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## *Happenings*

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February 2015

Official Newsletter of the Atascocita Community Improvement Association

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### Dates to Remember With The Atascocita Garden Club

Residents in Walden, Kingwood, Humble, Huffman, Porter and Crosby are invited to attend the winter meetings with the Atascocita Garden Club. Most of the meeting will be held on the second Tuesday of the month at the Rosemont Assisted Living Center on the 2nd floor in the Assembly Room. It is located at 6450 Kings Parkway in Kingwood. We will begin at 9:30 a.m. with a social and continue the meeting at 10:00 a.m. The events for February are listed below:

#### **2/3/2015**

Our club members and volunteers will help the Rosemont residents with a craft project.

#### **2/10/2015**

The club activities will include making creative items for the annual spring fundraiser. The Vice President of Programs will give a short presentation on the plans for 2015 activities through May.

#### **3/3/2015**

Arbor Day tree planting in the community.

The fee to join the Atascocita Garden Club as a new member is \$10.00 through the final meeting during the month of May.

The Atascocita Garden Club invites you to explore our web-site at [atascocitacg.weebly.com](http://atascocitacg.weebly.com). It has some interesting information on our meetings.

### *Friends of the Atascocita Library*

## **Your Name in Lights - Electronic Informational Sign**

In an effort to provide increased library information to the community, the Friends of the Atascocita Library is seeking donations to fund a new electronic sign to replace the existing informational sign. Your Name in Lights. With a goal of raising \$8,000, a thank you, with the donor's name or business name, will run on the sign for the following period of time: two weeks for a \$500 donation; one week for a \$250 donation; or one day per \$50 donation. The Friends of the Atascocita Library is a 501(c)(3) non profit organization. To make a tax deductible donation, fill out the form below & mail to: Friends of the Atascocita Library, 19520 Pinehurst Trail Dr., Humble, TX, 77346. Make checks payable to Friends of the Atascocita Library(FOAL). For more information email: [contact@foal.ws](mailto:contact@foal.ws).

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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, February 23, 2015 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

## Think about it!

*Sent by a Resident of ACIA*

Isn't life strange? I never met one Veteran who enlisted to fight for Socialism! If others can pray on Madison Avenue, and the subway areas in Toronto, why are Christians banned from praying in public and from erecting religious displays on their Holy days? What happened to our National Day of Prayer? Others are allowed to block off Madison Ave., in N.Y.C., and pray in the middle of the street! Tell me, again, whose country is this? Christians? Others?

Therefore, I have a very hard time understanding why there is such a problem in the U.S. having "In God We Trust" on our money, and having "God" in our Pledge of Allegiance, or the Lord's prayer said in our schools or public meetings. I believe it's time Christians stand up for what they believe!

*A Concerned Christian*

# ACIA HAPPENINGS

## KIDS HOPE USA

Atascocita United Methodist Church continues this program at The Oaks and Timbers Elementary Schools. Call 281.852-1000 for more information. Join in to see how, together, we can share love and hope in the future through KIDS HOPE USA 2.0!

### WHEN YOU GIVE A MENTOR AN iPad

You're bound to get a fun peek into the mentoring hour! Laura Ward, from Mars Hill Church, set up an iPad in their KIDS HOPE USA meeting room at school, hoping to capture some snippets from the mentoring hour... what she received is sure to bring a smile to your face!



### AND THE GRAND TOTAL IS...



Thank you for your generosity during our "hero" campaign! Since October, we have asked you to consider a gift to Kids Hope USA in order to reach more children in 2015. Your kindness and compassion raised thousands of dollars!

### ONE-ON-ONE



"What do I do when I feel like I'm not connecting with my student?" Not every mentoring session feels like rainbows and butterflies! Watch the latest "One-On-One" to hear Dr. Emilie's advice on what to do when it seems like you just can't quite connect with your student.

## 2015 HOUSING PREDICTIONS

If you've been watching the news, or work in the oil and gas industry, you may have some concerns over the price of oil and how this will impact jobs, the value of your home, and overall economy. Though I agree it's smart to pay close attention to the market and follow the news, it's also important to remember that not all stories are true. The media loves "bad news" as it attracts readers and listeners alike. Fortunately there are two sides to every story. Industry experts are predicting yet another fantastic year in Real Estate. Following are a few of the key drivers for a successful 2015.

**Employment:** The nation's employment rate continues to improve. Employment grew on an average of 2% the final quarter of 2014. This growth represents the strongest increase over a 3 month period since March of 2006.

**Millennials:** Young professionals are having great success entering the job market. While job growth increased by 2%, job growth amongst millennials grew by 3%. Experts predict these Millennials will drive two-thirds of household formations over the next several years.

**Houston:** Arguably we live in the strongest city and state in the country. As of October 2014, the Houston metro area had more residential construction than all but two states. Though lower oil prices will negatively impact our energy sector, Houston continues to experience a demographic growth to sustain it.

**Drop in oil prices could benefit housing:** What? I know this goes against what you've likely heard in the news. According to industry giant CoreLogic, households in the U.S. spend more than \$1,800 annually on energy related costs. 22% of that energy is due to residential real estate. Lowered energy costs at the pump as well as in the home make housing more affordable than ever.

