



# THE TALON

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## COMMUNITY CALENDAR

### May

#### MAY 1 & 2 -

Pools Open  
9 a.m. - 8 p.m.  
8 p.m. - 10 p.m./Adult Swim

#### MAY 6 -

Pool Cards Issued  
6:30 - 8:30 p.m./Clubhouse

#### MAY 8 & 9 -

Pools Open  
9 a.m. - 8 p.m.  
8 p.m. - 10 p.m./Adult Swim

#### MAY 9 -

*Happy Mother's Day!*

#### MAY 15 -

Pool Cards Issued  
3:00 - 6:00 p.m./Clubhouse

#### MAY 15 -

*ES Flyer's Swim Meet*  
Athletic Club Pool Opens at 3:00 p.m.

#### MAY 15 & 16 -

Pools Open  
9 a.m. - 8 p.m.  
8 p.m. - 10 p.m./Adult Swim

#### MAY 18 -

Pool Committee Meeting  
(No Pool Cards Issued)  
7:00 - 8:30 p.m./Clubhouse

#### MAY 19 -

Landscape Committee Meeting  
7:00 p.m./Clubhouse

#### MAY 22 & 23 -

Pools Open  
9 a.m. - 8 p.m.  
8 p.m. - 10 p.m./Adult Swim

#### MAY 22 -

Rep at Clubhouse/Pool Cards\*  
9 a.m. - 11 a.m./Clubhouse

#### MAY 24 -

Rep at Clubhouse/Pool Cards\*  
6:30 p.m. - 8 p.m./Clubhouse

#### MAY 27 -

*Red Cross Hurricane Preparedness*  
6:30 p.m. - 8:30 p.m./Clubhouse

#### MAY 29 -

Rep at Clubhouse/Pool Cards\*  
9 a.m. - 11 a.m./Clubhouse

#### MAY 29-31 -

Pools Open - Holiday Weekend  
9 a.m. - 8 p.m.  
8 p.m. - 10 p.m./Adult Swim

#### MAY 31 -

*Memorial Day Splash Bash!*  
10 a.m. - 2 p.m./Both Pools

*\*These dates are for those who have not utilized the regular pool card distribution dates and/or need other services, such as guest cards or key fobs.*

## MEMORIAL DAY

### *Splash Bash!*

**MONDAY, MAY 31ST**  
**10 A.M. TO 2 P.M.**

Athletic Club Pool - Games & Music  
Island Club Pool - Music

Refreshments will be available for purchase at both pools.

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## HURRICANE

## SEASON STARTS

### JUNE 1st ...

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#### DISASTER PREPAREDNESS TRAINING

**THURSDAY, MAY 27TH**

**7:00 P.M. - 8:30 P.M.**

#### EAGLE SPRINGS CLUBHOUSE

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### *Contract Activity Statistical Report Atascocita - Eagle Springs*

TYPE OF ACTIVITY	MAR 2010	FEB 2010	YTD 2010
Burglary of Habitation	0	0	0
Burglary of Motor Vehicle	5	11	23
Theft from Habitation	1	0	1
Theft of Motor Vehicle	0	0	2
Theft - Other	1	3	7
Robbery	0	0	0
Assault	1	0	1
Secual Assault	0	0	0
Criminal Michief	2	0	5
Disturbance - Family	2	2	10
Disturbance - Juvenile	4	1	5
Disturbance - Other	13	4	28
Alarms	54	54	169
Suspicious Vehicles	11	18	37
Suspicious Persons	14	8	27
Runaways	2	0	2
Telephone Harassment	0	1	1
Other Calls	302	396	974

*Details can be found on the Safety Advisory Committee's  
group page at [www.insideeaglesprings.com](http://www.insideeaglesprings.com)*

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Beginning May 22, 2010, Pool Committee will have a representative on site at the Clubhouse on Monday afternoons and Saturday mornings to issue new pool cards and validations; provide information; answer questions; and help with key-fob issues. This will be more convenient for residents and eliminate additional fees incurred when residents must go to C.I.A. Services' Office to obtain these services.



