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

### **FCCA Board of Directors**

2013 FCCA Board of Directors:

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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.



### **Thank You!**

We've been named a Constant Contact All Star! We wanted to share the great news and express our gratitude to you, our loyal customers for receiving this honor. Our emails are made with our customers in mind, so thank you for being part of our community.



### **2013 Pool Season Will Soon Be Here!**

The 2013 pool season is fast approaching! FCCA has a total of 11 pools. Four of FCCA's pools are set to open on weekends starting May 4th.

These pools include Woodstream, Lexington Colony, Magnolia Plantation and the Aquatic Center Leisure pool. This is the second season for the new Aquatic Center leisure pool.

Scheduled to open the weekend of May 25th are Alcorn Oaks, Austin Park, Creekshire, Heritage Colony, The Lakes, and Crescent Lakes pools. All FCCA pools will be open for summer weekday hours beginning June 7th.

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.

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 for the pool key.

To enter the FCCA pools you will need to show your pool tag. 2013 pool tag distribution begins Monday, April 15th, at the FCCA office. Bring your driver's license, or a current utility bill as proof of residency. Our office hours are Monday - Friday from 8 am - 5 pm. We will also be open for your convenience on Saturday, May 4th and Saturday, May 25th from 10 am - 2 pm.

You will find the pool schedule in the summer guide coming out in mid- April or the website at [www.firstcolony.org](http://www.firstcolony.org) beginning in April.

### April Forum

Join us for our April Forum on Tuesday, April 23, 2013 from 6:30 pm to 8:30 pm at the St. Laurence Catholic Church - Parish Hall located at 3100 Sweetwater Blvd (corner of Austin Parkway and Sweetwater Blvd.). Meet with representatives from FBISD, the City of Sugar Land, the City of Missouri City and First Colony Community Association Board members and staff. You will have an opportunity to ask questions and speak with the representatives. Coffee, tea, and snacks will be served. For more information please call Alice Fish at 281-634-9557 or e-mail [alicef@firstcolony.org](mailto:alicef@firstcolony.org).



### Enjoy FCCA's Amenities

As outdoor activity begins to increase, the Parks and Recreation staff would like to remind everyone of the recreational amenities First Colony offers. At the Aquatic Center Park, located at 4350 Austin Parkway, the lakeside park amenities include:

- Expanded lakeside trails system
- Two boardwalks that serve as a kayak/canoe launch or fishing pier
- Two scenic lake overlook areas
- Two volleyball courts (non-lighted)

- Two bocce ball courts
- Three horseshoe pits
- Three shaded chess/checker tables overlooking the lake

When the office is open, you may check out equipment to play bocce ball, volleyball or horseshoes. Look for the newly redesigned disc golf course in late spring, early summer. The course is open to play at any time and a tournament will be scheduled later in the year.

First Colony has three set of tennis courts located in the neighborhoods of Woodstream, Lexington Colony and Creekshire. Residents interested in playing are required to get a key to the courts. The deposit for the key is \$20.00 and is refundable when you return the key.

For more information call the office at 281-634-9555 or look at the website at

[www.firstcolony.org](http://www.firstcolony.org) under Parks and Recreation.



### **Kayak Fun on Brooks Lake**

Come have fun on Brooks Lake by checking-out a kayak at the Oyster Creek Boathouse. The boathouse will open Saturdays and Sundays starting April 27th and runs through

October 27th. Hours of operations are:

- Saturdays: 10 am - 7 pm
- Sundays: 1 pm - 6 pm
- Open Memorial Day, July 4th, and 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 starting April 15th.

- Office hours are Monday - Friday from 8 am - 5 pm

We will also be open on Saturday, May 4th and May 25th from 10 am - 2 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](http://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.



### **Sugar Land Pedestrian and Bicycle Master Plan**

Public Meeting- Monday, April 15th  
6 pm - 8 pm. Cane Room, Sugar Land City Hall  
[click here](#) for more information

### **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. If you have any questions for your inspector, please call 281-634-9500.

Neighborhoods due for inspections are:

April - Briarwood, Colony Cove, Colony Park, Cove at Crescent Lakes, Creekshire, Crescents on the Green, Englewood Place Estates, The Lakes, Landing at Crescent Lakes, Lakefield, Magnolia Plantation, Meadow at Crescent Lake, Meadow Lakes, Oyster Creek Plantation, Park at Crescent Lake, Plantation Park, Sugar Crossing, Sweetbriar, Sweetwater Section 1, and Sweetwater Section 2.

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



### **MARK YOUR CALENDARS**

**First Colony Community Association  
Community Wide Garage Sale  
Saturday, April 13, 2013**

Whether you have a little or a lot to sell, join us at the Community Wide Garage Sale. The garage sale will be held on Saturday, April 13th from 7:00 am - 11:00 am at the Aquatic Center Pool parking lot located at 4350 Austin Parkway, Sugar Land. Space is limited so reserve your space now. Each space is 2 standard parking spaces and costs \$25.00 per space. Spaces reserved after April 4th will be \$30.00 per space. Go to [www.firstcolony.org](http://www.firstcolony.org) under Parks and Recreation and click on special events to print out a form to reserve your space. Or reserve your space by calling 281-634-9555.