**Interest rates remain low:** Interest rates in January of this year hit a 1.5 year low. Rates have been dipping below 4 percent, lowering the borrowing costs of home buyers. Though these rates will likely see a steady increase over the next 12 months, they remain incredibly low, providing buyers greater incentive to buy your home.

While housing demand remains high and interest rates remain low, now is a great time to either refinance or sell your home. With years of experience in Real Estate, The Tracy Montgomery Team is perfectly positioned to continue to help you with all of your Real Estate needs. If you're in the market to buy or sell call the Tracy Montgomery Team. Our experienced, award winning team will ensure you have a wonderful experience.

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## Youth Track Club Registration

The Northwest Flyers Track Club is now registering new and returning athletes for the 2015 spring and summer track season. All athletes new to the sport who are not on school track teams must pass a fitness test at their first practice in order to join the team. Practices are held on Mondays and Thursdays at Cypress Creek High School track, 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.

The club was founded 28 years ago by local Olympic gold medalist Fred Newhouse to foster the development of youth track & field in the northwest Houston area. Visit the team website at <http://www.northwestflyers.org> for registration forms and information, or contact Linette Roach at (281) 587-8442, or [linette.roach@sbcglobal.net](mailto:linette.roach@sbcglobal.net).

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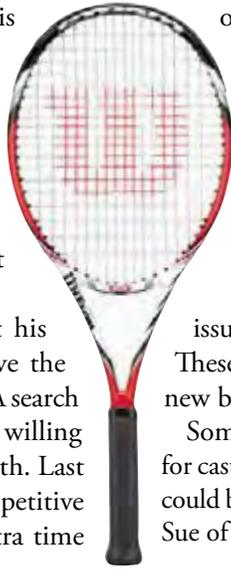


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# TENNIS CLINICS

Thanks to all those who came to the beginner tennis clinics that started late in 2014. Clinics were not held during the Christmas Holidays. Last year was a good trial run to test the interest for the beginner players. There was a really good interest. Those who plan to return for 2015 need to resubmit their interest. Thanks again to all the parents for bringing and staying with their children for the whole hour of the clinics last year. You were truly appreciated.

Mr. James Longoria is very sorry to advise that his teaching schedule changed and he just did not have the availability to join in to help the intermediate players. A search is on for a volunteer who would be experienced and willing to lead this clinic on the second Tuesday of each month. Last year there were several high school students in competitive leagues at school who came out looking for that extra time



on the court to improve their game. Please e-mail Sue Raymond if this is something you would like to do.

All new beginner players (any age) are welcome to come on the second Tuesday, February 10 from 7:00 to 8:00 p.m. After your first session you can then decide if you want to continue. Please come and give your talent and enthusiasm a test. Last year these clinics were held on a weekly basis due to the interest.

Please confirm your attendance and/or interest on any issues by e-mailing Sue at [sueboazraymond@comcast.net](mailto:sueboazraymond@comcast.net). These clinics are free. Just bring your racquet and a can of new balls.

Some have asked about having just a fun time on a Saturday for casual tennis. This would be for that intermediate player. This could be arranged if enough interest is shown. You may also e-mail Sue of this interest.

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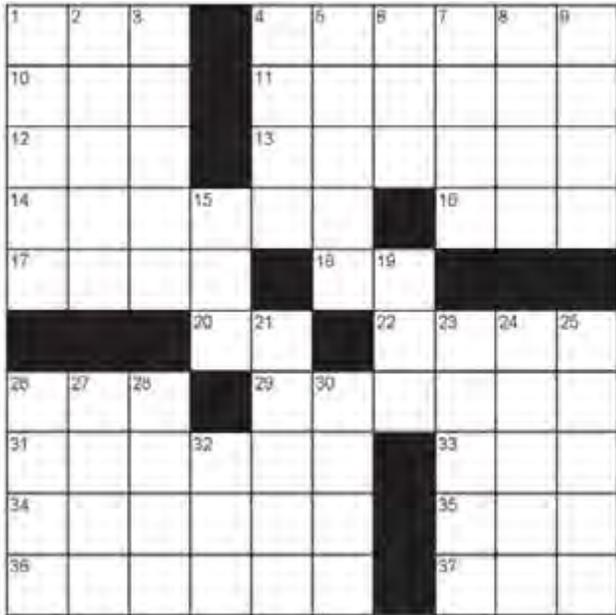
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### ACROSS

1. Dad
4. Panther
10. Time period
11. A Nissan car
12. Admiral (abbr.)
13. Programmer
14. A deviated one makes you snore
16. Vane direction
17. Time periods
18. Letter afterward
20. Evening
22. Garden tools
26. Pod vegetable
29. Egg dish
31. List of errors
33. Wrath
34. Tie clip
35. Rival
36. Stoles
37. Moray

### DOWN

1. "\_\_ porridge hot..."
2. Special request
3. South American plain
4. Tropical island
5. Holding device
6. And so forth
7. Enjoy
8. Sign
9. Weed in a wheat field
15. Cooking measurement
19. Her
21. Pattern
23. \_\_ Oyl (Popeye's girlfriend)
24. Spooky
25. Strong metal
26. Domestic friends
27. Little Mermaid's love
28. Region
30. Pilots
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## Texas: Protect Your Right to Hunt & Fish

Urge Your Lawmaker to Support HJR 61 and SJR 22

Today, state Senator Brandon Creighton (R-Conroe) pre-filed Senate Joint Resolution 22, proposing an amendment to the Texas constitution that protects the right to hunt, fish and harvest wildlife in the Lone Star State. An identical measure, House Joint Resolution 61, was pre-filed in the House on December 17.

