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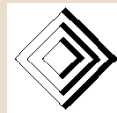
FCCA Board of Directors

2013 FCCA Board of Directors:

- Fred Fogarty - President
- Eleanor Blain - Vice President
- Rick Conley - Secretary
- Sandy Denton - Treasurer
- Hillary Goldstein
- Chris Goodrich
- Myatt Hancock

Board e-mail: board@firstcolony.org

Board Meetings are scheduled for the 4th Thursday of the month starting at 5:00 pm. FCCA members are invited to speak to the Board regarding any matters related to Association business. During all regularly scheduled Board Meetings, membership input is set at 5:30 pm. Any member wishing to speak must sign in and will be allotted a maximum of three minutes to speak. Members must be present and signed in no later than 5:30 pm.



Don't Forget:



**COMMUNITY "MOVIE UNDER THE MOON" NIGHT IN FIRST COLONY
Friday, August 16**

Bring your family, friends, lawn chairs and blankets! We are featuring a "Movie Under the Moon" night presented by Texas Community Referral Network and First Colony Community Association. There will be pre-movie activities starting at 6:30 pm for the kids. Activities are provided by the Sugar Land Skeeters. There will be plenty of concessions during the movie for only \$1. Proceeds benefit Child Advocates of Fort Bend. We are featuring

Disney's ***Incredibles*** on a fully HD outdoor theater system with a 30 foot inflatable screen! You don't want to miss the fun! Invite your friends and be our guest for our community movie night.

DATE: August 16, 2013

LOCATION: Aquatic Center Park,

4350 Austin Parkway

Inside the park at the intersection
of Cross Lakes and Double Lake

MOVIE START TIME: Approximately 8:00 pm (dusk)



Pool Season

You can still pick up your pool tags at the FCCA office from 8:00 am - 5:00 pm, Monday through Friday. Some of the pools will close the weekend of August 25th. Other pools will still be open for Labor Day weekend. The

Aquatic Leisure pool will stay open weekends in September. For the 2013 pool schedule go on our website at www.firstcolony.org under Park & Recreation.

The Austin Park swimming pool is designated at times as a "swim at your own risk" facility. During the periods in which the Austin Park swimming pool is a "swim at your own risk" facility, access to the pool area will require a card key. A \$10.00 fee will be charged for a key along with a signed liability form. This pool will close for the season as a "swim at your own risk" facility on September 29th.

The Aquatic Center Lap Pool is a "Swim at Your Own Risk" facility. Lifeguards are not on duty. Since its main use is as a fitness swimming facility, there will be NO areas of the pool designated leisure swimming areas. Residents are required to submit a \$100 deposit and sign a liability form.

First Colony Aquatic Center Disc Golf Course

Grand Opening Tournament

Saturday Sept 7, 2013

Sign-up 8:30am-9:00am Heritage
Colony Clubhouse (3320 Double
Lake)

Player meeting 9:10am

Tee-off 9:20am

One Round - 20 holes



No pre-registration, sign-up morning of Sept 7th only.

Limited to 50 players max.

100% Cash Payout to:

Top 50% of the field in Amateur divisions, Top 33% in Pro
Open.

Divisions offered (entry fee):

- \$5 Amateur Novice
- \$10 Amateur Recreational
- \$10 Amateur Intermediate
- \$15 Amateur Advanced
- \$20 Pro Open

Novice & Recreational divisions play Red/Short tees twice. Intermediate, Advanced & Open play both Blue/Long tees and Red/Short tees.

For the most up-to-date news on the tourney check out the Facebook event <http://tinyurl.com/FCACtourney>
Or email questions to uceng95-FCACtourney@yahoo.com

Landscape Class

First Colony Community Association is offering an opportunity for members to speak with First Colony's Landscape Department staff on Friday, September 20th at 3pm. Time will be dedicated to offering information and advice regarding the recommended practices for landscaping around their homes. If you have an interest in attending this program please contact Alice Fish at alicef@firstcolony.org.



