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July 2015

Official Newsletter of the Atascocita Community Improvement Association

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# Yard of the Month June 2015



Congrats to Barb and Larry Mayfield at 19914 January Drive

Please submit your nomination to sueboazraymond@ comcast.net, or directly to Tammy Broussard @ noemie63@ icloud.com

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.

A special invitation is extended to all active military and veterans alike to contact Deborah McDonald if you would like to form a group to march in the parade. She can be contacted at deborahymcdonald@gmail.com

We are also in need of volunteers to assist with the parade. Anyone wishing to volunteer please email Deborah @ deborahymcdonald@ gmail.com. Thanks to Kevin Kilgore for helping sponsor this year's July 4th events. There will be a fireworks display at the Overlook at 20114 Pinehurst Dr. in the evening. Please stay tuned to the web at aciahomewoners.org for more information.



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Fire, Medical or Life Threatening Emergency		
P-4 Constable Dispatch		
Humble ISD Police (Schools)		
Atascocita Volunteer Fire Dept (AVFD)		
Non-Emergency Number		
Harris County Animal Control		
Texas Poison Control Center	800-222-1222	

#### UTILITIES

Electric, (multiple providers)	www.powertochoose.org
Power Outages	
Street Light Outages	
Gas, Centerpoint Energy	
Gas Leaks	
Water, Severn Trent	
24 Hour Emergency Number	
Telephone, Centurylink	
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Humble Post Office	
Harris County MUD #132	www.hcmud132.com
Harris County MUD #151	www.hcmud151.org

### SCHOOLS

Humble ISD	
Website	www.humble.k12.tx.us
Pine Forest Elementary	
Maplebrook Elementary	
Atascocita Middle School	
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### A NOTICE FROM PRECINCT 2

A representative from Precinct 2 has scrutinized our area and noticed the numerous drain lines cut into the curbing that drain water into the streets. Discharging drain water into the streets is illegal unless the homeowner has obtained a Harris County permit and paid a \$5000 bond. Precinct 2 will not pursue enforcement at this time; however, this is a major concern. Cutting into the curb causes substantial damage to the curbing which can further deteriorate with time. Large chunks of concrete curbing have been noticed falling away from the curb and migrating into the street. These concrete chunks can be a serious driving hazard. If residents install drain lines, a Pop-up Drain Emitter is recommended. The pop-up drain emitter allows water to be diverted and released to water-safe areas away from structures, erosion-prone landscapes, and poor drainage areas. The special design allows the emitter to open with a negligible amount of pressure. Since the emitter is closed during dry weather, debris can't enter the drain pipes. The pop-up emitter is opened by the hydrostatic pressure of water flowing through the drain pipe and as the flow diminishes the emitter closes. The Pop-up Drain Emitter is available from local home improvement stores.

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For your convenience; you can now go online to access your account and obtain any forms or other information that pertains to your community. At this point, you can access your account balance, your assessment amount, payment information, and your account contact information.

Click here to Login

www.sterlingasi.net provides the answers to your association questions and allows you to view and update your account information in real time. If you do not know your account number or password, please email servicedesk@sterlingasi.com to request your private login information.

## **SUMMER FUN ... WATER SAFETY**

I think it's safe to state that we're happy all the torrential downpours have stopped. Clear skies and warm water means fun in the sun. Like most, I love to spend my summers on the beach, in the boat, or relaxing in the backyard swimming pool. Unfortunately too many kids drown each year. "Child drowning" is a term we'd all like to see go away.

#### Make Water Safety Your Priority

Last year they reported that 15 kids had drowned in Texas through May. Sadly enough, that # is up to 16 in 2015. If we don't take incredible care to protect our youth that number will have doubled by time you receive this in July. Statistically, this number will continue to increase through August. The best thing a parent can do to help your family stay safe is to enroll the kids in swim lessons. Many swim instructors register at the Red Cross Training Support Center at 1-800-RED-CROSS or email them at support@ redcrosstraining.org for more information.

