

SUGARLAND RUN



JANUARY 2018
NEWS

SUGARLAND RUN HOMEOWNERS ASSOCIATION

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WHAT'S HAPPENING

RESIDENT SURVEY: If you have not submitted your resident survey, please do so by January 31, 2018. Your input is very important to the Board of Directors. Please visit www.srhoa.com for a link to the survey. We would like to hear from you!

CAC: As you all know Donna McKernin has been the CAC chairperson for many years now. It is with a heavy heart that we inform you that she will be stepping down. We would like to extend our gratitude to Donna for the all the hard work that made all the CAC events possible.

The Sugarland Run Board of Directors is looking for an individual or a group of individuals to continue the CAC events in the upcoming year. If you or someone you know is interested in this position please contact the office at 703.430.4500 for more information.

MONTHLY ASSESSMENT INCREASES: The 2018 assessments have increased. The Sugarland Run Homeowners Association has increased to \$67.76 monthly. Hunington Ridge Assessment is \$33.87. The Sugarland Run Townhouse Owners Association assessment has increased to \$59.23. If you are set up for automatic debit there is no need to update. We will adjust your monthly assessment withdrawn for your account as needed. Please remember that all payments can be mailed or dropped off at the onsite office.

OFFICE CLOSURES: Please note that the Sugarland Run Office will be closed January 1, 2018 in observance of the New Year.

GARAGE: The SRHOA Board of Directors approved to construct a new maintenance garage located at 200 Greenfield Court. The garage is now completed! Please feel free to stop and take a look

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NOTICE



Do you know who to call about Snow Removal?

The Sugarland Run Homeowners Association streets are county maintained streets. What does this mean? It means if you have a question and/or concern regarding snow removal you will need to contact the Virginia Department of Transportation (VDOT) at (800) 367-7623.



COMMUNITY CONTACTS

Sugarland Run HOA/THOA

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SRHOA Board of Directors

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Meets 1st & 3rd Wed at 6:30 pm
Raed Muslimani, President
Karl Acorda, Vice President
Kevin McKernin, Secretary
Rebecca Thomas, Treasurer
Arnaldo Irizarry
Jorge Frapiccini
Diane Bayless
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SRTHOA Board of Directors

thoa_board@srhoa.com
Meets 2nd Wed at 7:00 pm
Patrick Noto, President
Marie Thomen, Secretary
Marit Hughes, Vice President
Ken Brennan

Architectural Review

Committee (ARC)

arc@srhoa.com
Meets 2nd Tues at 7:30 pm
Alicia Winterbottom, Chair
Brenda Hansen
Rob Best

Community Activities

Committee (CAC)

srhoacac@gmail.com
Meets last Tues at 6:30 pm
Donna McKernin, Chair

Sugarland Square Association

Patriot Properties
571-291-2165
Jake Kelly, Manager

Hunington Ridge I

TWC Management
703-437-5800
Sarah Helander, Manager

Hunington Ridge II

GHA Community Management
703-752-8300

Hunington Ridge III

GHA Community Management
703-752-8300

Emergency

911

Sheriff's Office Non-Emergency

703-777-1021

Loudoun County Animal Control

703-777-0406

Battlefield Towing (THOA)

703-430-9007

American Disposal (THOA)

703-368-0500

VDOT Service Request

800-367-7623

IMPORTANT INFORMATION

ARCHITECTURAL CHANGES

All Exterior Modifications need to be approved by the ARC. Applications are available on the website or at the office.

BOARD MEETINGS

All Board Meetings are open to all residents.
1st HOA Meeting at the Community Center.
2nd HOA Meeting at the Office Building.
THOA Meeting at the Community Center.

TOWNHOUSE SERVICES

Trash removal Monday and Thursday.
Snow Removal
Common ground care

HOA MONTHLY ASSESMENTS

Single Family-\$64.53
Townhouse-\$64.53
Hunington Ridge-\$32.26
Sugarland Square-\$64.53
THOA Monthly Assessment-\$56.40



Forms, Meeting Minutes, Guidelines and More Information
Available at the Community Office and
www.srhoa.com



DIRECTORS' CORNER

Hello Neighbors

Happy New Year!

There were no new motions voted on at the December Board of Directors meeting, only discussions of possible new an ongoing agenda items. We are looking to upgrade and replace much of the playground equipment at the big playground next to the office. The Board is looking for community input for the types of equipment you would like to see in the playground.

Also at the December meeting, we discussed various ways to increase community engagement and communications, whether through the web, email, or smart-phone app. Look for more on this throughout 2018.

