection contributes to the neighborhood's appearance (as residents are issued carts with wheels and lids that have a uniform appearance) and more efficient operations that results in savings to residents. The program also utilizes carts that provide for a reduction in litter, odors and problems associated with animals and insects.

A test of the program in several Sugar Land neighborhoods resulted in a 260 percent increase in recycling, a benefit that results in less trash in area landfills.

Initial educational events pertaining to the new program will be held from 8-10 a.m. on May 21 at Eldridge Park, 2511 Eldridge Road, and June 4 at Lost Creek Park, 3703 Lost Creek Blvd. Information regarding the new program will also be mailed to Sugar Land residents. For more information, visit www.sugarlandtx.gov/solidwaste or call Sugar Land Public Works at (281) 275-2450.

NOTEWORTHY:

Top 4 Deed Restrictions

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



Crime Report List

03/01 – 03/31

Burglary of a Vehicle
2200 Meadow Briar 03/06/2011

Burglary
2400 Ashley Ridge 03/11/2011

2011 POOL SCHEDULE

05/14/2011 – 06/02/2011

Monday – Friday CLOSED
 Saturdays 11 AM TO 8 PM
 Sundays 11 AM TO 8 PM

Exceptions: Monday, May 30th
(Memorial Day)

11 AM TO 8 PM

06/03/2011 – 08/19/2011

Mondays CLOSED
 Tuesdays – Sundays 1 PM TO 9 PM

08/20/2011 -09/06/2011

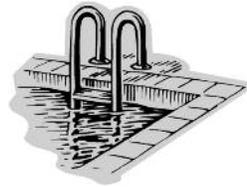
Monday – Friday CLOSED
 Saturday 1 PM TO 8 PM
 Sunday 1 PM TO 8 PM

Exceptions:

Monday, September 5th (Labor Day) 1PM TO 8 PM

****POOL CLOSED FOR THE SEASON****

**PLEASE NOTE: TWO
 LIFEGUARDS WILL BE ON DUTY
 AT ALL TIMES POOL IS
 SCHEDULED TO BE OPEN.**



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SCHOOL NEWS

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Sugar Mill Elementary
Web site:
<http://www.fortbendisd.com/campus/sme/default.cfm>
Phone #: 281-634-4440

May and June activities:
May 30 – Holiday, Memorial Day
June 3 – Last day of school early release

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

Barrington Place Elementary
Web site:
<http://www.fortbendisd.com/campus/bpe/about.cfm>
Phone #: 281-634-4040

May and June activities:
May 30 – Holiday, Memorial Day
June 3 – Last day of school early release

Communicating With Fort Bend ISD

Do you need information about your child's campus, curriculum, or special needs? Do you want to know more about state and district testing, or student safety programs? Do you have questions about district policy, the budgeting process, or the latest on school construction and attendance zones? Do you have an issue, concern or complaint that you would like addressed? Most often, you can get the information you need by speaking with a staff member. But, if you are having trouble finding the right resource, contact FBISD Community Relations and Partnerships. A staff member will be happy to connect you to the right place. You can call direct at 281-634-1100 or email to cr@fortbendisd.com.

BEAT THE HEAT OF SUMMER!

"It's a sure sign of summer if the chair gets up when you do". -Walter Winchell

Summer defined - in meteorology, summer is defined by convention as the whole months of June, July and August in the Northern hemisphere and the whole months of December, January and February in the Southern hemisphere. The first day of summer in the Northern hemisphere is June 21st. Most of the time it is the warmest season of the year, occurring between spring and autumn and constituting June, July, and August in the Northern Hemisphere.

With the temperatures climbing higher as we get closer to the summer season following are some tips on what you can do to beat the heat this summer.

- 1) Get a programmable thermostat to control your home's temperature. It allows for cooling when you need it.
- 2) Curb the humidity, a dehumidifier can take that sticky humidity out of the indoor air and can be set to a humidity level for custom comfort.
- 3) Block the sun; use blinds and drapery to block the hot rays of the sun. Keep them drawn during the day, especially at peak sunshine hours. Car window tint on the glass of your front door will help cut out the sun. You can purchase the non-glue stick on kind at any auto store.
- 4) Keep the air moving, ceiling fans can not only

make a room feel cooler via air circulation but they can also reduce how often you need to turn on the air conditioning.

