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Official Newsletter of the Atascocita Community Improvement Association

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PANNUAL Caster EGG HUNT

Come Join In!

The annual ACIA Easter egg hunt will take place in the Shores Park on April 19, 2014 at 9:00 AM.

All Children up to age 12 living in the ACIA Neighborhood are invited. It will be fun for the whole family.

Atascocita Community Improvement Association's

Annual Spring Community Wide GARAGE SALE

When: Friday & Saturday, April 4th & 5th

Time: All Day

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

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.



By Sue Raymond

Please be advised that there are now over 2700 homes covered in this ACIA. Note the article (Your Community Newsletter). Each homeowner is crucial and much needed to ensure the success of this community and the homeowner's board. Your ACIA Board is comprised of five members who dedicate endless hours every week to protect each home, care for the beatification of the esplanades, the Pinehurst pool, tennis courts and park area, The Shores pool, tennis courts and park area, maintaining the functionality and safety of park slides, pools, etc. and the overall value of this beautiful community. There are only 527 homeowners of over 2700 signed in to the awesome and very friendly to use ACIA website. All those NOT signed up are missing out on all immediate "BLAST e-MAILs". Blasts are sent with "just the click of a button".

All pertinent information is on this site. Everything is

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Non-Emergency Number	281-852-2181
Harris County Animal Control	281-999-3191
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Trash, Waste Management	
Humble Post Office	
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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 sueboazraymond@comcast.net, or any ACIA Board Member. If you have any ideas for the newsletter, please let us know and we will try and incorporate them into the publication. The deadline for submission is the 8th day of the month for inclusion in the next month's newsletter. Also would like to ask everyone to sign up at our website: aciahomeowners.org



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listed from deed restrictions to upcoming social events to include Easter and 4th of July. Mr. Kevin Kilgore has offered to sponsor some really nice things for this 4th of July at the Overlook. More later.

Your ACIA Board would like for you to be the first to know of all exciting things that are forthcoming. Many things are put in this wonderful (free) newsletter, however, it only comes out once a month. Many residents are already advising they are not even getting this newsletter. The website not only allows you to register to receive all immediate notifications by our "BLAST", but also allows you to request this newsletter if you are not receiving it, complete all necessary forms for the amenities and also allows you to advertise your garage sale, etc. Check it out!

Each homeowner is strongly encouraged to put their name and address in this system at aciahomeowners.org. ACIA also has a Facebook page. Currently it is only for the Board to advise members of important matters. Recently there have been only five or so "views" on FB. It's not getting used or viewed much. There may be changes in the future to allow homeowners to post

also (as in many other communities). You could post things like lost or found pets, burglaries of one's property, best place around ACIA to eat, who has a new baby, grandbaby, etc. It could be used just like our personal FB page but just for ACIA.

Your ACIA Board is very excited about the much-needed improvements that are now being done and the ones already in the works for 2014.

A big "thank you" is way over due to Laura Lammers who is in charge of "Beautification", and obtaining countless quotes and meeting contractors, Tony Karasiewicz for being on parks and recreations, the liaison for the Board to the Architectural Control Committee, social committee, and many other things dealing with contractors and getting quotes, Jon Hubbard for "Finance" and last but not least our president Jimmy Wells. He deals and oversees everything.

I am very excited to be the "new kid on the block" to assist in serving the needs of our community. What an awesome honor to be associated with such qualified board members who have tons of experience in matters of HOA and impeccable character, but also just happen to be really nice folks. Thanks to all of you for being so patient with this new member.



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Your Vehicles and **Your Neighborhood**

To keep our neighborhood looking the way the developer intended there are sections in our Declaration of Covenants and Restrictions in regard to vehicles. The following points should be followed by all who live in our subdivision and to the greatest extent practicable, utilize their garages for the garaging of vehicles belonging to them

No trucks larger than three-quarters of a ton, motor vehicles not currently licensed, boats, trailers, campers, motor or mobile homes or other vehicles should be parked on any lot, except in a closed garage. Passenger cars and trucks smaller than three-quarters of a ton may be parked on the street in front of the lot for a period not to exceed twelve hours in any twenty-four hour period.

No repair work, dismantling, or assembling of motor vehicles or other machinery or equipment is permitted on any street, driveway or portion of our common properties.

The ACIA Board may disallow motor bikes, motorcycles, motor scooters, go-carts or other similar vehicles to be operated in the properties, if deemed noise or fumes emitted or by reason of manner of use shall constitute a nuisance.

