

## FEBRUARY 2020 NEWS

#### **SUGARLAND RUN HOMEOWNERS ASSOCIATION**

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#### WHAT'S HAPPENING

**Common Area Trash**: There has been many reports of homeowners dumping trash in the common areas. This is very costly for the association and we ask that you refrain from dumping. Contact your trash company to dispose of your garbage/large items.

**Loudoun Literacy English Classes:** The Sugarland Run HOA Board of Directors in conjunction with Loudoun Literacy will be holding English classes for those that are interested. Please look in this edition of the newsletter for more information.

Amendment of Documents: The Sugarland Run Homeowners Association Board of Directors is continuing their efforts to make changes to the governing documents. These discussions are held at monthly meetings that are open to all. Please attend a meeting to get more information.

**SRHOA** Broadcasting of Meetings: The Sugarland Run Homeowners Association Board of Directors continues to broadcast their meetings. If you would like to stay informed, please visit www.twitch.com and search SRHOA. This live feed will allow you to be up to date on all business discussed at each meeting. Should you have questions please feel free to contact the office.

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### **NOTICE**

**ARC VACANCY** –The Sugarland Run Architectural Review Committee has a vacancy. If you are interested in volunteering for this position please contact the office at (703) 430-4500. The ARC meets once a month to review applications, hearings, extension request and other homeowner inquiries.



#### **COMMUNITY CONTACTS**

#### **Sugarland Run HOA/THOA Community Manager**

Gabriela Garza, CMCA®, AMS® Sequoia Management Co., Inc. manager@srhoa.com 703-430-4500 (phone) 703-430-4501 (fax)

#### **SRHOA Board of Directors**

srhoa board@srhoa.com Meets 1st & 3rd Wed at 6:30 pm Raed Muslimani, President Karl Acorda, Vice President Marc Raphael Jorge Frapiccini Diane Bayless Jimmy O'Connor Sonia Ballinger Glenys Wright **Dave Webster** 

#### **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 Ellen Piacente

#### **Architectural Review** Committee (ARC)

arc@srhoa.com Meets 2nd Tues at 7:30 pm Misty Young Glen Bayless

#### **Community Activities** Committee (CAC)

cac@srhoa.com Meets 4th Tues at 7:00 pm

#### **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)**

703-378-0059

#### **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 Community Center. THOA Meeting at the Community Center.

#### **TOWNHOUSE SERVICES**

Trash removal Monday and Thursday. Snow Removal Common ground care

#### HOA MONTHLY ASSESMENTS

Single Family-\$74.71 Townhouse-\$74.71 Hunington Ridge-\$37.34 Sugarland Square-\$74.71

**THOA Monthly Assessment-\$65.31** 

CAC meets the 4th Tuesday of every month at 7:00 pm

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

#### **DIRECTORS' CORNER**

## Hello Neighbors

The January meeting of the Board of Directors will take place after the deadline for this newsletter, so I will use this edition to recap 2019 and take a general look ahead at what the Board hopes to achieve in 2020.

2019 was my first year as a Board member, and I have learned a lot about what it takes to make our community work. It takes a lot! A lot of time, a lot of effort, and a lot of money. All Board members are, of course, residents of this community as well and we all want to do the most we can, with the skills that we have, to get the most bang for your, and our own, buck.

The major projects tackled in 2019 were:

- 1. Street light replacement on Willow, Sugarland Square, N Midland, Farmington Lane/Terrace/Court, \$230,500, by CMI Company
- 2. Repair of 2,950 square yards of trails, \$195,500, by Finley Asphalt and Concrete
- 3. Tree removal throughout the community, \$138,000, by Premier Landscaping

Several unexpected projects arose during 2019 including repairs to the pool filtration system, replacement of the pond fountain and repairs to the HVAC system at the community center.

These projects are undertaken to keep the assets of the community maintained and functioning so that they can continue to be enjoyed by all residents. Looking ahead to 2020 the Board hopes to continue some of the multi-year projects - streetlight replacement and tree removal/clearing old debris throughout the common areas. Some of the other projects under consideration will be the replacement of flooring in the Community Center, replacement of the pool filtration and pump systems, replacement of siding/trim/gutters on the HOA office building – all of which are approaching, or have passed, the end of their functionality.

I would like to end by encouraging every resident to come to a Board meeting sometime this year. Together we can make our community an even better place to live.

Glenys Wright Vice President, Sugarland Run HOA Board of Directors

## LANGUAGE CLASSES

#### FREE ADULT ENGLISH LANGUAGE CLASS

Loudoun Literacy Council will be offering a FREE beginner English class in Sugarland Run this fall. The class will be held at the Sugarland Run Community Center (office building) on Mondays from 7pm to 8:45pm starting April 20th and running for 9 weeks. The free ADULT class is open to Sugarland Run residents, with a maximum of 10 participants. Registration is on a first comefirst served basis and can be made by calling the Loudoun Literacy Council at 703-777-2205 or by email to loudounliteracy@gmail.com using "SRHOA Class" in the subject line. The class, including all books and materials, is provided free of charge as part of a pilot program and agreement between Loudoun Literacy Council and the Sugarland Run Homeowners Association.

