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Happenings

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ACIA BOARD OF TRUSTEES CANDIDATES 2011 Biographical Information

RIC HALBROOK

I have been a member of the Atascocita Forest Community Association Board of Trustees for the past 4.5 years and the President of the AFCA from June 2010 to present. Projects include; coordinating contract security, ¼ mile walking trail, 30 new street lights, community picnic area with secured fencing and cameras, as well as setting budgets and project goals. I have been a member of the Atascocita area for the past 36 years and have been the Project manager for R/J Data Services (Family owned business) since 1987. I have also served on the Humble Go-Texan Committee (Gold Badge), the Humble Education Foundation, where I helped revive the Rodeo and co-founder of the Humble Rodeo BBQ. I also chaired the Rodeo Committee for 5 years where I helped coordinate all Rodeo events. I look forward to bringing all of my experience to the ACIA.

CHRIS PECK

I was born in Houston and am a second generation Atascocita resident living in my current home for 25 years, having raised my two grown sons in this home. I am married, and my hobbies are karate and target shooting. I am VP Engineering and Marketing for George E Anderson Co Inc and have been with the company for 35 years. I work with new lighting and electrical technologies for residential, commercial and industrial applications and am extremely knowledgeable in Green Technology. I consult with municipalities and engineers on lighting and controls and for 25 years have managed and trained my team, clients, vendors

and individuals on adapting these technologies, products and services, specifically focusing on eliminating wasteful business practices.

Why do I want to become a board member? I do not want my neighborhood falling into disrepair and just talking about it is not enough anymore. Like the man said "put up or shut up" and I look forward to the opportunity work with my neighbors on behalf of our community.

LAURA LAMMERS

As a homeowner in the ACIA since 1983, I have been actively involved with this community by serving on a variety of ACIA committees, including crime watch, pool/tennis, news letter editor, nominating committee, and currently on the architectural control committee. I believe that the ACIA Board of Trustees must conduct homeowners' business with transparency, accountability, and ensure active and ongoing communications with all ACIA homeowners. The board of trustees should operate like government in that it exists to serve. The principles of good governance I have learned are the same ones I intend to apply to the responsibility of being an ACIA Board member. This is a wonderful area to live in and I would be proud to be part of the team that works with all homeowners to ensure it remains that way.

JIM PERWIEN

Fellow homeowners, my name is Jim Perwien, past ACIA board member and I do

not live on the Golf Course. I have a business degree and have been employed with Merrill Lynch for the last 37 years. My wife Connie (42 years) and I have two adult children and two spoiled Chihuahuas. My chief goal is to efficiently and fairly oversee the management of the ACIA. I have no hidden agendas.

JIMMY R. WELLS

- *Qualifications:* Past member of the Kenswick Pines HOA; Former President of Kenswick Pines HOA; Set budgets and project goals as well as annual activities with Jesse Jones Park.
- *History:* Worked for Yellow Freight for 31 years in operations and outside sales. I retired in 2007; I am a small business owner J&D Wells LLC DBA Jimmy Wells Sales Agent for Compass Global Logistics. Semiretired not working full time; Served in the U.S. Navy from 1967-1971 with an honorable discharge; Disabled Vietnam Veteran

CARL T. MARTIN

I moved to the Oaks of Atascocita on July 9, 1979 and now live in Pinehurst. I am an active member of Humble Area First Baptist Church and I do charity work for the Lake Houston Area Shrine Club. My son, daughter, three grand kids and two great grand kids have all attended Humble ISD schools. I am a retired Federal Law Enforcement Agent. My hobby is public speaking and I am a member of Deerwood Toastmasters Club, Kingwood, Texas, as well as a member of Atascocita-Kingwood Genealogical Society.

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A LETTER FROM THE EDITOR

The "Atascocita Happenings" newsletter is a wonderful tool for the community as a whole and the ACIA board to share information. This publication will continue to grow if everyone participates. If you are involved in a community club or activity, please e-mail information on your activities and meeting for inclusion in the newsletter. If there is an upcoming event in the area which you think everyone would love to attend, please send in the information for the "Community Reminders" section of the newsletter. If you have any ideas for the newsletter, please let us know and we can incorporate them into the publication. The more everyone gets involved, the better the information can be. The deadline for submission is the 8th day of the month for inclusion in the next month's publication.

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*Sincerely,
Mark & Rebekah Snipp*

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To Atascocita...

National Night Out was a success on October 1st. We sponsored Meridian Cove and Montecito Point Neighborhood Night Out. Thanks to all that came and had Authentic Vienna Beef Chicago Style Hot Dogs with all the trimmings. A special thanks to the Atascocita Volunteer Fire Department for bringing their fire engine to view and let the kids see it and play on it, with supervision of course! Getting to know neighbors is a tradition in our local neighborhood. Thanks to all that brought jars of peanut butter and macaroni cheese. A full box of items was delivered to the local church food pantry because of your generosity. Together we made a difference for someone in their time of need.

Happy Thanksgiving! This is a special time! Open your home to friends, family, or anyone in need of a good meal in a family atmosphere this Thanksgiving. Do not forget to help the less fortunate, if you have the ability, think about providing a turkey for those that cannot afford one. Just a small way we can pass down our blessings to others in the community.