Here are some quick tips to improve your child's safety:

- Swim in designated areas that are supervised by lifeguards
- Always swim with a buddy, never alone.
- Never leave a child unattended near water and do not trust your child's safety to another child.
- Have young and inexperienced children wear life jackets around water
- Establish rules for the kids and stick to them I think we can all agree that nothing is more precious than our children. By working together we can make a real difference.

My housing report is straightforward. The market is still hot. Demand is high, home prices continue to rise, interest rates are incredibly low, and my team and I are primed to help you in the home selling/buying process. For a free home value analysis send us an email, a text, or give us a call. We'd love to be of help.







Cicadas are fairly large insects but can vary in size with some growing over 1 <sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub> inches. Color may also vary depending upon species, but many are brown or green. All cicadas have bulging eyes and, on adults, wings that are held roof-like over the body. The wings are semi-transparent with thick wing veins. The majority of their life cycle is spent underground.

Cicadas have 2-5 year life cycles and appear in Texas in mid to late summer. Females insert egg clusters into branches of trees using their saw-like ovipositor

# CICADAS

(egg laying structure). Eggs hatch after about 6 weeks and small nymphs drop to the ground where they burrow into the soil. Nymphs feed on sap of tree roots with their piercing-sucking mouthparts. After becoming fully developed, nymphs emerge from the ground at night and climb onto nearby objects such as tree trunk, plants, fences, etc. Adult cicadas emerge from the last nymphal stage leaving behind the exuviae (cast skin). Adults can live 5-6 weeks.

Male cicadas are well known for their "song". They rest on a tree and produce a whining sound to attract females. The sound is produced by two vibrating membranes on the side of the abdomen. Females do not "sing". Adults feed on juices from tender twigs, but usually do not cause lasting harm to the plant from feeding.

For more information or help with identification, contact Wizzie Brown, Texas AgriLife Extension Service Program Specialist at 512.854.9600. Check out my blog at www.urban-ipm.blogspot.com

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# **Deed Restrictions**

When you bought your home in the ACIA neighborhood you knew you were moving into a deed restricted community (or should have known) and received a copy of the deed restrictions at closing. Each section in the ACIA neighborhood has their own deed restrictions with the homes living of the golf course having a few added. While you should know what section you live in, if you do not, you can find on your tax report at the Harris County Appraisal District website. All deed restrictions are posted on our website: www. aciahomeowners. org, please feel free to read them as it will really make you a better neighbor to everyone in the community.

If you are going to change or do anything to the exterior of your home, like an addition or, replacement roof, driveway, fence, paint, garage door, siding, brick, decks, swimming pool, major landscaping or really anything that can be seen by others, you need to fill out a ACC (Architectural Control Committee)approval request form (also found on or website). If you do not you will probably be getting a letter from or management company, Sterling Association Services, when you do please respond to them so problems do not escalate, part of being a good neighbor.

A deed restriction violation that is brought to our attention does not affect just you, but, the entire neighborhood. Number one, the violation was probably brought to our attention by one of your neighbors, yes our management company drives through our neighborhood and reports violation, however, many come from our neighbors and when they do we have to respond, that is our job as a Home Owners Board. While we are not permitted by state law to say what we are doing with a specific address or homeowner, we are working on it. That said, it costs all homeowners part of their dues to take legal action against another homeowner, just because a few feel they have the right to ignore the very restrictions they agreed to when they bought a house in the neighborhood. Number two, yard upkeep and trash. You have to keep your yard in good condition, yes you have to get the yard mowed and edged. Yards cannot be unattractive or unsightly, nor have grass growing over the curb. Violations for these violations are way to abundant.

In closing, I urge all neighbors to follow the deed restrictions. It cost our neighborhood way too much in legal fees and we do not want to increase your due because of a few. If you wondering what expense these violations have been in the past, let me just say we could have had a new pool and park for what we spent fighting violators. It's not hard to fix, just follow the deed restrictions.