Specific dates and times will be listed each month on the Community Calendar (front page of The Talon). Residents may also find this information online along with any updates or changes to the schedule ([www.InsideEagleSprings.com/Pool Committee Group](http://www.InsideEagleSprings.com/Pool Committee Group)).

Please note that dates and times are subject to change and are dependent upon the needs of the community.

### May Dates:

Saturday, May 22  
9 - 11 a.m.

Monday, May 24  
6:30 - 8 p.m.

Saturday, May 29  
9 - 11 a.m.

## STOP!

### Please remember to lock your vehicles!

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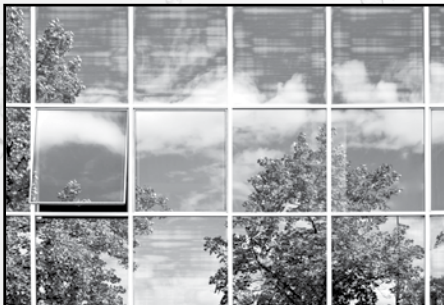


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## Health & Safety

### Battle the Bulge with Fruits and Vegetables

**A**dding more fruits and vegetables to a healthy diet is a smart way to help maintain a healthy weight. In addition to providing the body with essential vitamins, minerals and fiber, eating more fruits and veggies may also reduce the risk of cancer and other chronic diseases.

To lose weight, you must eat fewer calories than your body uses.

Try creating "skinnier" versions of some of your favorite dishes by substituting low-calorie fruits and vegetables in place of higher-calorie ingredients. Also, the water and fiber in fruits and veggies will add volume to your dishes, so you can eat the same amount of food with fewer calories.



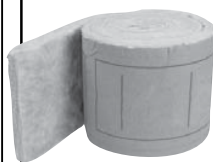
Although fruits and vegetables are lower in calories than many other foods, remember that substitution is the key. A snack-sized bag of corn chips (1 ounce) has the same number of calories as a small apple, 1 cup of strawberries, AND 1 cup of carrots with 1/4 cup of low-cal dip. Try substituting high-calorie processed snacks with these healthy fruit and veggie snacks: a medium size apple (72 calories), 1 cup of green beans (100 calories), 1 cup of carrots (45 calories) or 1 cup of broccoli (30 calories).

## Helpful Hints

### An "Energy Diet" for Your Home

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- **Then, "insulate" yourself from energy bill shocks.** Install appropriate insulation for your climate based on "R-values." Start with attic insulation, followed by exterior and basement walls, floors, and crawl spaces.
- **Properly maintain your HVAC system.** Just as a tune-up for your car can improve your gas mileage, a semi-annual or yearly tune-up of your heating and cooling system can improve efficiency and comfort.



- **Keep furnace filters clean.** A dirty filter will slow down air flow and make the system work harder to keep you warm – wasting energy.

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## SPEEDING

### *Through Our Neighborhoods*

As the weather warms up and the days grow longer, more children are out playing. Eagle Springs is a very family oriented and active community with lots of children and others out and about such as dog walkers, joggers, bikers, etc...

Many of us are anxious to get home from a long day at work or have other commitments to attend to, but please remember to SLOW DOWN and pay attention to your surroundings, especially on our residential streets and near our recreation areas.

Pedestrians out walking, jogging or biking after dusk, please remember to wear light colored clothing, reflectors and have lights on your bicycles... make yourself visible to drivers.

## Looking For Something For The Kids To Do Once School Is Out?

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The Atascocita Volunteer Fire Department and P-4 Constables visit during class, educating radKIDS©

and providing them "hands on" experience with their vehicles and equipment.

This program is for elementary school aged children (5-11 yrs.)

Parents are welcome & encouraged to attend with their child.

***\*Registration is Required\****

**June 14th - 17th**

**8:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.**

**Eagle Springs Clubhouse**

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## IS THE SCHOOL & DAY CARE SHUFFLE

*Wearing Your Out?*

Take a break this month and join the Eagle Springs Mom's Night Out Group! Get together with your gal pals and get out of the house for an evening of fun.

