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COMMUNITY CALENDAR

- Nov. 1 Nike+ Challenge All Month Event
- Nov. 7 BBQ Cook-off 2:30 p.m. Sports Complex
- Nov. 14 Eagle Springs Craft Fair 8 a.m. – 1 p.m. Sports Complex
- Nov. 18 Landscape Committee Meeting @ 7:00 p.m. Clubhouse
- Nov. 30 Neighborhood Voting Representative Elections 6:30 p.m. Clubhouse
- Dec. 5 Winter Festival 2:30 p.m. – 5: 30 p.m. Town Green



Greetings EAGLE SPRINGS RESIDENTS

By: Cindy Keefe, Association Board President

Welcome to your new monthly newsletter. This newsletter will be printed and mailed free of charge to Eagle Springs residents. The elected Neighborhood Voting Representatives, Committees, Board members, and management company will be submitting articles to keep you informed of community news and events. If you would like to submit an article for future newsletters or make a suggestion on what you would like to see published, please forward the information to ESNewsletter@insideeaglesprings.com.

We need a creative name for our newsletter and are seeking input from our homeowners. Residents submitting the winning newsletter name will be eligible for a \$100 American Express gift card. The name will be selected by the Neighborhood Voting Representatives. If more than one person submits the top choice for the newsletter name, all the matching entries will be included in the drawing and one winner picked. All entries must be submitted to ESNewsletter@insideeaglesprings.com no later than November 25th in order to be eligible. Please include your name and telephone number with your entry.

NOTICE ABOUT HOA ASSESSMENTS

It's almost that time again. Assessments are billed annually and due on January 1st and become delinquent on January 31st. You will receive a statement in October that includes two payment options. You may pay in full by the January 1st due date or you may make three payments in November, December and January. Payment slips will be provided for both options.

Should you have any questions, do not hesitate to contact our management company, C.I.A. Services at 281-852-1700. Their office is open from 9:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. for your convenience.

IMPORTANT NUMBERS

EAGLE SPRINGS COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION

EMERGENCY INFORMATION

Harris County Precinct 4 Constable	281-376-3472
	www.cd4.hctx.net
Harris County Sheriff (non-emergency).	713-221-6000
Atascocita Volunteer Fire Dept	281-852-2181
	www.avfd.com

UTILITIES

Severn Trent Environmental Services
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Centerpoint Energy
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. Waste Management Corp of Amer
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SCHOOLS

Humble ISD	. www.humble.k12.tx.us,	281-641-1000
Eagle Springs Elemen	tary	281-641-3100
Timberwood Middle	School	281-641-3803
Atascocita High Scho	ol	281-641-7500

OTHER NUMBERS

Power Outages	713-207-7777
Street Light Outages	
Humble Post Office	
Poison Control Center	800-222-1222

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Contract Activity Statistical Report Atascocita - Eagle Springs

TYPE OF ACTIVITY	SEP 2009	AUG 2009	YTD 2009
Burglary of Habitation	2	0	6
Burglary of Motor Vehicle	e 3	5	29
Theft from Habitation	0	0	2
Theft of Motor Vehicle	0	0	1
Theft - Other	6	1	26
Robbery	0	0	0
Assault	0	0	7
Secual Assault	0	0	1
Criminal Michief	2	2	18
Disturbance - Family	2	2	22
Disturbance - Juvenile	3	3	29
Disturbance - Other	18	23	159
Alarms	35	54	450
Suspicious Vehicles	15	15	119
Suspicisous Persons	7	9	67
Runaways	0	1	3
Telephone Harassment	0	0	3
Other Calls	212	197	1699

Details can be found on the Safety Advisory Committee's group page at www.insideeaglesprings.com

Classified Ads

Personal classifieds (one time sell items, such as a used bike...) run at no charge to Eagle Springs residents, limit 30 words, please e-mail *ESNewsletter@insideeaglesprings.com*.

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Have You Logged Into The New Website?

Eagle Springs has a new website and all residents need to re-register at www.insideeaglesprings.com. The registration process is very quick and easy. The website is another place to find information about community events. Residents can also utilize the message boards to discuss various topics ranging from restaurant recommendations to landscaping ideas to lost and found inquiries. You can also access several important community documents via the website including the Modification Request Form and Deed Restrictions.



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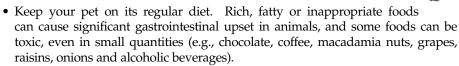
The Holidays are here, bringing with them traditional holiday gatherings. Need more space to accommodate your growing family and expanding circle of friends? Call me, and I'll help you find the perfect home to meet your needs!