Thank you all ACIA Board



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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, July 27, 2015 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.

Very Truly Yours,

Atascocita Community Improvement Association

# POOL HOURS

Both the Shores and Pinehurst Pools are open full time beginning June 5, 2015.

*THE SHORES:* June 5, Fri. 11 am – 7 pm, Sat. 12 pm – 9 pm, Sun. 1 pm – 8 pm, Mon. 11 am – 7 pm, Tues. 11 am – 7 pm, Wed. CLOSED, Thurs. 11 am – 7 pm.

*PINEHURST:* June 5, Fri. 12 pm – 8 pm, Sat. 12 pm – 8 pm, Sun. 1 pm – 8 pm, Mon 12 – 8 pm, Tues. CLOSED, Wed. 12 pm – 8 pm, Thurs. 12 pm – 8 pm.

ACIA is very pleased to announce that Jeff Ellis Management is now managing both pools.



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### Will My Child be Ready for Elementary School?

By: Paula Morgan, Owner, Primrose School at Lake Houston PrimroseLake Houston.com | pmorgan@PrimroseLakeHouston.com



More and more parents are recognizing the importance of enrolling their children in preschool to help them develop the right foundation for success in elementary school and beyond. The best programs go beyond helping children master basic academic skills by supporting their development as happy, confident, well-rounded individuals.

Studies show that from birth to age 5, growth in all areas of development is rapid. Children form strong neural connections during this time as a result of their experiences with everyone and everything they encounter. The quality of those early interactions determines how children will continue to learn and form relationships, which strongly influences their future success and happiness. "Informed parents look for preschool, pre-K and kindergarten programs that take a balanced approach to developing motor, social-emotional, creative and academic skills," said Dr. Gloria Julius, vice president of education and professional development for Primrose Schools. "It takes quality instruction, a well-rounded curriculum and a positive teacher relationship to prepare a child to succeed."children create a makebelieve town in the desert out of rocks, boxes, and their imaginations. Read the book with your children and then challenge them to create their own town with materials they find in the backyard.

### **Primrose School of Eagle Springs**

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- Academics: It's important to go beyond a concentration on basic math and reading skills. Academic success is not just about memorization – it requires learning how to think critically, use mathematical concepts, express curiosity and develop competence in all language skills, including listening, speaking, reading and writing.
- Technology: In today's technology-rich world, children need to have a grasp on technology as a tool for creative expression and problem solving. Computers equipped with developmentallyappropriate educational software and online resources should be integrated into the classroom.
- **Physical Development:** Children who participate in daily physical activity develop basic motor skills like throwing, jumping and balance that help them become healthy adults. Physical activity also creates neural connections that support academic achievement.
- **Music and Art:** Young children naturally engage in "art" or spontaneous, creative play, but when educators involve children in music and art activities regularly from an early age, they are also promoting cognitive and emotional development.
- Social-Emotional Development: Preschool programs should focus on supporting the development of social and life skills, as well as executive function. Research shows that executive functioning skills help children establish positive relationships and make a successful transition to elementary school.

Will your child be ready to enter elementary school? Selecting the right child care or preschool program is a critical step in helping your child succeed. Plan to tour schools at least one year in advance so you have plenty of time to apply and enroll your child.

For more parenting tips, visit our 360 Parenting blog at www.PrimroseSchools.com/360Parenting.

### **Primrose School of Lake Houston**

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### YOUR COMMUNITY NEWSLETTER AND ACIA WEB

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 863 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.

# TENNIS CLINICS

Mike Beaty or one of the other pros will continue to come each month on the 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. The July Clinic will be July 14, 2015 @ 7:00 p.m. You may contact Sue Raymond @ sueboazraymond@comcast.net for more information.



There were six students who attended in June and interest was shown for additional Tuesday Clinics. During the summer we will do as many Tuesdays as possible as long as there is continued interest. Please be advised the Shores Courts have been closed due to safety concerns.



