

## City Pool Opens

I.H. Kempner's dedication to providing for the needs of its workers was evident in the creation of a town that provided for all the necessities of life and more. The construction of a swimming pool in 1931 added to a state-of-the-art school campus built in 1918.

In many company towns across the country, children were put to work in factories or company stores, but not in Sugar Land. Working for Imperial Sugar ensured a quality education for children and recreational activities, though many kids simply enjoyed local "swimming holes."

Following the City's incorporation in 1959, Sugar Land's first City Council approved a comprehensive plan that provided a blueprint for future City development. This commitment to planning for the future continues today with a process recently initiated to update the City's Comprehensive Plan, which includes providing for the recreational needs of citizens.

Sugar Land's first swimming pool opened in 1967; it was a project made possible by the Sugar Land Lion's Club and Kempner Foundation. Pictured on opening day are Lion Vic Novasad (center) with Fort Bend County Judge Josh Gates and Lion Carl Key.

The City continues to operate the City Pool, which opens on May 23.

Money Magazine and CNNmoney.com rank Sugar Land as one of America's Best Places to Live.  
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