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**Welcome to the
First Colony Community Association
E-Newsletter**

FCCA Board of Directors



2015 FCCA Board of Directors:

- Rick Conley - President
- Sandy Denton - Vice-President
- Hillary Goldstein - Secretary
- Noel Mascarenhas- Treasurer
- Chris Goodrich
- Eleanor Blain
- Phyllis Murray

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.

Note: Board Meeting - Thursday, August 27, 2015

Recreation Programs

Register Now!

First Colony residents enjoy an active lifestyle with many choices of leisure opportunities. FCCA enjoys offering the members many classes and programs. To register

call 281-634-9555.

Yoga/Meditation: Designed for Stress Relief



A 60 minutes of warm, slow moving, stress relieving class, perfect for the end of a hectic work week day. Designed for those who want to slow it down, come back to the SELF or "Home" in subtle body practice. The class incorporates breath, meditation, slow movement and restorative postures. All levels welcome!"

Days: Monday & Wednesday
Session: September 9 - October 14
Session: October 26 - December 9 (no class Thanksgiving week)
Location: Heritage Colony Clubhouse
Time: 7:30 pm - 8:30 pm
Instructor: Maya Mehta

Each session is \$70. Discount of \$10.00 for each additional member of the family. Cancer patients and Veterans are \$45.00 per session

For information e-mail yogabymaya@yahoo.com or call 281-494-6292. **To register call 281-634-9555**

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
5:30 pm - 6:15 pm Grades: 1 - 8
Location: Heritage Colony Clubhouse
Session: On-going monthly class
Instructor: Adriana Gutierrez
Fee: \$64.00/month or \$16.00/class

Youth Tennis Lessons

Classes offered weekday afternoons, evenings and Saturday mornings. The tennis schedule can be accessed at www.firstcolony.org.



Mr. John's Art Class

For registration information call John Rodak
832-466-5807 English, 832-466-5239 Chinese



Day: **Wednesday**
Time: 4:30 pm - 6:00 pm
Location: Aquatic Center
Session: September 2- December 16

Day: **Saturday**
Time: 2:00 pm - 5:00 pm
Location: Aquatic Center
Session: August 29 - December 12

Fort Bend Fencing Academy

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



Days: Tuesday & Thursday
Times: 5:00 - 7:00 pm; Beginners
Ages: 7 and up
Location: Aquatic Center
Instructor: Manuel Rodriguez

Fee: \$120.00/month for twice a week class
\$ 85.00/month for once a week class

American Style Karate

Karate is an excellent activity for developing self-confidence along with learning self -defense. Child must be at least 5 years old.

Day: Tuesday
Location: Lost Creek Center
Session: September 15 - December 8
Time: 6:30 -7:30 pm Ages 5 -12
7:30 - 8:30 pm Ages 13 - 70
Instructor: Bill Gray
Fee: \$50.00
Uniform required: \$30.00 (payable 1st day of class: no checks)



Watercolor

This class will teach the design elements and principals, color theories, textures and various watercolor techniques. Previous watercolor experience is required.

Day: Thursday
Location: Aquatic Center Classroom
Session: September 17 - October 15
Time: 9:00 a - 12:00 pm

Instructor: Margaret Su

Cost: \$100.00 Supply list may cost \$200

Awakened Yoga Stand UP Paddle Board

Classes are held on Saturdays and Sundays at the First Colony Aquatic Center Lake. For the full schedule, visit website at www.awakenedyogastudio.com/AYSUP OR SUP@awakenedyogastudio.com. Space is limited. You must pre-register online or in studio to reserve your spot.

Adult Strength and Performance Class

Functional Strength and Conditioning class that will accommodate the needs of a triathlete, swimmer, or individual wanting to gain fitness and strength.

The class is circuit based class so it is a great fit for you no matter what your age or level of fitness. From someone trying to lose a significant amount of weight, to a very competitive triathlete, this class will help you meet your goals. If you are dropping-in, you must register prior to each class. Mature Teens are allowed, must be approved ahead of time.

Days: Tuesday and Thursday

Session: Runs monthly, Fall schedule starts Aug. 24th

Location: Aquatic Center Classroom

Time: 5:30-6:20 am

Registration Fee: \$10 one time annually

Cost: \$13/class drop-in rate, \$80/monthly (non-refundable)

Instructor: Markell Lyng

To register email coachmarkell@swimfcst.com

Adult Strength & Conditioning

Designed to work all body parts in all planes of motion. This clas is for adults looking to get fit, stay healthy, or take their fitness and sports to a higher level.