Founded in 1980, Loudoun Literacy Council is the oldest community-based literacy organization in Loudoun County. Its mission is to teach English communication skills and provide literacy resources to empower residents to become self-sufficient and confident in their ability to achieve their personal and professional goals.

#### CLASE DE INGLÉS PARA ADULTOS GRATIS

El Consejo de Alfabetización de Loudoun ofrecerá una clase de inglés para principiantes GRATIS en Sugarland Run este otoño. La clase se llevará a cabo en el Centro Comunitario Sugarland Run (edificio de oficinas) los lunes de 7 pm a 8:45 pm a partir del 20 de abril y se extenderá por 9 semanas. La clase gratuita para ADULTOS está abierta a los residentes de Sugarland Run, con un máximo de 10 participantes. La inscripción se realiza por orden de llegada y se puede hacer llamando al Loudoun Literacy Council al 703-777-2205 o por correo electrónico a loudounliteracy@gmail.com usando "Clase de SRHOA" en la línea de asunto. La clase, que incluye todos los libros y materiales, se ofrece de forma gratuita como parte de un programa piloto y un acuerdo entre el Consejo de Alfabetización de Loudoun y la Asociación de Propietarios de Viviendas Sugarland Run.

Fundado en 1980, el Loudoun Literacy Council es la organización de alfabetización basada en la comunidad más antigua del condado de Loudoun. Su misión es enseñar habilidades de comunicación en inglés y proporcionar recursos de alfabetización para que los residentes puedan ser autosuficientes y seguros de su capacidad para alcanzar sus objetivos personales y profesionales.



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## **APPLICATION FOR ARCHITECTURAL IMPROVEMENT**

| THOA Account #  |  |  |  |  |  |
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| Review Committee and procedures, please refer to the ARC Guidelines and the trictions. Please be sure to fill out this form in its entirety, to include any supporting lines. |  |  |  |  |  |
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| CURRENT WINDOW COLOR/MATERIAL:  |  |  |  |  |  |
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| enants, Conditions and Restrictions, ARC Guidelines and County building codes in it is hereby granted for the members of the ARC and appropriate SRHOA staff to enter         |  |  |  |  |  |
| ons of the requested improvement location (s). I understand that the display of   |  |  |  |  |  |
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| 2      | 3      | 4                            | 5<br>HOA Meeting<br>6:30 pm | 6        | 7      | 8        |
| 9      | 10     | ARC Meeting<br>7:30 pm       | THOA Meeting<br>7:00 pm     | 13       | 14     | 15       |
| 16     | 17     | 18                           | HOA Meeting<br>6:30 pm      | 20       | 21     | 22       |
| 23     | 24     | 25<br>CAC Meeting<br>7:00 pm | 26                          | 27       | 28     | 29       |

# **MARCH 2020**

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



### **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







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PRINTED ON RECYCLED PAPER USING SOY-BASED INK. As a Result of This Newsletter 2 Trees Have Been Planted!

## **Checking Your Seed Inventory** by Diane Bayless

The seed catalogs seemed to arrive earlier this year, some showing up before Christmas. I have already marked more seeds that I want to try than my garden will hold. But I have decided that this year, before I order anything, I am going to do a thorough inventory of the seeds I already have. Since I often plant only a few seeds from a packet, I have quite a collection of old seeds. The question is, are they still good for planting? For vegetables, you can check out the chart on page two of this Virginia Tech publication (https://www.pubs.ext.vt.edu/content/dam/pubs\_ext\_vt\_ edu/426/426-316/426-316\_pdf.pdf) for the average number of years that various vegetable seeds may be saved.

The chart, however, assumes the seeds have been kept in ideal conditions, meaning a cool, dark, dry location and my old seeds have not always been kept in those conditions. So, for a more accurate test to see if my seeds are still good, I will test a sample from each package. This is a fairly easy project, requiring the seeds, water, paper towels, zip-close plastic bags and a permanent marker. For each variety, place 10 seeds on a wet paper towel, fold the towel over to completely cover the seeds, place in a plastic bag zipped mostly closed and write the variety and date on the bag. While children can help, place the bags out of reach of small children and curious pets who might try to eat the seeds. Check the seeds every few days to be sure the towel remains damp. After 7-10 days (unless packet says germination is longer), count how many seeds have germinated, or started to grow. If 6 of the 10 seeds have germinated, the germination rate is 60% which is good and means you can use those seeds. If only a few have started to grow, the seed can still be used but will have to be planted more heavily since fewer plants will grow.

The seeds that have germinated can be very gently transferred to a small container with a seed starting mixture and placed in a sunny window or under grow lights so children can watch the seedling continue to grow. It might be possible to transplant these into the garden when the weather is right for that type of plant, but some varieties are better planted directly in the garden as seeds, not transplants. The publication listed above give additional information on this.