December saw two fun events, the Ugly Holiday Sweater party for the adults and one of our favorite events, the annual Breakfast with Sant Claus. The board wishes to express their gratitude to all of the Community Activities Committee (CAC) volunteers who helped make these events a success.

Speaking of the CAC, the Board of Directors is looking for a volunteer to take over the direction of the Community Activities Committee. After over twenty years of service to the community, Donna McKernin has resigned her position of CAC Director. We have a great cadre of regular volunteers, but so far, no single person has stepped up to the position. If you would like to help ensure that the activities and events that we have all enjoyed so much over the years will continue, please contact the Board of Directors.

In anticipation of the coming winter weather please remember that all streets within Sugarland Run are the responsibility of the Virginia Dept. of Transportation. VDOT reports that they do not plow or sand secondary or side streets until after a storm is done. If your street has not been plowed or sanded within 24 hours of the end of a storm please call them at 703-383-8368. VDOT also maintains an interactive website for snow plowing status at <http://novasnowplowing.virginia.gov/>

If you live in the Townhouse Association. and you are experiencing problems within your parking lot (where there are numbered assigned spaces) please call the THOA office at 703-430-4500.

Finally, if you have not received your 2018 Assessment Coupon Book by January 15, 2018, please call the office at 703-430-4500. The assessments for 2018 have changed from last year. The Board of Directors approved the 2018 budget with an increase in assessments. The residential assessments for 2018 will be at \$67.76 per month for HOA Class A members, and \$33.87 per month for Huntington Ridge residents. Townhouse residents have the additional THOA assessment of \$59.23.

Wishing you a Happy and Prosperous New Year,

Kevin McKernin
Secretary, Sugarland Run HOA Board of Directors



CIVILITY

Recently a story was related to me of an episode that took place in our HOA office. From what I gathered, the homeowner was out of control raising their voice, abusing staff with various names, and generally behaving badly. When I discovered this homeowner was my near neighbor who I did not know well, it made me want to go and talk to them, to perhaps understand their motivation in treating someone merely doing their job so poorly. I will admit their behavior also had the opposite impact of curtailing the relationship to a limited interaction with the lack of respect they displayed.

When Frasier Crane, the stuffy, TV psychiatrist played by Kelsey Grammer, ran afoul of his condo board president, much hilarity ensued. But as condo boards and management staff have to deal with increasing levels of anger—both in their day-to-day exchanges and scheduled meetings—it's not exactly a laughing matter.

This experience led me to think about a greater concern in our society, of which HOAs are merely a microcosm: Where has our civility gone? What has happened to basic decorum? Has the proverbial common courtesy been thrown out with the bath water? As we start the New Year, I ask you to reflect with me.

The Internet has depersonalized our relationships. We email, instant-message and make anonymous comments online. We react quickly and don't censor ourselves. We live in a time when anyone can say anything to and about anybody. The shrillest voices are the ones that get the most attention. We shout our opinions because the media seems to tell us that's the way to be heard. Pundits screaming at one another—this is part of our everyday life. We see this as normal and acceptable. There is a very definite drop in civility.... People feel comfortable being unspeakably rude to total strangers. You see it at the supermarket. You see it on the road. I would like to not see it where I live.

After hearing about this exchange, I found myself, as a board member, spurred to appeal to a better nature in my neighbors next door and in the wider community I call home. I cannot view the acerbic interaction in our association without wondering if the problems could not be resolved by taking a step back and a deep breath. Particularly at this time when we are all starting a new year and just finished a season of well tidings.

The law, in its imperfect and rudimentary way, attempts to foster some level of civility and courtesy in HOAs. Some examples of "legal civility" include requirements that notice be given of meetings to allow everyone to be heard, opportunities for hearings or reparations of a violation before a fine may be levied, and open communication of the Association expectations.

In moments of frustration, sometimes weeks and months in the making, HOA board members and owners all too frequently say and do things that are regretted during quiet reflection later on. As an association, we prefer not to revert to the law to maintain civility, but instead we work to inform homeowners of issues either observed by our staff, reported by residents or referred to staff by the boards. I would ask that the actions of our staff be viewed as they are, the actions of your elected representatives. Feel free to ask the staff questions about resolving the issue, but remember civility, respect, and friendship go a long way toward resolving issues, quieting anger, and solving the practical problems of noise, litter, parking, and pets. These tenets are applicable to interactions with neighbors as well as staff.

There are situations when the effectiveness of civility and courtesy has passed, but in hopes of avoiding fines, misunderstandings, delinquencies, and this type of interaction between our association's owners, board members and staff, we can, as a group employ civility and courtesy to head off problems before regretful scenes take place.

Wishing our Sugarland Run family a happy and healthy New Year full of civility and new friendships.



