

Awards 2007

- Sugar Land was named America's Fifth Safest City, a distinction based on an analysis of FBI crime statistics. The national ranking is included in the 14th edition of City Crime Rankings: Crime in Metropolitan America, published today by Washington-based CQ Press, the reference and textbook-publishing division of Congressional Quarterly. The publication's authors have compiled state and city rankings books for almost two decades.
- Two Sugar Land programs focusing on citizen involvement and safety were named the state's best. The Texas Municipal League (TML) awarded Municipal Excellence Awards to Sugar Land in the categories of "Communications Program" and "Public Safety." Sugar Land won the "Communications Program" category for the City's many citizen academies. Another citizen opportunity - Sugar Land Police Department's Community Assistance Support Team (CAST) - was the winner of a TML Municipal Excellence Awards in the category of "Public Safety."
- Director of Public Works Mike Hobbs was named Top Public Works Leader of the Year by the Texas Chapter of the Public Works Association of America.
- The City of Sugar Land's annual H2O Expo received top honors in the American Water Works Association's (AWWA) Drinking Water Week Celebration Contest.
- Sugar Land officially became the first city in the nation to be named a Community of Respect® by the Anti-Defamation League (ADL). The ADL's Community of Respect® program is an initiative to help governments, non-profit organizations, faith institutions, businesses, and institutes of higher learning create an atmosphere that rejects prejudice and fosters respect and an appreciation for diversity.
- The City of Sugar Land's Utilities Department recently received two recognition certificates, one for Outstanding Public Drinking Water System Award 2006 and one for Total Coliform Rule Program Award 2006.
- The purpose of the awards is to recognize the commitment to protecting public health, to focus public attention on the importance of water facilities, and to provide opportunities for water systems management to interact with each other, national organizations and the regulatory agency.
- Sugar Land Mayor David G. Wallace was awarded an Outstanding Achievement Award in the 2007 City Livability Awards Program, sponsored by the U.S. Conference of Mayors (USCM) and Waste Management. The national award recognized an Internet Safety Program that's been recognized as a "Best Practice" and replicated across the nation.
- Sugar Land's Internet safety program is an innovative cross-sector collaboration involving all levels of government, non-profit organizations and the business community. The program utilizes education, enforcement and prevention to help parents, families and communities protect children from online predators.
- Sugar Land received top honors in this year's 2007 Tami Award for Sugar Land Today and the City's Annual Report/Calendar.

- For the fourth consecutive year, Sugar Land has been named the "Fittest City in Texas" for its population range in the Texas Round-Up Governor's Challenge. In addition to the "City Challenge" category, Sugar Land also won in the new Municipal Organization Category for 500-plus employees as well as nine additional category wins.
- For cities between 20,000 - 99,000 citizens, Sugar Land finished first, ahead of Cedar Park and Round Rock, respectively. Sugar Land residents and organizations won distinction in additional categories, and these can be seen in a May 2007 press release-see Home Page.
- The Texas Chapter of the American Society of Landscape Architects (ASLA) presented an Award of Merit to the City of Sugar Land at its annual conference in April. The award for achievement in Planning and Analysis recognizes the City of Sugar Land Urban Beautification Policy that was adopted by the Sugar Land City Council in 1998.
- The City has invested in various streetscape improvements, such as: ornamental light standards with banners, ornamental traffic signals, static level ponds rather than dry detention, ornamental sign standards and freestanding columns, sound walls, plantings and irrigation--all done in an effort to enhance the quality of life for residents and attract development.
- The Texas Public Works Association, Southeast Branch, has presented the Department of Public Works with a Stewardship Award.
- The Texas Association of Partners in Education has presented a 2007 Texas Government/Agency Partnership Gold Certificate Award to the City of Sugar Land and Fort Bend Independent School District
- Sugar Land Regional Airport (SLRA) has been named one of the best FBO's (Fixed Based Operations) in the U.S., Canada and South America.
- SLRA placed 7th on a list of 40 FBOs chosen by pilots, dispatchers and users of FBO facilities. Aviation International News conducts the annual survey that asks respondents to judge the line service (fixed base operations): fuel and aircraft maintenance, passenger amenities, pilot amenities and facilities at the airports. There were 2,364 survey respondents in this year's "The Americas' 40 Top-rated FBOs."
- Sugar Land Regional Airport has also been named "2007 Reliever Airport of the Year" by the Texas Department of Transportation, Aviation Division. The Federal Aviation Administration categorizes reliever airports as general aviation airports located in large metropolitan areas that serve to add additional capacity to major commercial airports.