If our Management Company should send you a letter, please respond to them or call Sterling Association Services at 832-678-4500 for clarification or more information. All of our ACIA neighborhood Declaration of Covenants and Restrictions are available for you to read on our website: aciahomeowners.org

Bumpy Ride

Most residents are familiar with the many sections of buckled pavement on Pinehurst Trail and West Lake Houston Parkway. These areas are a major safety concern. Harris County Engineering is studying all these areas for repair. No time frame is available as of now. After Harris County Engineering has thoroughly inspected and studied every area the repairs will be performed on all buckled sections.

Our Neighborhood Parks

January and February were busy months contacting contractors, getting numerous bids for everything that is to be fixed or replaced before our neighborhood pools open. By the time you read this (it was sent to publisher March 10th) the roofs of both pools have been replaced. Work has started on the fences of both pools, as mentioned last month our old fences were no longer legal to have. At the Shores Park both bathrooms are being updated along with new floors and gate to replace the old wooden doors. Many Parents have asked for shade near the baby pools and just more shade in general, so the association is installing an 18' x 32' shade structure near the baby pool at Shores Park. Some of our neighbors were concerned with the safety of our open style slides at our pools, so the association is installing a new closed tube design slide at the Shores Park pool. Other repairs such as redoing the brick on the pump houses and some landscaping of the grounds around the pools should also be complete before the pools are open. We hope everyone in the ACIA neighborhood will enjoy the new equipment and repairs. It is your homeowner dues that allow us to do these upgrades and repairs and while expensive, they were necessary. Budget constraints would not allow us to completely redo both pools this year, however, we are trying to budget a shade structure and slide for the Pinehurst Pool next year. community pools will be open the first weekend in May any changes to the opening will be posted on our website: aciahomeowners.org. Pool access key fobs are available from Sterling Association Services, Inc. 562 Kingwood Drive, Suite 13, Kingwood, Texas 77339, 832-678-4500. First key fob is free 1 per household and may be used at either pool. You can go to our website: aciahomeowners.org and Click on Community Forms to download the Pool Access Registration Form. After that just enjoy the water.

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Membership Meeting Protocol at a Board of Directors Meeting

Welcome to the Atascocita Community Improvement Association Board of Directors meeting. The Board encourages members to attend the Board meetings to learn more about what their Association does and how the dollars are spent. However, contrary to popular belief, the Association is not subject to the Texas Open Meetings Act and Members are permitted to speak at the meeting only to the extent permitted by the Board. The board does provide for an "Open Forum" item on the agenda at which time members will have the opportunity to address the Board concerning any item on the agenda or within the Board's jurisdiction. The time at which the membership may openly address the Board is at the annual meeting which is held in November.

In order to properly address the Board, members are required to sign in at the beginning of the meeting and mark where indicated (sign in sheets may vary from time to time). During the "Open Forum" item on the agenda, the Board will address those who signed in and marked the appropriate area on the sign-in sheet. Each member will have four minutes to address the Board. Members who speak beyond their allotted time, who have not been recognized by the Board or who continue to speak after they have been requested to cease, will be asked to leave. Those refusing to leave will be considered in violation of Section 42.01 (5) of the Texas Penal Code. Issues brought before the Board will be handled as follows:

- 1. The member will be recognized by the president and shall then proceed to comment in a brief and concise manner.
- 2. If an item has already been considered by the Board, the item will not be addressed unless there has been a substantial change since the Board's last resolution of said item.
- 3. Without taking action, a Board member(s) may briefly respond to the statements made or questions posed by the member or ask a question for clarification.
- 4. The president may poll members for or against a particular issue based on the current discussions and may provide additional members to speak only if they have something new to add.
 - 5. The Board may take the issue/matter under advisement;
- 6. The Board may assign the issue/matter to a member of the Board, or an appropriate party to be determined by the Board, for further research, providing a response or take any other action prescribed by the Board.
 - 7. The Board may take no action.

Civil behavior is expected of all participants, even on issues of disagreement. The Board president will not permit any disturbance or willful interruption of Board meetings.

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NOTICE OF REGULAR BOARD MEETING

Dear Homeowners:

The Board of Directors for the Atascocita Community Improvement Association will hold a regular meeting on Monday, April 28, 2014 at 7:00 p.m., at The Overlook, 20114 Pinehurst Drive, Atascocitia, TX 77346.

The subject of the meeting is general business of the Association, including discussion of items related to the Association budget and expenditures as well as discussion of items related to the assets owned by the Association.

Items that may be discussed in executive session include: actions involving personnel, pending or threatened litigation, contract negotiations, enforcement actions, confidential communications with the Association attorney, and other business that is confidential by request of the affected party.

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Atascocita Community Improvement Association

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