

SUMMER 2018

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NOTICE Board Meetings

Glen Laurel's monthly Board Meetings will now generally be held on the 1st Wednesday of the month at 7:00pm at the Woodbridge Club House.

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A NOTE FROM THE GLEN LAUREL HOA BOARD

The HOA Board continues to look for ways to improve and enhance the amenities that we as Glen Laurel residents enjoy. As many have been aware, Winter took a toll on several areas where vines grow on our Reserve fences. The HOA landscaper has been in the process of trimming vines during mowing events, but it was discovered that we didn't have a specific budget in place to routinely maintain the vines on the Reserve fences. Board members approved a plan to trim vines on a monthly basis through the remainder of the year and have plans to add the necessary budget for future years to come.

Repairs to HOA fences, monuments and landscaping are always high priorities to the current HOA Board members. As we discover repairs that are necessary, we routinely schedule for these to occur. We continue to work with the City and the Burney Road MUD on maintaining contiguous properties as well.

Two new fountains were approved for installation in MUD amenity Lakes A and B at the Mud Board's recent June meeting. The Mud Board and the HOA have completed the execution of an amended maintenance agreement to add the additional fountains and we are now in the process of scheduling their installations.

It was noted that the after-school party at the Glen Laurel pool was a huge success. Having the extra recently installed seating at the pool was very helpful. Some additional seating is being considered as well for 2019. See the pool party pictures on page 2.

Let's all continue to work toward replacing all of our old interior fences with new updated fencing. This helps hold property values and improve the looks of our neighborhood. The new fences look great for those who have had them installed. Note: Cedar fencing is required to any visible street wood fencing and although recommended for all fencing needs, can be replaced with treated wood fencing on side or rear fence installations that are not visible to the public.

The HOA Board continues to work to save funds to replenish monies to our reserve accounts and will continue this trend in 2018. While we are still several years from having the amount of reserve that is recommended to protect the Glen Laurel assets, the HOA Board is happy with the progress that has been made in the last several years and we hope our residents feel their investments are being protected.

The HOA Board continues to solicit any input from our residents on any concerns, comments or ideas that will continue to improve Glen Laurel as one of Sugar Land's desired neighborhood to live in. Please contact the HOA Board at bernita@sterlingasi.com.

As always, for any resident who has not joined our email list for bulk email notifications, please send an email to: info@preparedpublications.com.

Glen Laurel HOA Board

EVERYONE HAD A GREAT TIME AT THE POOL PARTY!

SPLISH,
SPLASH!



FUN
TIMES!



BE SURE TO JOIN THE FUN AT THE NEXT COMMUNITY EVENT!

PREPARING FOR NATIONAL NIGHT OUT IN GLEN LAUREL

Summer is in full swing and families, while trying to stay cool, are determined to make it the best one yet. For many, this means days at the pool, backyard BBQs and neighborhood block parties to celebrate the season. It also means the annual National Night Out, a national tradition of bringing the community together in an effort to raise awareness and create safer neighborhoods, is just around the corner.

The Annual National Night Out will be held this year on October 2nd. Across the state, homeowners associations will join together with their local police and fire departments, businesses, neighborhood organizations and civic groups to heighten crime prevention awareness and to send a message to criminals that neighborhoods are organized and fighting back.

The first NNO event took place in 1984 with only 400 communities participating across the nation. Today's NNO activities have expanded to include more than 37 million people and 15,000 communities. Neighbors celebrate with block parties, cookouts and visits from local police and fire departments. Having An NNO event shows that the neighborhood is active, involved and working together to create a safe, engaging community experience not for just one night, but year round.

It's a wonderful opportunity for communities nationwide to promote police-community partnerships, crime prevention, and neighborhood camaraderie. While the one night is certainly not an answer to crime, drugs and violence, National Night Out represents the kind of spirit, energy and determination to help make neighborhoods a safer place year round. The night celebrates safety and crime prevention successes and works to expand and strengthen programs for the next 364 days.

Communities that have participated in NNO in the past, or those who may be interested in participating, can register online at www.natw.org. Once registered, the community will receive a free NNO organizational kit with everything they need to know to plan for NNO. Registration also helps the National Association of Town Watch (NATW) organize and communicate with participating communities and their NNO coordinators.

NATW is a nonprofit membership organization dedicated to the development and promotion of organized crime prevention activities and to the groups and the individuals participating in local crime watch. For more details, visit www.natw.org.

Having a block party is the major source getting the neighbors together on NNO. Many times an entire neighborhood turns out for BBQ, hamburgers, hot dogs, watermelon, and dessert feasts. Activities often include bounce houses, basketball games, face painting, and door prize drawings. The method of hosting the activities and social gatherings are decided by each individual neighborhood.

If you would like to plan a NNO block party, start on the NNO website at natw.org. There you will find information and resources you'll need to plan a National Night Out event in the community.

Come join the fun, meet your neighbors and be a part of this great community event.

