



# ACIA

## *Happenings*

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### Christmas Yard Decorating Contest

The ACIA, in collaboration with the Atascocita Garden Club, announces a Christmas Yard Decorating contest. Any resident can nominate a yard within the ACIA boundaries. The Atascocita Garden Club will choose the winner and the winning yard will be featured in the newsletter and on the ACIA website. The Atascocita Garden Club will judge yards the week of December 10, 2013. Please have your outside lights on by dark if you wish to participate. Submit your nominations by email to the ACIA Secretary, [anthonyk@embarqmail.com](mailto:anthonyk@embarqmail.com), or to Sterling Association Services at [servicedesk@sterlingasi.com](mailto:servicedesk@sterlingasi.com) or call 832-678-4500.

### Happy Holidays

Want to wish everybody the happiest of holidays this season. It is a time of when families get together for good times, good food, share presents and maybe a party or two. Hope everyone makes the best use of this time for creating all those memories you will have for years after. To insure you have those memories, I want to also urge everyone Do Not Drink and Drive, use a designated driver who does not drink for your holiday driving or a cab. As free rides are announced in our area I will try and post them on our website: [aciahomeowners.org](http://aciahomeowners.org) -- At this time, AAA has said they are starting a New Year Eve program called Tippy Tow. It will be from 6 p.m. December 31 to 6 a.m. January 1, 2014. The service provides a free tow up to 10 miles from the point of pickup (beyond 10 miles is customers cost) you do not have to be a AAA member, if you need to request a Tippy Tow call (800) AAA-HELP (222-4357). Please make this a safe and happy holiday for you and your neighbors.

### THE LAKE HOUSTON CHRISTMAS BOAT PARADE

#### Fun Free Event

Open to all Boaters on Lake Houston

**Saturday December 7, 2013 @ 4:30 PM**

Sponsored by Atascocita Yacht Club

The lake Houston Christmas Boat Parade is back. Decorate your boat, grab the kids and Jet 'shave some fun. Saturday December 7, 2013 at 4:30PM.

The start and staging of the parade will be at Texas Adaptive Aquatics Boat Dock just south of Cedar Landing on the Huffman side at 4:30 PM

Captain 's safety meeting will be at 5:00 pm. The parade will depart at 5:20PM.

The parade route will travel north to lake Houston marina in Huffman then U Turn back to Cedar Landing the east side of the Jake heading south will go by the lake Patrol to Spanish Cove, then to Walden, the west side of the lake. Then heading north to the Atascocita Shores side and end the parade on the North side of 1960 at the Atascocita Point.

The Awards and dinner will be hosted at Cedar Landing after the parade. Come one come all. Door Prizes, Raffle, Awards to the top 3 entries.

The best places to view the Christmas Boat Parade will be Cedar Landing, Lake Houston Marina, Atascocita Marina or any lake front home on the parade route.

For more information please contact Tore Schau 281-852-1861 or Lake Houston Christmas Boat Parade on Facebook.

# ACIA HAPPENINGS

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## ILLEGAL DRAINS

A representative from Precinct 2 has scrutinized our area and noticed the numerous drain lines cut into the curbing that drain water into the streets. Discharging drain water into the streets is illegal unless the homeowner has obtained a Harris County permit and paid a \$5000 bond. Precinct 2 will not pursue enforcement at this time; however, this is a major concern. Cutting into the curb causes substantial damage to the curbing which can further deteriorate with time. Large chunks of concrete curbing have been noticed falling away from the curb and migrating into the street. These concrete chunks can be a serious driving hazard. If residents install drain lines, a Pop-up Drain Emitter is recommended. The pop-up drain emitter allows water to be diverted and released to water-safe areas away from structures, erosion-prone landscapes, and poor drainage areas. The special design allows the emitter to open with a negligible amount of pressure. Since the emitter is closed during dry weather, debris can't enter the drain pipes. The pop-up emitter is opened by the hydrostatic pressure of water flowing through the drain pipe and as the flow diminishes the emitter closes. The Pop-up Drain Emitter is available from local home improvement stores.

## Your Community Newsletter

The Atascocita Happenings newsletter is a great tool for the community and the ACIA board to share information. This publication will grow if everyone participates. If you are involved in a community club or activity, please e-mail information about your activities and meeting for inclusion in the newsletter to anthonyk@embarqmail.com, or any ACIA Board Member. If you have any ideas for the newsletter, please let us know and we can incorporate these into the publication. The deadline for submission is the 8th day of the month for inclusion in the next month's newsletter.

