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Happenings

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CRIME STATISTICS A.C.I.A.

TYPE OF ACTIVITY	DEC 2012	JAN 2013	FEB 2013	YTD 2012	YTD 2013
BURGLARY OF A HABITATION	2	2	2	15	4
BURGLARY OF A MOTOR VEHICLE	2	1	2	22	3
THEFT FROM A HABITATION	0	0	0	4	0
THEFT OF MOTOR VEHICLE	0	1	1	5	2
THEFT – OTHER	1	3	1	27	4
ROBBERY	0	0	0	0	0
ASSAULT	0	0	1	5	1
SEXUAL ASSAULT	0	0	1	2	1
CRIMINAL MISCHIEF	2	2	0	29	2
DISTURBANCE – FAMILY	5	3	6	31	9
DISTURBANCE – JUVENILE	1	3	0	14	3
DISTURBANCE – OTHER	17	22	4	129	26
ALARMS	27	27	25	360	52
SUSPICIOUS VEHICLES	15	19	14	135	33
SUSPICIOUS PERSONS	10	7	14	116	21
RUNAWAYS	1	0	1	6	1
TELEPHONE HARASSMENT	0	0	1	6	1
OTHER CALLS	62	44	52	702	96

A full version of the crime statistics can be view at www.aciahomeowners.org, click on Security.

ACIA HAPPENINGS

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EMERGENCY INFORMATION

Fire, Medical or Life Threatening Emergency 9-1-1
P-4 Constable Dispatch..... 281-376-3472
Humble ISD Police (Schools)..... 281-641-7900
Atascocita Volunteer Fire Dept (AVFD)
 Non-Emergency Number 281-852-2181
Harris County Animal Control 281-999-3191
Texas Poison Control Center 800-222-1222

UTILITIES

Electric, (multiple providers) www.powertochoose.org
 Power Outages 713-207-7777
 Street Light Outages 713-207-2222
Gas, Centerpoint Energy..... 713-659-2111
 Gas Leaks 713-659-2111
Water, Severn Trent 281-579-4500
 24 Hour Emergency Number 281-209-2100
Telephone, Centurylink..... 877-290-5458
Trash, Waste Management..... 888-964-9734
Humble Post Office..... 281-540-1775
Harris County MUD #132 www.hcmud132.com
Harris County MUD #151 www.hcmud151.org

SCHOOLS

Humble ISD 281-641-1000
 Website www.humble.k12.tx.us
Pine Forest Elementary..... 281-641-2100
Maplebrook Elementary..... 281-641-2900
Atascocita Middle School..... 281-641-1000
Atascocita High School 281-641-7500

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Atascocita Community Improvement Association's

Annual Spring Community Wide Garage Sale

WHEN

Friday & Saturday, April 5 & 6th

TIME

9 am – 6 pm

WHERE

The garage sale area includes all section of Pinehurst, Pines, Shores, Golf Villas, Club Point and Ivy Point.

WHAT

Residents will sell various personal and household items at their private residences. Shoppers may find some fantastic deals on hard-to-find or one-of-a kind items, household items, kitchen gadgets, clothing, baby items, and the possibilities are endless on the finds one may encounter during this garage sale.



YARD OF THE MONTH

In conjunction with the Atascocita Garden Club and the ACIA Board, the YARD OF THE MONTH program will begin this month and each month until September one yard will be picked from the nominated submissions sent in by members of ACIA. Any member of ACIA can submit a nomination, so as you notice that perfect yard, snap a picture or send the address to any board member by email. Email addresses are printed on page 2 of the newsletter and posted on the website.

Why should I pay my HOA Fee?

Someone asked that question at the recent Home Owners Association /ACIA meeting held on Feb 25 at Rosemont Home. As one of the newly elected members of the Board of Trustees of the ACIA I have been asked to serve as Treasurer and as home owner and I have asked the same question. Where does that money go?

Here is a rough overview of how the funds are budgeted for 2013:

Landscaping	\$110,000
Legal Fees	\$41,000
Property Insurance	\$35,000
Property Management	\$70,800
Pool /Recreation Center	\$67,000
Electricity	\$140,000
Water/Sewer	\$33,000
Security/Constable	\$146,000
Trash Pick Up	\$327,239

Remember this is only an overview of how our fees are used for our community. The ACIA exists to maintain the value of our homes and provide necessary services to keep our community looking beautiful. A full copy of the 2013 Budget can be seen on our website. www.acia.org. As of this printing we at 73 % collection, I will provide monthly updates on how we are doing.

