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Annual ACIA Meeting of Members

Date: November 12, 2015 Time: 7:30pm - 9:00pm Location:The Overlook: 20114 Pinehurst Drive

New "Pilot" Program for ACIA

The Board is proud to announce a "pilot" program between ACIA and Harris County Precinct #2 Maintenance Department for improving the areas within the ACIA community. With the help of the residents and an established procedure set up by Precinct #2, this will be a community wide effort focusing on identifying and reporting county maintenance items. Leigh Pollard at Sterling Association Services will be the contact for the "pilot" program by receiving your emails and reporting them to the proper officials within Precinct #2.

Harris County Precinct #2 also addresses the following:

a. Overhanging trees in the ROW (Right of Way) maintained by the County or blocking street lights. A community member's tree is considered an obstruction to first responders and RVs and needs to be trimmed if it is overhanging in the ROW. The County gives no restrictions other than if the limbs are an obstruction then THEY will come out and trim them for enough clearance for an ambulance, RV, etc.

1. If the tree is on an individual's property, contact Sterling to issue a compliance letter. If no action is taken, Sterling will report the address to Harris County Precinct #2.

2. Precinct #2 requires written permission from the owner of the address in order to trim the tree and the tree will be trimmed at the expense of Precinct #2.

b. Pot holes, street problems, etc.: Report these to Sterling and they

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Resumes for Open Board Positions

There are two open positions to the ACIA Board of Trustees. Here are two resumes. One may also make nominations at the annual meeting on Thursday, November 12, 2015 at the Overlook @ 20114 Pinehurst Dr., Humble, Tx at 7:30 – 9:00 p.m.

Ric Halbrook

Hi, I am Ric Halbrook, current President of the ACIA Board of Trustees. I have served as an ACIA trustee since April of 2014, and as President since January 2015. I have previous experience as President of another Atascocita HOA for 5 years. While in this current position the BOT has brought the Association out of the muddle of personal attack politics and back into compliance with the common sense rules, regulations and by-laws as originally established. I established a Project and Contract Review Committee to establish guidelines for all contracts and bids. I reached out to Precinct 2, MUD 132 and MUD 151 resources to focus on the needs of our community. Working as a team, your Board of Trustees has stayed well within budget while actually enhancing the services provided to the ACIA community. I would like to continue as a trustee. I ask for your vote to the ACIA BOT this November 2015.

Bob Garlington

My name is Bob Garlington. I have been a resident in the ACIA since December of 2007. I retired after 47 years in the insurance business. I sold my company, Ward Business Insurance Agency in Humble, in December of 2013. I have been active in our community through serving in committee positions in the ACIA. I currently hold the position of Chairman of the ACIA Security Advisory Committee. I was also a member of the Sensible Solution Committee and joined in their successful efforts to save the beautiful ACIA golf course community.

Prior to moving into this community I served for approximately twenty-five years on the Board of Directors on my HOA in Spring, Texas. During most of that time I held the position of President. I ask for your vote in this November 2015 election for the open position on the ACIA Board of Trustees.

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Pilot Program - (Continued from Cover)

will submit to Precinct 2. At least it is reported. It is then up to Precinct 2 to make the repair.

c. Signage on ROW's public streets:

1. Without cluttering the homeowners curb, Precinct 2 will repair, replace or install appropriate signage upon request from the ACIA. We just need to know where. Email your requests to Sterling.

2. Do you think a speed deterrent is needed? One can at least ask.

3. Precinct 2 will install any "enhancements" to county signs as long as ACIA pays for the materials. Enhancements include items such as flashing LED edge lit signs (stop signs, speed limit signs, curved road, etc.) and radar speed display signs.

d. Curb maintenance and some repair is the responsibility of the Owner and requires a County permit. The County has written specifications on the best way to make a curb repair. http://hcpid.org/permits/docs/ driveway_regs.pdf They are more than happy to provide them to you.

e. Harris County Public Health and Environmental Services Department can play a role in compliance enforcement of high weeds, dilapidated pools and other "nuisance" items. It is suggested that you not only report these items to the Association, but also to HCPHES for an increased chance of seeing immediate results.

This is a pilot program and probably will have some hiccups until they are ironed out.

More to come. "MUD's 132 and 151 will play a huge part for the betterment of the ACIA community"



YARD OF THE MONTH & CHRISTMAS DECORATING INFO

Please be advised awards for Yard of the Month are from April through September. This judging will be no later than the 8th of each month. The April award will be in the May ACIA Happenings Newsletter, May in the June, etc. Thank you Atascocita Garden Club for all that you do to give the First Place Awards for beautifully kept lawns. All residents are invited to submit their nominations to any ACIA Trustee or Tammy Broussard of the Atascocita Garden Club at trbrouss@embarqmail.com.