HJR 61, introduced by state Representative Trent Ashby (R-Lufkin), and SJR 22, sponsored by Senator Creighton, would ensure that future wildlife conservation and management decisions are based on sound science in order to preserve Texas' hunting heritage for generations to come. Language for the resolution includes the following:

The people have the right to hunt, fish, and harvest wildlife, including by the use of traditional methods, subject to laws or regulations to conserve and manage wildlife and preserve the future of hunting and fishing. Hunting and fishing are preferred methods of managing and controlling wildlife.

Adding the Right to Hunt & Fish to the state constitution would protect Texas' rich sporting tradition from well-funded efforts by national extremist groups to ban hunting. This important constitutional safeguard will protect wildlife and promote conservation, which are efforts that Texas sportsmen have spearheaded for generations, significantly contributing to the State's diverse and flourishing wildlife populations.

If passed, the language contained in the joint resolutions will be presented for a public vote in November 2015. Currently, 18 states have adopted some form of a right to hunt and fish constitutional protection.

The Texas Legislature convenes for its 2015 Regular Session on Tuesday, January 13. There have been a significant number of changes in the Texas Senate and House due to legislative retirements and results from the 2014 elections. State lawmakers are moving offices, incoming members have yet to be sworn in, and committee assignments will not be made for several weeks. NRA-ILA will provide you that information as it becomes available, as well as a more comprehensive update on firearm-related bills that have been pre-filed thus far.

In the meantime, please spread the word about HJR 61 & SJR 22 to your fellow gun owners and sportsmen and urge them to support these important measures! Encourage them to sign up for FREE legislative alerts from NRA-ILA during session by clicking here. This is the easiest way to stay informed of bills in Austin affecting our Second Amendment rights and hunting heritage.

## LAKE HOUSTON LADIES CLUB

February Meeting and Luncheon Information

Lake Houston Ladies Club will have their meeting and luncheon on Tuesday, February 17, 2015 beginning at 10:00 a.m. at the Walden Country Club, 18100 Walden Forest, Humble TX 77346. A Mardi Gras Cabaret is planned, featuring music from The Great American Songbook, Creole, Zydeco and New Orleans.

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, February 13th before 5:00 p.m.

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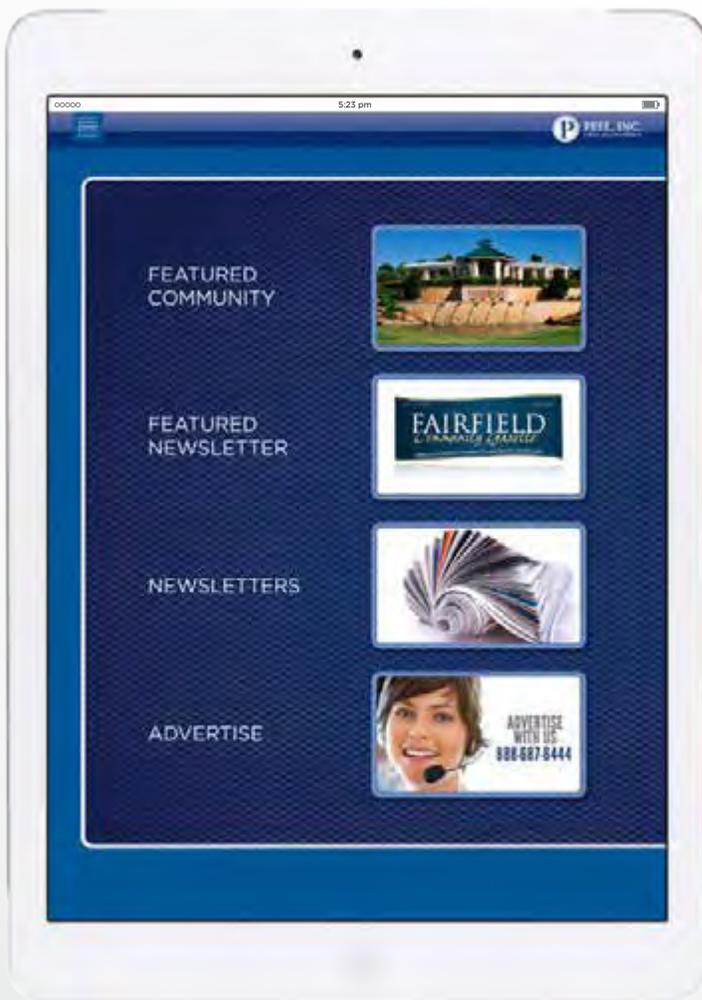
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