5) Swap the light bulbs. Fluorescent lights are already known for their energy efficiency, but did you know that when lit the fluorescent bulb does not "heat" up the way an incandescent bulb does? Replace all your incandescent bulbs for fluorescent to save on energy bills as well.

6) Check around your windows and doors, inspect caulking and insulation to make sure that air is not coming in from window and door areas. Re-caulk if needed



and replace any door insulation if necessary.

7) Cook outdoors. Try to use your barbecue as much as possible in the good weather months. It will eliminate the heating-up effect a stove or oven can have on your home.

Thanks to Home Depot for some great ideas. When the summer heat is on you can still keep your indoor cool!

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GLEN LAUREL MARKET
INFORMATION

Per the end of April 2011 Glen Laurel has a house inventory of 7 homes for sale. 1 home sold and 3 homes are under contract.

Before you buy or sell a property ask for my specially prepared information package for Buyers and Sellers! Make informed decisions! Remember: your home may be the largest asset you have and your biggest investment you make!

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HOME TOWN HERO

LTC JOHN C. PISTONE

LTC Pistone received his Bachelor of Business Administration Degree from Texas A&M University, College Station, Texas. In May 1985, he received his commission and the designation of Distinguished Military Graduate.

Upon graduation from the Field Artillery Officer Basic Course, LTC Pistone accepted an assignment in the United States Army Reserve as a Platoon Leader in the 192d Supply Company. In December 1991, he transferred to the 348th Transportation Battalion (Terminal) where he held a variety of staff positions. He was the Battalion S4 from December 1991 to December 1994 and the Battalion S1 from December 1994 to

April 1996. He was selected for command and served as the 441st Transportation (Cargo Transfer) Commander from April 1996 to June 1998. In 1998, he joined the 75th Division (Exercise) as the G4 Transportation Plans Officer. He served in that position from June 1998 to March 2005. He mobilized with the 75th Division in support of Operation

Enduring Freedom in January 2003. During the mobilization, LTC Pistone completed many varied assignments including; Fifth U.S. Army Liaison Officer with the Port of Beaumont, Transportation Plans Officer for the Fifth U.S. Army Forward at Fort Hood, and G3 Plans and Operation Officer at Fifth U.S. Army Headquarters at Fort Sam Houston, Texas.

In April of 2005, LTC Pistone accepted a position as an Observer Controller/Trainer (OC/T) with the 1st Simulations Exercise Group, 1st Brigade, 75th Division (TS). He held various positions within the group and served as the Deputy Branch Chief of Exercise Branch Bravo of the 1st Battle Command Training Group, 1st Brigade,

75th Division (BCTD). In January 2007, he became a Team Chief in the Scenario Development Group in support of Battle Command and Staff Collective Training for the 1st Brigade, 75th Division (BCTD). He was selected for command and served as the 369th Transportation Detachment (Terminal Supervision Team) Commander from July 2008 to July 2010. LTC Pistone assumed command of the 1188th Deployment Distribution Support Battalion in July 2010 and deployed to the Port of Ash Shuaiba, Kuwait.

LTC Pistone has completed numerous professional development courses. Most notably, he completed the Quartermaster Officer Advanced Course, Combined Arms and Services Staff School (CAS3) and Command and General Staff Officer Course (CGSC). In June 1996, he completed the Transportation Officer Qualification Course and transferred to the Transportation Corps.

He has received the Meritorious Service Medal (with 2 Oak Leaf Clusters), Army Commendation Medal (with 3 Oak Leaf

Clusters), Army Achievement Medal (with 2 Oak Leaf Clusters), Army Reserve Components Achievement Medal (with 5 Oak Leaf Clusters), National Defense Service Medal (with service star), Armed Forces Reserve Medal (with "M" Device and Silver Hour Glass), Global War on Terrorism Service Medal, and the Army Service Ribbon.

He is married to his wife of 25 years, Robin and is the proud father of three children: Christina, Stephanie and John Paul.



LTC John C. Pistone

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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POOL TAG REGISTRATION

2011 Pool season is coming up soon! We will hold a pool tag registration day at the pool on May 21st from 11 AM to 2PM. After that they can be purchased from Austin Properties, Monday thru Friday, during regular business hours. Please note that everyone will need to purchase new tags this year as last year's tag will no longer be valid. Tags will be \$2 each and each member of the household is required to have their own tag unless under the age of 5.

