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### *Keeping River Park*

## A REFLECTION OF NATURE

We are continuing our effort to keep residents aware of the Minimum Acceptable Standards set by the Modification Committee. You can find a copy of the Architectural Modifications Request Form online at [ciaservices.com](http://ciaservices.com). Please submit this form BEFORE you begin a change to your property.

#### **STORM DOORS**

- 1. Storm doors shall be clear glass only. No divided light door.
- 2. Trim color of storm door shall match existing color of house, or be black or bronze and anodized aluminum.

#### **SWIMMING POOLS**

- 1. Above ground pools are not permitted.
- 2. Swimming pools including waterfalls shall not encroach in the rear easement or side building lines.
- 3. Pool enclosures are not permitted.
- 4. Pool pumps and equipment shall be contained within a fenced backyard and shall not be visible from any street, public area, or adjacent property.
- 5. Waterfalls shall not exceed the height of the rear fence line and shall be screened from public view.

- 6. A self-latching gate with a spring shall be installed on all gates as required by Texas Law.
- 7. Pool water or backwash shall drain to the storm sewer or sanitary sewer as specified by the City of Sugar Land.
- 8. Any street curb cutting required for installation of drains to the storm sewer shall be approved by the Fort Bend County Road and Bridge Department.
- 9. Pools & equipment shall be well maintained.

#### **SWING SETS**

- 1. Swing sets shall not be located in the front yard or visible side yard of any lot.
- 2. The maximum allowable height for swing sets is eight (8) feet.
- 3. Frames shall be metal or treated wood. Creosoted wood or untreated, painted wood is not acceptable.
- 4. Swing sets permanently affixed to the ground shall not be located in the ground utility easement.
- 5. Swing sets shall be well maintained.

#### **UNITED STATES & STATE FLAGS**

- 1. Size of flag shall be limited to three (3) feet x (5) feet.

- 2. No clanging chains or otherwise noisy apparatus shall be attached to flag.
- 3. The flagstaff shall be mounted to the house or garage only; size of pole shall be limited to six (6) feet in length. On national holidays a temporary flag pole may be inserted into the ground. Such temporary flag poles are limited to a maximum height of seven (7) feet.
- 4. Flag shall be well maintained at all times.
- 5. Flag etiquette must be followed at all times.
- 6. Permanent flagpoles must be approved by the MC.
- 7. Flags shall not be mounted in windows, on walls, or doors of exterior of house.
- 8. Maximum of two flags exhibited per household at anyone time.



*Happy Valentine's day!*

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## RESPONSIBLE PET OWNERSHIP

Being a responsible pet owner is much more than just providing adequate water, food and shelter for your pet. Domestic pets are completely dependent on their owners for their welfare. Owning a pet is a lifetime commitment. If you can't make the commitment, don't get the pet. Choose a pet that fits your lifestyle. Don't get a high energetic dog, if you don't have the time to exercise him. If you can't afford grooming or can't do the grooming yourself, pick a low maintenance dog.

Spay or neuter your pets. There are too many homeless animals without adding to the problem. Don't make your dog a "backyard dog". Dogs thrive on companionship and need to be with their human pack. Be aware of weather conditions. Leaving your dog in the car on a hot day or in theyard without shade or water is risking your dog's life. Make sure your home is "pet" safe. Pesticides, medications, household cleaners and some houseplants (dieffenbachia, philodendron, hyacinth, and mistletoe) can be deadly to your pet. Keep them out of reach. Provide veterinary care for your pet. Keep their vaccinations up to date and make sure they have annual checkups.

Keep identification tag on your pet... it is your pets ticket back home. Both dogs and cats need ID!! Microchipping is good too, but an external tag is essential, it could mean the difference of your neighbor returning your pet to you or turning him into the pound! Obedience train and socialize your animal. Don't let your pets run loose. Dogs should be walked leashes. Any outdoor off leash access should be secure in a fenced area. An outdoor cats average lifespan is 3 years, an indoor cat's average lifespan is 14 years.

Provide your pet the proper diet. Obesity can be as deadly as malnutrition. Be aware that some foods can be deadly, such as chocolate, and fatty foods can cause pancreatitis. Make sure your pet get proper amount of exercise.

Take extra precautions during holidays like Fourth of July. It is the scariest time for pets, make sure your pets are secure indoors. Also protect your pet during Halloween. Be kind to your pet and show him with love... remember you are his world. Take special care of your pets during their senior years.

## Newsletter Notes

In an attempt to let RiverPark Residents know what organizations and activities are in the community, residents are encouraged to place a notice in the newsletter. Anyone who has a book club, girls club, etc. Please submit the name of the group, brief description, and contact number and we will list these in the newsletter. All submissions will be cleared by the HOA Board.

