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July 4th Parade, Honoring the Stars and Stripes

Start off your July 4th festivities by joining the ACIA community's 4th of July Parade. Whether you are a participant or spectator it will be a good time for all! If you would like to participate (children and adults alike) signup begins at 8:30 am at the Atascocita Library parking lot and the parade is scheduled to start at 9:00am. The Parade will end at The Overlook (former Country Club) where Refreshments will be available and prizes will be awarded. Visit the ACIA website at www.aciahomeowners.org for more information.

As special invitation from Jimmy Wells to all active military and veterans alike to contact him if you would like to form a group to march in the parade. He can be contacted at jwellsacia@yahoo.com

We are also in need of volunteers to assist with the parade. Anyone wishing to volunteer please email Jimmy Wells at jwellsacia@yahoo.com

YARD OF THE MONTH



***Congratulations to:
Jan and Paula Ogden @ 20130 Atascocita Shores Dr.
for June Yard of the Month.***

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NEWSLETTER INFORMATION

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YOUR VOICE HAS BEEN HEARD

Thank you ACIA Community for attending the meeting on Wednesday, May 21, 2014. We as the Board of Trustees are here for the Community and strive to bring this ACIA Community the best product with ALL the community in mind, not just a few. To do this takes many hours of preparation and study and this is done through “workshops” done by the BOT. During these workshops “ideas only” are discussed and voting cannot take place...only discussions. Voting can only take place with you as the Community present at Monthly or Special Called meetings with given notice to the Community and with help from Sterling Management we are committed to make you aware of those meetings and dates as per the law. Any items to do with names, monetary values due by Community members or addresses are discussed during an Executive session of a BOT meeting and not discussed in an open forum, we feel this is done with discretion as not to impede on others rights to privacy. But then voted on in an open forum with the Community present and still with discretion to privacy.

Recently there has been confusion on the types of meetings held by the BOT and also the ability for the Community to interact with the BOT during meetings. Time limitations were set due to the fact of past grievances between the community and the division of Golf Course property owners versus Non Golf course property owners causing Community business not to be heard during regular meetings and became a grudge match. We can all remember those meetings. We as the BOT have heard your request for being able to voice your opinions along with what you feel is the lack of information provided during the BOT voting on different items. We have discussed this and feel that we as the BOT will allow limited time questions that only pertain to what is being voted on at the time and more explanations is deserved to the community than in the past monthly meetings.

You are the voice of the Community and this is your BOT. If you have any questions pertaining to your ACIA Community please email any BOT member (email addresses on the web site) for the proper information and not from websites that may contain speculated information. We believe misinformation can lead to problems to our community. Please attend meetings in order to get correct information directly from your ACIA Board and sign in at the ACIA website at aciahomeowners.org. This website allows you to receive all current information sent by e-mail blasts, plus you have access to deed restrictions, pool information, all meeting minutes, etc.

You are the ACIA community and we will listen.

Thank you.

ACIA Board of Trustees

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Your Community Newsletter & ACIA Website

