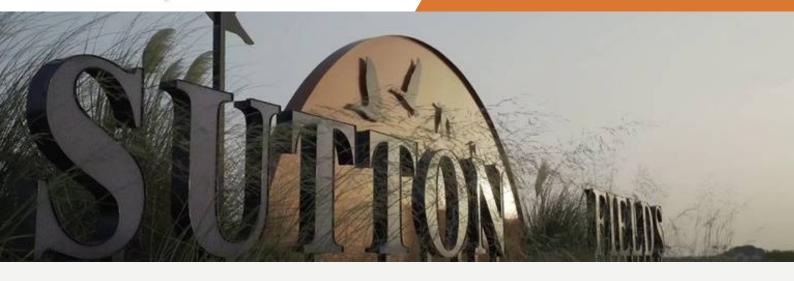
# **NEIGHBORHOOD HARVEST**





Community Newsletter

**APRIL 2025** 



This month's newsletter includes important community updates, upcoming events, and key improvements happening around Sutton Fields.

We'll cover recent landscaping and tree care projects, amenity center repairs, and fencing maintenance. You'll also find details on the upcoming HOA board election, Yard of the Month nominations, and neighborhood events like the upcoming Spring Event.

Stay informed and engaged as we work together to keep our community thriving!



#### **Life Connected**

## **Community Calendar**

#### **Around the Field**

4/8 Sutton Fields Board Member Election Results 4/11 Last day to submit Yard of the Month nominations 4/12 Spring Event @ Amenity Center (Time TBA) 4/21 - 4/25 Voting for Yard of the Month

#### **Around the Dan Christie**

4/4 House Assembly

4/7 - 4/11 Assistant Principal Appreciation Week

4/8 Reading STAAR Testing

4/10 4th Grade Musical Trip

4/11 Spring Fling 5:30-7:00pm

4/16 Science STAAR Testing (5th only)

4/17 2nd Grade Field Trip

4/17 Kinder Program

4/18 Student/Staff Holiday

4/19 No School

4/24 Colorpalooza (Bring a white shirt) 5pm - 7pm

4/25 4th Grade Field Trip

4/28 House Assembly

4/29 Math STAAR Testing

#### **Around Celina**

4/4 Celina Friday Night Market @ Downtown Celina 6pm - 9pm

4/5 Clean Sweep

4/8 Celina City Council Meeting 6:30pm

4/12 Touch-A-Truck @ Old Celina Park 10am - 1pm

4/25 Movie Night on the Square 7pm Free Admission









# Vote for HOA Board Members! Cast Your Vote by Monday April 7<sup>th</sup> before 5pm

#### **Brandon Brown**

Incumbent Residential Board Member

Brandon is seeking re-election to continue improving Sutton Fields' safety, amenities, and community engagement. During his term, he enhanced traffic safety, upgraded recreational spaces, and strengthened security. With a focus on transparency and smart budgeting, he aims to build on these successes for a thriving neighborhood.

#### Kurt "Skip" Born

Advisory Committee Member

Skip is running for the Board to improve communication, transparency, and resident engagement. With 30 years in public service managing budgets and infrastructure projects, plus eight months on the HOA Advisory Committee, he understands community needs. Skip aims to enhance HOA updates, increase homeowner involvement, and ensure responsible financial management. He is committed to supporting key projects like the volleyball court and water conservation initiatives to keep Sutton Fields a great place to live.

#### Saidaiah Belli

Resident

Saidaiah is running for the Board to help maintain a vibrant and well-kept community. With a background in financial management and community project coordination, they bring valuable skills in budgeting and strategic planning. Saidaiah is committed to fostering collaboration and ensuring fair, thoughtful decisions for the long-term benefit of the neighborhood.

#### Vinod Pingali

Resident

Vinod is running for the Board to actively contribute to enhancing the community's growth and wellbeing. With previous experience in community service and leadership roles, they are focused on addressing key issues such as neighborhood safety and maintaining property values. Vinod is committed to working with the Board to ensure a thriving, well-maintained community and is eager to dedicate time and effort to serving the residents' needs.



#### Leadership In The Field

# Responsibilities of Our Leaders

At Sutton Fields, we believe in fostering a welcoming and respectful environment for all residents. Our community thrives when we treat each other with kindness, communicate openly, and work together in a positive way. That means respecting different perspectives, engaging in constructive discussions, and avoiding divisive or misleading narratives.

Our community volunteers follow our *Rules of the Road*—respect, collaboration, follow-through, and positivity—guide how we interact and support one another.

- ✓ Be respectful & collaborative We value open communication and teamwork.
- ✓ Operate with a people-first mindset.
- ✓ Assume positive intent.
- ✓ Proactively stay connected across the community and team
- ✓ Ensure inter-committee and community alignment practice full disclosure of needs, timing and expectations.
- ✓ No surprises anticipate and surface issues actively.
- ✓ Continuously raise the bar develop yourself and the team while pursuing stretch results.
- ✓ Support the community it's why we are here.