JANUARY 2018

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1 Office Closed	2	3 HOA Meeting 6:30 pm	4	5	6
7	8	9 ARC Meeting 7:30 pm	10 THOA Meeting 7:00 pm	11	12	13
14	15	16	17 HOA Meeting 6:30 pm	18	19	20
21	22	23	24	25 CAC Meeting 7:30 pm	26	27
28	29	30	31			

FEBRUARY 2018

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1	2	3
4	5	6	7 HOA Meeting 6:30 pm	8	9	10
11	12	13 ARC Meeting 7:30 pm	14 THOA Meeting 7:00 pm	15	16	17
18	19	20	21 HOA Meeting 6:30 pm	22 CAC Meeting 7:30 pm	23	24
25	26	27	28			



APPLICATION FOR ARCHITECTURAL MODIFICATION

HOA Account # _____

THOA Account # _____

For complete information on the Architectural Review Committee and procedures, please refer to the ARC Guidelines and the Declaration of Covenants, Conditions and Restrictions. Please be sure to fill out this form in its entirety, to include any supporting documentation as required by the ARC Guidelines.

NAME: _____ DATE: _____

SINGLE FAMILY: _____ TOWNHOUSE: _____

ADDRESS: _____

PHONE NUMBER: (H) _____ (W) _____

EMAIL: _____

CURRENT SIDING COLOR: _____ CURRENT ROOF COLOR: _____

CURRENT TRIM COLOR: _____ CURRENT WINDOW COLOR/MATERIAL: _____

DESCRIPTION OF PROPOSED IMPROVEMENT: _____

Contractor's Name: _____ License #: _____

ESTIMATED START DATE: _____

ESTIMATED END DATE: _____

I agree to comply with the Declaration of Covenants, Conditions and Restrictions, ARC Guidelines and County building codes in making the above improvement(s). Permission is hereby granted for the members of the ARC and appropriate SRHOA staff to enter onto my property to make reasonable inspections of the requested improvement location (s). **I understand that the display of Contractor signs is NOT permitted.**

OWNERS SIGNATURE _____

DATE _____

ARC DECISION

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**COMMUNITY BUILDING RENTALS**

AVAILABILITY	DEPOSIT	RENTAL COST
8:00 a.m. - 12:00 midnight	\$500.00	\$25.00 per hour (Office Building) \$40.00 per hour (Community Center Without Kitchen) \$50.00 per hour (Community Center With Kitchen)

ALL RENTALS REQUIRE A 4-HOUR MINIMUM

COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES COMMITTEE

The Community Activities Committee is looking for a new chairperson to lead the CAC events beginning January 2018. We are looking for an individual who takes pride in Sugarland Run and would like to host several gatherings for the community. Some of the events are Easter Egg Hunt, Adult pool party, Teen Pool Party and Breakfast with Santa. We are also open to new ideas. For more information please feel free to contact the office at 703.430.4500.

Thank you.





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AS A RESULT OF THIS NEWSLETTER 2 TREES HAVE BEEN PLANTED!

The January Gardener

January is a time when gardeners dream of lush green lawns; flower gardens that put forth glorious color throughout the growing season; and large, flavorful fruits and vegetables ripe for the picking, just like those shown in the garden catalogues. And speaking of those catalogues, if you have ever ordered plants or seeds, the catalogues are probably filling your mailbox right now. If not, now is the time to start sending off for a few select ones to inspire your dreams.

Indulge in the dream for a little while, and then start thinking realistically about your garden. How much space do you have? How much sun does the area get? Most vegetables and fruits require at least 6 – 8 hours of bright sun a day, but there are great plants for shade, so put the right plant in the right place. How much time are you willing to devote to gardening? If you had a garden last year, what worked and what did not work? What do you want from your garden? A good garden requires planning, so map out your garden area. Then consider what you want or need before you get too enticed by the catalogues. There are many books and online resources, but these two will get you started with vegetables and flowers: http://pubs.ext.vt.edu/content/dam/pubs_ext_vt_edu/426/426-312/426-312-PDF.pdf; https://pubs.ext.vt.edu/content/dam/pubs_ext_vt_edu/426/426-202/426-202_pdf.pdf

Indoors, you might be wondering what to do with your holiday plants. Poinsettias and many others are grown under very specific conditions often alien to our home environments. Some people recommend tossing them and getting new ones next year. However, many gardeners like the challenge of trying to keep these plants from year to year. To do this you will need to replicate the ideal growing conditions. For specific details on keeping Poinsettias, Christmas cactus, Amaryllis and other specialty plants check out https://pubs.ext.vt.edu/content/dam/pubs_ext_vt_edu/426/426-101/426-101_pdf.pdf.

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