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# Harris County Precinct 4 Constable's Office Crime Statistics A.C.I.A.

TYPE OF ACTIVITY	NOV 2011	NOV 2012	YTD 2011	YTD 2012
BURGLARY OF A HABITATION	0	7	15	13
BURGLARY OF A MOTOR VEHICLE	0	0	35	20
THEFT FROM A HABITATION	3	0	13	4
THEFT OF A MOTOR VEHICLE	3	2	5	5
THEFT - OTHER	3	2	14	26
ROBBERY	0	0	3	0
ASSAULT	1	0	5	5
SEXUAL ASSAULT	1	0	2	2
CRIMINAL MISCHIEF	7	5	26	27
DISTURBANCE - FAMILY	3	3	18	26
DISTURBANCE - JUVENILE	9	0	36	13
DISTURBANCE - OTHER	10	5	119	112
ALARMS	12	31	277	333
SUSPICIOUS VEHICLES	1	6	158	120
SUSPICIOUS PERSONS	10	5	100	106
RUNAWAYS	0	0	10	5
TELEPHONE HARASSMENT	0	1	6	6
OTHER CALLS	50	64	951	640



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# Special Thanks to our Volunteers

A very special "Thanks" to Incredible Delights. Kathy Lookofsky has allowed the use of her facility to hold monthly meetings and ACIA special events. All her staff has been warm and welcoming. Because of her hospitality, the ACIA has been able to hold these meetings in a convenient and close location and at no cost.

Thanks to all volunteers that hid eggs in the children's park and especially the Easter Bunny, for making the annual egg hunt a success.

At the July 4th celebration Incredible Delights served food and beverages to the participants and the children enjoyed the moonwalk and bouncy house.

A special salute to all the Veterans that gave their time and participation to ensure the annual July 4th celebration was a sensation and also to Mr. John Heimburger, who gave so much of his time to help organize the event.

Don Dukes Lt US Ret	NAVY
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John Heimburger Pilot	AIR FORCE
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Keith Lamerand ABE-1	NAVY
Tim Makowski SPC4	ARMY
Thomas Murphy SP-4	ARMY
Charles BrinkleyDK2	NAVY
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Walter H. Thompson	NAVY
Anthony Dearth Sp4	ARMY
Frank Pavlat Msgt Ret	AIR FORCE
Donald Foisie	ARMY
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The lovely members of the Atascocita Garden Club graciously donated their time to judge yards for Yard of the Month and the Christmas Yard Decorating events.

We look forward to an even more celebrated 2013. Please contact Sterling Management or any board member to become involved.

# How Your \$475 is Spent

By now, residents have received the invoice for their \$475 annual maintenance assessment. Timely payment of this assessment is critical to the day-to-day operation of the ACIA because interest earned from deposits creates more income.

Other area HOAs, such as Summer Wood, Eagle Springs, and Walden, require a much larger annual assessment and don't include trash pickup services. Living in ACIA is a great value thanks to the vigorous work of your Board of Trustees.

Revenue is generated by maintenance fees of \$475 per resident and increased by interest on investments, legal fees recovered, and marina contributions. These additions generate about \$13 of extra revenue, bringing a total of approximately \$488 per resident of funds.

# The following is a breakdown of expenditures:

Utilities (street lights & electricity, water, sewer, phone)	73.89
Trash Service	128.00
Pools	32.72
Tennis courts, marina, parade, egg hunt	11.14
Security	76.54
Professional services (management, legal, audit)	50.60
Maintenance (mowing & beautification, pest control, signs)	62.48
Administrative (postage, fax, copying, banking)	8.74
Miscellaneous (insurance, property tax)	13.89
Reserve funds	30.00

Full financial statements are presented at every board meeting and are also posted on the website www.aciahomeowners.org.



# **Lake Houston** Ladies Club

**IANUARY MEETING** 

Submitted by Laura Pavlat. Publicity Chairman

Lake Houston Ladies Club will have their monthly meeting and luncheon on Tuesday, January 15, 2013 beginning at 10:00 a.m. at the Walden Country Club, 18100 Walden Forest in Humble, TX 77346. Dwayne Ulrich will be presenting a program called: Self Defense for Women. Lake Houston Ladies Club is a social organization that welcomes new members from all surrounding areas. Several Interest groups are available which include: Readers Choice, Bridge, Bunco, Lunch and Look, Movie Group and Supper Club. Come and join us! Please call Carol at 832-671-4475 for reservations by January 15 before 5:00 p.m. Call Hestor at 281-852-1442 for more information about the club.

