

Awards 2006

- For the second consecutive year, America's Promise -The Alliance for Youth selected Sugar Land as a winner of a national competition to identify 100 Best Communities for Young People. The winning communities -ranging from small towns to urban neighborhoods across America are being celebrated for their commitment to provide healthy, safe and caring environments for young people.
- Business Week identified Sugar Land as one of the best and most affordable suburbs in the nation, describing the City as a “winning combination of affordability, academics, safety and culture that most families dream about but can rarely find—within their budget.” Business Week named 25 suburbs to the list after looking at home prices, cost of living, crime rate, local schools and the overall economic outlook of the area.
- Sugar Land received yet another award for its financial and budget reporting. The Government Finance Officers Association (GFOA) awarded Sugar Land a Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting for the City’s annual financial report, ending Sept. 30, 2006. It is the 22nd consecutive year the City has received this recognition.
- The City also received its 10th consecutive Distinguished Budget Presentation Award from GFOA for the annual budget beginning Oct. 1, 2006. The GFOA awards were established in 1945 to encourage excellence in financial reporting.
- Sugar Land Regional Airport received an Excellence in Construction Award for its new terminal project from the Associated Builders and Contractors of Greater Houston. E.E. Reed Construction, L.P., is the project’s contractor. The terminal was selected for first place in the category of “Institutional Government Under \$25 Million.” The airport served more than 100 of the Fortune 500 companies during the year.
- Sugar Land’s Web site won two national awards. The National Association of Government Webmasters honored the site with a 2006 Sponsors Award, citing the “branding of the City, marketing City events and improving usability through redesign of the site.” Sugarlandtx.gov also received a Savvy Award from the City, County Communications and Marketing Association for cities 70,000-200,000. The awarded cited the “visual appeal and clear navigation” of the site.
- MONEY Magazine and CNN/Money have ranked Sugar Land the third best place to live in America. Americans are flocking to places like Sugar Land that offer big-city opportunities and amenities -- with a lot more green space and a lot less stress, according to MONEY magazine.
- The consensus was that Sugar Land is one of the country's more diverse communities with excellent job opportunities and affordable housing. Among the top 10 cities, Sugar Land's economy ranked at the top with about a 31 percent job growth rate during the last five years. Sugar Land was also identified as the third most affordable place to live.
- Sugar Land's low crime rate, and strong health and education indexes all contributed to high marks for "Quality of Life."
- The first edition of Best Places to Raise Your Family: The Top 100 Affordable Communities

(Wiley, May 2006) in the United States ranked Sugar Land eighth in the Best of the Best top ten category. The “Best of the Best” towns were determined by demographics, standard of living, education, lifestyle, health and safety. Sugar Land was judged “Best of the Best” in “Standard of Living,” “Education,” “Health and Safety” and “Lifestyle.” The City placed in the top 10 for both “Standard of Living” and “Education.”

- Sugar Land Town Square received the "Best Mixed Use Development" award from the Houston Business Journal's Landmark Awards program. The Landmark Awards recognize Houston's outstanding commercial and residential real estate deals and developments that have become focal points in the region's landscape. Sugar Land also received attention for the Landmark Award for Best Headquarters Move. The award went to Thermo Electron and the Simpkins Group for relocating and consolidating Thermo Electron Headquarters to the Sugar Land Business Park.