## PRECIOUS PETS

### SEND US YOUR PET PICTURES NOW!

Pets come in all shapes and sizes and we're looking for the most adorable pets to publish in the upcoming February issue of RiverPark Newsletter. Send us your favorite pet photo to [jensen@ciaservices.com](mailto:jensen@ciaservices.com). Please include the name of your cutie & mention the RiverPark newsletter in your email! Also don't forget to keep an eye out for next month's issue to see your precious pet pal!



## Exterior Modifications

All exterior alterations or improvements to a property in RiverPark must be reviewed and approved in advance of construction by the Architectural Control Committee(ACC). Residents must complete a Home Improvement Request and mail it to us with appropriate drawings, samples, photos or brochures describing the request. The ACC will review the request and issue a written approval, conditional approval or disapproval. If it is not approved as submitted, the ACC may provide suggestions for making changes so it can be resubmitted for approval. Any applications dealing with the exterior appearance of the house (such as painting or roofing) must be accompanied with project details or the application might be disapproved for lack of information. Also include a plat map of the property that indicates the project in conjunction to the property lines and easements when applicable.

## Happenings at Town Square [www.sugarlandtownsquare.com](http://www.sugarlandtownsquare.com)

*For a list of upcoming events at Town Square for January please visit the website above. These events provide fun for the whole family. Don't forget your lawn chair!*

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## Volunteers: The Heart of the Community

Homeowners Associations thrive on volunteers and there are many volunteer opportunities available. The dedication and skills of volunteers are an invaluable commodity. Which volunteer option is the right choice for you? Are you a born leader with fierce decision making skills? Consider a position on the Board of Directors. Was your home or vehicle recently broken into? Create a strong, active Crime Watch/ Block Captain Committee. Do you have a green thumb? Then the garden club, yard of the month or beautification committee is for you! Are you known for throwing outstanding parties? The Social Committee is a perfect fit for your talent. **Committee Volunteers Needed**

*Following are examples of potential committees that Cross Creek Ranch residents may benefit from.*

*If you are interested in participating, please contact C.I.A. Services.*

### CRIME WATCH/BLOCK CAPTAIN

This committee maintains strong communication between the residents and law enforcement. The Block Captains are responsible for maintaining a communications database of neighbors within a specified range. Communication and organization skills are necessary to ensure success.

### LANDSCAPE/BEAUTIFICATION

This committee works with the contracted landscape company and Board to ensure the common area landscape is well maintained.

The committee may assist with color and plant selection of seasonal installations or simply monitor the service provider to ensure the grounds are well maintained. The committee will communicate to the board should a need for improvement be necessary and work on design specs for new proposals. The committee may also assist with the spec preparation and interviews of new grounds companies if necessary. An ability to read and understand service contracts is necessary.

### COMMUNITY WEBSITE ADMINISTRATOR

How would you like to keep our website fresh with news from RiverPark on the Brazos? After a short training session, you could have administrative access from your computer to keep pages updated with the latest news.

### YARD OF THE MONTH

This committee often functions from April to September and is responsible for selecting the monthly winners and maintaining a database of prior winners. An eye for beauty will help this committee succeed.

### SOCIAL

This Committee plans and executes community social events. An ability to work within a budget and deadline is necessary. Whatever your motivation, there's a place just for you. Volunteers are in high demand. Find out how you can help and make yourself at home!

## WEBSITE FAQs

### FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS ABOUT OUR NEW SITE...

*Q. When I register on our new site, do I choose my own username and password?*

A. When you register on our new site, you are free to enter a user name and password of your choice.

*Q. When registering, it asks for my email account. What if my spouse wants to receive email communications too?*

A. When you register on our new site, please enter the email address where you prefer to receive communications. If you and your spouse would both like to receive the emails then you would create two different user accounts; one for you and one for your spouse.

*Q. I lost my password. How can I retrieve it?*

A. Select the "Lost Password" link just under the login button on the home page. Enter your username and your password will be sent to the email account we have on record. If you cannot remember your username please Call C.I.A. Services, inc at (713) 981-9000.

*Q. I would like to update my E-mail address. How can I do that?*

A. When you log into the community Intranet, you will see a link in the Log In area labeled View Profile. In this area you can update your E-mail address, change your password or edit your personal information.



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## What Causes Sensitive Teeth & What To Do About It

Do you experience discomfort in your teeth? Do you find it difficult to drink icy or hot beverages? You may have a case of sensitive teeth. Luckily, it's very treatable. Find out what causes sensitive teeth and how to change your habits to avoid sensitivity.

