



# ACIA *Happenings*

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## THE ACIA 2014 ANNUAL MEETING

The ACIA Annual Meeting is scheduled for November 13, 2014 at 7p.m., at The Overlook, 20114 Pinehurst Drive Atascocita TX 77346. Election for the trustee positions will take place at that time by written ballot. Homeowners will receive an ACIA proxy ballot for the trustee election, along with other information, prior to the annual meeting. Any changes to time or place will be posted on our website: [www.aciahomeowners.org](http://www.aciahomeowners.org)

### **THE FOLLOWING ARE SHORT BIOS SUBMITTED BY THE CANDIDATES:**

**Jimmy Wells:** When I ran 3 years ago for the ACIA BOT my campaign was to work for all of the homeowners and I feel as I have and will continue to do so if re-elected. We have seen a lot of improvements in the HOA to maintain and increase the home values. The current board has more plans for our association. As always there are rumors and unhappy homeowners, but as always the majority is mostly silent as in any election. I would be honored to represent the ACIA again for another three years. To find out answers to any questions regarding the HOA please plan to attend this month's meeting which will be held November 13, 2014. I am a 16 year homeowner in the community and I own my business. Thank you

**Laura Lammers:** As a resident since 1983, I have been actively involved in many areas of this community by serving on various ACIA committees, including crime watch, pools/tennis, newsletter editor, nominating committee, and currently the ACIA board for the past 3 years. I designed and built the current website [ACIAHomeowners.org](http://ACIAHomeowners.org). I initiated the building of 3 new entrance monuments on FM 1960. ACIA irrigation system leaks have been repaired and irrigation systems properly

maintained saving many thousands of dollars in previously wasted water. Many new colorful shrubs have been planted at our entrances eliminating the expensive and outdated process of planting annual plants that die with the changing seasons. Through a grant process, I obtained 50 free trees that will be planted at our entrances and medians greatly enhancing our landscaping appearance. I presented a long range plan to obtain funding from the local water district to build a permanent pavilion in both of our parks, along with additional playground equipment, and development of an additional park. ACIA has been awarded funds to construct one pavilion in Shores Park this year. Funding for the other requests are pending.

I care deeply about maintaining the facilities and appearance of ACIA. Appropriate maintenance will ensure protection of our property values. I look forward to continuing this renewal of our community with your continued support for my re-election.

**Edwin D'Artois:** I am currently serving as a new member of the Architectural Control Committee (ACC). I have been actively involved in our community and feel I can contribute even more as a board member.

I served in the US Navy, am an engineer, and have worked in both the private and corporate business sectors. I believe my experience and integrity will be an asset to the board.

I believe in transparency, fact-based decisions, accuracy and accountability. My efforts will be focused on getting the most value out of the dues we pay, improving property values and forging a harmonious community. I will act on behalf of ALL members of our ACIA to ensure our area is a desirable place to live.

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## ACIA Annual Meeting (Continued from Cover)

Patti Speer: I am an active member of our ACIA, currently serving as a new member of the Architectural Control Committee. My profession is property management and for the last 8 yrs. I have managed homeowners associations. This makes me uniquely qualified to serve on our ACIA board. My strengths are problem solving and financial management.

I have concerns about the appearance of our common area landscaping and other items that affect the value of our community. I will work diligently with other Board members to make sure our dollars spent are being used wisely. I want to represent all residents in an effort to make our community one we can be proud of.



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## Christmas Yard Decorating Contest

The ACIA, in collaboration with the Atascocita Garden Club, announces a Christmas Yard Decorating contest. 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 first week of December 2014. Anyone wishing to nominate a home, e-mail the information to [sueboazraymond@comcast.net](mailto:sueboazraymond@comcast.net). Please have your outside lights on by dark if you wish to participate.



## WHY NOW IS A GOOD TIME TO SELL YOUR HOME

**Supply and Demand** - we are experiencing an all-time shortage of move-in ready homes. As buyer demand continues to be strong, home owners have an opportunity to sell at the top of the market. Multiple buyer offers provide home owners the opportunity to select buyers based on offer price, buyer strength, and offer terms.

**Market Growth** - A strong economy and the expansion of large corporations has provided the Houston market with an ever expanding workforce. Studies indicate that approximately 1,400 people are moving to Houston every day!

