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HOA News

Paying Your Assessments

Don't forget that assessments are due January 1st. A late fee will be charged if payment is not received by January 31st. Please note that assessments are not processed here at Sweetgrass. For your convenience, there are multiple ways to make your payment:

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Meet Dawn Spencer

Dawn Spencer recently joined the Sweetgrass HOA staff as our new Community Manager. Dawn previously worked for CCMC from 2013 to June 2018, serving as community manager for a 55+ community in the Clear Lake area.

In her new role, Dawn looks forward to building upon the foundation set by the community's on-site team, working with the community to prepare for a seamless transition and working with existing committees to ensure they're operating smoothly and efficiently.

Born in the Naha village of Okinawa, Dawn moved around with her military family frequently as a child. She holds the CMCA certification and is in the process of pursuing her PCAM designation. Before joining CCMC, Dawn served as a marketing and communications manager for a natural gas detection company. In her downtime, Dawn enjoys music and attending concerts.

"Dawn's expertise with active-adult communities will serve her well as she transitions into the community manager role at Sweetgrass," said vice president Cindy Spillane. "Dawn embraces our philosophy of servant leadership, and I'm happy to have her back in the CCMC fold. She will be an asset to the Houston market."

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Sweetgrass Gives Back

Duane Haines

The community drive to collect warm weather clothes for needy patrons of Helping Hands was a very big success. Not counting gloves and socks, the community contributed about 1,000 items of clothing including over 100 badly needed coats. Thank you to the generous and caring residents who helped out, your efforts were very appreciated by the Helping Hands organization.

Since moving to Sweetgrass in 2012, Duane Haines (pictured on cover) has organized and led numerous drives benefiting local charities. These drives have raised over \$100,000 in cash and goods for a variety of charities including Helping Hands, Harvey victims, the VA Littlest Patriot Program, the VA Fisher House, Mamie George Center, SIRE and several others. He conceived and originated the annual poker walk for charity. This is a generous community and he appreciates all of the help to accomplish the efforts.

Veterans Club

With great support from Sweetgrass residents, the Sweetgrass Veterans Club raised \$3,000 at the USO dance and donated it to the Houston USO.

Women's Club

The women's club generously gave support to the Fort Bend County Women's Shelter, Pregnancy Resource Medical Center of Fort Bend County, and Project S.M.I.L.E from their 2018 fundraising efforts. Pictured is one of the three charities supported.



In Photo: (from left) Judith Van Horn, Eva Donelson, Carolyn Tarver, Beverly Porche and Karen Taylor.



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Lifestyle/HOA Events

January 11th - Meet N Greet

Join us on Friday, January 11th for the January Meet N' Greet. Meet N' Greets are a great opportunity for new residents to meet their neighbors! Come mingle with your friends and meet new faces. As always, beer, wine, and sodas will be provided. Please bring an appetizer to share. No RSVP necessary.



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January 12th - Boozin Bunco

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January 25th - Grandkid Movie Night

Looking to get out and spend some quality time with your young grandchildren? Look no further! Sweetgrass is hosting Grandkid Movie Night right here at the Lakehouse. This is a great opportunity to spend time with your grandchildren while watching everyone's favorite Frozen. S'mores will be available while supplies last. This is a free event but an RSVP is necessary. Registration opens Wednesday, January 2nd. You may bring blankets and pillows while joining us for a cozy night of fun!

January 26th - Chili Cook-off

Calling all Sweetgrass residents! Put together a team, or enter as an individual. Show off your great chili cooking talents. Once again the Great Sweetgrass Chili Cook-Off is taking place. When? On Saturday, January 26th from 6:00-8:30 p.m. in the Lakehouse Ballroom.

There is a \$5 entry charge for individuals and teams entering their Chili. Entrants must make 1 1/2 gallons of chili for their neighbors to taste and judge.

For \$5, you're invited to come and sample the chili your neighbors will be cooking up. You will be asked to judge the chili. Votes will be tabulated and prizes will be awarded to the winner!

Bring a beverage of your choice. Water and soda will be provided.

Tickets to taste and vote will be on sale at the Lakehouse reception desk or on activenet on Friday, January 11th.

Register and pay your entry fee to bring Chili for yourself or your team no later than Monday, January 7th. Rules and regulations for the cook-off will be available at the Lakehouse reception desk on Wednesday, January 2nd. Let the Cooking Begin!



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PARADE: 10:30 AM

PARTY: 7:00 PM

New judging category for groups this year! Only Mardi Gras themed entries will be considered for prizes.



Mardi Gras will be here before you know it! Now is the time to get together with your friends, neighborhood, or club and brainstorm your parade entry. The categories this year will be “Individuals and Families” and “Neighborhoods, Clubs, and Groups”. Entry forms will be available at the Lakehouse front desk beginning January 25th. The parade will begin at 10:30 AM on Saturday, March 2nd. All entry forms must be turned in Monday, February 25th by 3 PM. There is no cost to enter or attend the parade.

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On the evening of March 2nd, we will have the Mardi Gras Ball from 7-10 PM. Come enjoy live music from the band Encore and a dinner consisting of chicken and sausage jambalaya, a boudin ball, your choice of shrimp or roast beef ½ po-boy, and king cake. Tickets will be on sale Monday January 28th. Come “bayou” a ticket!



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March 28	Bible Study
April 11	Bible Study
April 25	Bible Study

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6:00 pm	Adult Bible Study

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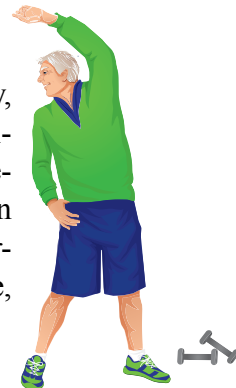


Hooked On Health

It's easy to feel blue when daylight hours are limited and the weather is chilly. Here are a few ways to stay positive in winter:

Physical Activity

Exercise is not only great for the body, it's great for the soul, boosting your confidence and offering you a sense of achievement. Plus, when you exercise, your brain releases such feel-good chemicals as endorphins, serotonin, adrenaline and dopamine, making it a totally natural mood booster.



