

SUGARLAND RUN



MARCH 2022 NEWS

SUGARLAND RUN HOMEOWNERS ASSOCIATION

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WHAT'S HAPPENING

Join the THOA Board! The Sugarland Run Townhouse Owners Association is looking for volunteers to serve on the board. The THOA is short one Board member and will have more spots opening soon. Please consider volunteering to help improve the THOA community and Sugarland as a whole. Total time commitment is 1-4 hours per month, with a monthly meeting. If you have questions about what is involved in serving on the THOA Board, please contact the property manager, Gabriela Garza at manager@srhoa.com or email the THOA Board at THOA_Board@srhoa.com.

Aligning with the ARC. The written letter, somewhat of a lost form of communication, but words do matter. The Board and the ARC understand that there have been some questions about notices that have been sent. All want to continue to live in a nice community and we support owners in their endeavors to handle home improvements. It is not known, when a trailer or dumpster shows up on an owner's lot or driveway, that improvements may be underway. Trailers are not a normal item to have on an owner's lot, according to the ARC Guidelines. Dumpsters take some coordination via an ARC application. The ARC Guidelines were last published in 2016 and updates are being considered.

I know several have received notices about Holiday lights. If the pandemic taught us one thing, it's that there are occasions when decorative lights are festive and a welcome change to express ourselves. Understanding that there are many Holidays celebrated around the world, I don't foresee that the lights will be an issue unless they are in disrepair or happen to be a nuisance. I trust that residents can sort out their differences amongst themselves in the latter case.

That being said, decorations that say, for example, "Merry Christmas," "Happy Hanukkah," "Noel" or "Seasons Greetings" should probably not be up very long after we ring in each New Year, but you have 30 days beyond the celebrated Holiday to take down your decorations when it is convenient. Lighting in the shape of snowflakes or snowmen, for instance, are not necessarily holiday-oriented, but seasonal. Use your judgment. Meanwhile, "Happy Snowflake season!"

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ANNUAL ARC INSPECTION

The ARC annual inspection of each property April/May 2022. Please refer to the inside of this edition for more information to prepare your property for inspection. Any questions please contact the office at 703-430-4500.





COMMUNITY CONTACTS

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Architectural Review

Committee (ARC)

arc@srhoa.com
Meets 2nd Tues at 7:30 pm
Misty Young
Dawn Cardinal
John Heath

Community Activities

Committee (CAC)

cac@srhoa.com
Meets 4th Tues at 6:30 pm

Sugarland Square Association

Patriot Properties
571-291-2165
info@patriotproperties.com

Hunington Ridge I

TWC Management
703-437-5800
info@twcmanagement.com

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. HOA and THOA Meetings are being held virtually via Zoom.

TOWNHOUSE SERVICES

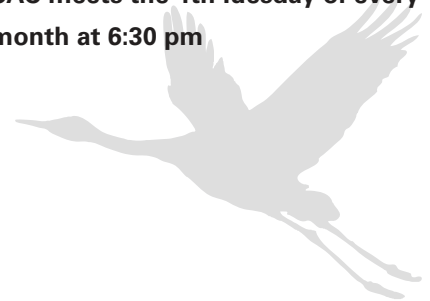
Trash removal Monday and Thursday.
Snow Removal
Common ground care

HOA MONTHLY ASSESMENTS

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

THOA Monthly Assessment-\$67.70

CAC meets the 4th Tuesday of every month at 6:30 pm



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



COMMUNITY CORNER

Dear Residents of Sugarland Run,

Spring is coming and we hope for nice weather. Should you wish to construct a raised planting bed that is visible from the street, please remember to include an ARC application with details of your plans in order to save yourself effort and expense. The guidelines for the last ARC version printed are from 2016. We look forward to revisions that are forthcoming - for now, please review the guidelines while developing your landscape ideas.

For those like me who are interested in landscaping plants and trees, there are resources that can be helpful. Their site (<https://loudouncountymastergardeners.org/>) has information about native plants and other events that you can register to attend. If you are interested in receiving the "Trumpet Vine" quarterly newsletter from the Loudoun County Master Gardeners, please send an email with the subject "Subscribe" to TV@loudouncountymastergardeners.org. The Loudoun County Master Gardeners also offer a Help Desk that is open for walk-ins and calls.

**Hours: 10 am to noon on the 2nd Mondays and 4th Tuesdays.
(Example: February 14 and February 22, 2022).**

**Call 703-771-5150 or stop by VCE, Loudoun Office,
750 Miller Drive, SE, Suite F-3, Leesburg, VA. 20175.**

As an update to the prior newsletter, our Community Manager, Gabby Garza, has contacted Verizon about the old copper wire telephone cabinets around Sugarland and will provide an update in a future SRHOA meeting.

Ms. Garza had also spoken with Comcast about the surface cable wires and Comcast's response was that a separate crew is supposed to bury them. That may occur on resident lots, but not on HOA property (e.g. behind fences). Management will begin to take note of cable wires across the top of the ground in order to have Comcast properly bury the wires. If you have cable lines running across the ground on your lot, please contact Comcast to have the lines buried.

Have a good month and be sure to drop in on one of our SRHOA BOD meetings on the 1st and 3rd Wednesdays of each month via Zoom.

Another item of interest comes from the Loudoun County Sheriff's Office about catalytic converter thefts on the rise. You'll learn from the next article that newer cars are targeted. And the best protection is parking your vehicle indoors or in a well lit area.