Days: Monday & Wednesday

Session: Runs monthly, Fall schedule starts August 24th

Location: Aquatic Center Classroom

Time: 9:45 am - 10:45 am

Registration: \$10 one time annually

Cost: \$17/class drop-in rate, \$99 monthly (non-refundable)

Instructor: Markell Lyng

To register email coachmarkell@swimfcst.com

Water Aerobics

Water aerobics is a great way to gain cardiovascular fitness and strength in a low impact manner. Water aerobics places less stress on the joints than land based aerobics classes. This class is good for all fitness levels. Water weights are optional.



Day: Tuesday and Thursday

Location: Crescent Lakes Pool

Session: Fall schedule starts August 24th(runs monthly)

Times/Ages: 10:00 am - 10:50 am

Instructor: Markell Lyng

Fee: \$95.00/month or \$16.00/class drop-in rate

To register email coachmarkell@swimfcst.com

Adult Tennis Lessons: The tennis schedule can be accessed at www.firstcolony.org.



To see complete list of classes and descriptions visit www.firstcolony.org under Parks & Recreation.

For questions or to register call 281-634-9555.

**STAND UP PADDLE BOARDING
(SUP)
NOW AT THE FIRST COLONY
AQUATIC CENTER LAKE**

Learn the basics with the Intro to SUP class on Tuesdays at 6:15PM. Cost is \$30 a class and includes board, paddle and pfd. Class is limited to 6 students. Call First Colony Community Association at 281-634-9555 to register.



Paddle Board Rentals

Rent a paddle board by the hour on Saturdays at the lake from 1pm-6pm. Rental rate is \$25 per hour or \$40 for 2 hours. Rental includes board, paddle and pfd. No reservation necessary, just stop by and give it a try!

FCCA Summer Pool Tour 2015

Did you pick up your pool passport at the office when you picked up your 2015 pool tags? Did you complete the passport by getting it stamped at each of the pools (excludes the Aquatic Center Lap pool and the Aquatic Center Leisure pool)? If so, bring the passport back to the FCCA office during office hours. If you are one of the first 400 completed passports, you will receive an "I swam them all" FCCA Summer Pool Tour Beach Bag Cooler!



National Night Out

City of Sugar Land

Join the City of Sugar Land's Police and Fire Departments for National Night Out—a night out against crime on Tuesday, October 6th from 6 - 9 pm. Sugar Land neighborhoods join forces with thousands of communities nationwide for the annual National Night Out (NNO) crime and drug prevention event. Meet your neighbors and get to know each other. The better we know our neighbors, the safer the community. Neighborhoods, blocks or streets in Sugar Land are able to register their parties each year, and police officers, firefighters, the mayor, City Council members, and other city officials visit as many parties as possible.

For more about National Night Out or to register your neighborhood

contact Crime Prevention Officers Harris Johnston and Lauren Stockholm with the Sugar Land Police Department at 281-275-2580.

City of Missouri City National Night Out

From 5 pm to 8 pm on Tuesday, Oct. 6th, Missouri City officials, staff and citizens will join forces in conjunction with communities across the nation in support of the 2015 Annual National Night Out (NNO). Citizens in all parts of the Missouri City community are asked to turn on their outside lights, get outdoors and spend the evening visiting with their neighbors.

National Night Out is a unique opportunity for all residents to stand together to promote public safety awareness and neighborhood unity. For more information call City of Missouri City at 281-405-8500.

Mark Your Calendars: Free Movie in the Park-Oct. 3



Bring your family, friends, lawn chairs and blankets to the Aquatic Center Park located at 4350 Austin Parkway, Sugar Land 77479 (near intersection of Cross Lakes and Double Lake) to enjoy a **FREE** movie featuring *Home* on Saturday, October 3rd presented by Texas Community Referral Network and First Colony Community Association. After a hive-minded alien race called the Boov conquer the Earth, they relocate the planet's human population -- all except for a little girl named Tip who's managed to hide from the aliens. When Tip meets a fugitive Boov called Oh there's mutual distrust. However, Oh is not like his comrades; he craves friendship and fun. As their distrust fades, the pair set out together to find Tip's mother, but, unbeknown to them, the Gorg -- enemies of the Boov -- are en route. Rated PG; show begins at dusk (approximately 7:15 pm) on a fully HD outdoor theater system with a 30 foot inflatable screen.

Come early (6 pm) and enjoy free face painting! There will be plenty of concessions during the movie for only \$1. Proceeds benefit Child Advocates of Fort Bend. You don't want to miss the fun! Invite your friends and be our guest for our community movie night

"Walk on the Wild Side" at Staples Safari Zoo

Saturday, October 17th



Take a "Walk on the Wild Side" at the Staples Safari Zoo brought to you by First Colony Community Association. The event will take place at

1 Fluor Daniel Drive in Sugar Land next to the Fluor Daniel Building from 10 am - 5 pm on Saturday, October 17th. This family fun day will feature interactive stage shows, exotic animals, pony rides and more.

