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COMMUNITY CALENDAR

April

- 10 Pool Cards Issued 6:30 p.m. – 8:30 p.m.
- 17 Community Garage Sale 8:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

Pool Cards Issued 9:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.

- 20 Pool Cards Issued 6:30 p.m. – 8:30 p.m.
- 21 Landscape Committee Meeting 7:00 p.m. Clubhouse
- 22 Safety Advisory Committee Meeting 7:00 p.m. Clubhouse
- 24 Pool Cards Issued 9:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.
- 25 Pool Cards Issued 2:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.

Pool Cards will be issued at the Clubhouse

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Eagle Springs community has recycled 72 tons of plastics, paper, metal cans, and glass in the first two months of 2010. The recycling service is offered by Residential Recycling of Texas, Inc. under the direction of the two MUD districts in the community (Harris County MUD 106 and Harris County MUD 290).

INTERESTING FACTS YOU MAY NOT KNOW:

- You can use any container you'd like for setting recycling out for pickup. If you choose to use a container other than the provided green recycling bins, simply label the containerd. If you want a "recycling" sticker, call Residential Recycling and they will send one to you for your use.
- You can place your recycling near your garage door rather than at the street. This will help with any confusion between recycling items and the trash pickup items. The contracted service allows for this convenience so you as a resident aren't forced to drag items to the curbside for pickup.
- Pickup is every Friday morning.

THE FOLLOWING ARE ALL RECYCLABLE AND CAN BE PLACED IN THE SAME BIN/TRASH RECEPTACLE:

- All paper including magazines, newspapers, copy paper, computer paper, phone books, junk mail, etc.
- Plastic #1 #7 with exception of #6 Styrofoam juice, water, milk, soda, detergent, cleaners, Rx bottles
- Aluminum or tin cans soda, beer, food, pet food, etc
- Cardboard boxes, cereal, food, detergent, pet food, etc
- Glass any color glass (amber, green, brown, clear, etc) type items
- Thin Plastics bags from grocery, newspaper sleeve, wrapping on dry cleaning

Residential Recycling of Texas, Inc., Specialized to meet the needs of all communities (Toll Free: 1-866-516-9805, Fax: 281-357-0775, www.info@residentialrecyclingtexas.com)

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Contract Activity Statistical Report Atascocita - Eagle Springs

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TYPE OF ACTIVITY	JAN 2010	FEB 2010	YTD 2010
Burglary of Habitation	0	0	0
Burglary of Motor Vehicle	e 7	11	18
Theft from Habitation	0	0	0
Theft of Motor Vehicle	2	0	2
Theft - Other	3	3	6
Robbery	0	0	0
Assault	0	0	0
Secual Assault	0	0	0
Criminal Michief	3	0	3
Disturbance - Family	6	2	8
Disturbance - Juvenile	0	1	1
Disturbance - Other	11	4	15
Alarms	61	54	115
Suspicious Vehicles	8	18	26
Suspicisous Persons	5	8	13
Runaways	0	0	0
Telephone Harassment	0	1	1
Other Calls	276	396	672

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



Kids outgrown their clothes? Using exercise equipment for a clothes hanger? Turn your trash into treasure! It's once again time for the Spring Community Garage Sale. So, put on your "spring cleaning" hat and get ready to pocket some extra money!

We will once again be offering a central location or you can choose to sell out of your home. Those staying at home, please email your address and village name to help@ insideeaglesprings.com to get on the master list. Those interested in the central location, more details to come.

Stay tuned to www.insideeaglesprings.com for the latest on upcoming events.

2010 Pool Guest Card Policy

Each Eagle Springs household, in good standing, may bring up to 6 guests to the pool, per visit.

You may bring 4 Guests into the pool by simply signing them in at the Gate.

You also have the option of bringing in 2 additional Guests by purchasing Guest Cards, and signing all 6 Guests in at the Gate.

Anytime there are more than 6 Guests, it is considered a Pool Party and Pool Party rules apply.

PLEASE REVIEW THE FOLLOWING RULES FOR OBTAINING GUEST CARDS:

- Guest Cards are \$4.00/each when purchased through the Pool Committee.
- Guest Cards may be purchased "on site" at the Clubhouse, during the Pool Committee's scheduled Pool Card Validating & Processing dates & times.
- Guest Cards will also be available for purchase through C.I.A. Services during the hours that they issue Pool ID Cards. Please contact them directly for specific information regarding days, times, and cost.
- Guest Cards are NOT available for purchase at the pools! They must be purchased in advance.

- Only residents with valid 2010 Pool ID Cards may purchase Guest Cards. They may be purchased during Validating and/or Processing a new Pool Card.
- Guest Cards are good for ONE entry to the pool No Exceptions due to pool closures for weather or any other reason.
- Guest Cards are Non-Refundable.
- Guest Cards are good for the 2010 pool season only and expire when the pool closes for the season.
- Residents may purchase as many Guest Cards as they wish, however, unused cards are Non- Refundable.