SIGN-UP FOR EMAIL NOTIFICATIONS

Please check the Glen Laurel website to get important information and sign up to provide your email address if you would like to have alerts emailed to you. Visit www.glenlaurel.net and click on the tab labeled "Email Sign-Up" to receive the notifications. Signing up for email notifications will also allow you to access the Resident Only section of the website.



AROUND TOWN

Music in the Plaza Ft. Southern County Line Saturday, September 1 @ 7:30 pm - 9:30 pm at the Sugar Land Town Square. Named the 2018 CMA of Texas Band Of The Year and made up of members of the former high energy, dynamic, crowd pleasing Chris Brade Band, Southern County Line has become one of the premier country music acts in the Houston area. They are also the band that backs the popular Tribute to George Strait Show featuring Derek Spence, so pack up your lawn chairs and head to the Plaza for a night of great tunes!

Toddler Music with Sessions Music Thursday, September 6 @ 9:30 am - 10:15 am at the Sugar Land Town Square. Sing, sway, laugh and play! Join us for a FREE class on the Plaza with Sessions Music. Immerse your child in a musical atmosphere of play, song and dance, all while he or she develops fundamental skills, and connect with other moms, dads and families. This class is recommended for ages newborn through 7 years.

Giving Spirits Concert benefiting AADA Friday, September 7 @ 7:30 pm - 9:30 pm at the Sugar Land Town Square. Come out to enjoy live Latin/Jazz arrangements from The Pete Simple Band, featuring classics from one of Houston's premier songwriters and entertainers. Plus, kick off Domestic Violence Awareness Month & learn more about the local non-profit, Asians Against Domestic Abuse (AADA).

ARCHITECTURAL REVIEW PROCESS AND DEED RESTRICTION INSPECTIONS

We would like to remind everyone that if you are planning on major work that will affect the outside appearance of your home, you must complete and submit an ACC request which is found on the Glen Laurel website (www.glenlaurel.net) under Guidelines, ACC, & Forms. Under the Important Forms heading you will find a link titled ACC application. Download, complete and fax your request to Sterling ASI. The form can also be mailed as indicated on the form. The Board will review and approve or decline your request, usually within 5 to 7 days. When you receive our written approval, you may proceed with construction.

You will be given a detailed explanation if we are unable to approve your request. Please understand that you are legally prohibited from constructing anything that you have been advised has been disapproved.

PLEASE DO NOT START WORK UNTIL you have received an approval notice from the Board. Failure to receive approval for the improvement and/or change may result in you having to remove, alter or change the improvement in order to comply with the rules and regulations of the Association. All pool installations will required a \$1,000.00 deposit made out to the Association.

Sterling is on the property weekly to review entrances, homes and common areas. The property is driven every 14-20 days for violations. Friendly letters are sent to homeowners to bring their property into compliance. The property is reviewed again on the next drive. If the violation still exists the homeowner is sent another letter to bring the property into compliance within 10 days. Please do not ignore these letters. If you have questions, please call Bernita with Sterling ASI at 832-678-4500.

Reminder from the HOA.....Interior fences are at the age where they need to be replaced. The exterior fencing was of the same age as our interior fences and it sure has made a difference to the appearance of our neighborhood having newer and upgraded exterior fencing. It's important to our neighborhood home values that interior fences are kept to standards and adds credibility to the neighborhood that Glen Laurel is a community that cares about home values and appearances. The HOA has done it's part replacing exterior fences and now let's all do our part as Glen Laurel residents to replace interior fencing next to our beautiful homes as well.

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HOW DO I ACCESS MY STERLING ASI ACCOUNT?

To check your Sterling ASI account please go to:
www.sterlingasi.net

SUMMER LAWN & GARDEN TIPS:

Below are some tips and procedures that can assist any homeowner in making their lawn and garden healthy throughout the hot summer season:

1. Feeding in the early summer helps strengthen the lawn so it can better withstand heat and drought conditions that commonly occur during the summer.
2. Taller blades help grass develop deeper roots that are better at seeking out water underground. Tall grass also helps to shade soil and cool it, which means you'll need to water less.
3. Continue to mow high all summer.
4. When you mow, leave the grass clippings in the lawn. They will break down and help to feed your lawn.
5. Keep feeding your lawn every six to eight weeks.
6. Sharpen your mower blade. A dull blade tears grass, creating a ragged edge that loses moisture more readily than a clean cut.

Keep an eye on lawns to spot problems early and treat accordingly. Insects such as chinch bugs (treat with EcoSmart granules or diatomaceous earth) and fungi such as grey leaf spot (treat with Actino-Iron) are two things to watch out for.



Hummingbirds are here!! Migrating hummingbirds can be found at your feeders and natural nectar sources. Keeping feeders clean, filled and in a shady area will encourage visitors. Natural nectar sources for hummingbirds include Turk's cap, Hamelia, shrimp plant, Firespike, Salvia, Lobelia (cardinal flower), Pride of Barbados, Anisacanthus, and cigar plants. These are all hummer magnets.