Experience the animals up close by touring the safari tent. Be entertained at the several interactive stage shows held throughout the day. You might have a monkey on your shoulder, feed a spider monkey a grape or help hold an albino python!

Enjoy pony rides, the petting zoo (full of exotic and familiar animals) and have a great time playing on the inflatable slides and bounce house.

Staples Safari Zoo cares for more than 120 animals including a white tiger, lemurs, kangaroos, reptiles, spider monkeys and capuchins. Other animals include two lions, a black panther, a Syrian brown bear, an albino python, exotic birds, and many more. A non-profit organization, Staples Safari Zoo, provides a home for "special needs" animals - those in need of rescue or rehabilitation with no other place to go.

There is no cost for the event. Food vendors will be on-site to purchase food and drinks.

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.

The deadline for submitting the application is September 18, 2015. [Click here](#) for an application form. The individuals elected by their neighborhoods will begin serving their terms on January 1, 2016.

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.

Street Tree Trimming

Many residents have been receiving door tags from the City of Sugar Land stating that their street trees are not in compliance and must be trimmed. In the past, First Colony Community Association (FCCA) has been trimming the trees to 14 feet over the street. In accordance with the City's policy, the measurement is being made in the street next to the curb and must be clear for 12 feet in residential neighborhoods. If any portion of the limb is below the 12 foot mark, the limb must be removed. This will result in some very severe cuts to many trees. The City is sending FCCA and each homeowner that is out of compliance the violations upon completion of inspecting the neighborhoods. FCCA will work to bring all street trees into compliance. If you have any questions regarding the City's requirements or measurements, please contact Rebecca Zielinski, Right of Way Services Manager with the City of Sugar Land at (281) 275-2450 to set up an appointment (during normal office hours) to review any compliance issues or questions. If you prefer to manage your own tree trimming needs rather than have FCCA handle them, please contact Steve Spears at steves@firstcolony.org or (281) 634-9552 to have your name and home removed from FCCA's regular neighborhood pruning list. Keep in mind, some of the trees may not be able to be pruned to bring them into compliance due to their growth habits. These trees will need to be removed at the homeowner's expense.



The ordinance can be found at: <http://bit.ly/1d8TH6b>

Irrigation



FCCA has recently lost the ability to irrigate the area along Austin Parkway from the levee to Highway 6 due to the City of Sugar Land's ongoing construction project. FCCA will not be able to restore irrigation along Austin Parkway until the City of Sugar Land completes their road construction project and their trail expansion project along Austin

Parkway. In the meantime, FCCA is exploring possible watering alternatives for the landscape, but does not have the ability to irrigate on a regular schedule. If you have any questions, please contact David Pella at (281) 634-9566.

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 25th. Hours of operations are:

- Saturdays: 10 am - 7 pm
- Sundays: 1 pm - 6 pm
- 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. One use pass is \$10.00 per person. You can also purchase a season pass for a cost of \$50.00 per person. Non-members must show driver's license and leave a credit card number as a deposit. 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. Sugar Land. 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.



The Dragon Boats are coming...

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Dragon Boat Paddlers and enthusiasts from the far corners of the world are coming to Sugarland this October to celebrate and participate in the 12th Annual Gulf Coast International Dragon Boat Regatta. This is a colorful and spectacular event that will feature 40 + teams competing in the time honored sport of Dragon Boat Racing.

Every Year in October, Brooks Lake at 1 Fluor Daniel Dr. in Sugarland, is transformed into a Festive Cultural Center hosting land side entertainment, children's zone, culturally diverse food options, vendor areas, and of course Dragon Boat racing on the lake. This year's event will be held October 24-25 from 8:30am - 4:00 pm on and around Brooks Lake. National and International Teams will be on hand to promote the tradition of dragon boating. Corporate, community, youth, breast cancer survivor, and competitive teams will paddle the waters in the fastest growing water sport. This free family 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.

The weekend activities offer an opportunity for an increased awareness of Asian and Asian American culture with viewing and hands-on activities. Dragon Boats featuring 20 paddlers, a drummer, and a steersperson will be gliding along the lake paddling in unison towards the finish line. On land, the general public will be able to experience multi-cultural performances by noted performers and performance troops, enjoy the children's activities, sample culturally diverse food choices, view the water activities and enjoy the interactive entertainment. Bring your neighbors, friends, and family to this once a year FREE Sugarland event.