**Interest Rates** - Interest rates for qualified buyers are still very low, around 4.25%.

Low interest rates, market growth, and buyer demand provides home owners the maximum value for their homes.

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## CURB APPEAL FOR EVERY CURB

As our neighborhood ages so do our streets and curbs. Driving around you may have noticed increasing numbers of deteriorating and broken curbing. This broken curbing can make your yard look shabby and unkempt and detracts from the overall aesthetics of our neighborhood. Harris County Precinct 4 will repair a broken curb in front of your residence (this does not apply to driveway aprons that tie into curbs.) The broken curbing can be repaired just by placing a phone call or completing a Work Order Request Form online at: <http://www.hcp4.net/cad/worf.htm>

Requests for service can also be made by calling the Community Assistance Department at 281-353-8424, or the PDF format of the Worf can be faxed to 281-893-5589, or mailed to 1001 Preston, Ste. 950, Houston, Texas 77002.

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## Atascocita Garden Club's Events

The activities at the garden club will develop your knowledge of horticulture and floral design at the scheduled meetings. We meet on the second Tuesday of the month beginning at 9:30am at the Rosemont Living Center. It is located at 6450 Kings Park Way. You will enjoy the interesting activities that are included in the following calendar:

### 2014-2015 PROGRAM

#### October 14th

Information on gourds with fall craft project.

#### November 11th

Field Trip by Precinct Bus to Montgomery County.

#### December 2nd

Christmas Decorating at the Rosemont Center.

First week of December will be the judging of Christmas Decorating of ACIA homes.

#### December 9th

Christmas Social at member's home with luncheon and gift exchange.

#### January 13th

Jesse Jones speaker will communicate his ideas on butterflies.

#### January 20th

Observing Arbor Day with planting of tree in the community.

#### February 3rd

Holiday craft activity with the residences at the Rosemont.

#### February 10th

Honoring past presidents in recognition of Presidents' Day with planned program.

#### March 10th

Orchid gardening through participating in an organized field trip.

#### April 14th

Tea party with speaker on spring gardening.

#### May 12th

Installation of officers and luncheon.

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## ***Making Any Home Improvements or 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.

## **LAKE HOUSTON LADIES CLUB**

### *November Meeting and Luncheon Information*

Lake Houston Ladies Club will have their meeting and luncheon on Tuesday, November 18, 2014 beginning at 10:00 a.m. at the Walden Country Club, 18100 Walden Forest, Humble TX 77346. Dress Barn will be presenting a Fashion Show with members acting as models. 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, Tea Time, Lunch and Look, Movie Group, Supper Club, Mah Jongg, and Girl's Night Out. Please join us. New members are always welcome. Call Carol at 832-671-4475 for more information about the club and for luncheon reservations call by Friday, November 14th before 5:00 p.m.



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## ALL INTERESTED TENNIS PLAYERS

Tennis clinics are continuing to be held for intermediate and beginner players every 2nd Tuesday night of the month at 7:00 p.m. at the Pinehurst Courts @ 20600 Atascocita Shores Drive and/or the Atascocita Shores facility @ 8810 Pine Shores Dr. All are welcome. If one is a junior tennis player in high school or just a tennis enthusiast wanting to build on their competitive game, this is the time to come and James Longoria will be instructing. Sue Raymond will be working with any and all beginners. Younger children that just want to learn the game may prefer afternoons. After school clinics can be scheduled as the need arises.

These intermediate clinics will address various techniques that most players struggle with during competitive matches. ACIA is encouraging all to become more involved with these awesome community resources to build upon the great community atmosphere here in Atascocita. What a great way to get to know your neighbors who have the same interest. As the tennis clinics grow, additional nights and afternoons can be scheduled. If both of the Pinehurst courts are needed for the intermediate players, the beginners will meet at the Atascocita Shores facility @ 8810 Pine Shores Dr.

If you would like more information about the upcoming intermediate clinics, please contact James Longoria @ james.longoria2010@yahoo.com. Contact Sue Raymond for that beginner student of ANY age @ sueboazraymond@comcast.net. Kimberly Clark is the newest member of the Tennis Committee and she is willing to assist in any way possible. She may also be contacted at tkclark64@hotmail.com.

Please bring a new can of balls and your own racquets. E-mail Sue or James to confirm your attendance. Cooler weather is on the way so let's get out and have some fun!

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