#### 3 main parties help lead our community

- ✓ **Residential board members** are responsible for making final decisions on HOA policies, budgets, and community projects. They oversee finances, enforce community rules, manage vendors, and ensure long-term planning aligns with the neighborhood's needs.
- ✓ The advisory committee members and volunteers support the board by researching options, gathering homeowner feedback, and recommending improvements for the community. While they don't make final decisions, they play a key role in planning projects, and enhancing community engagement.
- ✓ Our **community manager**, Cinnamon Anderson, handles the day-to-day operations of the HOA, including coordinating vendors, enforcing policies, and assisting residents with questions or concerns.

Together, the board, advisory committee, and community manager work to maintain and improve Sutton Fields, ensuring it remains a great place to live.



# Yard of The Month Is BACK!

#### Yard of the Month (YOTM) Guidelines

- **Criteria:** Judged on visual appeal, creativity, beautification, seasonal decor, and overall theme.
- **Eligibility:** Open to all Sutton Fields residents, but the same property cannot win more than once in 12 months. Winners must be in good standing with the HOA.

#### **How to Submit**

- Deadline: Submit nominations by the second Friday of the month.
- **Process:** Nominate yourself or others with a photo and address. Email nominations with "Sutton Fields YOTM [Address]" in the subject line to:

advisorycommittee@suttonfieldshoa.com boardofdirectors@suttonfieldshoa.com

- **Voting:** The top five nominees are selected by committees. Residents can vote the last Monday through Friday each month.
- **Prizes:** Winners receive a Yard of the Month sign for 30 days and a \$50 gift card to At Home, Home Goods, or Home Depot.



## **March City Council Recap**

Here's what happened at the latest Celina City Council meeting:

- Land & Infrastructure Updates The city approved land acquisitions and easements, including a \$284,992 easement for Texas New Mexico Power to support infrastructure improvements.
- **Community Recognitions** The council honored the Celina High School Cheer Team, recognized Surveyor's Week, and celebrated outstanding community members.
  - **City Improvements** Approved projects include:
    - \$139,428 for fire station upgrades
    - \$400,029 for park infrastructure improvements
    - \$200,522 to expand the city's fiber network
    - An updated audio/video system for council meetings
- Water Conservation & Development Discussions focused on summer water conservation efforts and ways to improve the development process for future growth



## A Message from Mayor Tubbs

#### **Update on FM 1385 Safety and Improvements**

A recent speed survey on FM 1385, conducted using the 85th percentile method, found that most drivers travel between 55-60 MPH, aligning with posted limits. TxDOT has deemed the current speed limits appropriate.

#### To improve traffic flow and safety, three traffic signals are being installed:

- ✓ FM 1385 & Crutchfield
- ✓ FM 1385 & FM 428
- ✓ and FM 1385 & Tudor

The first two are nearly complete, awaiting power, while the Tudor signal is still in the design phase. Additionally, the city is studying traffic concerns at Parvin/Frontier and Bothwell, though no updates are available yet.

Officials will continue monitoring these developments and welcome any questions from residents.





## April's Here - Let's Keep It Clean

March has been kind to us, and let's hope April is too! Pleasant days and mild temperatures have brought everyone out of hibernation, and our Amenity Center is buzzing with life. It's a great time to enjoy everything Sutton Fields has to offer.

However, there's been an increase in litter at the playground, Pickleball court, pool area, and common seating spaces. Food wrappers, drink cups, water bottles, and other trash are starting to detract from the beauty of our shared spaces. This is completely avoidable.

#### Here's a simple fix: if you bring it in, take it out.

Cleaning up after ourselves should be second nature. If everyone took 30 seconds to tidy up before heading home, our amenities would stay clean and welcoming.

Let's enjoy the spring weather and our community, but let's also take care of it.

## Small Retention Pond By Sandown Dr.

We heard you and took action!

Our pond maintenance vendor will now be responsible for maintaining this retention pond. This includes moving, water management, and debris cleanup. Cleanup will begin shortly!





# **Upcoming Capital Improvements**

We're making several improvements around the neighborhood to enhance curb appeal, maintain safety, and ensure long-term sustainability. Here's a high-level update on the work being done:

#### **Landscaping & Tree Care**

- Planter beds along Boswell (from Crutchfield to Parvin) will receive river rock to reduce maintenance and improve durability against extreme weather. Heat- and cold-tolerant plants, including Nandina, Junipers, Hollies, and Red Yucca, will also be added.
- Over 90 dead or missing trees have been identified, and replacements will prioritize hardy species like Vitex, Desert Willows, and Redbuds. A tree care program is also being considered to improve the health of existing trees.