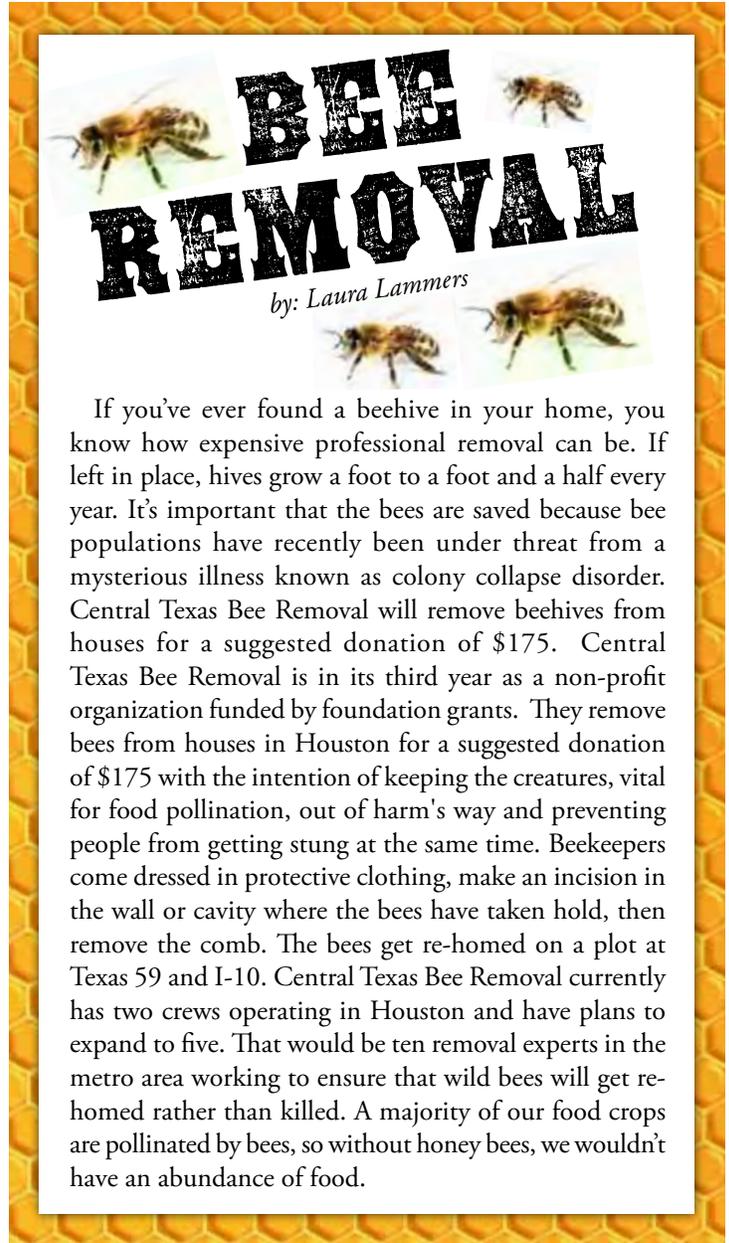
The Atascocita Happenings Newsletter is a great tool for the community and the ACIA board to share information. This publication will grow if everyone participates. If you are involved in a community club or activity, please e-mail information about your activities and meeting for inclusion in the newsletter 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 to incorporate them into the publication. The deadline for submission is the 8th day of the month for inclusion in the next month's newsletter.

This newsletter is also available online. Do you have an iPhone? If so, please download the Peel, Inc. iPhone app (<https://itunes.apple.com/us/app/peel-inc./id866041578?mt=8>). Once downloaded, find your community and subscribe to your newsletter.

Please also sign up for your ACIA website @ aciahomeowners.org. Currently there are 684 residents signed up of the 2,496 total homeowners. Everything residents need is on this site. Updated information is posted very often. All the forms and contact information is there at the click of a button or two. *ALL RESIDENTS ARE ENCOURAGED TO SIGN IN @ ACIAHOMEOWNERS.ORG TO BE KEPT IN THE LOOP FOR ALL ACIA NEWS AND E-BLASTS.*

Improving Parks and Recreation

The ACIA has made recreation improvements a high priority. The ACIA has partnered with Harris County MUD 132 to provide funding for a beautiful new pavilion to be built in Shores Park later this year. This structure will have tables and benches, provide shelter from rain and sun, will be an area for parents to sit while watching their children play, and also provide a destination and event space in the park. This pavilion will be a covered spot to encourage more children's birthday parties and also family functions such as Family Reunions. This pavilion will have a concrete base and the structure will be powder-coated steel. Additional trash receptacles are also planned. The current gazebo is very small and is inadequate for these purposes. A similar pavilion is planned for the Pinehurst Park next year.



