



# ACIA

## *Happenings*

*Ivy Point, Pinehurst, Club Point, Golf Villas, The Shores, The Pines and Estates of Pinehurst*

May 2015

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### YARD OF THE MONTH



*Congratulations to:*

*Congratulations to Lisa Leger @ 19614 Suncove Ln.  
for May Yard of the Month.*

*Should you wish to submit a nomination for Yard of the  
Month please submit to [sueboazraymond@comcast.net](mailto:sueboazraymond@comcast.net).  
Thank you to the Lake Houston Ladies Club for all you do.*

### Easter Egg Hunt



This year's Easter egg hunt was a big success. The Easter bunny left lots of eggs behind for the children to find and find them they did. The Easter bunny came back for a surprise visit and many

children had their pictures taken with her. We even had some big winners of the ten Easter baskets! Children and parents alike seemed to enjoy themselves as they hunted for the eggs. Here is one of the big winners of the baskets, plus a couple of other random pics. To view the other winners, please visit the ACIA website at: [www.aciahomeowners.org](http://www.aciahomeowners.org)



The children really enjoyed the Egg Race this year. Many participated and there



was one winner who won a beautiful Easter basket. Congratulations to all who won one of the ten lovely Easter baskets.

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# LAKE HOUSTON LADIES CLUB

## May Meeting and Luncheon Information

Lake Houston Ladies Club will have their meeting and luncheon on Tuesday, May 19, 2015 beginning at 10:00 a.m. at the Walden Country Club, 18100 Walden Forest, Humble TX 77346. Jerry Diaz and Hannah's Reef Tropical Band will be back playing their original style of "Texas Beach Music". Come join us on a musical journey to New Orleans, Pensacola, Key West and the Texas Beach scene. 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, May 15, 2015 before 5:00 p.m.



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## Parks, Pools and Marina

First off for those of you that use the Tennis courts and Marina, the keys have been changed. The keys are changed annually and residents may get a new key for a small fee by contacting: Sterling Association Services, 562 Kingwood Drive, suite 13, Kingwood TX 77339 (832-678-4500).

### Pools

The Pinehurst Pool filter sprung a leak (leak is on side of filter caused from wear) and the filters are being replaced. Also there is some cracking on the decking surface that will be repaired under warranty along with some new coating going on new concrete surfaces. We are putting off the rehab of the Pinehurst Pool (slide, shade structure, bathrooms) until funding allows us to progress.

The Shores pool had a bad leak along 80' of the bond beam. It has been repaired. The concrete next to the coping is broken in a few areas and the seal is bad next to the coping (around most of pool) all will be repaired before pool season. The Shores pool deck will also be recoated along with the new concrete areas before pool season starts. We also have a new pool company taking care of our pools. We have had a lot of maintenance problems at the pools in the past and hopefully this will correct that. Jeff Ellis Management is the new contractor and already has been much more proactive with the pools

maintenance. Jeff Ellis Management has also stated they would like to hire local lifeguards. If you know any local swimmers 15 years and older that would be interested in being a Lifeguard they can apply online at: [www.jeffellismanagement.com](http://www.jeffellismanagement.com) or for information call: 281-201-6625

Storage – we are looking into putting up a storage building at Pinehurst Pool for all the associations' properties. This would include pool supplies, yard signs, holiday decorations, supplies, and repair parts. We now have things scattered at board members' homes, contractor's homes and some with volunteers. The association really needs a place to store the association's equipment. We are in the process of taking bids to access the cost and to see if we can budget for the structure.

### Tennis Courts

The Pinehurst Tennis court has new lighting (LED). We hope it's better for all you players. We have had a lot of lighting maintenance in the past and these LED's are supposed to be guaranteed for 5 years so hopefully they will work out and save us some money. By the way we are also installing new lighting at our monuments for the same reason. As you read this they should all be new except for the lights

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## KITCHEN MAKEOVERS IN MAY

Could your kitchen use an update? You can transform your dull, seemingly dated kitchen into a stylish, modern centerpiece of your home with a few DIY projects that you could tackle in a weekend:

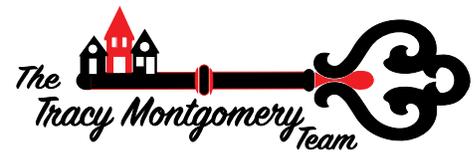
**Recolor Your Scheme** – Freshen up your colors. Adding a new coat of paint or taking some risk with bold, striking wallpaper can miraculously transform any room. Don't forget the 60-30-10 rule!