Operations Department Updates

Brick Fencing



First Colony Community Association has a number of projects going on throughout the community. FCCA has recently completed the installation of the brick fencing along Grants Lake

Boulevard. The next phase of this year's brick fence installation will begin in September. This portion will be on Lexington Boulevard near the Crescent Lakes neighborhoods. The new stretch of brick fence will start on Lexington Boulevard at Oxbow Drive and terminate just short of the Levee. In addition, construction will begin this year on three boulevards that will be upgraded from wood fencing to brick fencing. Those included are the remaining portions of First Colony maintained wood fencing on Lexington Boulevard as well as Dulles Avenue, and Settlers Way Boulevard.

Aquatic Center Lake Bulkhead

First Colony has also begun the process of replacing a portion of bulkhead at the Aquatic Center Lake adjacent to the Lakes of Austin Park



Neighborhood. FCCA has undertaken similar projects to replace portions of failing bulkhead at Edgewater Lake in the past.



Irrigation Back Flow Device Cages

In an effort to mitigate the theft of irrigation equipment, First Colony Community Association is taking steps to install security cages on portions of irrigation equipment found throughout the community. The devices are commonly stolen and sold for scrap. For question and details regarding these projects or other aspects of community maintenance please contact the First Colony Community Association office at 281-634-9500.

10th Annual Gulf Coast International Dragon Boat Regatta

For the first time ever, the Flying KLM Airlines Dragon Boats, the official team from the Netherlands will participate in the 10th Annual Gulf Coast International Dragon Boat Regatta in Sugar Land, Texas. The Dutch should not feel estranged during their visit to the most ethnically diverse county in the United States and this event which promotes cultural understanding. Teams from California, Louisiana, Dallas, Austin and even Canada and Ukraine have competed in the dragon boat races during this event which promotes cultural understanding on a worldwide basis while educating the public to the benefits of working together.



On water, the audience will see the "flying Dutch" compete with other teams outside the Houston metropolitan area such as the Austin Coolers, Cajun Invasion, California Skittles and the Dallas team. On land, the audience can enjoy other festival activities such as the Asian cuisine, colorful arts and crafts, children's activities, and cultural performance, which include Chinese lion dancing, martial arts demonstrations, belly dancing, and many other performances focusing on Asian traditions.

Dragon boat racing is the fastest growing water sport and the ultimate teambuilding activity for 25 team members. The event has come to be known as one of the largest multicultural and team-building activities in Fort Bend County- bringing over 5,000 visitors. This free, family event will have a corporate, youth, breast cancer survivors, community and competitive teams flying the dragon in the waters of Brooks Lake at Fluor Campus in Sugar Land, Texas.

EVENT DETAILS:

October 19-20, 2013

10th Annual Gulf Coast International Dragon Boat Regatta

8:30 AM - 4:00 PM

Brooks Lake at Fluor Campus in Sugar Land, Texas

Free Admission to the public

First Colony Community Association is an in-kind sponsor for the Dragon Boat Regatta. We are looking for rowers to man one of the boats on October 20th. Time commitment is

from 8 am - 4 pm. If interested please contact Farha Ahmed at farha@windstream.net.

The Texas Dragon Boat Association is a 501(c)(3) Texas non-profit corporation established to promote the tradition of dragon boating, increase awareness of Asian and Asian American culture, and enhance cross-cultural understanding. TDBA organizes the Houston Dragon Boat Festival, the Gulf Coast International Dragon Boat Regatta and other dragon boating events throughout the year.

National Night Out

City of Sugar Land National Night Out

Join the City of Sugar Land's Police and Fire Departments for National Night Out - a night out against crime on Tuesday, October 1st from 6 - 9 pm. Meet your neighbors and get to know each other. The better we know our neighbors, the safer the community. Police officers and firefighters will visit neighborhoods that have registered their parties. Residents of Sugar Land can register their party via the City's website: www.sugarlandtx.gov/nationalnightout. Those registered will receive shirts and giveaways for their party attendees.



Missouri City "Show Me City" Citizens Set to Celebrate 30th Annual National Night Out

Community unity will be on display citywide on Tuesday, Oct. 1st, from 5 p.m. to 8 p.m., as residents across Missouri City celebrate the 30th Annual National Night Out.

Neighborhoods will host block parties featuring good food, fellowship and fun in observance of the public safety initiative. The events are designed to encourage neighbors to get to know each other and partner with police officers, firefighters, City Council and staff to prevent crime.

