

SEPTEMBER 2011

## MESSAGE FROM THE BOARD

With summer coming to an end (and hopefully the extreme drought and heat), a round of applause goes to our Yard of the Month winners this year. You all have done an exceptional job given the not-so-ideal conditions we have experienced in the past several months. In preparation for next season, please check out the Fall Lawn Tips in this issue and see how you can get a head start on getting your yard looking like a winner this spring!

Splish, splash, splish, splash....we hope your time at the pool this summer was a total blast! The pool will be open from 1PM to 8PM on Saturdays and Sundays. We hope you have enjoyed the new improvements and look forward to you joining us again next year.

As school is now officially in session, please remember to pay attention and watch your speed in school zones as well as throughout the neighborhood. Let's keep our bundles of joy safe!

As you may have noticed, the City of Sugar Land Public Works Department has blocked off a number of areas around the neighborhood for sidewalk repairs. We anticipate the repairs to be complete in the next few weeks. With the pending Burney Road expansion, the design phase of the project is approximately 50% complete. The City continues its efforts in addressing utility and drainage conflicts with construction tentatively scheduled to begin in February 2012.

With everyone's safety of utmost importance, we have had several requests from residents with regards to installing security cameras in our neighborhood. We have been fortunate to have low crime rates in our neighborhood. Unfortunately, there are times when one does fall victim to a crime. When one of our own is victimized, our whole neighborhood suffers. Although installing security cameras is one option, it is not necessarily the most cost effective or effective deterrence. As a community, we need to stay connected and be vigilant of our surroundings. Know your neighborhood, know your neighbors, and report any suspicious activity immediately to the Sugar Land Police. We need to let these "fellas" know that we are watching at all times and they are not welcome in OUR neighborhood.



Also, the 28th Annual National Night Out will be held on Tuesday, October 4, 2011 from 6 PM to 9PM. Neighborhoods throughout Sugar Land will join forces to "Light Up Sugar Land" by turning on their outside lights. For more about National Night Out, contact Crime Prevention Officer Harris Johnston with the Sugar Land Police Department at (281) 275-2580.

As always, volunteers are needed and homeowners are invited to attend Board meetings, which are held at 7PM on the second Thursday of every month at MASC Austin Properties on Florence Road.

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

**CORRECTION: THE AUGUST 2011 edition of the newsletter incorrectly stated that the 1st day of school was August 23rd. The correct 1st day of school was August 22nd. We apologize for the error and regret any inconvenience caused by the incorrect information.**

### Kempner High School

Web site:

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

Phone #: 281-634-2300

PSAT registration - 9/12-9/16

Cougar Football

9/16 – VS Bush @ Mercer 7PM

9/23 – VS Austin @ Mercer 7PM

9/30 – VS Willowridge @ Hall 7PM

### **Course changes and dropping course deadlines 2011-2012**

September 16, 2011 – Last day to drop a course with a failing grade with no impact on UIL eligibility (A student who drops a class with a failing grade after the end of the fourth week is ineligible. A student may drop after the second or third week, or during the fourth week and retain eligibility.)

**October 28, 2011** - Last day to change a level and/or drop a course for a study hall, off campus (12th grade only) or office aide (11th and 12th grade only). This is the last opportunity to drop a full year course.

### **2nd Semester:**

**January 17, 2012** - Last day to change to a new course. Note: These changes will only occur if:

1. There is an error in the student schedule.

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## FLAGS OF FREEDOM



“Flags of Freedom” is a fund raising project for Boy Scout Troop 1116 that provides the Scouting experience for boys in Sugar Land.

Troop 1116 provides local boys scouting and leadership development through the many activities and skills learned and practiced by its Scouts. These activities, in which the boys go hiking and camping, conduct service projects, complete rank advancement requirements and serve as junior leaders combine to make the Scouting process complete. However, many boys are unable to participate in all these activities due to cost. **“Flags of Freedom”** is an opportunity for the boys to earn money toward campouts, high adventure camps, and to help offset the cost of equipment and uniforms. This program not only will allow the boys to earn money for their activities, but it helps teach them responsibility and the value of money while providing a patriotic service to the community.

