

## Awards 2008

- Sugar Land continued to be included among America's 20 Safest Cities, a distinction based on an analysis of FBI crime statistics. The national ranking was included in the 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.
- MONEY magazine and CNN/Money chose Sugar Land as one of the 100 Best Place to Live in the nation.
- The Texas Animal Control Association described Sugar Land's animal shelter as one of the state's best during its 34th Annual Conference in Dallas, where Sugar Land received the 2008 Texas Animal Control & Welfare Agencies Award for cities with a population of 50,000 to 100,000. The award recognizes public awareness, facility compliance with the Shelter Act and agency improvements, as well as active membership in TACA and effective employee development programs.
- The Texas Economic Development Council (TEDC) selected Sugar Land to receive its 2008 Community Economic Development Award (CEDA) for cities with a population of 40,001 to 100,000. The award recognizes Sugar Land's overall economic development program in business retention and recruitment and community improvement.
- The Texas City Manager's Association (TCMA) -- an organization comprised of the state's top City leaders -- awarded Sugar Land its City Council of the Year award. The award recognizes Sugar Land City Council for its support of the council-manager form of government through professional management, ethical practices and effective decision-making to ensure the highest standards for the community.
- Forbes.com's compilation of the best standard of living suburbs for the country's 15 largest cities included Sugar Land as a "Top Suburb to Live Well."
- A City partnership with Southern Land Company, Cherokee Investment Partners and Newland Communities resulted in two Houston Business Journal (HBJ) Landmark awards. The Imperial Sugar Refinery Site project won an award in the category of "2008 Land Deal" and the Telfair -- Phase I project won a Landmark Award in the category of "2008 Residential Development."
- Sugar Land received a Texas Recreation and Parks Society Award for the development of three recreational lakes at the Brazos River Park. The award recognized an innovative government partnership that saved Sugar Land taxpayers \$9 million.
- The Texas chapter of the American Society of Landscape Architects and the Texas Trails Network gave its state award to the City of Sugar Land and Halff Associates Inc. for a comprehensive citywide Hike and Bike Trail Plan. Judges with the Texas chapter of the American Society of Landscape Architects and the Texas Trails Network noted the plan's extensive community support and a planning process that focused on existing resources and areas with the highest amount of potential usage.

- For the third 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.