And, for the fourth consecutive year, a "Pre-National Night Out Kick-Off" launch will be hosted by Missouri City's Finest and Bravest. The 2013 kick-off will be held on Saturday, Sept. 28th at 5 p.m. at the Police Department Mini-Station, 1700-A Texas Pkwy.

Then, on Oct. 1st, the official date cities statewide will celebrate National Night Out, citizens will gather in the Target parking lot on Highway 6 at Murphy Road, at 5 p.m.

Members of the Fire & Rescue Services and the Police Department, including the Burglary and Auto Theft Taskforce and the Dive, SWAT, Bike Patrol and ATV Search Teams, will attend the Sept. 28th and Oct. 1st events to greet participants and hand out crime-prevention materials. Police vehicles, tactical equipment, a ladder truck and rescue boat will also be on display.

Residents can register block parties and pick up National Night Out supplies on Monday, Sept. 23rd from 4 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. at Public Safety Headquarters, 3849 Cartwright Rd. Block party

hosts who register on that date will receive a free "National Night Out T-shirt and cap".

For more information on how to get involved in the safe streets initiative, residents can visit www.missouricitytx.gov or call Evett Kelly, Community Resource Officer for the Police Department, at 281-403-5830 or email her at ekelly@missouricitytx.gov.

Interested in Becoming an FCCA Board Candidate?



The First Colony Community Association (FCCA) Board of Directors governs the affairs of the Association and operates under FCCA Governance Policies. The Board of Directors is a group of seven members, with three (3) positions up for election this year. The term is three (3) years, beginning January 1, 2014. The Board, in conjunction with staff, is responsible for participating in long range planning and developing goals for the Association. Some other primary duties include:

- Determining an annual assessment
- Preparing and adopting the budget
- Development of Association policy
- Hiring/assessing Executive Director

FCCA recognizes that volunteering time for a Board position is a major decision. This is another excellent opportunity to become involved with the community and share in the decision making processes of First Colony.

Members interested in becoming a Board candidate can [click here](#) to obtain a Board member application. Deadline for application is 5:00 p.m. on Friday, September 27, 2013.

Volunteer as a Neighborhood Representative



Interested in getting to know your neighbors or community a little better? Then we have a job for you!

Volunteer to be your neighborhood's representative.

Neighborhood Representatives are a vital communication link between First Colony Community Association (FCCA) and their neighborhoods. Representatives help create a sense of community. They are elected annually by the property owners in their neighborhoods and serve a one-year term. Each separate neighborhood may have up to three elected Representatives. A Representative should attend Neighborhood Rep meetings (usually four per year) hosted by FCCA. They share information

from these meetings with their neighbors. A Representative can also:

- Plan and organize special neighborhood events (i.e. ice cream socials, National Night Out, informational meetings).
- Participate in the Welcome Wagon Program for new residents and welcome them to the neighborhood.
- Oversee the use of neighborhood voluntary contributions.

[Click here](#) for an application for nominating yourself for the position of Neighborhood Representative. The deadline for submitting the application is October 15, 2013. You can also visit the website at www.firstcolony.org to download a form. The individuals elected by their neighborhoods will begin serving their terms on January 1, 2014.

If you need more information regarding becoming a neighborhood representative, please contact Alice Fish, Community Relations Manager, at 281-634-9557 or alicef@firstcolony.org



Kayak Fun on Brooks Lake

Come have fun on Brooks Lake by checking-out a kayak at the Oyster Creek Boathouse. The boathouse is open Saturdays and Sundays through October 27th. Hours of operations are:

- Saturdays: 10 am - 7 pm
- Sundays: 1 pm - 6 pm
- Open Labor Day: 10 am - 6 pm.

You must be 21 years of age or older to check-out a kayak; rowers under 21 must be accompanied by an adult. There is no cost to check-out a kayak for First Colony Community Association (FCCA) members. You must have a current FCCA pool tag as proof of residency. Pool tags are available to members at the FCCA office located at 4350 Austin Parkway, Sugar Land. Office hours are Monday - Friday from 8 am - 5 pm. You will need to show proof of residency to receive a pool tag by providing your driver's license or a current utility bill. At kayak check-out you will be required to leave a driver's license and sign a liability form. Non-residents may check-out a kayak by purchasing a pass at the FCCA office. Reservations are not accepted, as kayaks are checked out on a first come, first served basis. Kayaking experience is not necessary (though it is a good idea to have a general knowledge of rowing). In addition, life preservers are provided to all participants. Don't forget to bring along sun block and drinking water. The boathouse is located at 15910 Creekbend

Dr. Check out the website at www.firstcolony.org under Parks and Recreation to see all the details including a kayak trail map of the area, liability form, and Kayak 101. For more information call (281) 634-9555.



