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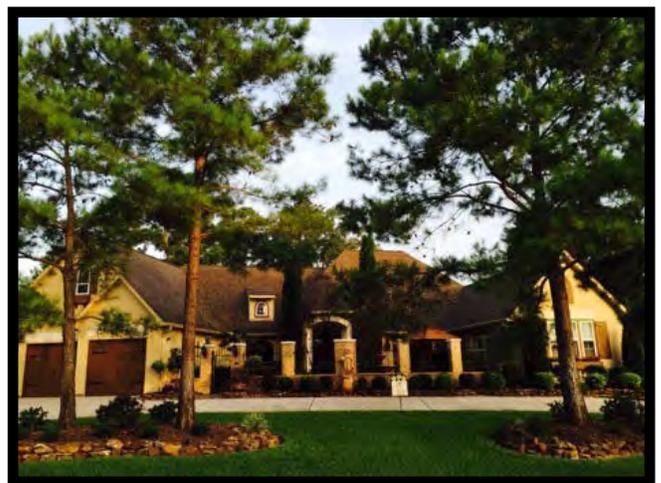
## Lake Houston Ladies Club

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 Linda at 832-379-3009 for more information about the club.



## YARD *of the* MONTH



Congrats to Barry and Victoria Clapp @ 20703 Tamarron Dr for July 2015 Yard of the Month.

Please submit your nomination to Tammy Broussard at [noemie63@icloud.com](mailto:noemie63@icloud.com) or any ACIA trustee.

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# 4TH OF JULY!

## FREEDOM IS NEVER FREE!

Have you ever wondered what happened to the 56 men who signed the Declaration of Independence? Their story...

Five signers were captured by the British as traitors, and tortured before they died. Twelve had their homes ransacked and burned. Two lost their sons serving in the Revolutionary Army; another had two sons captured. Nine of the 56 fought and died from wounds or hardships of the Revolutionary War. They signed and they pledged their lives, their fortunes, and their sacred honor. What kind of men were they? Twenty-four were lawyers and jurists. Eleven were merchants. Nine were farmers and large plantation owners; men of means, well educated. But they signed the Declaration of Independence knowing full well that the penalty would be death if they were captured.

Carter Braxton of Virginia, a wealthy planter and trader, saw his ships swept from the seas by the British Navy. He sold his home and properties to pay his debts, and died in rags.

Thomas McKean was so hounded by the British that he was forced to move his family almost constantly. He served in the Congress without pay, and his family was kept in hiding. His possessions were taken from him, and poverty was his reward.

Vandals or soldiers looted the properties of Dillery, Hall, Clymer, Walton, Gwinnett, Heyward, Rutledge, and Middleton. At the battle of Yorktown, Thomas Nelson, Jr., noted that the British General Cornwallis had taken over the Nelson home for his headquarters. He quietly urged General George Washington to open fire. The home was destroyed, and Nelson died bankrupt.

Francis Lewis had his home and properties destroyed. The enemy jailed his wife, and she died within a few months.

John Hart was driven from his wife's bedside as she was dying. Their 13 children fled for their lives. His fields and his gristmill were laid to waste. For more than a year he lived in forests and caves, returning home to find his wife dead and his children vanished.

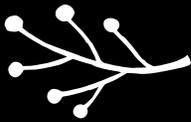
So, take a few minutes while enjoying your 4th of July holiday and silently thank these patriots. It's not much to ask for the price they paid.

I hope you will show your support by sending this to as many people as you can, please. It's time we get the word out that patriotism is NOT a sin, and the Fourth of July means more than beer, picnics, and baseball games. True "reflection" is a part of this country's greatness. Please be a participant!

## ATASCOCITA GARDEN CLUB

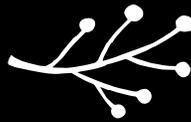
The annual luncheon with the installation of officers for the 2015 – 2016 year was recently held at a local restaurant. It was well attended by the garden club members. Officers' duties were discussed and future goals of the organization were outlined.

The garden club serves the residences in Humble, Atascocita, Kingwood, Porter, Splendora and New Caney areas. Most meetings are held on the second Tuesday of each month September through May in the Assembly Room at the Rosemont Assisted Living Center at 6450 Kings Parkway in Kingwood.



### SCHEDULE:

9:30 am - Social  
10:00 am - Meeting  
10:30 am - Program



## August = Back to School and a Shift in Real Estate

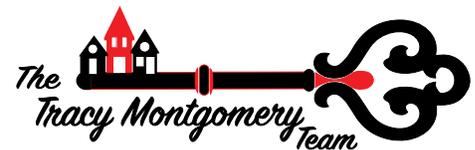
August 24th is around the corner and marks the return to school for our students attending Humble ISD. The kids are almost to the point where they recognize school is not so bad and the parents are certainly ready to stop hearing "I'm so bored!". That's right, "Back to School" is here. August marks the conclusion of family vacations and the beginning of a shopping frenzy for supplies and clothing. Friday nights will certainly be different as stadiums are filled with football, cheerleaders, bands, students, and supporting parents and friends. It's really a great time of year.

