Glen Laurel

Connections

MAY 2012

"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.

MESSAGE FROM THE BOARD

Summer is right around the corner! Mark your calendars for pool tag registration, May 19th and May 26th from 10AM to 2 PM both days at the pool facilities on West Airport Blvd. After that they will be available at Austin Properties Monday thru Friday during regular business hours. The pool tag form is available in this issue of our newsletter and on line at www.glenlaurel.net. The pool will be open for Memorial Day weekend but does not open full time until June 1st.

Yard of the Month begins this month we look forward to looking for the best yards in each section. Winners will receive a \$25 gift card and get to have the YOM sign displayed in front of their home for the month. Winners are announced in the next month's newsletter.

If you are planning on doing any summer time home improvement projects such as patio additions, gazebo's, or other structures including any concrete work you will need to obtain ACC approval in advance before beginning the project. Guidelines for each of the nine sections and the ACC form are available on our website at www.glenlaurel.net. If you are not sure what section you are in you can contact Austin Properties to find out.

May is election time in Sugar Land, for more information about what positions are up for election, early voting schedule, polling locations and much more go to http://www.sugarlandtx.gov/city_hall/city_secretary/elections/index.asp.

The City of Sugar Land is planning a special tribute for Memorial Day weekend. A half scale-replica of the Vietnam Veterans' Memorial in Washington, D.C., The Wall That Heals, will be at Sugar Land Memorial Park, 15300 University Blvd. from May 24-28, 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. In addition to visiting the exhibition, visitors are also encouraged to bring photos of any names that are displayed on The Wall. In an effort to create a complete collection of photos to showcase in Washington, D.C., the Vietnam Veterans Memorial Fund will also have onsite photo scanning stations to process all photo submissions. Concluding the visit of The Wall That Heals, the City will pay tribute to the brave soldiers who have sacrificed their lives during the 4th annual Memorial Day Ceremony on Monday, May 28, at 10 a.m., at Sugar Land Memorial Park. All activities and exhibits are free and open to the public.

If you have not yet paid your annual HOA dues please mail them or drop them by Austin Properties as soon as possible to avoid further interest charges from accruing. If you have an issue with paying your HOA dues please contact Austin Properties to discuss the details, the board is willing to work with you in getting this assessment paid.

Monthly HOA meetings are conducted on the second Thursday of each month at Austin Properties at 7PM and homeowners are always welcome!!

Thanks,

Glen Laurel HOA Board of Directors



SCHOOL NEWS

Kempner High School

Web site:

http://www.fortbendisd.com/campu ses/khs/default.cfm

Phone #:281-634-2300

May & June activities:

May 10 – FFA Banquet 6PM May 11 – AFJROTC Awards Banquet 7PM

May 12 – Prom 8PM – 12AM Westin Memorial City

May 22 – Underclassman awards 7:45AM; Senior awards night 7PM

May 25 – Semester exams

May 28 – Holiday, Memorial Day

May 29 - Semester exams

May 30 – Spring semester exams

& early dismissal

May 31 – Spring semester exams & early dismissal; last day of school

June 1 – Graduation at Toyota Center (graduates arrive @ 3PM) ceremony stars 4PM Pro-grad 11:15 PM – 6:30 AM 6/2 (overnight at Times Square Entertainment)

CONGRATULATIONS TO ALL GRADUATING SENIORS!

Sugar Land Middle School

Web site:

http://www.fortbendisd.com/campu ses/slms/default.cfm Phone #: 281-634-3080

May & June activities:

May 11 – 8th Grade party 4:30 –

7PM @ Lifetime Fitness

May 25 – Semester exams May 28 – Holiday, Memorial Day

May 29 – Spring semester exams

& early dismissal

May 31 – Spring semester exams

& early dismissal; last day of school

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SUMMER TIME ACTIVITIES FOR KIDS

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.

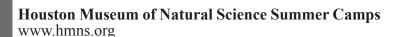
Check out some of these great programs in the Sugar Land area:

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



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

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 03/31/12 93.43% collected with \$295,829.44 total assets.

TOP 4 DEED RESTRICTIONS:

- 1. Trash Receptacles
- 2. Lawn Maintenance
- 4. Mildew
- 5. Fences



CRIME PREVENTION-THINK LIKE A BURGLAR

Good to know that this homeowner does not set their alarm before heading out.



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- Have the Spider Pods and Mud Dobbers Taken Over YOUR Home?

281-277-4013

SCHOOL NEWS

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 on line.

Sugar Mill Elementary

Web site:

http://www.fortbendisd.com/campuses/sme/default.cfm
Phone #: 281-634-4440

May activities:

May 28 – Holiday, Memorial Day May 31 – Last day of school early release

Every Friday is Sparkler Sprit Day

– wear your school spirit shirt

Barrington Place Elementary

Web site:

http://www.fortbendisd.com/camp uses/bpe/about.cfm Phone #: 281-634-4040

May activities:

May 28 – Holiday, Memorial Day May 31 – Last day of school early release

Countdown To Your Future

Countdown to Your Future focuses students on education and career planning during middle and high school and prepares them for the transition to life after high school. Students are encouraged to align educational programs with their plans for entry into the workforce, college or the military. (continued on page 6)

