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In 2000, the City of College Station created the Neighborhood Partnership Program to foster collaboration between neighborhoods and the city. Since then, more than 90 neighborhood and homeowners associations have registered with the city.

Advantages of being a registered association include start-up support, being notified about community happenings and items that affect the neighborhood, monthly Neighborhood Seminar Suppers, grant fund eligibility and training opportunities.

GRANTS

The Strong & Sustainable Neighborhood Grant may be awarded for several purposes—neighborhood identification, neighborhood-building activities, and the implementation of city council-adopted neighborhood plans.

Gateway Grants are matching funds for homeowners associations to construct signs identifying their neighborhoods at or near their entrances.

The Mosquito Abatement Program is designed to help neighborhoods prevent mosquito breeding through the use of mosquito dunks. Registered associations can receive a grant of up to \$200 worth of dunks per year. Mosquito dunks are small, donut-shaped objects that slowly release live bacteria that is deadly to mosquito larvae but harmless to other living things. Dunks can be placed directly where mosquitoes breed such as birdbaths, rain barrels, ponds, sewers, gutters, creeks or any other area with standing or slow-moving water.

COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION TRAINING

Neighborhood Services has partnered with the Greater Houston Chapter of the Community Association Institute (CAI) to bring quality training and workshops to College Station homeowners and neighborhood associations.

CAI specializes in training neighborhood leaders and managers on the best practices of association operations. The sessions are lead by subject matter experts and offer participants certificates

and continuing education training credits for attending workshops.

REGISTERED ASSOCIATION CRITERIA

Geographic boundaries must be set and may not overlap boundaries of another registered association. Homeowners association boundaries are determined by deed restrictions. Neighborhood association boundaries are established by the association's membership.

Homeowners associations are governed by the State of Texas Property Code and their membership guidelines are detailed in the property deed restrictions. Neighborhood association membership should be open to all tenants and property owners residing within the neighborhood association boundaries. Associations must have an election or agreed upon selection process for officers and representatives.

Associations may establish their own meeting schedule. Quarterly meetings are encouraged with the minimum requirement of one general neighborhood meeting per year. Meetings and records should be open to all residents in the neighborhood.

Each association must adopt written bylaws that include a description of the organization, procedures for democratic voting and elections, and the process for the adoption and amendment of bylaws. A copy of the bylaws must be provided to Neighborhood Services.

For more information about the city's Neighborhood Partnership Program:

cstx.gov/neighbor
979.764.6262



Have a Job for The Big Event?

Do you need a job (painting, yard work, cleaning, etc.) completed around your house? Let Texas A&M's The Big Event do it on Saturday, March 28.

The Big Event is the largest, one-day, student-run service project in the nation where Texas A&M students come together to show their appreciation to the community. In 2014, 20,503 Texas A&M students completed more than 2,200 service projects in Bryan-College Station.

If you have a service project, be sure to apply Jan. 1-Feb 20 at bigevent.tamu.edu. For more details, call 979.845.9618 or email bigevent@bigevent.tamu.edu.

February is African-American History Month

Join us at the Lincoln Recreation Center as we celebrate African-American History month through historical perspective, song, movement and fellowship.

Amazing Grace

Saturday, Feb. 7 • 6 p.m. An evening of musical praise and worship.

Let's Get Moving

Thursday, Feb. 12 • 6:30 p.m. Health and fitness mini-workshops by local gyms and personal trainers.

Doll Making with Dr. LaVerne Young Hawkins

Thursday, Feb. 19 • 6:30 p.m. Enjoy an engaging art and history class.

Taste of the Soul in the Brazos Valley

Thursday, Feb. 26 • 6:30-8:30 p.m. Sample soul food and desserts from local restaurants and catering companies. Food will be available for purchase.

For more details, visit cstx.gov/lincolncenter or call 979.764.3779.

Movies in the Park Series

Enjoy free, family-friendly movies under the stars at the Wolf Pen Creek Amphitheater on our 32-foot inflatable high-definition screen.

Saturday, Feb. 28

6 p.m. - How to Train Your Dragon
8:30 p.m. - How to Train Your Dragon 2
Dress like a Viking and join the turkey leg eating contest.

Friday, April 10

8 p.m. - The Sandlot
Enjoy a night at the ballpark. Dress in your favorite sports uniform and the first 50 people through the gates will receive free hot dogs.

Friday, May 8

8 p.m. - Brave (2012)
Treat your mom to a Mother's Day movie. The first 50 mothers (with child present) through the gate will receive a special gift.

Gates open one hour prior to the movie. Guests may bring their own refreshments. Coolers must be 48 quarts or smaller. Alcohol and glass containers are not allowed. Concessions will be available.

For more information, visit cstx.gov/movies or call 979.764.3486.

Exploring History Luncheons

Enjoy lunch and learn Brazos Valley history. Luncheons are Wednesdays at 11:30 a.m. at Aldersgate United Methodist Church, located at 2201 Earl Rudder Freeway South. Cost is \$5 per plate.

Feb. 18 - The History of OPAS by Anne Black

March 18 - About the Texas Cotton Gin Museum, Cotton and Cotton Ginning by Jerry Moore

April 15 - Texas A&M: The First 25 Years by Lyman Hardeman

May 20 - Buffalo Soldiers by Glenn Cochran

RSVP the Friday before the luncheon by calling 979.764.6351 or emailing mrodgers@cstx.gov.

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ADULT VOLLEYBALL

Registration ends March 1. Ages: 16+. Team Fee: \$210

YOUTH & ADULT TENNIS LESSONS

Registration ends April 3. Ages 5+. Resident Fee: \$75

GIRLS VOLLEYBALL

Registration ends April 17. Ages: 8-13. Fee: \$60

SUMMER YOUTH BASKETBALL

Register: March 23-May 1. Ages: 8-16. Fee: \$70

GAMES OF TEXAS

Register: Feb. 1- July 17
Event Schedule: July 30-Aug. 3
Variety of age groups.
Sporting events: archery, pickleball, youth triathlon, gymnastics, judo, lacrosse, softball, lifeguard competition, boxing, golf, skateboarding, soccer, disc golf, swimming, tennis and track and field.

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JUNIOR LIFEGUARD

Registration opens March 2. Ages: 9-14. Fee: \$75
Session 1: June 1-25
Session 2: July 6-July 30

TSUNAMI SWIM TEAM

Register: March 2-July 10
Variety of age groups. Fee: \$150

WATER SAFETY INSTRUCTOR CERTIFICATION PROGRAM

Register: March 2-April 29
Ages: 16+. Fee: \$150
Class Schedule: April 30-May 3

AMERICAN RED CROSS LIFEGUARD TRAINING PROGRAM

Get CPR/AED and lifeguard certified. Register: March 2-May 21
Ages: 15+. Fee: \$150