For an annual fee of \$30 per flag, members of Troop 1116 and their parents will display a 3' x 5' American flag in your yard six days this subscription year beginning with Veterans Day. Dates are:

**Veterans Day 2011 \* Presidents Day 2012 \* Memorial Day 2012 \*  
Flag Day 2012 \* Independence Day 2012 \* Labor Day 2012**

Please call 281-242-4315 for questions or concerns during the flag season

### **YES!**

I would like to participate in the Troop 1116 “Flags of Freedom” program for a yearly fee of \$30. Troop 1116 agrees to place the American flag at the residence shown below on each of the 6 specified flag display holidays. It is my responsibility to advise Troop 1116 of any sprinkler, plumbing and electrical service locations. It will also be my responsibility to ensure that the flag sleeve does not rise above ground level where it may damage any equipment.

**Subscription Deadline: Oct 3rd, 2011.**

NUMBER OF FLAGS REQUESTED: \_\_\_\_\_

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

EMAIL: \_\_\_\_\_ (for flag renewal use only)

AMOUNT ENCLOSED: \_\_\_\_\_

STREET ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_

CITY: \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP CODE: \_\_\_\_\_

HOME PHONE # \_\_\_\_\_

CELL PHONE #: \_\_\_\_\_

SIGNATURE: \_\_\_\_\_

√ **Note: Checks are payable to Boy Scout Troop 1116.**

√ **Mail to: Boy Scout Troop 1116, 12814 Waybridge St., Sugar Land, TX 77478**

### **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 07/31/11 98.85% collected with \$197,623.39 total assets.

### **TOP 4 DEED RESTRICTIONS:**

1. Lawn maintenance
2. Fences
3. Mildew
4. Miscellaneous items stored in public view

# BEAT THE HEAT

Fort Bend ISD follows its Heat Precautions Guidelines to help students be safe during extreme heat conditions. The manual, some tips for parents, and safety precautions from

the Fort Bend County Health & Human Services are posted on the District's website at:  
<http://www.fortbend.k12.tx.us/Heat%20guidelines.pdf>.

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## SCHOOL NEWS

2. The student took the course in summer school which constitutes a change.

**March 9, 2012** - Last day to change a level and/or drop a course for a study hall, off campus (12th grade only) or office aide (11th and 12th grade only). Full year courses can only be dropped during the 1st semester.

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

### Sugar Land Middle School

Web site:

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

Phone #: 281-634-3080

### **Lunch Pre-payment**

During the school year, the Sugar Land Middle School cafeteria will be accepting lunch account payments before school from 8:00 -9:00 a.m. The school asks that students deposit money into their accounts at this time instead of during lunches to allow for lunch lines to run more efficiently. Thank you for your cooperation.

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

### Sugar Mill Elementary

Web site:

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

Phone #: 281-634-4440

9/13 – Parent orientation 6:30-7:30 PM

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

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## LIFE INSURANCE & INVESTMENTS

By Vijay Kane.

September is Life Insurance Awareness Month. Let's take an educational approach in understanding Life Insurance options. There are two main types of Life Insurance: 1) TERM 2) CASH VALUE INSURANCE.

1) Insurance company offers fixed Face Amount or Death Benefit (e.g. \$500,000) to the insured person for a periodic premium which is guaranteed to remain fixed for a certain term (e.g. 10, 15, 20, 25, or 30 years). The amount of premium is based on a person's age, gender, health condition, smoking status, etc. Premium for a long term policy (e.g. 30 years) will be higher than a short term policy (e.g. 10 years). If the policy has to be renewed beyond the duration of the term, the premium will increase significantly. Term policies offer the maximum protection for the least amount of premium compared to Cash Value policies. For young families with small children, a 20 to 30 year term policy can be quite adequate and affordable. Another type of term plan is called ROP TERM (Return of Premium Term). The premium is higher and it offers a full return of all premium paid at

the end of the term.

2) Cash Value policies have several types: Whole Life, Universal Life, Variable Life, etc. Premiums could be several times higher than a Term policy with the same Death Benefit. These policies have a savings plan bundled with Life Insurance. The value of this savings account is called "Cash Value" which grows with time. Policyholders have a privilege to borrow from this Cash Value if necessary. The savings portion in Variable Life policies is invested in the stock market and managed by investment management companies. Due to the stock market gyrations, Variable policyholders have been very disappointed with their policies.

For people in their thirties and forties, the ROP term can be a great compromise between cost and coverage, and they get their entire premium back at the end of the term.