2012 POOL SCHEDULE

Glen Laurel 2012 POOL SCHEDULE

05/26/2012 - 05/31/2012

Monday - Fridays CLOSED

SATURDAYS 11 AM - 8 PM SUNDAYS 11 AM - 8 PM

Exceptions: Monday, May 28th (Memorial Day)
11:00 AM - 8:00 PM

06/01/2012 - 08/26/2012

Mondays

CLOSED

Tuesdays - Thursdays

Friday- Saturdays

Sundays

CLOSED

4 PM - 9 PM

1 PM - 9 PM

1 PM - 8 PM

08/27/2012 -09/02/2012

Monday - Fridays CLOSED

Saturday 1 PM - 8 PM

Sunday 1 PM - 8 PM

Exceptions:

Monday, September 3rd (Labor Day) 1 PM - 8 PM

POOL CLOSED FOR THE SEASON

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

MAKE TIME TO PLAY

No time to ride a horse, play chess, or go to a ball game? Fun and play can almost instantly reduce stress and add a feeling of relaxation to daily living.

More people are looking for the energy fix fun creates. They are playing golf and tennis, making scrapbooks, and working with their photos. Companies are recognizing the importance of play as they create teams for games like kickball. It doesn't take an athlete to enjoy it and get some outdoor fun. If you're a telecommuter or don't have much interaction with others on the job, consider something that puts you with like-minded people. That could mean a cooking class, bowling league, or walking club where friendships could develop. Pick something that is far different from what you do at work and have a good time doing it.

POOL TAG REGISTRATION FORM

GLEN LAUREL POOL TAG REGISTRATION FORM 2012

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

NAME:ADDRESS:		HOME #:	
EMAIL:OWNER:			
NAME OF RESIDENTS:	RELATIONSHIP	AGE	
EMERGENCY CONTACT PERSON:			
NAME:	PHONE #:		
[] 2012 NEW TAGS \$2.00 EACH [] REPLACEMENT TAGS \$3.00 EACH	#of tags requested #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 2012 POOL TAGS PLEASE REFER TO THE INFORMATION BELOW:

- AVAILABLE AT THE POOL AREA ON MAY 19TH FROM 10-2 PM & MAY 26TH FROM 10-2 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!

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

Countdown to Your Future presentations are made by business partners in all of the district's eighth grade classrooms during Career Day. The strength of the presentations is an interactive discussion format that includes starting salaries and a budget exercise presented by a "real life" business person.

Presenters share personal experiences and stories that demonstrate the importance of students preparing now for postsecondary education including: the military, community college, technical college, and/or a fouryear college or university, or the workforce. Students are encouraged to develop an individual plan for high school and the transition to college and other post-secondary options. The District wants Fort Bend ISD students to be prepared for employment opportunities that are rewarding and fit their interests and budget needs.

To find out more about this program, or to volunteer to be a Countdown to Your Future presenter, please visit www.fortbendisd.com to complete an application. The application can be found by clicking on the Volunteer tab to the left of the District's home page.

Once your application has been received, the Volunteers and Partnerships office will contact you.

STOCK MARKET: THE LAST 25 YEARS

By Vijay Kane.

Due to the stellar performance of most company stocks during the decade of the 1990s, millions of investors were drawn into the game of stock trading. The five year period from 1995-1999 was the golden age of investing. If you closed your eyes, bought some technology stocks and held them for a few years, you could have made a fortune. The stock market soared to an all-time high. Then, the DOT COM Bubble burst in the first quarter of year 2000. This was followed by the events of 9-11-2001, and the corporate scandals of ENRON. WORLDCOM, etc. shattered investor confidence. As a result, most stocks suffered a major decline in value. By October 9, 2002, the S&P 500 Index had lost 50% value and the NASDAQ lost 78%. After that, we were in a gradual bull market that lasted 5 years (until October 9, 2007). The DJIA and S&P 500 Index were back to the level of Jan-Mar 2000. Then came the bursting of the housing bubble and one of the worst financial crisis in US history. By March 9, 2009, the DJIA had lost 54% and S&P 500 Index lost 57% value. From Jan 1, 2000 to Jan 1, 2012, the S&P 500 Index has lost 15% and NASDAQ has lost 36% value. Some DOT COM companies have gone bankrupt. Several technology stocks and Mutual Funds have lost value. The performance of growth mutual funds is very

similar to the performance of the S&P 500 Index. In the last 12 years, Mutual Fund accounts have shown very little growth after a wild



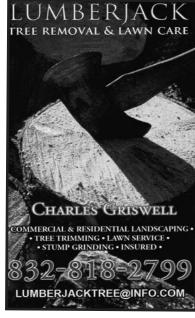
roller coaster ride. Looking at the trend of the past 15 years, it is reasonable to expect a pullback in the market in the next few months. Have you heard the expression: Time in the market is more important than timing the market? The buy and hold strategy has not worked well in the last 12 years. Are the glory days of the 1990s behind us? The first decade of this century (years 2000-2010) is referred to as THE LOST DECADE. With all the global economic and geopolitical issues, will the second decade have a repeat performance? It is time to be cautious. Protect your account values by investing in products that offer guarantee of principal, e.g. fixed and indexed annuities.

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.



Quotable Quote:

"You don't have to be great to start, but you must start to be great." -Zig Zigler





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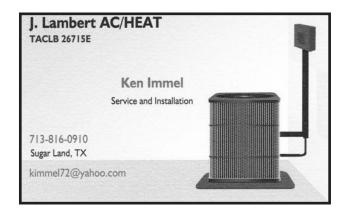
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