Lightning Safety Awareness Week: June 15-19

Lightning can be a beautiful, awe-inspiring spectacle and, as most know, it can also be deadly. The National Weather Service provides these reminders to substantially reduce your risk if you are outside in a thunderstorm.

* If you drive into a thunderstorm, slow down and use extra caution. Pull off the road into a safe area, DO NOT leave the vehicle during the storm.

* If you are at a beach or a lake where no safe building is nearby, go to your car. Wait 30 minutes until after the last thunder before going back to the beach.

* If you are stranded outside while camping or hiking, on a motorcycle or a bicycle, avoid open fields, the top of a hill or a ridge top.

* Stay away from tall, isolated trees. In a woods, stand near smaller trees.

* Stay away from water, wet items like rope, and metal objects like golf clubs.

GLEN LAUREL POOL TAG REGISTRATION FORM 2011

Each household member will be required to have a pool tag to enter the pool area

NAME: _____ HOME #: _____

ADDRESS: _____ WORK #: _____

EMAIL: _____

OWNER: _____ TENANT: _____

NAME OF RESIDENTS:	RELATIONSHIP	AGE
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____

EMERGENCY CONTACT PERSON:

NAME: _____ PHONE #: _____

[] 2011 NEW TAGS \$2.00 EACH #of tags requested _____
 [] REPLACEMENT TAGS \$3.00 EACH #of tags requested _____

PAYMENT MUST BE ENCLOSED AND CHECK MADE PAYABLE TO:
GLEN LAUREL HOMEOWNER'S ASSOCIATION, INC.

REMINDER:
POOL TAGS WILL NOT BE ISSUED UNLESS
ALL ASSOCIATION ASSESSMENTS ARE PAID IN FULL.

TO OBTAIN 2011 POOL TAGS PLEASE REFER TO THE INFORMATION BELOW:

- AVAILABLE AT THE POOL AREA ON MAY 21st FROM 11-2 PM.
- AUSTIN PROPERTIES LOCATED AT 13726 FLORENCE ROAD 9AM-5PM MONDAY - FRIDAY

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BY SUBMISSION OF THIS FORM, YOU, YOUR TENANTS AND GUESTS AGREE TO OBEY ALL POOL RULES. **LIFEGUARDS HAVE FINAL AUTHORITY!**

EGG HUNT!

We hope that the residents that came out for our Easter egg hunt had a good time.

The children that were there at the start had plenty of eggs to find and goodies to go around and had a good time. Because of the low turn out the hunt did not last as long as we anticipated and unfortunately some missed out. Hopefully any future egg hunts will bring out more of our neighbors.



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KIDS CORNER:

During summer there is more to do than video games and the swimming pools. Not sure what to do with your kids this summer? Whether your child is interested in being an artist, athlete or is an avid reader, there is a summer program for him or her. Children can learn new skills, get fit, meet new friends and have fun doing activities or sports they enjoy.

But you have to act fast and sign your child up for the programs as many of these fill up early. Many of the programs provide some great enrichment activities for kids during the hot summer months.



Check out some of these great programs in the Sugar Land area:

Acting Classes

- *Fort Bend Theatre
www.fortbendtheatre.com
- *Drama Kids International
www.dramakids.com

Gymnastics and Dance

- *Alpha Omega
www.alphaomegagym.net
- *Bill Austin's Gymnastics and Dance
www.billaustinsgymnastics.com
- *The Little Gym
www.thelittlegym.com/sugarlandmissouricitytx

Houston Museum of Natural Science Summer Camps

www.hmns.org

Wharton County Junior College Kids' College

www.wcjc.edu

City of Sugar Land Summer Day Camp

Through the Parks & Recreation Department
www.sugarlandtx.gov/parks_recreation/recreation/day_camp

Young Chefs Academy

www.youngchefsacademy.com

HELP WANTED: ARE YOU INTERESTED IN EARNING SOME EXTRA CASH!! I need someone to come to my house on a daily basis (at anytime) to water my outdoor plants on my patio, from June 9-July 20. If you are interested in making some extra \$\$, please call, Maya @ 713-401-7957. Perfect for the responsible student!!