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Holiday Pet Pointers

A lthough winter holiday celebrations are joyous events, we need to be aware of seasonal trappings that can be hazardous to the health and safety of our pets. Keep the following tips in mind to ensure happy holidays:



- When pets see water, they drink it. This includes the water in the Christmas tree stand. Avoid adding chemicals to the water that could sicken your pets.
- Refrain from decorating with tinsel, which can cause intestinal obstruction if ingested by a pet.
- Tape down cords or run them under the rug to avoid shock hazards.
- Candles may add a certain ambiance to the holidays, but extra caution should be used in a house with pets. Candles can be easily knocked over by an excited pet, creating a fire hazard.

Two important numbers to keep at your fingertips during the holidays are those for your vet and the Animal Poison Control Center (888-426-4435), a unique hotline which provides 24/7 assistance to vets and pet owners.

ARA Helpful Hints

Gratuity Guidelines

raveling over the holidays? Follow these guidelines to ensure that you're tipping appropriately in the United States. If you're traveling to a foreign country, consult a travel guide on tipping practices at your destination.

- Server (full-service restaurant) 15% to 20% of your total bill.
- Bartender 10% to 15% of your total drink bill.
- Valet Parking \$1 to \$2, given when the car is returned to you.
- Taxi 10% to 15% of the total fare.
- Airport Skycaps \$1 to \$2 per bag.
- Hotel Maid \$1 to \$10 per night; varies with room rate and the amount of work you leave for them.
- Bell Desk \$2 to \$3 per bag for room delivery; \$1 to \$2 per bag for storage retrieval.

Keep in mind that you should always feel free to adjust your tip based on the level of service received.



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Eagle Springs Celebrates National Night Out!



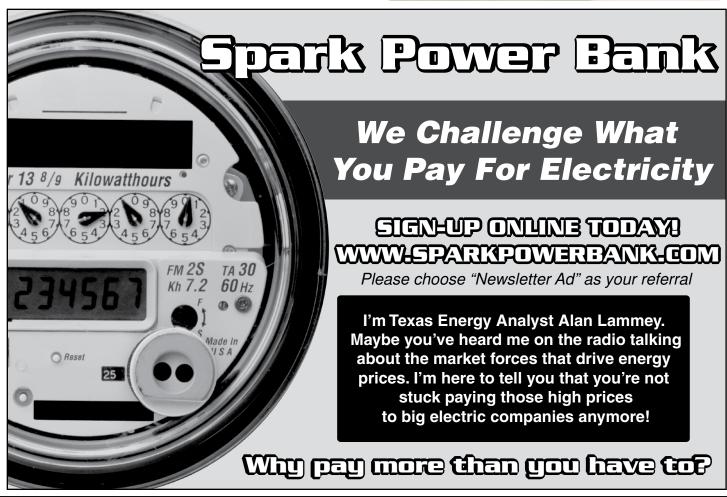
Many residents braved the rain on Saturday, October 3rd to come out and enjoy the celebration. It kicked off with a Children's Parade led by several of our Constable Bike Patrols heading up Eagle Springs Parkway to the Sports Complex and followed by the ATV Unit. The Harris County K-9 Unit put on an awesome demonstration for all to watch. Kids enjoyed sitting on the ATV, petting the Mounted Patrol's horse, and taking rides in the patrol cars with the siren on. There were lots of prizes for everyone!

The Landscape, Pool, Safety Advisory and Sports Fields Committees were well represented. They answered questions and had lots of great information for residents along with some prize drawings of their own. Several of our active Neighborhood Voting Representatives (NVR's) also attended to answer questions and provide an abundance of information for neighborhood residents.

National Night Out is an annual nationwide event designed to strengthen neighborhood spirit and promote police-community partnerships in order to help keep crime out of neighborhoods. It's a "Going Away Party for Crime," held during the first week of October in Texas.

We would like thank our Harris County P-4 Constables for providing so many of their officers to make this a wonderful event. We would also like to thank those who helped make this event possible by their generous donations: Broadview Security, David Weekley Homes, DJ-Jeff Kenworthy, N-8 Touch Massage, Newland Communities and Sweetwater Pools.





2009 Neighborhood Voting Representative Election

Coming Soon

The 2009 Neighborhood Voting Representative Election will be held on Monday, November 30, 2009 at 6:30 p.m. in the Eagle Springs clubhouse. A notice with all of the meeting information will be mailed to all Eagle Springs homeowners. There is one vote per household.