The purpose of our group is to take a break from our busy lives, meet great local ladies for a fun night out and receive support from other wonderful women that many times forms into long lasting friendships and memories.

Our group currently meets once a month with ladies from the community. We currently gather the third or fourth Wednesday of the month. The organizers are working to add an additional night during the month to accommodate the ladies that aren't available on Wednesday evenings. There are several activities planned throughout the year to keep the group fun and active; including meeting at local restaurants, movie theaters, manicure/pedicure salons, or gathering at



years old are welcome.

**Andrea Gullion:**

**Julie Thomas:**

**Victoria Givens:**

member's homes for Mom's Night In. If you are interested in joining, please log onto the Eagle Springs website ([www.INSIDEEAGLESprings.com](http://www.INSIDEEAGLESprings.com)) and click on the Groups Tab and then click to Join the Mom's Night Out Group, or you may contact the organizers directly from the information below. You may find us listed on Facebook as "Eagle Spring's Mom's Night Out."

If you are interested we also have a "Mom's & Little Rascals Play Group" that is designed for stay-at-home Mom's in our community; infants through 5

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## 2010 POOL HOURS

*May 1, 2010 - September 26, 2010*

### Athletic Club Pool

17821 Eagle Springs Parkway

*\*Pool Closed on Mondays for Cleaning\**

Dates	Times	Adult Only Swim Times
May 1 - May 30	Weekends Only 9 am - 8 pm	Weekends Only 8 pm - 10 pm
May 31	Memorial Day Holiday 9 am - 8 pm	Memorial Day Holiday 8 pm - 10 pm
June 3 - June 30	Tuesday - Sunday 11 am - 8 pm	Tuesday - Sunday 8 pm - 10 pm
July 1 - August 23	Tuesday - Sunday 9 am - 8 pm	Tuesday - Sunday 8 pm - 10 pm
August 28 - September 26	Weekends Only 9 am - 8 pm	Weekends Only 8 pm - 10 pm
September 6	Labor Day Holiday 9 am - 8 pm	Labor Day Holiday 8 pm - 10 pm

*The Athletic Club Pool will be Closed to the community during the following times for Swim Meets:*

Date	Pool Opens to Community at:
<b>May 8</b> "Mock Meet"	11:00 am
<b>May 15</b> "Home Swim Meet"	3:00 pm
<b>June 5</b> "Home Swim Meet"	3:00 pm

*Please Show Your Support for Our Swim Team...Go Eagle Springs Flyers!!*

### Island Club Pool

17150 Eagle Springs Parkway

*\*Pool Closed on Tuesdays for Cleaning\**

Dates	Times
May 1 - May 30	Weekends Only 9 am - 8 pm
May 31	Memorial Day Holiday 9 am - 8 pm
June 3 - August 22	Wednesday - Monday 9 am - 8 pm
August 28 - September 5	Weekends Only 9 am - 8 pm
September 6	Labor Day Holiday 9 am - 8 pm

*\*\*Please Note: After September 6th, only the Athletic Club Pool will be open.*

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### Clearing the Facility

There are no set guidelines for determine exactly when the water should be cleared of swimmers due to an impending storm. Since sound travels more slowly than light, a safe practice is to clear all persons from the water at the first sound of thunder or sight of lightening. Do not risk patron safety! Other suggestions:

- Get all patrons inside
- Keep everyone away from windows. People can be injured by flying debris or glass if the window breaks
- Avoid using telephone, except in an emergency
- Do not stay in structures in open areas, such as picnic shelters
- Keep away from tall, isolated trees or objects that project above the landscape. Keep away from water and objects, such as



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- metal fences, tanks, rails and pipes
- Get down from the lifeguard chairs as soon as possible
- Do not let anyone use the shower during a thunderstorm. Water and metal can conduct electricity

### Return to the Facility

According to the national Lightning Safety Institute (NLSI), wait 30 minutes after thunder and lightening stop entirely before letting patrons get back into the water. However, an additional factor to consider is whether or not the sky is dark and threatening. Unless there are evident signs of

clearing, the storm should not be considered "ended". Keep watching for more storms and listen to weather reports on the radio.