PLEASE REVIEW THE RULES PERTAINING TO ALL GUESTS:

- All Guests must be accompanied by an Eagle Springs Resident with a valid 2010 Pool ID Card & Active Key Fob NO EXCEPTIONS!
- All Guests must be properly signed-in by an Eagle Springs Adult Resident holding a valid 2010 Pool Card & Active Key Fob.
- All Guests must be verified by the Gate Guard.
- All Guests must remain with the resident who brought them & leave the pool when that resident leaves.



The Sports Field Committee would like to remind residents

That Pets Are Not Allowed On The Baseball Fields.

These fields are maintained so residents can play baseball and softball on them. During the last month residents utilizing the fields have had to "clean up" after dogs. The field area has also recently had paw prints left in the mud after a rainy day. Once this dries it is very hard to fix and it could cause a young player to possibly get hurt. We ask that all residents avoid the fields when they are wet.

EAGLE SPRINGS NATIONAL NIGHT OUT Planning Begins NOW!

WHAT IS NATIONAL NIGHT OUT?

"America's Night Out Against Crime"

It's a unique crime and drug prevention event sponsored by the National Association of Town Watch (NATW) and held nationwide each year. This year will be the 27th Annual National Night Out.

> This event is designed to strengthen neighborhood spirit and police-community partnerships, while promoting neighborhood and community watch programs.

> > Watch for more information in the next issue of THE TALON.

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THE CHURCH OF JESUS CHRIST OF LATTER-DAY SAINTS

Completes New Eagle Springs Building

The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints completed construction of the Eagle Springs meetinghouse on March 5. This building will serve church members residing in Eagle Springs, Summerwood and the surrounding areas.

"We are excited for the new building and to be a part of the community," said Gary Chapman, bishop of the Eagle Springs congregation. "This is the first building the church has built in the northeast part of Houston since the mid-1980s. It is a blessing to see the church growing in the area. It's a beautiful building, and we are excited to share it with the community."

After breaking ground on Feb. 14, 2009, local church leaders coordinated with Salt Lake City-based Jacobsen Construction to choose exterior colors and styles to coordinate with other Eagle Springs buildings.

"Buildings are normally white, but we pushed the envelope for colors that fit into the Eagle Springs community," Bishop Chapman said.

The public is invited to tour the meetinghouse on Saturday, April 24 from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. People of all ages, faiths and backgrounds are welcome.

"We are excited to open the doors of this beautiful meetinghouse to the community," said Vicky Maxfield, the church public affairs director for the Houston East area. "The open house also will be an opportunity for our friends and neighbors to see how we worship and how we implement our programs for adults, youth and children."

- EVA ARMENDARIZ

WOULD YOU LIKE TO CONTRIBUTE to Our Newsletter?

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.



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What's New for the 2010 Pool Season?

You may have noticed some activity at the pools lately as we are busy getting ready for the upcoming pool season!

The baby pool is being resurfaced and new features added at the bottom, while some of the existing features are getting a facelift. We are adding some additional furniture and umbrellas too!

Sweetwater Pools will once again be here to manage our pools and provide our lifeguards in 2010.

They did a wonderful job for us last season and we are happy to welcome them back again this year. They are currently recruiting lifeguards, so if someone you know is interested, please ask them to give Sweetwater a call at: 281-988-8480.

New for 2010, all households should have received either a **YELLOW** or **PINK POSTCARD** during the last week of March. Please follow the instructions on the postcard your household received. These postcards contain information needed to obtain your Pool Card(s) and 2010 Validation Sticker(s), so you may want to hold onto them and not throw them away. If your household did not receive a postcard, please contact C.I.A. Services at: 281-852-1700.

Also new for this year, parents and guardians may bring Pool Cards for their children, aged 12 and under, to the Clubhouse for validation. All residents, including children aged 13 years and older, must be present to obtain their Pool Cards or 2010 Validation Stickers, with the exception of those who received a **YELLOW POSTCARD**.

The ESCA Board has offered a benefit to households who have paid their 2010 Assessments by the January 31st due date; who currently have 2009 Validated Pool Card(s); and who do not need to update any information on their application form.

To take advantage of this, simply follow the information on the **YELLOW POSTCARD** your household received.

All residents of a household need a **2010 VALIDATED POOL CARD** to enter the pool facilities. If you have had an addition to your household this year, that child or person will need his/her own Pool Card. If you have a child who will turn 13 years old on or before May 1, 2010, he/she will also need a new Pool Card.

New residents to Eagle Springs should bring with them a copy of their closing documents or a current, signed lease. New residents must also have a new Key-Fob. Key-Fobs from previous owners do not transfer and are terminated by C.I.A. Services once they receive notification of change in ownership.