Socializing

Getting motivated to leave the house and socialize can seem more challenging when you have to bundle up first, but it's especially important to spend time with friends and family during a time of year when you are apt to feel blue.



Sunshine

Sunlight may be scarce in winter, but it isn't non-existent. Schedule a walk at lunch time; position yourself by a window when you curl up with a book; play outside with the kids --take advantage sunlight whenever you can. Just be sure to dress warmly for the weather, and wear sunscreen on exposed skin.

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10:05 a.m.	Adv. Line Dance Practice <i>No Instructor</i> Water Exercise \$2.00		Water Exercise \$2.00 Pilates & Strength \$2.75	Strength Training \$2.75	Chair Exercise \$2.75 Water Exercise \$2.00
11:05 a.m.	Chair Exercise \$2.75	Beginner Line Dance Practice <i>No Instructor</i>		Beginner Line Dance Practice <i>No Instructor</i>	Stretch & ROM \$2.00
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Happenings in Fort Bend County

'Art I Become' Exhibit

Opening-Day Reception for the "Art I Become" exhibit at the George Memorial Library is set for January 6th, 2 - 4 p.m. in the Bohachevsky Gallery. The exhibit, which showcases the artwork of Claire Payne and her daughters Kathryn Payne Bright and Terri Payne-Bieber, will be on display through February 28th.

Open-Mic Night

The George Memorial Library's popular Open-Mic Night will be held, once again on January 16th, 6-8 p.m. in the Meeting Room. Open-Mic Night is a casual event for amateur performers to take the stage and express themselves. Step into the limelight to share original poetry, music, comedy, or one-act plays, or to showcase any other unique talents. Performances are limited to five minutes or less, and they must not contain any profanity or other insensitive topics. This event is for adults and teens aged 14 and above. Registration required to perform only.

Culinary Book Club

The theme is "Soup's On!" at the University Branch Library's Culinary Book Club meeting set for January 16th, 1:30 p.m. in Meeting Room 2. Cooking enthusiasts of all ages and experience levels — from beginners to advanced — are invited to join. Those attending are welcome to bring their own cookbooks and recipes, or they may browse the library's collection of cookbooks. Share tips, get ideas and enjoy the camaraderie of other individuals who have an interest in cooking and good cuisine. The club meets on the third Wednesday of every month and different cooking genres are explored each month.

Digital Photo-Editing Basics

Learn how to use free, online photo-editing tools to fix or fine-tune photos or to create special photo effects that can make your photos more exciting and visually appealing at the George Memorial Library, January 23rd, 7 p.m. in the computer lab. Get tips on adding special effects, borders, or overlays. Those attending the workshop should have a working email and password. Registration required.

Club & Group Activity

Hear More

Hear More invites you to our next meeting on Thursday, January 10th, 10:00 a.m. Chris Bisel is board certified in hearing instrument sciences. He is a 3rd-generation hearing instrument specialist and a native Houstonian. Growing up in the hearing aid business has allowed him to witness many technology changes over his 29 years of fitting hearing aids. He is currently on the Board of Directors Texas Hearing Aid Association and the President-elect of the Association. Chris' father, Gordon Bisel (Sweetgrass resident), has 56 years' experience in all hearing aid developments and experience with licensing law over the years. He also facilitated the production of all the earmolds for radio communication for the NASA Space Program from the Gemini 5 mission through the first space shuttle mission. Come hear both of these men, try for a free giveaway of a TV listening aid, and stay afterwards for a free hearing screening.



Poker Club

The Sweetgrass Poker Club meets in the Lakehouse on Mondays and Thursdays from 5:30 to 8:30 p.m. Buy-in is \$10. Games include variations of draw, stud, Texas Hold'em, Omaha, high-low split pots and more! The deal rotates with the dealer calling the game. There is also a high hand jackpot most nights. Come join us! All are welcomed.



Sweetgrass Republicans

Our Thursday January 10th meeting is going to be interesting and challenging.

Our guest speaker is Alan Vera. Alan is a champion of voting integrity. He has been the Chairman of the Harris County Republican Party Ballot Security Committee since June, 2014. He'll tell us what he is doing to increase voter integrity and ballot security in Harris County and what he is presenting to our Texas legislators for the 86th Legislative Session.

We hope to get a conversation going with several Sweetgrass Republican Club members who were election officials and several Fort Bend County precinct chairs on the voting process, ballot secu-

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Dialog and Learning

The next meeting of the Dialog and Learning group will be on Wednesday, January 9th at 6:30 p.m. in the Learning Center. The subject will be: "Our Looming Water Crisis". This is a change from the 2nd Wednesday to the 3rd and from the Bluebell to the Learning Center.

Men's Club

By embracing the Sweetgrass lifestyle and attending our events, residents have supported the Men's Club in an exemplary way in 2018. Our resident members have supported our organization and our community with skill and hundreds of hours of volunteer work. This labor has allowed the Men's Club to contribute financially both to local charities and to our own community.

Calling All Interest

Ballroom Dancing Group

All Sweetgrass residents who enjoy dancing, bring your partner to our Ballroom Dance Group starting in 2019. Ballroom includes swing, foxtrot, cha cha, etc. If you like to dance but don't know some of the basic steps, club members will be available to help. To get us started we need your response by e-mail to wagner.barbara@rocketmail.com. For more information call Barbara at (713)-410-1233.

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