## LAKE HOUSTON LADIES CLUB

### DECEMBER MEETING

The Lake Houston Ladies Club will have their luncheon and meeting on Tuesday, December 17, 2013 beginning at 10:00 a.m. at the Walden Country Club, 18100 Walden Forest, Humble TX 77346. This month we will be serenaded by the Richmond Carolers who will get us into the holiday spirit with their Victorian Christmas presentation. The Lake Houston Ladies Club is a social organization that welcomes new members from all surrounding areas to join and offers several avenues for individual interest. They include: Readers Choice, Bridge, Bunco, Mah Jongg, Lunch and Look, Movie Group, Supper Club. Please join us. New members are always welcome. Please call Carol at 832-671-4475 for more information and for reservations call by Friday, December 13, 2013 by 5:00 p.m.

## THERE IS A NEW SPORT IN THE COMMUNITY!



Rowing is one of the fastest growing sports in Division I athletics. In 1992, 12.6% of Division I institutions had rowing as a varsity sport. By 2002, it doubled to 27.2%. In 2005, there was over 85 Division I varsity programs, including seven from the Big Ten Conference.

Far from its "gentleman's" roots, today, rowing is a sport enjoyed by ever-expanding segments of the population ranging from juniors (middle and high-school age children), to women, to masters (age 27 and up), the latter of which is perhaps the fastest growing segment of the rowing population.

Most Colleges and Universities have rowing teams, and most college and Olympic rowers start as college freshman. Rowing also is a great asset on a college application. All of the elite schools in America recruit rowers heavily.

The sport of rowing offers a full body workout and can be practiced indoor using ergometers or on the water using rowing shells (singles, doubles, quads and eights). You may take part in the sport for leisure or you may row competitively.

Lake Houston Rowing opened this year its recreational and competitive rowing programs at the Cedar Landing Marina.

The club offers multiple rowing programs for all levels from complete novices to Olympic-bound athletes:

- High School Program
- 8th Grade Program
- Summer Camps
- Adult Program

The head coach, Daniel Udeanu, is a Rowing World Champion with more than 13 years of experience coaching both men and women crews with results at the National level.

Lake Houston Rowing offers a free introduction to rowing session for everyone who wants to come and try. You can visit their website for more information) or send an email to register for a free introduction to rowing session.

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## WE WANT A "WASTE-FREE" COMMUNITY!

It doesn't take much to remember that we have pets in our community. In fact, if you don't watch your step, you're liable to step in one such reminder!



Besides being unsightly and smelly, animal waste can be hazardous to the health of our children who play in the community and other pets. One of the most common forms of disease transmission between dogs is through fecal matter.

When walking your dog in our community, remember that it should be leashed. Also, it is important to remember to immediately clean up after your pet. Take along a baggie with you to pick up waste with and then dispose of it properly.

By taking a few simple steps to clean up after your pet, you can contribute not only to the beautification of our community, but also towards the elimination of one of the most irritating nuisances in our community. Thank you for your cooperation!

## Your Opinion Counts

Have you ever wished for different types of outdoor amenities other than tennis courts and swimming pools in our neighborhood? Now is the time to express your ideas. The ACIA Board of Trustees is soliciting your ideas and opinions concerning adding new recreation facilities to the south side area of ACIA. So give us your ideas. Complete the online survey in the Atascocita Community Improvement Association website, [www.aciahomeowners.org](http://www.aciahomeowners.org). Let us know what type of outdoor amenities that interests you and your family, the choice is yours!

## MAKING ANY CHANGES? Don't Forget To Obtain Approval First!

Our governing documents require that the Association approve all proposed architectural changes before any work is started. The importance of this requirement cannot be overstated when you consider the reason for such a restriction.

Membership in a community association requires compliance to pre-existing conditions and regulations. One of the biggest advantages of these conditions is the protection of our property values. The value of your home is directly related to the condition, appearances and aesthetics of our community as a whole. By regulating the kind and types of architectural changes that can be done, our Association is better able to maintain our property values.

Getting our Association to approve all proposed architectural changes is not just a good idea to protect your investment, it is a requirement! If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact Sterling Association Services at [servicedesk@sterlingasi.com](mailto:servicedesk@sterlingasi.com) or call 281-832-4500.



## TENNIS LEAGUE FORMING

Mr. James Longoria has graciously agreed to be Chairperson of the newly formed Tennis Committee. He's an avid player and looking for other tennis enthusiasts to form a league in Atascocita. Anyone interested should contact Mr. Longoria by email: [james.longoria2010@yahoo.com](mailto:james.longoria2010@yahoo.com)

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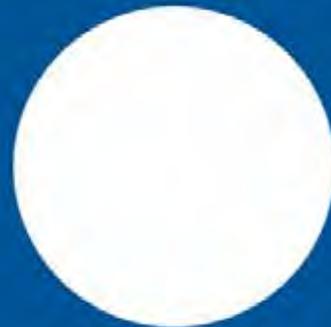
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