The routines we've grown accustomed to over the summer months are about to be disrupted. For many the back to school season can serve as an opportunity to renew your 2015 goals. Dump some of the "bad habits" you've picked up over the summer and start some positive new routines. One of my favorite things to do is to share a light breakfast or lunch with girlfriends. Something I just can't seem to do during the summer months with the kids at home.

Despite economist's predictions of a pending downward market, Real Estate continues to thrive in Northeast Houston. Housing demand remains high and this has resulted in strong resale pricing. We have seen a bit of slowing however with housing "days on market." This has resulted in home prices leveling off a bit. With school around the corner we anticipate this trend will continue. Fortunately, families continue to be drawn to Northeast Houston's best in state schools and entertainment opportunities.

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# Fourth of July



Led by the Atascocita Volunteer Fire Department, shown left with their vintage pumper truck, and Precinct 4 Constables, residents from Atascocita and the greater Lake Houston area showed their patriotic pride Saturday July 4<sup>th</sup> in the annual parade and ensuing celebration! Over 350 residents participated, including Scouts, Veterans and Furry Friends! A float honoring our veterans was available for all veterans to ride on this year! The participants tossed candy and waved flags at the cheering residents along the route!

Thank you to our Veterans! We are hoping to have even more participate in the next parade! Shown below, to the right is retired Veteran, Ray Peregoy. Mr. Peregoy served both in the U.S. Army and

the U.S. Air Force as well as the Army National Guard! Thank you for your service Sir!

The parade began at the Atascocita Library and ended at *The Overlook* where everyone enjoyed traditional July 4th Refreshments, served by our wonderful volunteers, including hot dogs & fixings, snow cones, and cotton candy!

Beautiful trophies were received this year for those entering the parade decorating contest. There were approximately 150 entries this year. The categories included Floats, Vehicles, Under 3; 4-6; 7-10; 11-13; 14 & up; Animals; Most patriotic and Best in Show! Shown below to the left is the Montagna family who received the Best Float award as well as the Most Patriotic! Well done!



The *Overlook* again graciously allowed our community to use their facilities and we would like to thank Kevin and Sandy Kilgore for your hospitality. The evening's festivities at *The Overlook* began at 6PM and were attended by over 2000 residents! Included in the evening were splash stations for the children, hot dogs, snow cones, nachos, cotton candy, soft drinks and water. A dance on the beautiful patio with

the Mambo Jazz Kings was a huge hit and the fireworks show, seen for miles, was tremendous! All donations received were given to the Cystic Fibrosis Foundation!

Thank you to our volunteers and to the following businesses and individual sponsors who made our community celebration a tremendous success! Your generosity is greatly appreciated!

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From left, Reagan Sharpe, Cayde Tuck and Hudson Sharpe enjoying the parade.

## Welcoming the World to our Town

Throughout the month of August, neighbors in our area will be welcoming a new member into their families. They have chosen to open their hearts and their homes to an International Exchange Student. These courageous, dedicated and talented high school students leave their countries and their homes to fulfill one of their lifelong dreams of spending a year as an American teenager.

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## NOTICE OF REGULAR BOARD MEETING

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The Board of Directors for the Atascocita Community Improvement Association will hold a regular meeting on Monday, August 24, 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

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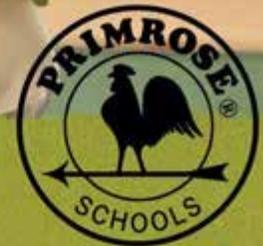


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## Senior Ladies FUN TENNIS

A fun tennis morning for intermediate senior lady players (55 and older) has been requested. We need at least four ladies to sign up in order to schedule this. Please contact Sue Raymond @ sueboazraymond@comcast.net if you are interested. It's always better to have more than four players as not everyone would be able to attend weekly. If enough interest is shown one day of the week would be scheduled per the majority vote.



## 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 August Clinic will be August 11, 2015 @ 7:00 p.m. You may contact Sue Raymond @ sueboazraymond@comcast.net for more information. The summer clinics have been well attended and interest was shown for additional Tuesday evening clinics. During the summer we will do as many Tuesdays as possible as long as there is continued interest.



All who have attended any of the previous clinics have been placed on the e-mail distribution to advise of unscheduled clinics. If you want to be added so you too may be advised of these additional clinics, please e-mail Sue. Please be advised the Shores Courts have been closed due to safety concerns.



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