I would like to thank all resident neighbors past and present that have given me the honor of working with them on their real estate transaction. The trust you have shown in my services will always be appreciated. I treat every real estate transaction with the utmost of care. It is my duty to give to you extraordinary service, competence and integrity. I will protect your interest in every real estate transaction from negotiation to disclosure and everything in between.

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*Respectfully,
Rebekah Snipp, CDPE, ABR*



Happy Thanksgiving to All!

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MARINA UPDATE

Repairs have started at the Marina with Baja Construction. After a careful selection process, the ACIA chose a professional engineering company to make the necessary repairs and improvements. The bottom part of the launch will be removed and completely replaced, and a pier will be added to allow for two lanes of traffic. We hope to continue improving the marina, and upgrading all common areas in the ACIA. This is a continuation of the pool refurbishing and parks improvements. The low water allowed this to be accomplished at about half the price of previous attempts. The improvements should be completed soon, and the launch ready for use as soon as the lake is full again. We hope the recent news article informed the community; and the finished product will be a welcome upgrade to the ACIA amenities.



ATASCOCITA GARDENERS ANNOUNCEMENT

The Atascocita Country Garden Club is 34 years old. It was formed in 1977 by leaders who envisioned a club that would be dedicated to improving gardening skills and techniques as well as offer monthly presentations from talented and interesting speakers. Also, field trips are on the schedule, which continue to be organized throughout the year to tour either gardens of our members or to visit commercial gardens in the community. Other contributions offered by the club include in depth coverage of issues from Design and Horticultural to Environmental activities. Special events incorporate crafts, 'hands on activities' and annual holiday luncheons.

Whether you're a novice or an expert gardener or involved in floral design we welcome your attendance. The club meets on the 2nd Tuesday of the month at 9:30am from September through May. Our board and membership invite you to visit us in person at the monthly meetings.

COMMUNITY REMINDERS

The ACIA Annual board meeting is scheduled for November 10, 2011 at the Atascocita Lutheran Church and will begin at 7:30 p.m.

Prior to initiating any home improvements requiring Architectural Control Committee approval (painting, pools, roofing, etc) please submit an approval request form to the C.A.M. office. The form and Architectural Guidelines can be found on the website or at the C.A.M. office.

The 2011 Texas Legislature passed new laws regarding Property Owners Associations. This new legislation will impact several areas, including but not limited to records, forms, document filing and deed restrictions. The attorneys and management company for the ACIA are working hard to bring everything into compliance under the guidelines give by the Texas Legislature. More information will be forthcoming.



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Atascocita Branch Library

The Atascocita Branch Library located at 19520 Pinehurst Trail Dr. has many recurring activities for all ages. For children we have weekly story-times: Family Story Time (all ages) that meet on Mondays at 7 PM, Tales for tots (ages 2-3 yrs) that meet on Wednesdays at 10 AM and 1:30 PM; Baby-time (infants up to 24 mo.) that meet on Wednesdays and Thursdays at 11 AM and on Fridays at 1 PM. Story Pals (ages 3-5) that meet at 10:00 a.m. on Thursdays. For teens (ages 12 - 18) we have: Club Anime, that meet on the first Tuesday of the month at 7 PM, Knit Wits Teen Knitting Club meets on the last Tuesday of the month at 6 PM, and Chess Club which meets on the last Thursday of the month at 7 Pm. Finally, for adults there is a monthly meeting for the adult book club Lunch 'n' Lit. This meets on the first Thursday of the month at 1 PM. We also have an adult Craft Club and knitting group called Knit and Knosh. The Craft Club is held on the third Tuesday of the month at 7 PM and Knit and Knosh is on the last Thursday of the month at 7 PM. All of the library's activities can be found through our Events Calendar located on the Harris County Public Library website at www.hcpl.net. All programs are free but some may require prior registration. For more information, visit us on the web at www.hcpl.net or call the library at 281-812-2162.

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The American Heart Association, Greater Lake Houston Division will hold its annual Heart Walk on Saturday, November 12, 2011 at Lone Star College in Kingwood. This fun, family-friendly event promotes physical activity as part of a heart-healthy lifestyle, and raises funds for research and programs to fight heart disease and stroke - our nation's number one and number three killers. Each year, nearly 865,000 Americans die from some type of cardiovascular disease - more than the next four leading causes of death combined. But we can make that change! This fun-filled non-competitive 5k walk will include approximately 1,000 local residents and 30 businesses and organizations from the Greater Lake Houston area dedicated to promoting healthy hearts.

The event is being chaired by Carl Joiner, President of Joiner Partnership, Inc., and the overall fundraising goal for the walk is \$65,000. The annual success of the Greater Lake Houston Heart Walk is due in part to presenting sponsor, Memorial Hermann Northeast, in addition to local sponsors such as Lone Star College-Kingwood, **HealthSouth Rehabilitation Hospital of Humble**, and Medical Answering Service. The Heart Walk is nationally sponsored by Subway®.

Registration and festivities will begin at 8 a.m. and will include a post-event breakfast and

live music. The walk will officially start at 9 a.m., and the festival portion of the event will be wrapped up by noon. Involvement can be accomplished individually, or by forming a team with your company or family and friends. Teams are especially encouraged as a way to rally support for the cause, and participants often walk in honor or in memory of a loved one affected by heart disease or stroke. Join us for the American Heart Association's Greater Lake Houston Heart Walk as we walk for heart-healthy futures! To register for the Heart Walk, or for more information, visit www.greaterlakehoustonheartwalk.org or contact 713-610-5061.



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