



# ACIA

## Happenings

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### ATASCOCITA ACIA

#### Crime Stats

	DEC 2011	YTD DEC 2011
BURGLARY OF A HABITATION .....	0	1
BURGLARY OF A MOTOR VEHICLE.2 .....	1	1
THEFT FROM A HABITATION .....	1	1
THEFT OF MOTOR VEHICLE.....	2	0
THEFT - OTHER.....	0	1
ROBBERY .....	0	0
SUB-TOTAL.....	5	4
ASSAULT .....	1	3
SEXUAL ASSAULT .....	0	0
CRIMINAL MISCHIEF .....	1	0
DISTURBANCE - FAMILY.....	1	0
DISTURBANCE - JUVENILE.....	0	2
DISTURBANCE - OTHER .....	10	13
ALARMS.....	24	24
SUSPICIOUS VEHICLES .....	9	14
SUSPICIOUS PERSONS .....	11	5
RUNAWAYS.....	1	0
TELEPHONE HARASSMENT .....	0	2
OTHER CALLS.....	54	39

*A full version of Crime Stats for Atascocita ACIA can be viewed at: [www.atascocitacia.org](http://www.atascocitacia.org) (click on security.)*

### The Dockline Challenge Fishing Tournament

#### Kids Division

Kid's Tournament will be held from 8 AM until 11 AM, March 24, 2012. ENTRY FEE IS \$5.00 per child.

**Register at [WWW.LAKEHOUSTONHOOKUP.COM](http://WWW.LAKEHOUSTONHOOKUP.COM)**

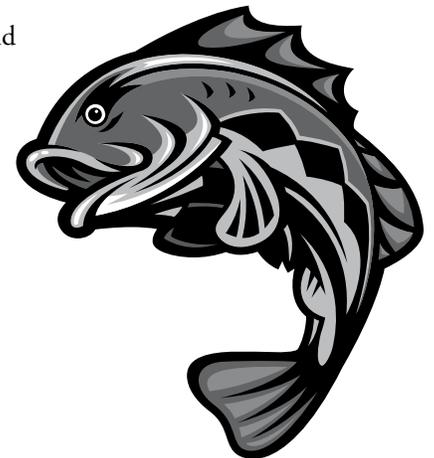
Fishing will be from the bank only for all species of fish: Perch, Crappie, Catfish, etc. There will be several fishing stations set up around Lake Houston to allow children of all ages to come out and enjoy. After catching, Kids will be able to measure, weigh and take pictures with their catch. Prizes will be given in various categories – biggest catfish, etc. Top winners will be invited to Duessen Park for prizes.

Several fishing stations will be set around Lake Houston. For those who need, bait will be provided by the lake Houston Sports and Recreation Foundation and its sponsors at each station.

Proceeds from the tournament will benefit a stocking program for the lake and various other Lake Houston projects.

Volunteers are needed to assist at various fishing stations along the lake within the ACIA area. Please contact any ACIA board member if you desire to volunteer to assist in this worthy cause.

*Robert Segraves*



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# ACIA HAPPENINGS

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## Notes from the President

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## Harris County Precinct 4 Report for the ACIA

In my first meeting being in charge of security I met with Sergeant Lekas of the Harris County Constable Precinct 4, who is in charge of the ACIA constables, we had a very nice opened ended discussion. Sergeant Lekas has been in this area since 1993 and is very astute of what is going on in our area.

### Some of the items in our discussion as homeowners were:

1. The use exterior lighting, just as long as it does not trespass on your neighbors. Use the photo cell bulbs as they do not cost much to light the area.
2. Know your neighbors, have their phone numbers for emergencies and vice versa.
3. Check your alarm system and make sure it is working, also know your password as there are only a few free false alarms and then afterwards one is charged for the call. Test the alarm every month.
4. As always do not leave valuables in your vehicle, especially where a thief can spot it. Be sure the doors are locked and if you have an alarm then set the alarm. It may save you the cost of a window replacement as well.
5. Don't forget about the new speed limit laws for 75 MPH; be sure the signs are posted as it does not include all highways and freeways.

I plan on meeting with Sergeant Lekas once a month so I will get to know what is going on in our community and not just communicate with emails.