Working Key-Fobs and a 2010 Validated Pool Card are both necessary to gain entrance into the pool facilities!

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What's New for the 2010 Pool Season? - (Continued from Page 6)

Please take steps to ensure that your Key-Fob is working prior to needing it. You can do this by attempting to gain entrance into either the Fitness Center or the Tennis Courts. It will not work in the pool facility gate until opening day.

Guest Cards, Lanyards, and Key-Fobs will be available for purchase during all regular pool card processing times for the convenience of those who wish to purchase them.

Additional information is available at: *www.insideEagleSprings. com* under the Pool Committee Group.

2010 POOL CARD & VALIDATION DATES & TIMES:

THURSDAY	APRIL 8	6:30 PM - 8:30 PM
SATURDAY	APRIL 10	9:00 AM - 1:00 PM
TUESDAY	APRIL 20	6:30 PM - 8:30 PM
SATURDAY	APRIL 24	9:00 AM - 1:00 PM
SUNDAY	APRIL 25	2:00 PM - 5:00 PM
THURSDAY	MAY 6	6:30 PM - 8:30 PM
SATURDAY	MAY 15	3:00 PM - 6:00 PM

Clubhouse doors will open and close promptly at listed times.

The Pool Committee is unable to begin processing or validating early or stay beyond the times listed above, and reserves the right to make scheduling changes if necessary.

Every effort has been made to schedule times that will accommodate as many residents as possible.

Please view detailed information and instructions on your postcard or online prior to arriving at the Clubhouse.

Information may be found on our community intranet, *www. InsideEagleSprings.com*, under the Pool Committee Group. Printable application forms are also available here.

Should you be unable to attend any of the above dates and times, you may still obtain a new Pool Card or get a 2010 Validation Sticker for your existing Pool Card(s) from C.I.A. Services throughout the pool season, however they do charge an additional fee. Please contact C.I.A. Services directly (281-852-1700) for days and times they process Pool Cards as well as information on any additional fees that may apply.

Please watch for Pool Hours, Pool Rules, and Guest Policy in upcoming issues of The Talon and online.





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We have spoken about many things in this monthly newsletter and we try to cover a different subject each month. This month I would like to speak with you about some facets of what a real estate professional does. It is not just our job to find you a home, but to find you the right home, on the right lot, in the right neighborhood and with a resalable floor plan that fits your individual and families needs. If you are selling your home, it is imperative that we price your home correctly, make sure your home has the best curb appeal it can possibly have, and to stage your home to maximize a sale. I offer 2 complimentary hours with a professional Stager to all my listings. The Stager will go over the best ways to present your home to appeal to the home buyer. All homes have positives and negatives, staging is the process in which your homes positives are amplified. The Stager enhances the best parts of your home and attempts to showcase those rooms to make them look especially appealing to the Buyer. Have you ever been in a model home in this community that the Builder has had staged? Model homes look so good that many people opt for new homes over resale because they like the way the Builder has showcased the home. It is the Stagers job to make your home look as close to model condition as possible. This is just 1 more tool that the real estate professional can use to help you sell your home. If all things are equal, the best looking homes sell first.

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Congratulations to the 1st Graduates of the Red Cross Babysitter's Plus Training Class in Eagle Springs!



The Safety Advisory Committee hosted Eagle Springs' first "Red Cross Babysitter Plus Training Class" in February for residents 11 - 16 years of age, which included a pizza lunch. Those who graduated from this class received their Certificate in Babysitter Training, CPR and First Aid. They are now Certified Babysitters who have the skills and knowledge to start a babysitting business with confidence. Due to the popularity of this class, the Safety Advisory Committee has decided to offer this class on a regular basis.

The purpose of this course is to provide youth who are planning to babysit, with the knowledge and skills necessary to safely and responsibly give care to infants and children. This training helps participants develop leadership skills; learn how to develop a babysitting business; keep themselves and others safe; help children to behave; and learn about basic child care, first aid, and CPR.

We were able to offer this class to residents at a drastically reduced cost due to the very generous donation provided by Mark & Rebekah Snipp of Century 21 - Outstanding Homes. Without their generosity, this class would not have become a reality for these kids. Thank you!







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THINGS YOUR BURGLAR WON'T TELLYOU:

- 1. Of course I look familiar. I was here just last week cleaning your carpets, painting your shutters, or delivering your new refrigerator.
- 2. Hey, thanks for letting me use the bathroom when I was working in your yard last week. While I was in there, I unlatched the back window to make my return a little easier.
- 3. Love those flowers. That tells me you have taste ... And taste means there are nice things inside. Those yard toys your kids leave out always make me wonder what type of gaming system they have.
- 4. Yes, I really do look for newspapers piled up on the driveway. And I might leave a pizza flyer in your front door to see how long it takes you to remove it.
- 5. If it snows while you're out of town, get a neighbor to create car and foot tracks into the house. Virgin drifts in the driveway are a dead giveaway.
- 6. If decorative glass is part of your front entrance, don't let your alarm company install the control pad where I can see if it's set. That makes it too easy.
- 7. A good security company alarms the window over the sink. And the windows on the second floor, which often access

the master bedroom-and your jewelry. It's not a bad idea to put motion detectors up there too.