USPTA Recognizes Jack Foster

FCCA is proud to announce that Jack Foster, Director of Tennis, is to receive the 2013 George Bacso USPTA National Tester of the Year award. The award recognizes the USPTA tester who does the most to advance certification opportunities and the certification process. The award will be presented to Jack at the USPTA World Conference in September.

Jack was a past recipient of the USPTA Star Award, which recognizes teaching professionals who make an indelible mark on their communities through the sport of tennis. Jack coaches all levels of players. Several students have or are playing college tennis, national tournaments or traveling the junior circuit.

Jack likes seeing the joy in students' eyes when they accomplish what he is teaching them.

For information on classes call Jack at 281-980-4286 or e-mail jmtennis@ix.netcom.com.

Residential Compliance Inspection Schedule

First Colony Community Association (FCCA) strives to provide quality service while encouraging residents to take pride in their home. Deed restriction enforcement helps to maintain property value and to improve the overall appearance of the community. Inspections are done on a quarterly basis but may vary due to vacation and holiday schedules. If you have any questions for your inspector, please call 281-634-9500.

Neighborhoods due for inspections are:

September - Alcorn Bend, Austin Park, Austin Meadow, Colony Creek, Colony Meadows, Colony Oaks, Cypress Glen, Cypress on the Green, Edgewater Bay, Edgewater Gardens, Lakes of Edgewater, Oaks of Alcorn, Park at Crescent Lakes, Plantation Bend, Plantation Colony, Plantation Creek, Riverbend North, Riverbend South, Williams Crossing, Williams Glen, and Williams Park.

Note: An application must be submitted for approval prior to the commencement of any type of exterior change or construction on the property.





Sugar Land Water Change

The City of Sugar Land will change from chlorine to chloramines to disinfect its public drinking water on August 15th. This change was necessary as Sugar Land transitions to the use of legislatively mandated surface water. Chloramines will reduce the level of disinfection byproducts in the city's water system while providing protection from waterborne disease.

Be aware that this change can impact people on dialysis machines, according to the city. A toxic condition known as hemolytic anemia can happen if the disinfection isn't completely removed from water used in the dialysis machine. Typically devices like charcoal filters are used to remove chloramine from the water. Medical care facilities should determine if additional steps are needed in light of the city's change.

Water with chloramines can also be toxic to fish; however, it's safe for all other animals. Chemicals or filters used in fish tanks should be designed for water treated with chloramines.

If you have any questions you can call 281-275-2450.

Recreation Classes - Sign Up Now

First Colony residents enjoy an active lifestyle with many choices of leisure opportunities. FCCA enjoys offering the members many class

New Program

Chair Yoga for Flexibility Impaired

This is a great class for those who are not very strong or flexible. Exercises are done in a chair so that you will not need to get down on the floor.

Exercises include breathing, stretching and meditation.

Day: Tuesday & Thursday

Location: Heritage Colony Clubhouse (3320 Double Lakes, Missouri City, 77459)

Session: September 3 - 26

Time: 8:30 - 9:30 am

Fee: \$50

Call 281-634-9555 to register

New After School Program

Challenger Planet - Where Science is fun every day

Challenger Planet provides STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math) based after school enrichment program. The focus is on developing a profound understanding of STEM concepts through hands on projects and challenges. For more information on the program visit

www.challengerplanet.com or call 832-532-2000.

Day: Tuesday

Location: Heritage Colony Clubhouse (3320 Double Lakes, Missouri City, 77459)

Session: October 8 - December 17

Time: 4:30 -5:20 pm ages 4 - 6

5:30 - 6:30 pm ages 7 -10



Fees: October \$60, November \$45, December \$45 or \$145 for entire session and \$30 registration fee (payable to instructor at first class)

Materials to purchase for class: Composition Notebook

To register call 281-634-9555

Southwest Houston Boot Camp

Who? Southwest Houston Boot Camp

Certified Personal Trainer

What? Outdoor Fitness Classes

When? 4 week sessions - 5 - 6 am

Tuesdays and Thursdays

July 8 - August 2

Where? First Colony Aquatic Center Park

4350 Austin Parkway, Sugar Land

Why? To have Fun and get Fit!