BEE REMOVAL
by: Laura Lammers

If you've ever found a beehive in your home, you know how expensive professional removal can be. If left in place, hives grow a foot to a foot and a half every year. It's important that the bees are saved because bee populations have recently been under threat from a mysterious illness known as colony collapse disorder. Central Texas Bee Removal will remove beehives from houses for a suggested donation of \$175. Central Texas Bee Removal is in its third year as a non-profit organization funded by foundation grants. They remove bees from houses in Houston for a suggested donation of \$175 with the intention of keeping the creatures, vital for food pollination, out of harm's way and preventing people from getting stung at the same time. Beekeepers come dressed in protective clothing, make an incision in the wall or cavity where the bees have taken hold, then remove the comb. The bees get re-homed on a plot at Texas 59 and I-10. Central Texas Bee Removal currently has two crews operating in Houston and have plans to expand to five. That would be ten removal experts in the metro area working to ensure that wild bees will get re-homed rather than killed. A majority of our food crops are pollinated by bees, so without honey bees, we wouldn't have an abundance of food.

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The hours are:

Monday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday 12:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.
Saturday: 12:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.
Sunday 1:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.
CLOSED: Tuesday.

The Pinehurst Pool at 20600 Atascocita Shores Drive is also open for regular hours. The numerous major repairs have been finalized and the pool was opened on schedule on June 7, 2014. ACIA is very grateful for the hard work of many to meet the numerous deadlines to allow this pool to be ready.

The hours are:

Monday, Tuesday, Thurs, 12:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.
Friday 12:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.
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CLOSED: Wednesday

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ANIMAL CONCERN FROM A RESIDENT

Something is happening to our cats in the Shores. At least 35 cats have disappeared on Acapulco Cove, Amber Cove Dr. and Magnolia Glen in the last few months.

At least 3 cats have been killed. One dead kitten laid on my front door step. My neighbor's cat was shot with a high power pellet gun and died. Her other cat was shot with the same gun but lived.

This past week the neighborhood's favorite cat disappeared. His name is Titan and he is a cross between a bobcat and a domestic cat. He is a precious and beautiful friendly animal. He is a very expensive cat and is loved by all in the neighborhood.

My husband and I called the police and Constable Gary Bailey came out and made a report. He suggested night vision

motion cameras. We asked that they patrol our area during the night hours between midnight and dawn.

This has become an epidemic and we believe someone is picking them up as there has been only one dead kitten's body found out of the more than 35 missing.

There is a reward of \$1,000 through Facebook for Titan (the little bobcat) and we have notified the local real estate agencies to be on the lookout.

One lady jogger told us there are people who pick up cats and take them as the "warm up" act for the illegal dog fights. Cats are thrown in the ring and killed and this works the dogs up to fight each other. How horrible is that!!

Please contact local authorities if you have any information or see suspicious activity.



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Emergency Plan

Sergeant N. Lekas of Harris County requested this information be passed along to you.

Two keys to weather safety are to prepare for the risks and to act on those preparations when alerted by emergency officials. These are essential pieces to the Weather-Ready Nation.

Refer to the Federal Emergency Management Agency's (FEMA) Ready.gov/hurricanes for comprehensive information on hurricane preparedness at home and in your community.

Some highlights on how to prepare and take action are available below:

- Gather Information
- Plan & Take Action
- Recover
- Resources

GATHER INFORMATION

Know if you live in an evacuation area. Assess your risks and know your home's vulnerability to storm surge, flooding and wind. Understand National Weather Service forecast products and especially the meaning of NWS watches and warnings.

Contact your local National Weather Service office and local government/emergency management office. Find out what type of emergencies could occur and how you should respond.

CONTACTS

Keep a list of contact information for reference.