Jeff Kozak



COMMUNITY CORNER (continued)

Hello Neighbors

This past week at the HOA board meeting Gabby brought up the fact that catalytic converters are being stolen in our area. That made me wonder – how? I thought about googling “how do I steal a catalytic converter”, but thought better of it, and went with “How do THIEVES steal a catalytic converter”. I’m sure there are plenty of folks in the neighborhood that are ahead of me here, but for those of you who’ve not yet gotten to the google search, here is the answer to my query from Sean Tucker, writing for Kelley Blue Book:

What is a Catalytic Converter?

The catalytic converter is among the most valuable parts of your car. It’s a little larger than a toaster – easily carried by one person – and located underneath the rear of the car in easy reach, just ahead of the tailpipe. And it’s filled with valuable metals.

Its job is to filter the exhaust, scrubbing harmful substances out of it through chemical reactions. It does this by sending hot exhaust gasses through a honeycomb of rare metals like palladium. Palladium sold for about \$500 an ounce in 2016 but fetches \$2,636 today. Rhodium, also common in catalytic converters, sold for \$640 an ounce five years ago. Today, it goes for about \$17,050 an ounce.

How Are They Stolen?

Thieves generally steal a catalytic converter by sliding underneath the car and sawing it out of the exhaust system. With a hand-held power saw, the whole operation can take just a few minutes.

Thieves target new cars because the concentration of valuable rare metals in a catalytic converter degrades over time.

How to Protect Yourself

Early in the surge, some car dealerships have reported dozens of thefts in a single night. But, as dealers invested in cameras and security, thieves have moved to targeting individual vehicles parked outside.

Experts say parking inside is the best defense if you’re worried about your new car’s catalytic converter being stolen. Where that’s not an option, park in well-lit areas and consider installing a security camera. Several companies make guards you can install, designed to make removing the converter take too long to be worth a thief’s time. But we’ve seen no studies that examine whether the guards actually deter thieves. www.kbb.com/car-news/catalytic-converter-theft-growing

So, there you have it – The Why, How, and How to Possibly Protect Yourself. I’d like to add that if you see something suspicious, call the police. We need to look out for one another.



UPCOMING ACTIVITIES



Sugarland Run Annual Chili & Cornbread Cook-Off

Please join us for a delicious day of chili and chatting with neighbors and friends. Enter your own chili or cornbread in our competition or just bring your appetite!

**Saturday, March 19th 2022
3-5 PM @ 200 Greenfield Ct.**

To Enter see the FB Event or e-mail
CAC@SRHOA.COM

Sugarland Run HOA Annual Easter Egg Hunt

Let's welcome spring with a wonderful family day at the HOA.

Egg hunts, games, food and fun, we have it all in Sugarland Run.

*Sunday April 3rd 2022
2 PM @ 200 Greenfield Ct.
(Rain date of April 10th)*

If you would like to help keep the fun going in Sugarland Run by joining the Community Activities Committee, please e-mail CAC@SRHOA.com.



MARCH 2022

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

APRIL 2022

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



ARC ANNUAL INSPECTION

One of the Management Company's obligations is to conduct an inspection of all of the homes to ensure exterior maintenance is being performed and any alterations have been reviewed and approved by your Architectural Review Committee (ARC). This is done to ensure your community is being properly maintained in accordance with your communities governing documents and will begin in April/May of 2022.

Please take the time to familiarize yourself with the Architectural Guidelines and correct any possible violations that exist on your home. Some examples of items that we will be looking for:

- Peeling paint on Facia board, trim, doors, front porches, etc.
- Play structures which are broken or in need of re-staining or repainting
- Mailbox posts in need of replacement or repainting
- Fences and gates with broken or missing parts
- Decks with missing or broken parts
- Dented, loose or missing siding
- Broken or missing windows or doors
- Grass and mulched/landscaped areas not maintained (weeds, edging, mowing regularly, maintaining a neat appearance)
- Any exterior modification completed on the home without prior approval of the ARC. If specified in the guidelines, exterior modifications to your home require an application. No matter how large or small the project, a change may require an approved application from the ARC. Be sure to check the guidelines.
- Any item on the home that is weathered or requires maintenance
- Power washing dirty siding, exterior surfaces and any other area on lot or home with dirty or mold accumulation
- Grass/weeds growing through driveway cracks
- Crumbling or deteriorating driveways in need of repair (crack sealing or seal coating) or replacement
- Items, trash, trash cans, and debris stored in a driveway or other location that are visible from the street

The items listed above are examples of violations and are not intended to be a complete list. Please take some time to review and become familiar with the ARC Guidelines for Sugarland Run. If you would like to obtain a copy of the ARC Guidelines, please visit our website www.srhoa.com

Additionally, if you plan to sell your home this year, we highly recommend checking in with Sequoia Management to determine what approvals you have for architectural modification to your home. This will help you submit any missing applications prior to the resale/disclosure process to ensure a smooth transition.

Please feel free to contact my assistants Victoria Murcia, administrative@srhoa.com or Caroline Guy, admin.assistant@srhoa.com or via phone at 703-430-4500 with any questions.



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



**Looking for something fun and active
for your kids this summer?**

Join the Dolphins swim team!

The Dolphins swim team is a family-oriented summer swim team within the Sugarland Run HOA. The goal of our team is to provide every member an opportunity to improve their swimming skills and achieve success at their level of ability, from novice to serious competitor. We are a low-pressure, high-fun team.

Membership is open to neighborhood swimmers up to the age of 18. For safety reasons, younger swimmers must be able swim across the pool (25 yards) without assistance to join the team.

We invite you to join the Dolphins family this summer!

Online registration opens May 1. Season dates: May 31 – July 23.



Questions? Email srst.teammanager@gmail.com or scan the code to visit our website.

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