# **Atascocita Volunteer Fire Department provides CPR** training

The AVFD does CPR training and can be scheduled to give a CPR Class to ACIA residents. If we have a group of at least 7 residents, the AVFD can do an onsite class at a location of our choosing. The cost is \$50/per person and provides a certificate valid for 2 years through the American Heart Association. The course name is Heartsaver First Aid/CPR/AED. Please contact Sterling Association Services at 832-678-4500 or by email, servicedesk@sterlingasi.com to sign up. A training date will be scheduled once enough residents have signed up.



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# **Trash Can Reminder**

Residents are reminded that trash cans should only be set out on trash pickup days, Tuesday and Friday. Trash set out any day other than trash day is a violation of the deed restrictions and can become a nuisance. Residents should also remove their trash cans from the curb after pickup. Trash cans left in view destroys the neighborhood attractiveness.



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# Earn college credit close to home!

Spring Credit classes at Lone Star College-Atascocita Center are listed below. Registration is in progress; classes begin week of Monday, January 14.

ACCT 2401 Principles Of Accounting I Class 2890TTh 9:30–11:50a	G
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ACCT 2402 Principles Of Accounting II Class 2892Th 7:00–9:30p	
ANTH 2351 Cultural Anthropology	(
Class 13447TTh 11:00a–12:20p	G
<b>ARTS 1301 Art Appreciation</b> Class 15816	(
BCIS 1405 Business Computer Apps Class 16018Th 1:30–3:25p	H
	(
BIOL 1408 Intro Biology I (Nonmajors) Class 6837Th 6:00–8:50p	Н
Class 15838 Online/Lab F 9:00-10:00a	
BIOL 1409 Intro Biol II (Nonmajors)	Н
Class 6981	(
BIOL 2401 Human Anatomy & Phys I Class 6533Th 6:00–8:50p	H
BIOL 2402 Human Anatomy & Phys II	
Class 6591 MW 6:00-8:50p	
BUSI 1301 Business Principles Class 2894Th 1:30–3:00p	M
COSC 1401 Intro to Computers	
Class 16014TTh 1:30–3:25p	
EDUC 1301 Intro Teaching Profession	6
Class 3233 Hybrid MW12:30–1:50p* Class 3236 HybridTh 5:30–8:30p*	M
ENGL 0304 Dev Reading I	
Class 13332TTh 8:00–9:50p* Class 13334MW 9:00–10:50a*	
ENGL 0305 Dev Reading II	M
Class 13362 TTh 10:30a-12:20p*	
ENGL 0306 Dev Writing I	M
Class 13378Th 6:00–7:50p* Class 13380 MW 11:00a–12:50p*	141
ENGL 0307 Dev Writing II	(
Class 13794TTh 8:30–10:20a* Class 13813MW 12:30–2:20p* Class 13815MW 6:00–7:50p*	PS
Class 13815	(
ENGL 0308 ESOL Language Skills	P
Class 8267 Late Start Th 8:30–10:30a* Class 8270 Late Start Th 8:30–10:30a*	P;
ENGL 0372 ESOL Writing II	(
Class 8321 Late Start TTh 10:40a-12:40p*	S
ENGL 0373 ESOL Writing III	(
Class 8328 Late Start TTh 10:40a-12:40p* <b>ENGL 1301 Comp &amp; Rhetoric I</b>	SI
Class 10797TTh 9:30–10:50a	CI
Class 10798TTh 11:00a-12:20p	SI
ENGL 1302 Comp & Rhetoric II	`