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.

## GULF COAST READS

Fort Bend County Libraries invites the public to join in the "Gulf Coast Reads: On the Same Page" reading program, a community-wide reading project encouraging communities to read and discuss a particular book. The "Gulf Coast Reads" reading initiative will take place throughout the month of September. The 2011 selection for "Gulf Coast Reads" is One Amazing Thing, a novel written by Sugar Land author Chitra Banerjee Divakaruni.

The "Gulf Coast Reads: On the Same Page" program is a collaborative reading initiative coordinated by Fort Bend County Libraries, the Harris County Public Library System, the Brazoria County Library System, the Montgomery County Memorial Library System, the Houston Public Library, and other library

and educational institutions, museums, and bookstores. This "one book, one community" reading event is designed to encourage reading and discussion of the same book at the same time, provoking dialogue among co-workers, friends, families, and classrooms.

Book discussions on One Amazing Thing will take place at different locations throughout the library system on various dates and times throughout the months of September and October. Call the library's Public Information Office at 281-341-2677, or check the library's webpage – [www.fortbend.lib.tx.us](http://www.fortbend.lib.tx.us) – for the schedule of programs, which are free and open to the public.

# FALL LAWN TIPS

As the scorching summer heat draws to an end, it is a great time to plan for fall lawn care. Your grass has been a real trooper, surviving wicked temperatures, a ceaseless parade of barbecues, rough play, and the other rites of summertime lawn brutality. Now, more than ever, it is time to administer first aid, fertilizer, and broadleaf weed killers.

It is a common misconception that once summer is over, your lawn will not need food for growth until spring. The truth is, if you feed your lawn before the chill of winter, you will be surprised at the vibrant condition of your grass come next spring. Many people split fall lawn feedings into two fertilizer sessions: one in early fall and the other just before the first cold snap.

### Tips for Successful Fall Lawn Care

Why would you fertilize grass for the winter? Lawns experience significant underground root growth through the colder months. It may not look busy topside -- or at all, if you get snow -- but your lawn is busy below the surface. Consider fertilizers high in nitrogen and potassium for fall feeding. If you are confused, contact your local lawn service or home improvement store.

### Fall Watering Needs

When temperatures start to cool, don't

think for a moment that your lawn will not need watering. It needs water to saturate the fertilizer and foster root propagation. Continue aerating and watering your lawn if the fall does not bring regular rainfall to your area. If you plan on using broadleaf weed killer, give it ample time to drop those bandits before temperatures descend below 50 degrees.



Fall is also a good time to invest in a garden rake. If you let dead leaves bury your lawn, they will cut off vital sunlight at the precise moment that fertilizer is heading down into the root system to stimulate growth. Some people prefer mulching the leaves to add nutritional soil value as the lawn recuperates from summer wear and tear.

Follow these fall lawn care tips and you can have a healthy, green lawn come springtime.

<http://www.allaboutlawns.com/lawn-maintenance-care/seasonal-lawn-care/important-fall-lawn-care-tips.php>

# 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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## STAYING WELL

# 23:

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## SCHOOL NEWS

### Barrington Place Elementary

Web site:

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

Phone #: 281-634-4040

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

### **Important bus transportation**

**information** - Approximately 36,000 Fort Bend ISD students ride the District's school buses to and from school each day. The Transportation Department recently converted the bus routing software to a new system and the new transportation schedules are now available on the District's website at [www.fortbendisd.com](http://www.fortbendisd.com). Just go to "Quick Links" and click on "School Zone and Bus Route Locator" to access the 2011-2012 bus schedules, or go directly to the Transportation Department website at: [www.fortbendisd.com/transportation](http://www.fortbendisd.com/transportation).

### **Transportation guidelines approved by Board in Summer 2010**

- Over the summer, new students were added to the bus routes and some of the bus stop locations have changed. The transportation guidelines approved by the Board in the summer of 2010 for bus stop locations have not changed. Elementary students may walk up to 1,000 feet, and middle and high school students may walk up to one-half mile to a bus stop. This is the same process used last year, in the 2010-2011 school year.

## YARD OF THE MONTH WINNERS!

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



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14118 Millglen



Section II  
14103 Laurelstone



Section III  
14003 Imperial Canyon



Section IV  
14206 Valley Bend Ct.



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14231 Siver Glade



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