- Local Emergency Management Office
- County Law Enforcement
- County Public Safety Fire/Rescue
- State, County and City/Town Government



Don't Dump On ACIA

The ACIA must expend considerable funds paying contractors to pick up and dispose of green waste (dead tree branches) that are dumped on common areas. Dumping of green waste has also happened on the petroleum pipeline running through the sections located on the south side of FM 1960. Dumping degrades the environment, is an eyesore, and is difficult to clean up. We should all take our obligation to protect the neighborhood environment seriously. The trash contractor, Waste Management, will pick up branches that are bundled and less than 4 feet in length. Local business, Dirt Cheap Mulch, will accept branches of any length for a small fee. Costs for all services are continuously rising. Please help keep our neighborhood attractive and clean.

Please do not dump anything in any of the gully areas. If Harris County has to clean up any debris that has been dumped, they will send you a bill. There have been several complaints in this area.

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Dear Homeowners:

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

Very Truly Yours,
Atascocita Community Improvement Association



Lake Houston Ladies Club

Lake Houston Ladies Club is a social organization that meets from September to May on the third Tuesday of the month at the Walden Country Club, 18100 Walden Forest Drive, in Humble TX. The club 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 and Tea Time Group. Many of the groups continue throughout the summer months. There are periodic events planned during the year that include spouses or significant others. The club is an excellent way to meet new people and make new friends. Please call Carol at 832-671-4475 for more information about the club.

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Please join us in a visible example of our community patriotism by supporting our Stars and Stripes Across Humble program, conducted by Boy Scout Troop 56, chartered by the Atascocita United Methodist Church. We want to be sure that everyone in the neighborhoods we serve have the opportunity to display a flag in their yard on Memorial Day, Flag Day, Independence Day, and Labor Day each year. Seeing flag after flag along our streets on these holidays makes one proud to be an American and proud of our community.

The 2014 subscription is \$25 for the 4 Flag Holidays. Scouts will place a flag in your front yard each morning of the above holidays and take it down that evening. Our Troop goal is to display 1000 flags per holiday.

The majority of the funds we receive through the Flag program

are used for equipment and camping trips. This summer, the troop will be attending Camp Orr in the Ozark Mountains of Arkansas. During the monthly campouts, the Scouts learn many useful skills such as canoeing, cooking, marksmanship, and technical climbing.

Please fill out the form below, enclose a \$25.00 check, made payable to "BSA Troop 56" and mail to: BSA Troop 56, 19325 Pinehurst Trail Drive, Humble, Texas 77346, using the enclosed addressed envelope. For more information, visit our website at <http://troop56.mytroop.us>. If you need to contact the Troop by phone concerning the Flag Program, please leave a message on the flag phone line at 281-978-5613.

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Twelve Top Travel Tips When Traveling with Your Pet

Traveling with your pet can be fun and rewarding – especially when you're prepared. In addition to the pet travel "basics" (safely restraining your pet, allowing adequate time for potty breaks, bringing comforting items from home, and so on), several additional simple practices can help make every trip easier and more pleasant for both you and your pet.

1. Schedule a veterinarian visit to insure overall health and current vaccinations. Ask for a health certificate and vaccination records, especially if you're traveling out of state.
2. Make sure your pet's identification tags are up-to-date and legible. Also, be sure his rabies tag and vaccinations are current.
3. Include your destination address and/or phone number on your pet's tags and cage/crate (if applicable).
4. Remember to pack water to prevent dehydration. To help insure convenient feedings bring along a collapsible food bowl.
5. Pack all medications and supplements to avoid missed doses.
6. Pack a first aid kit to insure readiness in the event of an injury or medical emergency.
7. Exercise your pet prior to departure. A tired pet is typically much more amenable to travel. Also, bring a lead or harness to allow exercise during pit stops.
8. Feed your pet at least four hours prior to departure to prevent car sickness. If the trip is long, feed a smaller amount that normal at least two hours before you leave.
9. Use a travel remedy, if necessary. If your pet is extremely anxious about travel, try a soothing non-prescription calming product.
10. Trim toenails to prevent snags and injury, especially if your pet will travel in a cage or crate.
11. Cover your car seats to keep them clean and free of hair shed on your trip.
12. Know your travel rules and restrictions, especially if you will travel on an airplane.



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