ACCT 2401 Principles Of Accounting I Class 2890TTh 9:30–11:50a	<b>GEOG 1303 World Geography</b> Class 14111 W 6:00-8:50p
ACCT 2402 Principles Of Accounting II Class 2892Th 7:00–9:30p	<b>GOVT 2301 American Government I</b> Class 12343 MW 8:00-9:20a
ANTH 2351 Cultural Anthropology	Class 12346TTh 1:30–2:50p
Class 13447Th 11:00a-12:20p	GOVT 2302 American Government II
ARTS 1301 Art Appreciation	Class 14105 MW 9:30-10:50a
Class 15816 MW 6:00–7:20p	Class 15154 M 6:00–8:50p
	Class 3028
<b>BCIS 1405</b> Business Computer Apps Class 16018Th 1:30–3:25p	HIST 1301 US History to 1877 Class 3928
BIOL 1408 Intro Biology I (Nonmajors) Class 6837Th 6:00–8:50p	HIST 1302 US History Since 1877
Class 6837TTh 6:00–8:50p Class 15838 Online/Lab F 9:00–10:00a	Class 12279TTh 8:00-9:20a Class 12282MW 12:30-1:50p
BIOL 1409 Intro Biol II (Nonmajors) Class 6981	HIST 2301 Texas History Class 12294Th 11:00a-12:20p
	HUMD 0330 College Success:1st Yr Exp
<b>BIOL 2401</b> Human Anatomy & Phys I Class 6533Th 6:00–8:50p	Class 12857TTh 4:30–5:50p
<b>BIOL 2402</b> Human Anatomy & Phys II Class 6591	Class 16005 MW 4:30-5:50p
	Class 16006TTh 7:30–8:50a Class 16007TTh 1:00–2:20p
<b>BUSI 1301</b> Business Principles Class 2894Th 1:30–3:00p	MATH 0306 Pre-algebra Math
•	Class 11533 MW 9:30-10:50a
COSC 1401 Intro to Computers Class 16014	Class 11534TTh 6:00–7:20p
EDUC 1301 Intro Teaching Profession	Class 11534 TTh 6:00–7:20p Class 11535 TTh 8:00–9:20a Class 14106 TTh 1:30–2:50p
Class 3233 Hybrid MW 12:30-1:50p*	MATH 0308 Intro Algebra
Class 3236 HybridTh 5:30–8:30p*	Class 11586 MW 11:00a-12:20p Class 11587 TTh 6:00-7:20p Class 11588 TTh 9:30-10:50a
ENGL 0304 Dev Reading I	Class 11587TTh 6:00–7:20p
Class 13332TTh 8:00–9:50p* Class 13334 MW 9:00–10:50a*	MATH 0310 Intermediate Algebra
<b>ENGL 0305 Dev Reading II</b> Class 13362 TTh 10:30a–12:20p*	Class 11654TTh 11:00a-12:20p
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Class 8328 Late Start TTh 10:40a-12:40p*	Class 13442 M 6:00–8:50p
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Class 10797TTh 9:30–10:50a	Class 15067TTh 9:30–10:50a
Class 10798Th 11:00a–12:20p	<b>SPCH 1318</b> Interpersonal Comm Class 15068TTh 11:00a–12:20p
<b>ENGL 1302 Comp &amp; Rhetoric II</b> Class 11221Th 8:00–9:20a	
Class 11222TTh 9:30–10:50a	
Class 11223TTh 6:00–7:20p	* = Additional lab hours may apply.

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# **ATASCOCITA**

# Country Gardeners

# **Coming Events**

# January 8th

Shade gardening presentation by Master Gardener Gudrun Opperman.

# February 5th

Club members will help the ROSEMONT RESIDENTS with a craft project.

# February 12th

Growing and Cooking herbs presentation by Tricia Bradbury.

# February 19th

Arbor Day, tree planting in the community.

# March 12th

Annual field trip to SHANGRI LA BOTANICAL GARDENS & NATURE CENTER in ORANGE, TX - We will travel by Precinct 4 bus - must be 55 to ride.

### April 9th

Floral arranging and design by Helen Smith of the Humble Flower Shoppe.

New members are welcome.



# **A Focus On Resolutions**

By: Concentra Urgent Care

The New Year is a great time to make healthy lifestyle changes. According to the US Department of Health and Human Services, the most common resolutions focus on losing weight, getting fit, quitting smoking, and reducing stress. These are important themes that can reduce your risk of disease. Here are ways you can achieve your goals this year.