First Colony Community Association (FCCA) is once again an in-kind

sponsor for the Dragon Boat Regatta. FCCA is looking for team members to paddle our boat and help us to win the race! The time requirement is Sunday, October 25th from 7:30 am - 4pm and a practice time a week or so before the race (date and time TBD). Please e-mail Farha Ahmed at farha@windstream.net if you would like to participate.

Triathlon - Sunday, October 18, 2015



The Memorial Hermann Tri Andy's Tri will take place on Sunday, October 18th at the First Colony Aquatic Center Park hosted by Finish Line Sports. The race includes a 300 meter lake swim, a 10 mile bike ride and a 3 mile run. The 10 mile bike portion will be on Austin Parkway and Commonwealth and the 3 mile run portion will be around the Aquatic Center Lake and the surrounding neighborhoods.

Participants will begin arriving at 5:45 am with a 7:15 am start to the triathlon. For more information, please call Andy Stewart with Finish Line Sports at 281-242-7700.



After-hours Emergency Number

To provide further service to the Community, First Colony Community Association is now offering an after-hours emergency phone line to report any emergencies that occur during non-business hours. If you notice an emergency situation(that falls under the control of FCCA) when the FCCA office is not open, you can call or text (281) 705-3051 and leave a message explaining the emergency and a contact number where you can be reached if a follow up is needed. This after-hours line should not be used for police, fire or emergency medical needs.



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 in the upcoming month are:

September: Austin Meadow, Colony Creek, Colony Meadows, Colony Oaks, Cypress Glen, Cypress on the Green, Edgewater Bay, Edgewater Gardens, Enclave at Grants Lake, Lakes of Edgewater, Landing at Grants Lake, Old Mill Park, Oyster Point, Park at Crescent Lake, Plantation Bend, Plantation Colony, Plantation Trails, Riverbend North, Riverbend, South, Williams Crossing, Williams Glen and Williams Park.

Note: Schedules vary due to weather, holidays or vacations.

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

Texas Master Gardener Classes Start October 8, 2015!



The Fort Bend County Master Gardener Training class, a program offered by the Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service, begins Thursday, October 8, 2015. Classes are Tuesdays and Thursdays from 9am - 3:30 p.m. during the month of October through November 10, 2015. The cost of the class is \$200 (\$353 for couples). The fall class is limited in size.

Classes are taught by Texas A&M University specialists in their field in classes such as vegetables, fruits & nuts, soils, landscape design, pathology, propagation, rainwater harvesting and more.

Everyone who has a desire to increase their knowledge of gardening, then sharing their knowledge with others through community service in support of Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service, and becoming a Certified Texas Master Gardener is invited. Applications will be accepted on a first-come, first-served basis so, Hurry! Get your application in now! The deadline is September 28, 2015. If you wait any longer, your spot could be filled by someone else!

For information on the Fort Bend County Master Gardener Class and to obtain an application for the fall class, visit <http://www.fbmq.org/become-a-master-gardener/> or you can call Margo "Mac" McDowell at 281-633-7033.



Missouri City Police Golf Scramble

Join Missouri City Police Officers Association for their Invitational Golf Scramble on September 11th. Proceeds from the tournament support college scholarships, Adopt-a-family, Bethel Ministries, Boy Scouts, Special Olympics, crime prevention and financial assistance for Missouri City officers, first responders and their families. [Click here](#) to find out more and to register.

Child Advocates of Fort Bend Gathering Forces



While the temperature is hovering near 100 degrees, the Fred & Mabel R.

Parks Foundation, Child Advocates of Fort Bend staff, committee members, decorators and homeowners are gearing up for the 24th annual CASA Christmas Home Tour which is scheduled for Friday, December 11th and Saturday, December 12th. "Fred and Mabel R. Parks Foundation have had a long standing relationship with this agency and with our Home Tour. We are so excited that they came forward to kick off the sponsor drive again this year as our Event Underwriter," according to Ruthanne Mefford, Child Advocates of Fort Bend Chief Executive Officer.

Proceeds from the Christmas Home Tour help Child Advocates of Fort Bend (CAFB) advocate for the needs of abused and neglected children in this community. Through its two programs, Court Appointed Special Advocates (CASA) and the Children's Advocacy Center (CAC), the agency touches the lives of more than 400 young victims each month.

A Fort Bend holiday tradition, the Tour offers guests the opportunity to view beautifully decorated homes in Fort Bend County while helping to raise much needed funds to support CAFB's programs serving abused and neglected children. Tour hours are 10 am until 4 pm on December 11th and 12th with a candlelight tour on December 11th from 6 pm until 9 pm. Sponsors and volunteers are needed to support the Home Tour. If you would like to participate, please contact Lisa Moore at 281-344-5108 or lmoore@cafb.org. For updates on home locations and ticket sales, go to www.cafb.org/Events/Home-Tour/.