Eagle Springs Craft Fair

Saturday, November 14th from 8 a.m. till 1 p.m.

Sports Complex – Front Soccer Field

Booth Fee is \$20 for residents and \$25 for non-residents.

To reserve your booth contact help@insideeaglesprings.com

Winter Festival

Get into the holiday spirit this year at the Eagle Springs Winter Festival.

Saturday, December 5th from 2:30 p.m. to 5:30 p.m.at Town Green, Featuring: Santa, Sleigh Rides, Games, Crafts & More

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Eagle Springs Committees

Hard at Work

The Pool, Safety Advisory, Sports Field and Landscape Committees are all made up of resident volunteers who put in countless hours to make Eagle Springs a great place to live. Once a month these committee members get together and hold open meetings to go over residents concerns.

The Pool Committee was instrumental in weeding out non-resident usage of the pools. Prior to the implementation of the pool ID cards, residents complained that the pools were overcrowded with non-residents. With the new Pool ID cards residents are now able to enjoy the pools again. The Pool Committee also has the job of replacing broken and worn out furniture at the pools ensuring that residents have a comfortable and pleasant experience. The Committee replaced the problematic umbrellas with more durable and less expensive umbrellas, providing a savings to the community.

Residents also took notice this past season of the new management company, Sweetwater Management. The Pool Committee set out to ensure that the safety of residents would be the top priority of the management company. This year there was an overwhelmingly positive response to the new management company, particularly to the attentiveness of the lifeguards.

The Safety Advisory Committee has been and continues to work hard to ensure the safety of Eagle Springs residents. Some of their accomplishments include implementation of National Night Out, bringing RAD for women and children to Eagle Springs, the Annual Home Safety Event with the AVFD and the Red Cross and implementation of the constable bike patrols. Some of their more recent accomplishments include the successful petition to the Harris County Commissioners Courts for the implementation of the flashing lights during the dismissal of Eagle Springs Kindergartners as well as the installation of fire lanes at the Athletic Club parking lot. One of the Committee's agenda items for the future is to add a CPR class for Eagle Springs Residents in 2010.

The Sports Field Committee makes recommendations to the Board to help ensure all the tennis and sand volleyball courts and football, baseball and soccer fields are well maintained and all sports equipment is in good working condition. Residents may have noticed the recent addition of new trash cans, fence caps and wind screens at the ball fields.

The field reservation process has been enhanced with the Sports Field Committee conducting a live in-person lottery. This system is more efficient and allows for better discussion opportunities among homeowners and the Committee. The Committee also implemented procedures to make sure reserving residents contribute to field maintenance work days.

One of the key items on the Sports Field Committee's future agenda is the addition of lights to the baseball fields. Because of the steep cost the Committee is looking for various ways to help fund the project through sponsorships and donations. Field lighting would increase the availability of the fields allowing access to more residents.

The newly formed Landscape Committee is off to a great start. They are working to ensure that all Eagle Springs Community Association landscaped areas continue to be beautifully maintained. The Committee immediately went to work for the residents by suggesting the sprinkler times be changed and reporting areas which had been neglected or missed.

As a recently formed Committee, their first task was a big undertaking. In cooperation with the Board, they reviewed the landscaping bids for our Association's common areas and made a recommendation to go with Ridgewood, Inc. for a 2 year contract, effective November 1, 2009. The Committee also has future plans for an annual Arbor Day tree planting event. Look for updates on this Committee soon.

All the Committees overwhelmingly agree that resident participation is encouraged and anticipated. The Committees can only function with homeowner involvement. The Committees are here to work for you and want your input. Refer to the Community Calendar and the Committee group pages online at www.insideeaglesprings. com for meeting dates and times.



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If you are a resident or involved with a community group or organization and want to submit an article or announcement about an upcoming event you may do so by sending the information to ESNewsletter@insideeaglesprings. com. Please include your name and contact information.

All information is due no later that the 5th of the month for inclusion in the following month's newsletter and is subject to editorial approval as well as available space.

Eagle Hatchlings

MORGAN CARLY WESTERN

Born June 30, 2009 at 2:25 a.m. / 7 lbs 14 oz *Proud Parents*: Tory and Michelle Western *Big Brother*: Tanner Western

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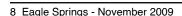
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WHAT IS RECYCLABLE? WHAT ITEMS ARE UNACCEPTABLE FOR RECYCLING?