### Policy Development

All facilities should develop and share their individual policies as to swimming rules and regulations for their guests to see, prior to using the facility. Based on the information given above, it would be wise to state that the facility will be cleared upon the first sound of thunder or sight of lightening, and the patrons will not be allowed to re-enter the facility until 30 minutes after the last evidence of the storm.

### Eagle Springs Weather Policy

At the first sight of lightning or the first sound of thunder, the pool will be cleared of all swimmers. Residents may be asked to

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## Emergency Procedures - (Continued from Page 12)

leave the premises, depending upon the severity of the weather conditions. The pool will re-open 30 minutes after the last sight of lightning or the last sound of thunder. This policy is based upon recommendations from the National Lightning Safety Institute and the American Red Cross.

## Eagle Springs Pools Managed by...



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## Change In Recycling Day

Beginning Tuesday, May 4th, the recycling pick-up day will change from Friday to Tuesday. The service and company will remain the same, only the day of the week for pick-up will change. If you need a recycle bin, or sticker that allows you to use your own bin, please contact Residential Recycling; their number is located on page 2 under Contact Information.

The last FRIDAY that recycling will be picked up is April 30th.

## Many Thanks!

Many thanks to Vicky Bernabe for doing a fantastic job on getting The Talon started. Vicky has decided to resign her "editor" duties but will stay involved in the newsletter by writing articles and working on other tasks as needed. The monthly newsletter was started because Vicky strongly believed that we needed a printed material to communicate with all the residents. She researched and found a company that handles the printing and mailing of the newsletter at no charge to the homeowners (they are paid by advertising) and presented her ideas to the Board. We thank Vicki for her enthusiasm for this project and wish her well.

Terri George will take over writing and collecting articles for The Talon and we appreciate her willingness to do so. If you would like to make a submission to be included in future issues of The Talon, please email: [ESNewsletter@insideeaglesprings.com](mailto:ESNewsletter@insideeaglesprings.com)

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## FROM THE PRESIDENT'S DESK...

The Board was asked to explain the relationship of the various groups involved in Association business. This article will outline the roles of the Board, Neighborhood Voting Representatives, the management company and Committees.

The affairs of the Association shall be governed by a Board, each of whom shall have one (1) vote. Currently, there are three (3) Class "B" or Declarant (developer) members and one (1) Class "A" or resident director. The Class "B" members are selected by the Declarant and the Class "A" members are elected by the Voting Representatives for each Neighborhood.

Article III, Section 3.3 provides that every home (or "Unit") within Eagle Springs shall be located within a Neighborhood. A Neighborhood can be comprised of more than one housing type and more than one section that may or may not be adjoining. (Example: the Cottage Grove Neighborhood consists of the sections or villages of Cottage Grove, Sutter's Creek and Preston Village). Each Neighborhood has one Primary and one Alternate Neighborhood Voting Representative (NVR) that are elected annually by the homes or Units within their Neighborhood (unless a quorum isn't met and then they are appointed by the Board). The primary responsibility of the NVR is to cast all votes for the homes in their Neighborhood when a Class "A" or resident Board member(s) is elected. The

NVR's represent their Neighborhood at Board meetings and act as a liaison between the residents in their Neighborhood, the Board and management company by communicating issues of concern. The 14 Neighborhoods currently include:

- Arbor Heights
- Barton Ridge
- Cades Crossing
- Crescent Ridge
- Laurel Ridge
- Sierra Bridge
- Biscayne Bend
- Arlington Park
- Beringer Place
- Cottage Grove
- Cross Creek
- Meadow Lodge
- Sterling Creek
- Princeton Park

Any resident in good standing can ask to be placed on the ballot when Neighborhood Voting Representative elections are held. Biscayne Bend (Section 35) and Princeton Park (Section 34) currently don't have representatives so if anybody is interested in serving, please contact the management company. You can find information on your Neighborhood at [www.insideeaglesprings.com](http://www.insideeaglesprings.com).