### **Adopt-A-Park Program**

If you're looking for a unique volunteer opportunity, the Adopt-A-Park Program is a brand new way you can help our community! The program's goal is to assist the First Colony Operations Department with keeping our neighborhood parks safe and clean. A volunteer chooses a park to adopt and then provides support and reports about their park to our Operations Department. Volunteer opportunities include keeping our parks beautiful by cleaning up litter, monitoring and inspecting parks and park equipment, and providing support and encouragement for other volunteers. All that we ask is that a volunteer be able to meet a one year commitment. At the end of that year, a volunteer may renew, change parks, or terminate their commitment. Monitoring the parks should be done on a regular basis, usually once a week during the warm season and when weather permits during the cold season. Depending on the park usage, some parks may require additional time commitments or additional volunteers. A volunteer should provide reports on hours spent monitoring a park or performing any volunteer responsibilities, any maintenance issues discovered after inspecting, any injuries witnessed, etc. All volunteers should remember that we should include all park users that wish to be involved with projects at the park and continue our wonderful welcoming community by working together. If there are any maintenance problems or improvement ideas beyond the scope of the Adopt-A-Park Program, FCCA will consider and review the proposals. If you're interested in adopting a park, please contact Darrell Langston at 281-634-9530 or [darrell@firstcolony.org](mailto:darrell@firstcolony.org).



## Recreation Classes - Sign Up Now

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



### **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](mailto: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



### **Yoga by Maya**

Yogabymaya was founded by Maya Mehta who has been a certified yoga instructor for over 12 years.

**Free Try Out Class ( for new students only)  
Monday 2/18 or Wednesday, 2/20 at 7:30 pm**

Evening Classes Morning Classes

Monday & Wednesday Wednesday & Friday

7:30PM - 8:30PM 9:15AM - 10:15AM

Session: Feb.18 - April 10 Session: Feb. 20 - April 12

(no class March 4,6,11 & 13) (no class March 6,8,13 & 15)

\$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

### **Adventure Boot Camp**

Four weeks of outdoor fitness instruction designed to maximize cardio and strength conditioning. Workouts are fun, motivating and always different.

Location: Aquatic Center Park

Session: On-going 4 week class

Times: Morning and evening available

Ages: 16 +

Instructor: Stacy Agee and June Hruska

Fees: \$149.00 - \$199.00/4 weeks

Call 713-858-4397 for more information.

### **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: February 21 - April 18 (no class March 14)

Time: 7:15 pm- 8:30 pm

Ages: 14 & up

Instructor: Virginia McFarland

Fee: \$60.00

### **Bollywood Dance**

Our classes focus on fun, a positive attitude, enhancing confidence, and we encourage and motivate shy people to lose their inhibitions. 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](http://www.rhythm-india.com) for more information.

Day: Monday

Location: Aquatic Center

Session: On-going monthly class

Time: 5:30 pm- 7:00 pm

Ages: 5 and up

Instructor: Arzan Gonda

Fee: \$60.00/month

### **Other Classes For Adults:**

- Tennis lessons
- Golf lessons
- Spanish
- Karate

### **Other Classes for Youths**



- Karate
- Tennis lessons

And much more! Visit [www.firstcolony.org](http://www.firstcolony.org) for a complete list of activities for kids and adults. Call 281-634-9555 to register.



### Sugar Land's EGGStravaganza

The Easter Bunny is coming to town! Hop on over to Eldridge Park located at 2511 Eldridge Road on Saturday, March 23rd from Noon to 3:00 p.m. for the City of Sugar Land's 29th annual EGGStravaganza! The first 200 families will be all smiles as they take free pictures with the Easter Bunny. Children ages 0-12 will have a chance to participate in an age corresponding Egg Scramble.



Start times for the Egg Scrambles are:

- \*12:30 p.m. for 5 year olds
- \*1:00 p.m. for 6 years olds
- \*1:30 p.m. for 7 year olds
- \*2:00 p.m. for 8 & 9 year olds
- \*2:30 p.m. for 10, 11 & 12 year olds

Little ones aged four and under, can take their time during a continuous egg hunt throughout the day. We also invite all our special needs residents to come out for their very own sensory-friendly egg hunt.

Aside from the excitement from all those candy filled eggs there will also be plenty of fun and activities for everyone. Try your luck at the carnival-style games for your chance to win a prize, or dance to the music all afternoon. This is definitely an event you won't want to miss!

All activities are free and open to the public.

Food and drink will be available for purchase.

For more information, contact the Parks and Recreation Department at (281) 275-2885.

### Eggpalooza: Under the Stars

**Saturday, March 23rd**

**6:00 - 10:00 pm**

**Community Park- 1700 Glen Lakes Lane, Missouri City 77459**

This celebration will host flashlight egg dashes by age group, bumper boats, bubble runners, moonwalks, food vendors and a movie under the stars. Participants are encouraged to bring flashlights for the egg dash and sleeping bags for the movie.



### Closed on Saturdays

The FCCA office is no longer open on Saturday's. There is a drop box so you can still drop off payments, Property Improvement forms, etc. We will be open Saturday, May 4th and May 25th for members to pick up their seasonal pool tags. You can also pick up pool tags during regular office hours starting April 15th.



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](mailto:alicef@firstcolony.org).

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Alice Fish  
First Colony Community Association