**Contain The Clutter** – Add functional storage to help contain the kitchen mess that can make your space feel cramped and cluttered. You can find some inexpensive solutions to improve how you store food as well as pots and pans online.

**Update Your Cabinetry** – You might be amazed at the difference knobs and handles can make to your kitchen cabinetry. With a drill and knob placement tool from your local hardware store you can ensure every knob and handle is perfectly placed in minutes.

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on the new monuments that need to be solar. The Shores Tennis court - we are still looking into replacing or fixing the shores tennis court and we are in the process of taking bids.

## Marina

At the Marina the Boardwalk has been repaired and we are looking to repair potholes as funds become available.

We hope you take some time to enjoy your parks and pools.

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## Thinking of Home Improvement Projects?

With warmer weather arriving, many homeowners start thinking of that home improvement project they have wanted all year. Don't forget the ACIA Architectural Control Guidelines requiring an ACC Project Submission Form, that can be found on our website at [www.aciahomeowners.org](http://www.aciahomeowners.org) or the Sterling website at [www.sterlingasi.net](http://www.sterlingasi.net). For more information contact Sterling at 832-628-4500. Below is an excerpt from your Deed restrictions:

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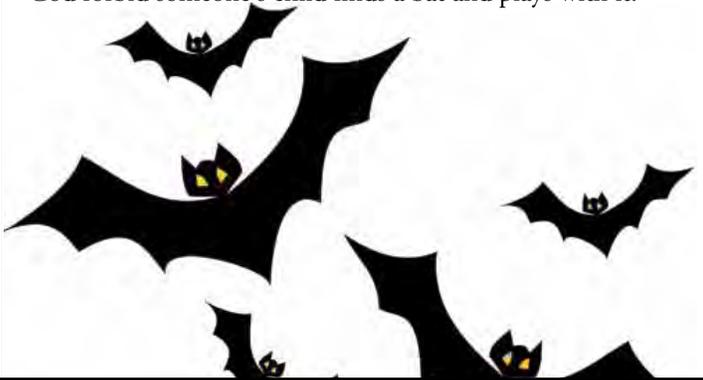
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## HOMEOWNER DUES

Approximately 15% of 2014 assessments have not been collected. Since the majority of your assessment pays for essential services such as security, solid waste, street lights, landscaping, etc. Unfortunately we have no choice but to proceed thru legal channels to collect these funds. If you are delinquent, please contact Sterling Association Services, Inc. 562 Kingwood Drive, Suite 13, Kingwood, Texas 77339, 832-678-4500., payment plans are available. Our management firm also accepts credit card payment.



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We are now taking subscriptions for the 2014 Season!  
Don't be left out!

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.

We thank you for your patriotism and for your continued support.

Troop 56 Flag Committee - Atascocita, Texas

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2014 Stars and Stripes Across Humble Renewal Form  
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Amount Enclosed \$ \_\_\_\_\_

## HCPL Director Edward Melton to speak at F.O.A.L. May Meeting

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We are pleased to have Edward Melton, the new Library Director for the Harris County Public Library as the speaker for our Friends of the Atascocita Library Annual Meeting on Tuesday, May 12 at 7:00 PM., at the Atascocita Library, 19520 Pinehurst Trail Dr. The public is cordially invited. There will be a short business meeting, which will include election of officers & presentation of the budget for 2015 – 2016.

Edward Melton holds a B.A. in History and Secondary Education from Morehouse College and a MLIS from Clark Atlanta University. He has attended the Brookings Institute for Public Leadership. He has vast experience in libraries including cataloging and indexing, youth services, technology integration, grant management, capital projects, budget and strategic planning, training, operational efficiency, partnerships, and service innovation.

During his tenure as Chief of Branches at San Francisco Public Library, Edward was instrumental in helping complete the Branch Library Improvement Program which included the construction of the last two capital building projects. He led the comprehensive review of library services hours and implemented expanded hours throughout the branches. Edward also enhanced access to technology and learning opportunities at all the branch libraries for youth and the public at large. Edward has been actively engaged with the community and has chaired the Council of Neighborhood Libraries. Edward recently received the 2014 Joey Rodgers Leadership Award by the Urban Libraries Council (ULC) in recognition of his contributions as a public library leader and in support of his continued professional development.