We thank you for your trust we welcome your input and look forward to working together with you for the betterment of our community.

Jonathan I Hubbard
Treasurer



Thinking of Home Improvement Projects?

With warmer weather arriving, many homeowners start thinking of that home improvement project they have wanted all year. Don't forget the ACIA Architectural Control Guidelines requiring an ACC Project Submission Form, which can be found on our website at www.aciahomeowners.org or the Sterling website at www.sterlingasi.net for more information contact Sterling at 832-628-4500. Below is an excerpt from your Deed restrictions:

"No building, structure, fence, wall, or other improvements shall be commenced, erected, constructed, placed or maintained upon the Properties, nor shall any exterior addition to or change or alteration therein be made until the detailed plans and specifications therefore shall have been submitted to and approved in writing as to the compliance with minimum structural and mechanical standards, location and situation on the Lot, and as to harmony or external design or location in relation to property lines, building lines, easements, grades, surrounding structures, walks, and topography (including the orientation of the front and rear of any such building with respect to the Lot lines), by the Architectural Control Committee."

GOLF VILLAS FENCE *Remove or Retain?*

By Laura Lammers

The Golf Villas section of ACIA has a brick post and wooden rail fence along Pinehurst Trail Dr. This fence is purely decorative and serves no purpose. The fence has been in place for several decades and is unique to the Golf Villas. No other section of ACIA has this type of structure. Over the years, a great amount of ACIA funds have been spent to maintain this fence. In the past years, the brick posts have sunken, the wooden rails have rotted, and vehicles have crashed into the fence. The deterioration is normal for this type of fencing. Because the fence has no purpose, the Beautification Committee wants to have it removed. This would free up funds to be used elsewhere for beautification. Please contact Laura Lammers by email at l.lammers@yahoo.com to express your opinion about removing the Golf Villas fence.

New Subdivision Markers *for South Side of 1960*

By Laura Lammers

The current wooden signs on the south side of 1960 will be removed soon. The signs have deteriorated considerably and would be quite costly to renovate. These signs will be replaced next year with stone monuments identical to those built on the north side of 1960. The stone monuments are built to last a lifetime with the only maintenance being occasional power washing.

ACIA HAPPENINGS

Atascocita Library

The Atascocita Library holds a number of events for all age groups. An example of what's going on that you may be interested in is the Self-paced computer classes for adults, Tales for Tots for children between the ages of 2-3 years old, the Craft Club for adults, the Pokemon Club for children between the ages of 7-10 years old, A Chess and Go Club for teenagers, a Knit Wits Teen Knitting Club, and a Knit and Nosh Society for adults. For a full schedule of events please see the Harris County Public Library Website at <https://host4.evanced.info/harris/evanced/eventcalender.asp> or you can contact the Library at 281-812-2162. The Atascocita Library is located at 19520 Pinchurst Trail Dr.



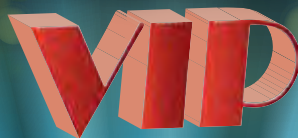
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Lake Houston Ladies Club APRIL MEETING

Lake Houston Ladies Club will have their monthly meeting and luncheon on Tuesday, April 15, 2013 beginning at 10:00 a.m. at the Walden Country Club, 18100 Walden Forest, Humble TX 77346. Jerry Diaz, songwriter, solo performer, and founder of the band "Hanna's Reef" will be this month's entertainer. Diaz gives listeners a glimpse of the coastal lifestyle "tropical music" and performs a combination of original tunes as well as songs by well known artists and fellow Texans. 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. Please join us. Call Carol at 832-671-4475 for reservations by April 12, 2013 before 5:00 p.m. Call Hestor at 281-852-1442 for more information about the club.

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AARP Tax Aide is Here

With tax time rapidly approaching there are some local places to receive help or have them review your return before you file it. The Atascocita Library offers help on Mondays from 10am-2 pm. Walk-ins are welcome or you can contact them at 281-812-2162. Their location is 19520 Pinehurst Trail Dr. Humble, TX 77346. Lone Star College – Atascocita Center also offers tax help on Fridays from 9am-1pm. Walk-ins are welcome or you can contact them at 832-775-0816. Their location is 15903 W. Lake Houston Pkwy. Houston, TX 77044. Some important documents to bring for filing your taxes:

- Government issued identification such as a drivers license
- Last year's tax return
- Social Security Card or other official documentation for yourself and all dependents
- Checkbook or pre-printed direct deposit information if you would like your refund direct deposited.
- Bring all your tax documents you received in the mail, including your W-2 from your employer.
- 1098 form showing any home mortgage interest
- Receipts or canceled checks for medical/dental expenses, receipts for prescription medicines, etc.
- Receipts for charitable contributions.
- Child/Adult care provider information.
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VOLUNTEERS NEEDED *for the following committees:*

SOCIAL COMMITTEE

The ACIA sponsored the fabulous July 4th parade that so many residents enjoyed and also the Easter Egg Hunt enjoyed by the resident's children and grandchildren. Many hardworking volunteers contributed countless hours making these events a success. Your help is needed to continue these successful and delightful events. The Social Committee needs volunteers. Just a few hours of your time can make a tremendous difference. Please call Sterling Association Services at 832-678-4500 to volunteer. Easter is coming soon need volunteers now to hide eggs.

TENNIS ANYONE?

ACIA has 4 regulation tennis courts, 2 courts located in Shores I and 2 courts located in Pinehurst. These courts can accommodate players of all skill levels. Cooler weather is the perfect time to revive your tennis game. The ACIA is looking for volunteers to participate on the Tennis Committee. The fee to obtain an access key has been reduced to \$15.00. If you're looking for a playing partner please volunteer by contacting contact Sterling Association Services at 832-678-4500.

MARINA/RECREATION COMMITTEE

The ACIA recently completely refurbished our Marina. These improvements were very costly and should last for many years. Two of the tennis courts were resurfaced a few years ago and the Pinehurst pool decking is scheduled for replacement now that swim season is closed. Recommending these improvements was done by valuable volunteers that gave their time to improve our community. Our recreation areas are our greatest assets and require maintenance to preserve their safe usage and attractiveness. Please volunteer your time to be on the Marina/Recreation Committee. Just a few hours per year can make a huge difference. Please call Sterling Association Services at 832-678-4500 to volunteer.



Northwest Flyers Track Club

The Northwest Flyers Track Club will host an orientation/registration session for all middle and high school athletes and their parents interested in joining for the 2013 season. The event will be held on Friday, April 12th, from 7:00 – 8:30 PM in the small commons at Cypress Creek High School, 9815 Grant Rd., Houston.

The Northwest Flyers is a youth (ages 6-18) track organization, affiliated with USA Track & Field. The club provides a full program of “track” events such as sprints, hurdles, middle distance, distance and relays, and “field” events such as long jump, triple jump, high jump, pole vault, discus, shot put and javelin. It is an excellent “off-season” program for young athletes who currently compete on their middle school or high school track teams.

The club was founded 26 years ago by Olympic gold medalist Fred Newhouse to foster the development of youth track & field in the northwest Houston area. Last year, the Northwest Flyers sent 106 young athletes to compete at U.S. Junior Olympics National Championships in Baltimore, Maryland and Albuquerque, New Mexico.

Visit the team website at <http://www.northwestflyers.org> for registration forms and information prior to the session, or contact Linette Roach at (281) 587-8442, or linette.roach@sbcglobal.net.

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ACIA Account Access

Sterling A.S.I. and Atascocita C.I.A. are pleased to announce internet access to your Atascocita C.I.A. information such as account balances, assessment amounts, payment information, your account contact data, forms, governing documents, etc., just to name a few. When you received your 2013 assessment bill, documentation was provided on how to access your account at: <http://www.Sterlingasi.net>

The website has two tool bars which provide beneficial information for homeowners. One tool bar is related to your community association information and the other to your individual information. Below are some of the more commonly used features:

- By clicking on the “Home” tab, located on the top tool bar, you will find your most commonly used resources such as your pool forms, bylaws and restrictions, helpful links, community event calendar, and other useful resources.
- To see if your assessment payment has been posted or for a history of past payments look under the “Account Detail” tab which can be found on the second toolbar.
- The “Account Link” tab allows you to link multiple properties that you may own under the same log in.
- The “Architectural” and “Compliance” tabs provide you with a history of past letters and applications and allow you to respond directly to the support personnel associated with that function.
- The “E-Payment” tab informs you how to pay your assessments on-line.
- The “User Profile” tab allows you to update your contact information and subscribe to receive information online.

We hope you will find accessing your account online a more efficient use of your time and that the information provided meets the needs of the community. If you have any suggestions once you have had time to peruse the site, please let us know.

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