ACIA is looking forward to another beautiful Christmas Season. Thanks to all who did some really awesome decorations last year. Some residents went together and coordinated their particular street. There were so many outstanding themes and unique decorations that one first place was just impossible to award. It was decided to honor eight homes. These were named and pictured in the January 2015 newsletter. The judging this year will be done no later than December 8th, 2015. The names and pictures will be posted in the January 2016 newsletter.

Making Any Home Improvements or Changes? Don't Forget To Obtain Approval First!

The governing ACIA 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 your property values. The value of your home is directly related to the condition, appearance and aesthetics of the ACIA community as a whole. By regulating the kind and types of architectural changes that can be done, the Association is better able to help maintain the community property values.

Getting ACIA approval for 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 or call 281-832-4500.

REAL ESTATE MINUTE

The one question I get every November is "Is now a good time to sell?" Depends is a pretty good answer though not specific enough for most. How about this November? That I can answer with more specificity:

1) Interest rates still remain incredibly low. As long as interest rates remain this low, families will be looking to buy.

2) Though housing demand is not as high as it was 3 months ago, it still remains strong. Housing is about supply and demand. If you have a home that's in demand, a good Realtor will find buyers in search.

3) Families prefer to move over the summer. Their 2nd best option is over the Christmas and New Year holidays. Why? The two to three week break that kids get allows families time to quickly transition to a new home. Families that need to move and did not make a move over the summer will be looking to do so now.

If you're in the market to buy or sell give the Tracy Montgomery Team a call. If you're on the fence, give us a call as well. An experienced, licensed Realtor, will help you consider all the pro's and con's of making the move today. There's no pressure. We know how big the decision is and will ensure you have all the facts you need to make this all important decision.

-- Tracy Montgomery



Lake Houston

Ladies Club

NOVEMBER MEETING

Lake Houston Ladies Club will have their meeting and luncheon on Tuesday, November 17, 2015, beginning at 10:00 a.m. at the Walden Country Club, 18100 Walden Forest, Humble TX 77346. Come listen and dance to the music of Bob Suttie and the Texas Legacy Band. They play all the favorites, including country, polkas, and the oldies, we all love. 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, Lunch and Look, Tea Time, Movie Group, Supper Club, Mah Jongg, and Girl's Night Out. Please join us. New members are always welcome. Reservations need to be made by Friday, November 6, 2015. For more information about the club and for luncheon reservations go to http://www.lakehoustonladiesclub. com/ or call Linda at 832-379-3009.



NOTICE OF REGULAR BOARD MEETING

There will be no REGULAR Board meeting in November due to the Annual Meeting being held on the second Thursday which is November 12, 2015

CURB APPEAL FOR



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 2 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.hcp2.net/cad/worf.htm

Requests for service can also be made by calling Sterling Associates @ 832.678.4500.

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Zambia Orphan Run/Walk Fundraiser

Please join us for the 2nd annual Zambia Orphan Run/Walk Fundraiser Saturday, November 14th at Harris County Deputy Darren Goforth Park (formerly Horsepen Creek Park) in Houston. The goal of the race is to help raise \$110,000 to build a house in Zambia, Africa for 12 young orphan children my wife and I met two summers ago, currently living in extreme poverty and in the slums. We have already raised \$77k and are hoping this event finalizes our 14 month fundraising journey. Prizes/medals awarded to age division winners. Event features chip timing and Jimmy John's sandwiches and quality custom t-shirts will be distributed. Event also includes silent auction and opportunity to purchase gift cards at 80% of face value. 100% of the proceeds benefit these orphan kids, via the nonprofit, Christian Organization we are associated with called Family Legacy Missions International. Address to the event is 9118 Wheat Cross Dr. Houston, TX 77095. This four mile race starts at 9:00 a.m. and registration will be available from 7:30 - 8:45 a.m on race day. To pre-register, please visit www.zambiaorphanrun.com. Walkers and furry friends are more than welcome :)

My wife Graceann and I traveled to Lusaka, Zambia (Africa) in July of 2014 with Family Legacy to love on orphan children and our lives and hearts were forever changed. The Tree of Life Children's Village, located just outside the capital city of Lusaka, Zambia is a 130-acre community of homes for orphaned children, designed to be a haven of hope and healing. My wife and I's vision is to build an additional house in this village that will serve as a refuge and a loving Christian home for 12 additional orphan children, who currently live in the slums.

The children that move into this village come from the most severe backgrounds of extreme poverty, abuse and neglect. Some are HIV positive, while others come from child-headed households. 17% of all children in Zambia die before their 5th birthday and 65% of the population lives on less the \$1.25 a day. None of these kids chose their state in life, but now each of them must somehow try to exist in it.

Children at the Tree of Life receive both the educational and spiritual development that will dramatically transform their future. Kids here are provided first class education through highly qualified teachers and exceptional curriculum, equipping these children to become the future leaders of their country. Full-time pastors build on this by teaching the Word of God and encouraging the children in their faith.