Contact Stacy Agee at 281-451-5680

www.swhoustonbootcamp.com



Yoga by Maya

Reduce stress, soothe aches and pains and increase well-being. Learn techniques of stretching, postures, breathing and meditation, to strengthen mind/body/spirit connection.

Yogabymaya was founded by Maya Mehta who has been a certified yoga instructor for over 14 years.

Evening Classes Morning Classes

Monday & Wednesday Wednesday & Friday

6:30PM - 7:30PM or

7:40PM - 8:40PM 9:15AM - 10:15AM

Session: Sept. 16 - Oct. 23 Session: Sept. 18 - Oct. 25

\$70.00 PER SESSION (6 WEEKS)

\$5 discount for early registration for am/pm classes

\$10 discount for 2nd family member

Heritage Colony Clubhouse

3320 Double Lake Drive Call 281-634-9555 to register

New sessions begin every 6 weeks.

Fencing

Instruction in basic fencing through advanced tactical techniques. Instruction includes footwork, blade work and strategies.

Day: Tuesday & Thursday

Location: Aquatic Center classroom

Session: on-going monthly class

Time: 5:00 - 6:30 pm - Beginners

6:30 - 7:30 pm - Intermediate

7:30 - 9:00 pm - Advanced

Ages: 7 and up

Instructor: Manny Rodriguez

Fees: \$80.00/month twice a week

\$65.00/ month once a week

Adult Spanish Class



This informal and fun class is geared towards Conversational Spanish. Taught by Virginia McFarland.

Day: Thursday (Intermediate/Advanced Level)

Location: Heritage Colony

Session: Call for information

Time: 7:15 pm- 8:30 pm

Ages: 14 & up

Instructor: Virginia McFarland

Fee: \$60.00

Mr. John's Art Class

Day: Wednesday Time: 4:30 pm - 6:30 pm

Day: Saturday Time: 1:30 pm - 5:30 pm

Location: Aquatic Center

Session: On-going weekly class through December 19

Instructor: John Rodak

Drop in classes, class 75 minutes long.

Call Mr. Rodak for more information, (832) 466-5807 (English), (832) 466-5239 (Chinese)

Or email MJACclass@yahoo.com

Spanish Club for Kids

Your children will learn Spanish in a natural manner through play, games, music, and conversation. Children learn to communicate through dialogues, phrases, expressions and, drills that they can use with friends, other people and family "EN ESPAÑOL". Let them learn a second language the fun, natural way!

Day: Monday Time: 4:45 pm - 5:30 pm Ages: 3 - 5

Day: Monday Time: 5:30 pm - 6:15 pm Grades: 1 - 4

Day: Monday Time: 6:15 pm - 7:00 pm Grades: 5 - 8

Location: Heritage Colony

Session: On-going monthly class

Instructor: Adriana Gutierrez

Fee: \$48.00/month or \$12.00/class

Bollywood Dance

Classes focus on fun, a positive attitude, and enhancing confidence. The dance moves are energetic, using every part of the body, giving it a great workout. During the classes, students will experience modern Indian dance with a combination of Bhangra, semi-classical Indian, jazz, funk, and hip hop- performed to the latest, old and popular Bollywood tracks. Visit www.rhythm-india.com for more information.

Day: Monday

Location: Aquatic Center (4350 Austin Parkway, Sugar Land, 77479)

Session: On-going monthly

Ages 5 -13

Fee: \$60/month

For time of class (depends on age) and to sign up call Arzan Gonda at 832-228-7979

Other Classes For Youths & Adults:

- Tennis lessons
- Karate
- Spanish



And more! Visit www.firstcolony.org for a complete list of activities for kids and adults. Call 281-634-9555 to register.

Closed on Saturdays

The FCCA office is no longer open on Saturdays. There is a drop box so you can still drop off payments, Property Improvement forms, etc.



First Colony Community Association is excited to bring you yet another way to receive current information on our community. If you would like to submit a news item, please email alicef@firstcolony.org.

Don't forget to click on **like us on Facebook**.

Alice Fish
First Colony Community Association