# LOSING WEIGHT

A weight loss of five to seven percent of your body weight can improve your health and quality of life. It can also help prevent weight-related health problems, like diabetes. Changing your eating habits and increasing your physical activity are keys to successful weight loss and help to maintain optimal weight for the rest of your life. Create a plan for healthy eating and increased physical activity, while taking in fewer calories than you use. Your healthy eating plan should include:

- Taking into account foods you like and dislike
- A focus on fresh fruits, vegetables, and whole grains
- Consuming fat-free or low-fat dairy products such as yogurt, cheese, and milk
- Protein sources such as lean meats, poultry, fish, beans, eggs, and nuts
- Avoiding saturated and trans fats such as animal fat, butter, and hydrogenated oils
- Staying away from foods high in sodium and added sugars For more information on weight management and improving nutritional practices, visit the National Institute of Diabetes and Digestive and Kidney Diseases at www.win.niddk.nih.gov/publications/for\_life.htm.

# **GETTING FIT**

Regular physical activity for at least 30 minutes each day, or broken up into several shorter periods of 20, 15, or 10 minutes, can help you lose weight, keep it off, and stay fit. It can also improve your energy and mood and lower your risk for heart disease, diabetes, and some cancers. Try some of these physical activities:

- Walking (15-minute miles or 4 miles per hour)
- Biking
- Tennis
- Aerobic exercise classes (step aerobics, kickboxing, dancing)
- Yard work or house cleaning (gardening, raking, mopping, vacuuming)

Taking the first step can be the hardest part. Start slowly, at a level that is comfortable for you and add activity as you go along. Sometimes, it helps to have a friend or activity buddy when you start out. It is recommended that adults get at least two and a half hours of moderate physical activity each week. Strengthening activities, such as pushups, sit-ups, or lifting weights, at least two days per week are also encouraged. For more information on getting fit, visit the President's Council on Physical Fitness and Sports at http://fitness.gov/. Happy New Year from Concentra Urgent Care!

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# TRAVEL THE WORLD WITHOUT LEAVING YOUR HOMETOWN

Host a Foreign Exchange Student

By Vicki Odom

Who hasn't dreamed about walking among the Egyptian pyramids, or soaking in the sun on a beach in Spain, or wandering along the Great Wall of China? Every parent wants to give their children a taste of the world, but the economic reality of international air travel for a family, not to mention hotels, passports and food, makes it tough for most of us to consider except in our daydreams.

There is a way to give your children the world - without leaving your living room. How? Host a foreign exchange student from a country you've always admired! Fascinated by France? Curious about China? Intrigued by India? By welcoming an international student from one of these countries into your home, you instantly open a portal to a far off land.

Foreign exchange students come from all over the world. Ayusa matches host families with students from more than 60 different countries including Argentina, China, Ecuador, Egypt, France, Germany, Japan, Lebanon, Norway, Pakistan, Sweden, Thailand, Tunisia and Turkey. All high school foreign exchange students are fully insured, bring their own spending money, and are proficient in English - and all high school exchange programs are regulated by the U.S. Department of State.

"We welcome host families of all shapes and sizes - families with young children, families with no children, empty nesters whose children have left home, single parents and non-traditional families," says Heather Wells, Regional Director of Ayusa, a non-profit that promoting global learning and leadership through foreign exchange and study abroad opportunities for high school students. "The key requirements for a host family are to provide a safe and nurturing home environment, genuinely love children, and have a desire to learn more about a different culture."

Volunteer host families provide foreign exchange students a nurturing environment, three meals a day and a bedroom (either private or shared with a host sibling of the same gender). Each host family and student is supported by a professionally trained community representative who

works with the family and student for the entire program. All interested host families must pass a criminal background check and a home visit by an exchange organization.

Interested host families are required to fill out an application, pass a background check and interview with a local exchange program representative in their homes. Once accepted to a program, host families can view profiles of students to find the right match for their family.

"Hosting an exchange student is a life-changing experience - for the student, the host family, and the host community," says Wells. "There is no better way to teach your children about the world around them than through welcoming an international high school student into your home."

Ayusa is currently accepting applications for families to host an exchange student for the 2013 - 2014 school year. For more information about hosting a high school foreign exchange student, please contact Ayusa at 1.888.552.9872 or by visiting the website at www.ayusa.org.





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