The management company for the Eagle Springs Community Association (ESCA) is C.I.A. Services. Their primary responsibilities are to handle the day to day administration, billing and collection

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## From the President's Desk - (Continued from Page 14)

of assessments, financial reporting, deed restriction management, and oversee contracts for maintenance of the landscaping, amenities, and lakes. They take direction from the Board and do not make decisions. The management company can be reached by calling (281) 852-1700 or emailing ESCA@ciaservices.com.

We have several Committees within Eagle Springs made up of active volunteers, these include: Pool, Sports Field, Safety Advisory, Landscape, and Modification. These Committees serve at the discretion of the Board and gather/evaluate information to offer recommendations to the Board. A short list of accomplishments include developing a pool entry card system and increasing the furniture inventory, forming a partnership with local law enforcement agencies and promoting safety awareness programs, implementing a sport field reservation system and recommending a landscape maintenance contractor. They are often the first to report topics of concern or maintenance issues to the Board or management company. The community has greatly benefited from the hard work of these Committees.

Questions regarding deed restriction violations, assessments, clubhouse rentals and landscape/grounds maintenance issues should be sent to the management company. For questions regarding Board operations, please use the "Ask the Board" link (located in the left hand column) after you log onto the Eagle Springs intranet. Each Committee also has a group page on [www.insideeaglesprings.com](http://www.insideeaglesprings.com) and they can answer many of the frequently asked questions regarding our community.

## 2010 Policy for "Big Slide" at Island Club Pool!

The ESCA Board, Sweetwater Pool Management and Pool Committee have discussed at length the large slide at the Island Club Pool and based on the following have come up with a set of rules specific to this slide. Due to the nature of the slide (size, flow rate of water, etc), there are safety risks unique to this slide. After a review of manufacturer recommendations; precautions already in place at our pools; and other rules for similar slides; the ESCA Board has determined the following rules will apply from this point forward:

- No flotation devices of any kind down the slide.
- All sliders must be a minimum of 36" tall.
- No one may catch a slider at the bottom of the slide.
- Sliders must be able to swim to the side of the pool to exit, unassisted.



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My business is about buying and selling homes, giving service beyond what is expected, and doing my fiduciary duty to my Clients. As a resident of Eagle Springs, I spend a lot of my time focusing on the real estate market in Eagle Springs. I know this neighborhood very well. I along with my Brokerage, Century 21 Outstanding Homes have had the privilege to service you, the real estate buyer and seller in this neighborhood. Thank you for your continued business, trust, and allowing me to assist my neighbors. Eagle Springs is a very attractive neighborhood in which to live and play.

I have covered this in past newsletters for homeowners that may be feeling pinched by this economy. It is important enough that I want to address this again. Before you lose your home, please give me a call for a complimentary and very confidential consultation on how I may assist you in this situation. Our Brokerage has successfully assisted many homeowners with the sale of their distressed home through a process called, a short sale. This process can stop foreclosure if given enough time. **To date, the owner of record has not had to pay a fee to the Realtor to sell their home. The sellers lenders have been covering the fee for services on these transactions.** If you are in this situation, please do not hesitate to call, as time is of the essence. In a short sale the homeowner may live in the property until the property has closed and funded.

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## A MESSAGE FROM YOUR DEPARTING RESIDENT BOARD MEMBER

My name is Maury Hudson, and I've served over the last two years as the first elected resident Board member for the Eagle Springs Community Association (ESCA). During this time I've served alongside 3 developer-appointed Board members, and I have been supported by a very active group of community volunteers, your neighbors and friends who care enough to work tirelessly to make Eagle Springs (ES) a great place to live. I am extremely proud of what we have accomplished over the last two years.