- 8. It's raining, you're fumbling with your umbrella, and you forget to lock your door-understandable. But understand this: I don't take a day off because of bad weather.
- I always knock first. If you answer, I'll ask for directions somewhere or offer to clean your gutters. (Don't take me up on it.)
- 10. Do you really think I won't look in your sock drawer? I always check dresser drawers, the bedside table, and the medicine cabinet.
- 11. Here's a helpful hint: I almost never go into kids' rooms.
- 12. You're right: I won't have enough time to break into that safe where you keep your valuables. But if it's not bolted down, I'll take it with me.
- 13. A loud TV or radio can be a better deterrent than the best alarm system. If you're reluctant to leave your TV on while you're out of town, you can buy a \$35 device that works on a timer and simulates the flickering glow of a real television. (Find it at faketv.com <http://faketv. com/>)

8 MORE THINGS A BURGLAR WON'T TELL YOU:

- 1. Sometimes, I carry a clipboard. Sometimes, I dress like a lawn guy and carry a rake. I do my best to never, ever look like a crook.
- 2. The two things I hate most: loud dogs and nosy neighbors.
- 3. I'll break a window to get in, even if it makes a little noise. If your neighbor hears one loud sound, he'll stop what he's doing and wait to hear it again. If he doesn't hear it again, he'll just go back to what he was doing. It's human nature.
- 4. I'm not complaining, but why would you pay all that money for a fancy alarm system and leave your house without setting it?
- 5. I love looking in your windows. I'm looking for signs that you're home, and for flat screen TVs or gaming systems I'd like. I'll drive or walk through your neighborhood at night, before you close the blinds, just to pick my targets.
- 6. Avoid announcing your vacation on your Facebook page. It's easier than you think to look up your address.
- 7. To you, leaving that window open just a crack during the day is a way to let in a little fresh air. To me, it's an invitation.
- 8... If you don't answer when I knock, I try the door. Occasionally, I hit the jackpot and walk right in.

PUT YOUR KEYS BESIDE YOUR BED

Please share this with others...

Put your car keys beside your bed at night. If you hear a noise outside your home or someone trying to get in your house, just press the panic button for your car. The alarm will be set off, and the horn will continue to sound until either you turn it off or the car battery dies.

Next time you come home for the night and you start to put your keys away, think of this: It's a security alarm system that you probably already have and requires no installation. Test it. It will go off from most everywhere inside your house and will keep sounding until your battery runs down or until you reset it with the button on t he key fob chain.

It works if you park in your driveway or garage. If your car alarm goes off when someone is trying to break in your house, odds are the burglar or rapist won't stick around. After a few seconds all the neighbors will be looking out their windows to see who is out there and sure enough the criminal won't want that.

And remember to carry your keys while walking to your car in a parking lot. The alarm can work the same way there. This is something that should really be shared with everyone. Maybe it could save a life or prevent a sexual abuse crime.

This is not a bad idea for seniors as well. I suggest they carry their car keys with them in case they accidentally fall outside and know one hears them. They can activate the car alarm and then someone will know there's a problem.



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For you readers, here are a few of my favorite free software choices that won't get you into trouble:

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For the Mac, Anxiety is a useful to-do list manager to (hopefully) reduce the stress in your life in getting all the things you need to get done, done. It works with iCal and Mail. You can download it at http://www.anxietyapp.com/. Carbon Copy Cloner lets you backup your entire hard drive to another, allowing you to boot to the 2nd drive should the first one fail completely (and it happens more often than you know.) Download it at http://www.bombich.com/.

Stay away from sites offering free music or movies (like LimeWire), this is an excellent way to contract a virus. If you think you're getting something that costs money in a store for free online, it's probably going to cost you more than you know by the time you get your computer cleaned up.

Be skeptical and be safe. One of the best places to go for free software is http://sourceforge.net/. You're not going to find Microsoft Office for free, but you might find a program that does something close. Want Photoshop but don't have \$400 to spend, then check out Gimp. There are a lot of genuinely nice people developing programs because they enjoy doing it. Some will ask for but not require a donation, that's only fair. If you like a program, throw a few dollars their way to encourage them to keep improving their program. If you can say "I wish I had a program that", then you'll probably find something at SourceForge.net that meets your needs.

- Submitted by Laurie Scott



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