Before his work in San Francisco, Edward was an Administrative Manager with Houston Public Library in which he provided oversight for the HPL Express and Mobile Express service model. He was recognized in 2010 as an Operations Service Innovator by the Urban Library Council. He has also been active in the Texas Library Association and was a Tall Texan Class of 2007.

Edward has traveled the country integrating technology in libraries and training librarians with the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation US Library program providing him with a vast range of experience from large urban libraries to small rural communities. He began his work at Harris County Public Library on November 3, 2014.

Light refreshments will be served. For more information email [contact@foal.ws](mailto:contact@foal.ws) or go to [www.foal.ws](http://www.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, April 27, 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

## TENNIS CLINICS

The first tennis clinic with Mike Beatty, the tennis pro, was very good for his first time to come in March. He or one of the other pros will continue to come each second Tuesday @ 7:00 p.m. to the Pinehurst Courts at 20600 Atascocita Shores Dr. to instruct. Thank you Mike for taking the time to do this.



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## WASTE DISPOSAL

As the warmer weather approaches many people are starting to do spring cleaning and yard work. Please remember large item pickup is the second day of the week of your normal garbage pickup. As a reminder the following are the guidelines for garbage pickup.

Atascocita Community Association Residents:

### Garbage Collection Service Guidelines

Service days are Tuesday & Friday.

#### CURBSIDE SERVICE

Please have your trash out by 7am on your service day.

Household garbage, grass clippings, leaves, branches and tree trimmings are collected at the curb. Important! - For the safety and protection of our employees and equipment, we do require that branches and tree trimmings be no greater than three inches (3") in diameter and be cut, tied and bundled in four foot (4') lengths weighing no more than forty to fifty pounds (40-50 lbs.) Containers over 45 gallons must have all trash bagged. Due to safety concerns WM will not service anything over 65 gallons

10 items per service day (can/ bag/ bundle)

#### BULK TRASH COLLECTION

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boxes (please break them down and bundle them), old furniture and appliances. Please note that we can no longer dispose of CFC refrigerant containing items (i.e., refrigerators, freezers, etc.) without certification that the freon has been properly removed and recycled, pursuant to current Federal law. 2 items second collection day of the week

#### UNACCEPTABLE ITEMS

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Vehicle tires batteries large pieces of metal

Construction debris (disposed of by the contractor performing the work).

#### HOLIDAYS

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# POOL SAFETY

The Texas weather is warming up. Summer is almost here. Pools will soon open and the cool water will be calling your name. You can almost hear your kids laughing and the playing in the pool. Your family deserves to have many Best Day Ever moments in the water this summer. Please do not let those moments be ruined by the sound of a life guard whistle blast or the need to do CPR in order to save your child's life. Most families love a trip to the swimming pool, the lake or the beach during the summer...but the water can be deadly for a child.

Did you know that drowning is a leading cause of accidental death for children between the ages of 1 and 14, with kids under the age of 5 at even higher risk?

Colin Holst's parents did not know either. Sadly, June 13th marks the 5 year anniversary of his drowning in a public, lifeguarded pool in Austin. Since Colin's drowning in 2008, Central Texas-based Colin's Hope has become a nonprofit leader in water safety and drowning prevention.

My name is Alissa Magrum and I am the Executive Director of Colin's Hope. But I am also a parent to 8 year old Ella. So, from one parent to another, please listen to this message. It is simple but filled with purpose: DROWNING IS PREVENTABLE. YOU can help protect your children. Following a series of simple water safety tips creates multiple layers of protection. These layers WILL keep children safer in and around the water and CAN prevent drownings.

The first 3 of these tips are KEY.

- Practice constant visual supervision. Always assign an adult "water guardian" whose ONLY responsibility is to watch children who are in, near and around the water. If that water guardian needs to take a break, they must transfer their "watching" duty to another adult.
- Learn to swim. Enroll children (and adults too) in formal swim classes. For kids under the age of 4, taking formal swim lessons reduces the risk of drowning by 88%.
- Wear life jackets. Children who cannot swim should ALWAYS wear a U.S. Coast Guard-approved life jacket when in and around the water.
- You can see additional tips, as well as more information on water safety and drowning prevention, on our website at [www.colinshope.org](http://www.colinshope.org).