### *What does it mean to have sensitive teeth?*

If you experience pain or discomfort when consuming foods or beverages that are hot, cold, sweet, or sour; when brushing or flossing; or even when breathing sharp, cold air, you may have sensitive teeth.

### *What is the reason for sensitive teeth?*

#### COMMON CAUSES OF TOOTH SENSITIVITY:

- **Over-brushing** – brushing your teeth too hard may wear down enamel or irritate the gum line, causing it to recede and expose the tooth's sensitive roots.
- **Cracked teeth** – a crack or chip in your tooth may expose the underlying dentin or may fill with bacteria from plaque, causing the nerve to inflame.
- **Teeth grinding** – over time, grinding or clenching your teeth can erode enamel and expose dentin.
- **Gum disease** – gum disease leads to tooth decay which breaks down enamel; gum disease can also lead to infection which may attack the tooth's roots or cause the gum line to recede.
- **Tooth whitening** – using products with peroxide or baking soda can seriously aggravate exposed roots or dentin.
- **Age** – studies have shown that tooth sensitivity occurs most often in people between the ages of 25 and 30.

It is possible to experience tooth sensitivity after routine dental procedures such as the placement of a filling or crown, tooth restoration, or even tooth cleaning. Such sensitivity is temporary; if it does not cease after four to six weeks please consult your dentist.

### *How should I take care of my teeth if they are sensitive?*

*Tooth sensitivity is very treatable, no matter what the cause.*

*Here are a few remedies you can take advantage of at home:*

Try a **desensitizing toothpaste** which contains chemicals that block sensations like hot and cold from reaching the nerves in your teeth. Use a **soft-bristled toothbrush** that will be gentler on both your teeth and gums. Switch to a **fluoride mouthwash**. **Avoid acidic foods** such as tea, tomatoes, and citrus fruits. Maintain **good oral hygiene** by brushing twice every day and flossing once daily.

Depending on the cause and severity of your sensitivity, you may benefit from professional treatment. If you suffer from sensitive teeth, please be sure to contact your dentist. We can set up an appointment to discuss what is bothering you and determine the best way to address the problem.

*Submitted by Dr. Flury*

## WHO DO I CALL?

- **STREET LIGHT OUTAGES** - Report to CenterPoint Energy via email, thereby eliminating a lot of "hold time" on the phone. The website address is: <http://cnp.centerpointenergy.com/outage> Give them as much information as possible, including the address and/or pole number. This information was found on their website, but some residents have reported being unable to get through. If that's the case, you can call them at (713)207-2222.
- **POWER OUTAGES**- Please call CenterPoint Energy. They can handle all outage requests regardless of your electric provider. 713-207-2222 or toll free 1-800-332-7143.
- **STREET SIGN OR STOP SIGN DOWN OR MISSING** - Please contact the county. The Fort Bend County phone number is (281)342-4513. Let them know you are calling regarding a sign and they will transfer you to the proper person. They will need to know the street name and location. If you are in a custom area, please contact C.I.A. Services, inc at (713)981-9000.
- **LEAKING FIRE HYDRANTS OR STORM DRAIN PROBLEMS** - Please contact City of Sugar Land at 281-275-2450.
- **BROKEN SPRINKLERS**- Call C.I.A. Services, inc at (713)981-9000 and listen to the options. Option 5 is "experiencing an emergency with a facility", you then get prompted to leave a message and someone will get back to you.
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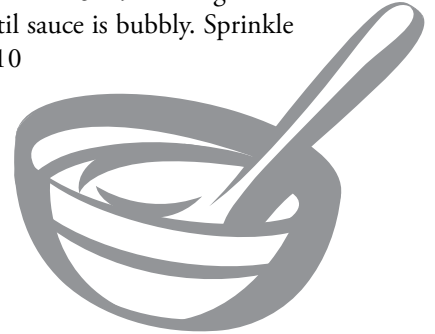
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## RECIPE OF THE MONTH

### PARIS POTATOES

- 5 cups potatoes, diced in ½" cubes
- 1 C sour cream
- 2 C creamed cottage cheese
- 1 C green onions & tops, finely chopped
- ½ tsp. garlic salt, optional
- salt & pepper to taste
- 1 C shredded cheddar cheese

Parcook diced potatoes in boiling water until crispy tender. Drain, and combine potatoes with all ingredients except cheese. Baked in buttered 13 x 9" baking dish at 350° for 30 minutes or until sauce is bubbly. Sprinkle with cheese during last 10 minutes of baking time.



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