Seeds to plant now include cucumbers, calendula, snapdragon and alyssum. Plan for the fall vegetable garden and choose seeds for planting next month.

For preparing fall gardens, top dress with 2-4" of organic matter: compost like Ladybug Revitalizer and The Ground Up Vegan Compost are great choices. A layer of pine straw will keep weeds at bay until seeds or transplants have been placed.

Use seaweed spray such as Microlife Seaweed to boost the immune system of plants. A healthy plant is more resistant to insect infestations and fungal problems. A spray-down every two weeks that covers the entire surface of all leaves will do the job.

Here's to a great lawn and garden, all Summer long!

IMPORTANT NUMBERS

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| 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:

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| 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 |
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Misc:

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| 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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PRE AND POST STORM TIPS

CenterPoint Energy urges customers to follow important pre- and post-storm electric safety tips.

- Stay away from downed power lines. Be especially mindful of downed lines that could be hidden in flood waters and treat all downed lines as if they are energized.
- If you experience flooding and water has risen above the electrical outlets in your home, contact a licensed electrician before turning on the main circuit breaker or trying to restore power.
- All electrical appliances and electronic equipment that have been submerged in water need to dry thoroughly for at least one week. Then, have them checked by a qualified repair person before turning them on. Attempting to repair a flood-damaged appliance could result in electrical shock or death. Attempting to restart it could result in further damage and costly repairs.
- If the outside unit of an air conditioning system has been under water, mud and water may have accumulated in the controls. Have the unit checked by a qualified air conditioning technician.

National Drug Prescription Drug Take Back Day

DID YOU KNOW?

The National Prescription Drug Take Back Day is on October 27, 2018 from 10am to 2pm.

This program aims to provide a safe, convenient and responsible means of disposing of prescription drugs, while also educating the general public about the potential for abuse of medication.

Help keep our neighborhood drinking water safe! For information visit: www.deadiversion.usdoj.gov/drug_disposal/takeback/

AVOID SKIMMERS AT THE PUMP

Skimmers are illegal card readers attached to payment terminals — like gas pumps — that grab data off a credit or debit card's magnetic stripe without your knowledge. Criminals sell the stolen data or use it to buy things online. You won't know your information has been stolen until you get your statement or an overdraft notice. Skimmers are nothing new, but technology has made them smaller and harder to find. There are two types of skimmers — internal and external. For external skimmers, take a good look at the card reader. Does it look different than other readers at the station? For example, look at the card reader photo below. The one on the right has a skimmer attached; the reader on the left doesn't. External skimmers are installed over an existing keypad or card reader. There are some tell-tale signs that an external skimmer has been installed:

- Check to see if the keypad is raised by running your fingernail along the edge. A skimmer is also likely to be loosely installed and will wiggle.
- Also look at the weathering of the keypad. Most fuel dispensers get weathered because of the elements and a new keypad on a weathered dispenser should be a warning sign.
- Check the top right front of the machine for tiny keyhole cameras that are recording your debit pin numbers as you enter them onto the keypad.

Internal skimmer devices are installed by opening the dispenser door and inserting a skimmer. Look to see if the dispenser door appears to have been forced open. In some cases, the door does not align properly or has unusual scraping or wear around the edges. If you suspect the machine has been tampered with, alert the attendant, and if one is not available, call the police. Make sure the gas pump panel is closed and doesn't show signs of tampering. Many stations now put security seals over the cabinet panel. This is part of a voluntary program by the industry to thwart gas pump tampering. If the pump panel is opened, the label will read "void," which means the machine has been tampered with, or the Security Seal will be broken. Be safe and be on the lookout for this scam!



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WATER USE TIPS:

Residents want their communities to be sustainable. However, to achieve sustainability and long-term viability, it's important that residents work together to implement successful water conservation practices. Water efficiency and conservation contributes to reduced subsidence, which aids efforts to reduce flooding, and helps improve the health for our aquifers and rivers, which will provide adequate sources of drinking water for future generations.

Additionally, water efficiency results in less runoff into lakes and rivers and less energy used in the provision and treatment of water, which increases the opportunity to create a sustainable environment now and for the future. Most people don't realize the complexity of the distribution of quality drinking water and the collection and treatment of sewage and may not be aware that water and wastewater facilities represent one of the largest electrical consumers within the community. Thus, each of us has a responsibility to use less water to ensure adequate water supplies for the future and to reduce overall energy consumption.

Do Your Part to Keep Our Water Clean

1. Use fewer and better pesticides and fertilizers to avoid chemical runoff to our waterways.
2. Water Wisely. Watering too heavily or too often weakens your lawn and causes erosion and runoff pollution.
3. Using less toxic cleaning products can reduce pollutants in both the air and water, and help improve the air quality in your house.