Paper-Dry and Clean; Loose (NOT IN PLASTIC BAGS)

- Newspapers & Inserts
- Magazines & Catalogs
- Junk mail, envelopes, file folders
- Office paper white, colored, or computer (staples & paper clips are ok)
- Corrugated cardboard boxes
- Cereal & gift boxes, etc that tear brown or grey (remove liners first)
- Wrapping paper (remove any metallic paper, bows, etc) Containers – empty & clean; loose (NOT IN PLASTIC BAGS)
- Aluminum cans (soda and etc)
- Aluminum foil & foil pates, etc
- Plastic bottles, jars, tubes, buckets (such as soda, water, milk, juice, liquor, shampoo, detergent, condiments, salad dressing, yogurt, margarine, pet food, etc)
- Metal food cans (tin/steel); metal lids
- Metal pots & pans

UNACCEPTABLE ITEMS

- Glass cookware/ bake ware (Pyrex, Vision ware, etc)
- Window glass, mirrors, light bulbs
- Plastic bags, Styrofoam containers, packaging peanuts
- Take out containers, plastic cups and plastic table ware
- Containers of hazardous of toxic materials
- Tissue or paper towels, books
- Tyvek envelops, carbon paper
- Paper cartons for milk or juice
- Wax coated boxes
- Toys, household appliances, coat hangers
- Food waste, garbage

NO GLASS OF ANY KIND!

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NO **PARKING ANYTIME**



New Fire Lanes Installed in **Athletic Club Parking Lot**

Residents may have already noticed the new fire lanes in the Athletic Club parking lot. This is part of the Eagle Springs Board and Safety Advisory Committee's effort to keep our children safe. There will be no parking along the fire lanes and this will be enforced by the Constables.

Nike+ Challenge

It's time to lace up your tennis shoes again and get moving. The challenge will run during the entire month of November. To register please contact: help@insideeaglepsprings.com. Rules are posted online at www.insideeaglesprings.com.





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HOLIDAY SAFETY TIPS

TURKEY FRYING TIPS:

- Keep fryer in full view while burner is on
- Place fryer in an open area away from walls, fences, or other structures
- Never use in, on or under a garage breezeway, carport, porch or other structure that can catch fire.
- Raise and lower the turkey slowly to reduce splatter and avoid burns.
- Check the oil temperature frequently.
- If oil begins to smoke, immediately turn gas supply OFE.
- If a fire occurs, immediately call 911. DO NOT attempt to extinguish fire with water!
- Keep a kitchen or other appropriate fire extinguisher (one that can handle grease/oil fires) handy and know how to operate it.
- Make sure there is at least 2 feet between the liquid propane tank and fryer burner.
- Place the propane gas tank and fryer so that any wind blows the heat away from the gas tank.
- Completely thaw and dry turkey before cooking.
- Follow manufacturer's instructions to determining the proper amount of oil to add.

HOLIDAY TRAVELING:

- Winterize your vehicle (especially if traveling where the weather can be unpredictable).
- Inspect car fluid levels, tire pressure, windshield wipers and spare tires, jacks and safety tools.
- Have flares, flashlights, blankets, bottled water, snacks, a first aid kit and mobile phone charged in case of a break down or other trouble.
- Buckle your safety belt and use child safety



- Plan your trip to include rest stops, but make sure they are in a well lit, well traveled spot and not isolated.
- Leave an itinerary with a trusted individual.
- Get plenty of rest before driving.
- Drive sober or have a designated driver.
- Make sure to have emergency numbers such as 911, AAA and ICE programmed into your cell phone.
 - (ICE In Case of Emergency Program your phone(s) to include ICE 1, ICE -2, etc... with numbers so that should you be in an accident and unable to contact someone, the EMS or police will be able to locate someone to contact for you. They will check your phone for "ICE" numbers)
- Remember the Stranded/Disabled Motorist Helpline for emergencies; many cell phone services provide numbers for their customers, check with your individual provider for this number.

BE SAFE WHILE SHOPPING:

- Don't shop alone take a friend or relative along if possible.
- Avoid carrying large bulky packages that can block your vision or cause you to stumble.
- Use escort services provided by many stores.
- Have your keys in your hand, don't stand at your car fumbling through a purse to look for keys.
- Keep cash & credit cards separate from wallets & purses.
- Keep some cash separate. If a thief asks for your money, throw it away from yourself and run the other way.
- Keep your purse closed and close to your body at all times.
- Don't leave packages in your vehicle where they are in plain view.
- Pay attention to your surroundings especially when in the parking lot. If someone is near your vehicle, go back inside the store or mall and ask for security or an escort.





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