#### **Amenity Center Enhancements**

- · Pool gates, pavilion, and other exterior areas will be repainted.
- Water intrusion issues in the building will be addressed.
- A new black screen wall will be installed for the pool area.
- · Repairs will be made to wood fencing and concrete pads.

#### Fencing & Structural Repairs

- Wrought iron fencing throughout the community will be repaired and repainted.
- · A section of the wood fence off Ballenger will be repaired, washed, and stained.
- Metal signage and decorative elements, including black cubes and string light poles, will be cleaned, sanded, and repainted.

#### Signage & Entry Features

• The Halfmoon signs at multiple entrances will be polished, repainted, and refurbished.

These updates will help keep our community looking great while ensuring longevity for our shared spaces. Thank you for your patience as these improvements are completed



## **Get Your Pool Key Now!**

With warmer weather on the way, pool season is just around the corner! Now is the perfect time to make sure you've got your pool key ready for all the fun ahead.

If you don't have a key yet, or need a replacement, simply head to your HOA website to request one. Just a quick reminder – each property is eligible for one complimentary key.

If you or the previous owner ever had a key for your address, a replacement will need to be purchased.

We will let you know when the pool opens soon!!!







### **Demonstration Garden Volunteers**

\*The Sutton Fields Demonstration Garden is Growing! \*With strong support from the HOA, Sutton Fields residents, Upper Trinity Regional Water District, Mustang SUD, and the Native Plant Society of Texas, our community is creating a space that showcases Texas native plants, provides essential habitat for Monarch butterflies and pollinators, and promotes sustainable landscaping and water conservation.

But this garden is more than just plants—it's a living classroom! Our goal is to educate residents, especially our youth, about the Blackland Prairie ecoregion, the importance of native plants, and how we can all help preserve our natural habitat for future generations.

Y We Need More Helping Hands! Y

To date, 24 volunteers have signed up, but we need more! Whether you love planting, caring for gardens, coordinating or sharing knowledge with others, there's a way for everyone to get involved.

Join Us!

Scan the QR code below or contact the Sutton Fields HOA Landscape Committee to sign up. Let's work together to build a beautiful, sustainable space that nurtures both nature and learning!



#### SAND VOLLEYBALL COURT BRIEF

Lone Star Surface Pros has been selected to build the sand volleyball court. We have met on-site with the contractor, and the permit has been applied for. The city has requested a photometric plan and a requirement that provides recessed and shielded downward facing light. currently we're searching for the acceptable lighting required by the City of Celina



Safety and Security

# Enhancing Neighborhood Security Efforts



We are thrilled to announce that we have officially signed a commitment with Flock Safety to install license plate readers in our community!

These readers will be strategically placed at our entry points and within key areas of the neighborhood to enhance safety, security, and overall peace of mind for our residents.

In addition to the license plate readers, we are also installing security cameras at the Amenity Area to help ensure the safety of our residents, community spaces and maintain the upkeep of our community spaces.

In short, this system will be able to relay information to Celina PD quickly so our neighborhood is safe!

More details on the installation timeline will be shared soon!



# **April**

In April, Bermudagrass in Texas is actively growing, so regular mowing is required for a healthy lawn. *The more you mow, the more it will grow.* If you haven't already, apply a fertilizer to encourage growth. Now that your lawn is awake, consider getting your lawn aerated if the soil is compacted from the winter.

#### **Mowing**

Mow iat 1" - 3" weekly or as frequently as required to prevent scalping

#### **Fertilization**

IF your grass is starting to turn green, apply 0.5lbs of Nitrogen/1,000 soft

#### **Irrigation**

Conduct an irrigation audit before turning on your irrigation system. Water deep, "0.5" per zone 2x a week



**Weed Control** 

Spot treat weeds



Scout for fire ants. Use bait or mound treatments.



**Aeration** 

Aerate if your lawn is hard



**Neighborhood Classifieds** 

# Want To Advertise Your Business?

Are you a local business owner or resident with a service to share?

The Sutton Fields newsletter is the perfect way to connect with our growing community. Whether you're offering home services, running a local shop, or starting a side hustle, this is your chance to get the word out!

Interested in advertising?

Contact the Sutton Fields Residential Board at: boardofdirectors@suttonfieldshoa.com

To learn more and secure your spot in the next issue.



# Stay In The Loop In Our Community!

Don't miss important updates, events, and announcements from the HOA.

Sign up for email and text alerts to get the newsletter and other essential info delivered straight to you.

It's quick, easy, and keeps you connected to your community!

#### How Would You Like to Participate in Your Community

- Send me electronic newsletters from the association
- ✓Include my information in our secured online Neighborhood Directory
- Send me an email whenever someone reports a Lost or Found Pet







# **Volunteer Leaders**