*Jimmy Wells*

## PINE FOREST ELEMENTARY WILD WEST DAYS

Pine Forest Elementary, 19702 West Lake Houston Parkway, will hold its annual Wild West Days (carnival and fundraiser) on Saturday, March 3rd at the school grounds. Let's all support our neighborhood school and PTO. Fun and food for all.



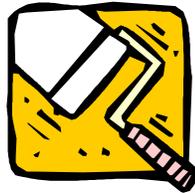
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Our pool management company is accepting applications for lifeguard positions for the upcoming swim season. If interested, please call DS Recreational, Inc. at 281-443-7665 ext. 213 to schedule an interview. Training will be provided.

Former President Ronald Reagan said *"Lifeguard was one of the best jobs I had"*.

## ANNUAL EASTER EGG HUNT

COME JOIN IN

The annual ACIA Easter egg hunt will take place in the Shores Park on March 31, 2012 at 1:30 PM.

Children up to age 12 are invited. There will be loads of fun and goodies.

## DEAD TREES

As spring approaches, unfortunately, as warned by many arborists, we will find more dead trees.

These represent a danger to you and your neighbors and must come down. Additionally, this condition is covered by our deed restrictions and violations letters will be issued.

Obviously, several "tree cutting" businesses will be canvassing the neighborhood leaving business cards and advertisement. We strongly recommend:

1. Do not let any vendor offering this service into your home.
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## LAKE HOUSTON SPORTS AND RECREATION COMMITTEE PHOTO CONTEST

Is your photo of Lake Houston the best? Submit your favorite photos of the lake, wildlife, or activities and it may end up on the 2013 calendar supporting the Lake Houston Sports and Recreation Committee efforts to enhance Lake Houston and our community.

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## RECIPE OF THE MONTH

### Clam Chowder

#### INGREDIENTS

- 2/3 C diced salt pork
- 1 T butter
- 3 C diced onions
- 3/4 C common crackers
- 1 can clams
- 3 C diced potatoes
- 1 bay leaf
- 3 C milk or Half & Half
- salt & pepper



Place diced salt pork in 2 qts. simmering water. Boil slowly 5 mins. Rinse and drain. Saute slowly with butter for several minutes, until pork begins to brown. Stir in onions. Cover and cook slowly 8 to 10 minutes, until tender & translucent. Blend in crackers. Set aside. Drain clams, saving liquid. Add enough water to make 4 cups. Pour over onions. Add potatoes and bay leaf. Simmer, loosely covered, for 20 minutes.

Chop clams. Stir into soup along with milk. Bring to just below the simmer point. Salt & pepper.. (Allow chowder to season several hours or overnight.) Bring to just below the simmer point before serving. Don't boil - this will make clams tough.

*Enjoy!*

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## Nature Education Day

*Jesse Jones Park*

**Saturday, March 3,  
9:30 a.m. to 4 p.m.**

Enjoy a day of nature education as over forty exhibitors offer the sights, sounds and feel of

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## Acia Community Improvements

- Irrigations systems installation is now complete at the entrances from West Lake Houston Parkway into Wild Violet and Firesign streets. Landscaping of these locations will begin in the spring.
- The “baby pools” at both pool locations will be covered similar to the pavilion covers installed at the marina.
- Other repairs on park amenities are being reviewed.

## FUN 4 SENIORS SPECIAL EVENTS

**March 2012**

- Million Dollar Quartet, Broadway Across America at The Hobby Center – March 4
- King Tut Exhibit at the Museum of Fine Arts Houston – March 8
- Liberty Opry Special Matinee – March 17
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Friday, March 23, 2012

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Calcutta Pool opens to public 6:30-7:00p.m.

Hospitality Food, Beverages, and Entertainment at Cedars Landing

Special DOOR PRIZES awarded at 7p.m. & 8p.m.

**BOTH MEMBERS MUST BE PRESENT TO WIN**

**SATURDAY, March 24, 2012**

KIDS TOURNAMENT HOURS 8a.m.-11a.m.

PRO TOURNAMENT HOURS 6:00a.m. - 3:30p.m.

Several Kids event locations around the lake.

go to website for more information

**FISHERMAN'S MEAL**

Start serving at 4:00p.m. awards & Door Prizes Following Meal

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