### 2015 ATASCOCITA COMMUNITY IMPROVEMENT ASSOCIATION Key Fob#\_\_\_\_\_ POOL REGISTRATION & RELEASE FORM (Please Print Information) Address\_\_\_\_\_Date\_\_\_\_ Last Name\_\_\_\_\_First Name\_\_\_\_\_ 911 will be called in an emergency. If possible, the following numbers will be contacted: Emergency/Contact Number: 1<sup>st</sup> call:\_\_\_\_\_2<sup>nd</sup> call\_\_\_\_\_ Contact E-mail: If Renting, please indicate Owner Name, Address & Contact Telephone Number:

Name of each resident in household who will have access to key fob (must live with you). Age is required for those thirteen years and older; residents 12 years and younger are required to be accompanied by an adult 18 years or older and will not be granted access.

Name	Age	Relationship

Attachments and documents, given to residents including but not limited to, Pool Rules and Pool Registration form. Community website updates and articles become a part of this form. In consideration for the privilege of using the swimming pool and facilities (tennis courts, park, etc) of Atascocita Community Improvement Association, the undersigned acknowledges that release is granted to the Owner, its agents, employees, directors, certificate holders, independent contractors and successors. Atascocita Community Improvement Association from all liability claims. cause of actions, demands and indebtedness of every kind and nature relating to use of the swimming pool, pool area, park, tennis courts, etc. This release and indemnity agreement is a contract with legal consequences. The undersigned acknowledges they have carefully read and fully understand before signing.

Further, the undersigned agrees to abide by and be bound by the rules and regulations for the operation safety of the swimming pool and facilities of Atascocita Community Association including not allowing anyone else nor any minor to use the pool pass in order to gain access to the swimming pool. The lifeguard on duty has final authority of enforcement of the rules and/or allowing access to the swimming pool and facilities.

#### Signature

(I am over the age of 18).

Signature (I am over the age of 18). I understand that I am signing this Release on behalf of those members of my household under the age of 18, as well as on behalf of any guests that may be invited by me to the Pool.

#### COMPLETE REGISTRATION FORM AND RETURN WITH FEE (if applicable) TO ACIA:

- **fax:** 281-598-4487
- e-mail: kwpoolregistration@sterlingasi.com
- mail: ACIA 562 Kingwood Drive, Suite 13 Kingwood, TX 77339 (Sterling ASI)
- lost card fee: \$35.00 + \$10.00
- registration via fax, e-mail, mail or at the office: \$10.00

# ENUF TALENT AGENCY

ENUF Talent Agency gives gifted actors, singers, rappers, children and models a chance to fulfill their dreams

ENUF Talent Agency, recently founded by Catherine Mitchell and Deloris Madison, is on a mission to help promising stars achieve their dreams. The agency will be holding auditions for gifted individuals to compete in one of four categories for the chance to earn a spot in a talent show.

Talent categories include acting, modeling, singing and rapping and children 12 and under. In addition to a cash prize, the winner of each talent category will earn the opportunity to work on a professional assignment and develop their skills under a coach.

Catherine Mitchell and Deloris Madison founded ENUF Talent Agency to provide gifted individuals with developmental tools and connect them with professional opportunities. The agency provides a platform for actors and performers to showcase their abilities and gain exposure through talent shows and events. ENUF Talent Agency sets itself apart from similar agencies by embracing, nurturing, unifying and fulfilling the dreams of promising stars. Although ENUF is not recruiting any clients until its official launch in winter 2015, the agency is currently focused on engaging the Houston community through its talent show series. The auditions will take place at the Hilton Garden Inn West Belt dates included are: June 12th, 13th, 26th, and 27th and July 10th, 11th, 17th, and 18th. All auditions are scheduled to make it easier for people to come and go without the long wait.

ENUF Talent Agency is Houston's premier focused on connecting promising performers and models with professional opportunities and developmental tools. For more information, visit www. enuftalentagency.com. For constant updates, follow ENUF on Instagram @enuftalentagency and at www.facebook.com/enuftalent

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