Our desire is to cast visions into the lives of these kids so they can become all that God intended them to be. Top-notch education, discipleship and counseling are daily fixtures in their lives. In this village, children have the chance to do what most kids in Zambia have never done before: just be kids. Please help us in making our vision a reality! www.zambiaorphanrun.com

Andrew and Graceann DeVlieger 616-835-1170

Tennis Access Keys

Tennis court access keys were changed out in March. Access keys may be obtained from Sterling Association Services. The fee is \$15.00 and keys are changed out annually.

An access key is needed to enter the Pinehurst Tennis courts. The Shores Courts are closed until further notice. One may obtain this key at Sterling Association Services, 562 Kingwood Drive, Suite 13, Kingwood TX 77339 (832-678-4500).

The pool restrooms are available for you convenience by simply using the pool key fobs. Pool key fobs are also available at Sterling Association Services. The first one is free. If you already have your keys go and enjoy a match or two.

All ladies 55 and over are invited to come out most every Friday @ 8:30 a.m. You may invite your friends. Submit your contact information to sueboazraymond@comcast.net if you would like your name entered on the Distribution List. You will be notified each week of the plans and who is available to play.

The Tennis Clinics continue for all players and all ages on the second Tuesday of each month from 7:00 to 8:00 p.m. Mike Beaty, head pro at Walden (or a sub pro) will continue to come and work with the intermediate to advanced players.



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Northwest Flyers YOUTH TRACK CLUB Free Registration Breakfast

The Northwest Flyers Youth Track Club will celebrate its 29th Anniversary Season by hosting its annual free Registration/Orientation Breakfast on Saturday, February 6th, 2016. The breakfast starts promptly at 8:30 AM at the Cypress Creek Christian Community Center Forum, 6823 Cypresswood Dr., Spring, TX, 77379.

In July, 2015 the club had one of its most successful competitions ever at the Junior Olympics in Jacksonville, Florida. All boys and girls who wish to join the team for the 2016 spring/summer track season must attend the orientation, which will be highlighted by a special presentation from a member of the USA Track & Field Olympic organization (USATF).

The Northwest Flyers Track Club is a youth (ages 6 -18) track club, affiliated with USATF, that provides a full program of sanctioned "track" events such as sprints, hurdles, middle distance, distance and relays, and "field" events such as long jump, triple jump, high jump, pole vault, shot put, discus and javelin.

For additional information on the Northwest Flyers Track Club, please visit the team website at http://www.northwestflyers.org; email linette.roach@sbcglobal.net; or "Like" the club on Facebook.

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Hosting an International Exchange Student is such a great experience for all of those involved. It leads to a better understanding between individuals of other cultures, hopefully branching its way out to a more peaceful global society. But don't just take my word about it, read about Nelva's experience and understanding of the exchange program.

"I'm so lucky to have been placed with a great host family in Texas! The best part is when we share each other's cultures and have a lot of quality time together. I'm blessed to have chance to study in American High School. Being an exchange student is hard. For the first couple days it was hard because I didn't know anybody, the moving class system is new for me and sometimes it's hard to understand what they say. But America is really friendly and handy so I got a lot of help from them. From the exchange program, people can really get to know each other, people start to respect each other and we can start a new chapter to have a better world."

So if you want to enrich your life, host an exchange student!

Nelva is from Indonesia and is spending the academic year here in Texas as part of the Kennedy-Lugar Youth Exchange and Study (YES) program. This program is funded by the US Department of State which provides scholarships for secondary school students from countries with significant Muslim populations. As part of her program year, Nelva is required to perform at least 60 hours of community service (however most YES students hours amount to hundreds of hours) and continue working with the program in her home country.

Our application process for the 2016 Spring Semester and 2016/2017 academic year will soon be opening. School spots in our area tend to fill up rather quickly, so get your application in early to host one of these amazing students!

Ayusa is a non-profit organization founded in 1981 to promote global learning and leadership through foreign exchange, study abroad, and leadership programs for high school students from the U.S. and around the world.

For more information about hosting a high school foreign exchange student, please contact your local representative Vicki Odom at 832.455.7881 or vodom@ayusa.org or Ayusa at 1.888.552.9872 or by visiting the website at www.ayusa.org.



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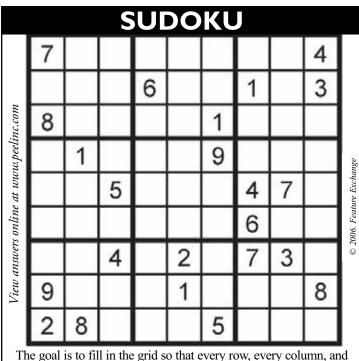
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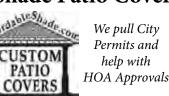






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