Each year, Colin's Hope volunteers stuff and distribute 75,000 water safety packets to families in zip codes that have been targeted due to the high number of near drownings and drownings in recent years. This life saving information along with a Peel Inc. ad campaign, a Reagan National Advertising billboard campaign and a presence at many community events is helping to raise water safety awareness to prevent children from drowning.

WE ALSO NEED YOUR HELP. PLEASE SHARE THIS INFORMATION with family, friends, neighbors, teachers,

babysitters...everyone! We have seen the difference that being aware and being prepared can make. Communities that have received our water safety information in prior years have seen child drownings and near drownings in their areas reduced to zero!

Please visit [www.colinshope.org](http://www.colinshope.org) to find out how you can get involved in your own community. Find us on Facebook, follow us on Twitter, subscribe to our monthly newsletter or even support our efforts with a donation.

We envision a world where children do not drown. Please share that vision and together we will get there.

Wishing you the SAFEST AND BEST SUMMER EVER,  
Alissa Magrum Executive Director, Colin's Hope

## DO NOT 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.

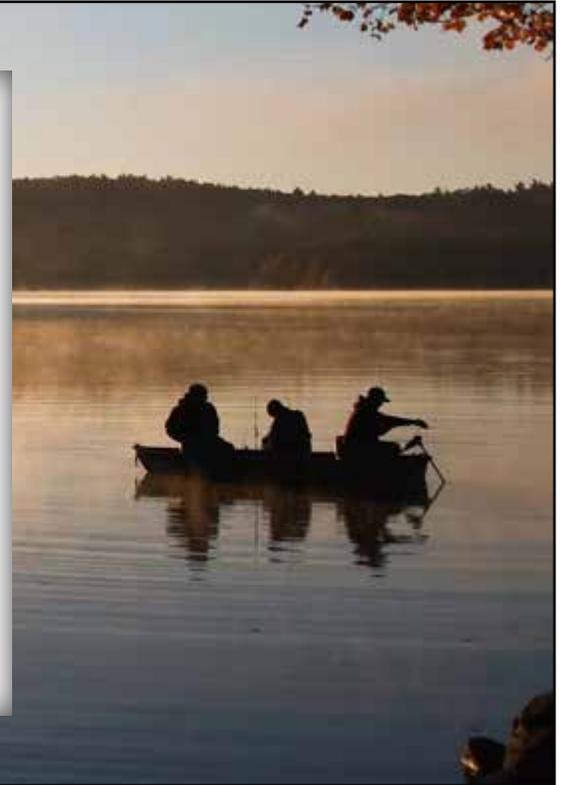
Please do not dump debris in the gully (drainage) areas. Harris County will levy fines for cleanup. There have been several complaints in this area.

This is against the law, creates rodent and insect habitats, and causes our beautiful Lake Houston to be full of trash and decomposing material that causes algae blooms killing aquatic life. Localized flooding of our homes could also occur as a result of the debris clogging the area drainage. Also, several million residents in Houston drink this water from Lake Houston! We should all be more respectful of our environment.

If you witness anyone dumping, get the license plate number and a description of the vehicle if possible and call the Precinct 4 Constable Dispatch at 281-376-3472. ACIA will prosecute for dumping on private property.

## Fishing in the Park

In the month of March many of our neighbors have been fishing at Shores Park and enjoying the benefits of living on or near Lake Houston. Speaking to more than a few, while being at the park during repairs, it was impressive to see how many good size fish they were taking home and surprising on how many neighbors fish at the park. For those of you that don't know, Shores Park is located at 8810 Pine Shores Dr. and has a small canal to Lake Houston. It also has a small fishing pier that has been getting a lot of use and others fishing off the bank. The fishing pier is located at the back of the park east of the tennis courts and on your left as walking toward the lake. The only thing you need to enjoy the fishing is a license, so check it out and have fun.



## Volunteers NEEDED

Please sign up to represent your neighborhood and help with the upcoming 4th of July events!



It truly takes a village to put together the amazing event we have to celebrate our Country's Birthday!

A SIGN UP SHEET will be at the Annual Easter Egg Hunt and you can also email the Committee Chairperson at [DeborahMcDonald@gmail.com](mailto:DeborahMcDonald@gmail.com)

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