For those who don't know, our governing documents called for election of a resident to the Board once the community reached 50% of complete build-out. We will gain more resident representation as more homes are built. The "sub-communities" that make up Eagle Springs are represented by Neighborhood Voting Representatives (NVR's) who are elected by residents to represent them in selecting Board members. The NVR's are the first group of volunteers who have supported me. Shortly after my election, we instituted a monthly meeting to discuss community concerns and formulate recommendations to carry forward to the full Board at the Board meetings. The NVR's have been the main conduit for resident concerns to flow to the Board.

In addition to the NVR's, we have volunteer committees whose members have shouldered a tremendous amount of responsibility for bettering our community. We have added Landscaping and Sports Fields to the already established Pool and Safety Advisory Committees. All committees work under a charter template that we have developed and all residents are welcome at all meetings, which are typically held monthly. Check [www.insideeaglesprings.com](http://www.insideeaglesprings.com) for meeting dates and times.

Safety Advisory Committee (SAC) is responsible for an excellent relationship with our Precinct 4 Constables. The constables have told us that the constant interaction with our volunteer committee is what keeps them so vigilant in Eagle Springs. A constable sergeant or deputy is usually present at each meeting. This committee has brought safety classes for children and babysitter training classes to the neighborhood. They hear first hand of crime related incidents and get the word out to residents. Also, volunteers have established a Neighborhood Watch Program (NWP) headed by resident volunteers.

Pool Committee is responsible for holding the Pool Management Company accountable through volunteer member reports to the Board, implementation of pool ID cards to keep non-invited, non-residents out, choosing the designs used in re-plastering, choosing water features, and growing the supply of furniture as the community grows. This committee took one of the most visible assets which was deteriorating sadly and has brought it back to be even better than it was when I first moved into Eagle Springs over 7 years ago. And to demonstrate volunteer commitment, a Pool Committee member donated approximately \$10,000 worth of services to develop the website that enhanced the pool card process this year while two other members spent 60 hours entering resident information into

the database!

Sports Fields Committee has coordinated volunteer efforts to spread dirt on the fields, developed a schedule and lottery for field use, installed safety padding on the baseball field fences, and generally made sure the fields are maintained. The fields look greener and better maintained now than ever.

Landscaping Committee acts in an advisory capacity and took part in the bid process that resulted in a change of landscaping contractor for a much more cost competitive price. This committee has maps of the entire neighborhood and promptly brings issues needing attention to the Board.

Even this newsletter is the product of a volunteer Newsletter team that works with an independent newsletter publisher to communicate community happenings and keep residents up to date on issues!

### **Over the last two years, we have:**

- Initiated bid processes for pools and landscaping that have saved thousands of dollars for residents.
- Established a relationship with Commissioner Eversole's office resulting in Eagle Springs Elementary (ESE) flashing lights for Kindergarten release and a traffic study for ESE.
- Implemented fire lanes around the Clubhouse at the recommendation of the traffic study to make our children safer during ESE release times.
- Had curbs cut back where they extended onto Eagle Springs Parkway, making children walk into the street to follow sidewalks prior to the changes.
- Increased mosquito patrols during especially wet summer months.
- Installed more trash cans and lighting throughout the community.
- Had a resident participate in the annual budget process as a precursor to a formal Budget Committee.
- Established a replacement fund to assure we have money set aside to replace our assets as they age and deteriorate.
- Raised the level of cash in our operating fund to allow us flexibility for the unexpected, like the expenses of Hurricane Ike.

This list could go on, but I'll stop here and simply extend a great big thank you to the volunteers who have accomplished so many wonderful things. We have wonderful residents in Eagle Springs. The Pool Committee put out a call for volunteers to help with this year's pool cards, and it was answered by 70+ residents who care. That shows the level of commitment in our community. And, I want to encourage each of you to find a place to participate. Look at the schedule and attend a committee meeting, introduce yourself to your NVR, join neighborhood watch, offer your skills on a volunteer basis to lower community costs, find your place!

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home, that's 13,500 residents, more than many small cities! It will take residents who care to keep us moving into the future. Your NVR's are currently in the process of electing the resident who will replace me on the Board. This process should be completed by the end of May. Please look for the announcement introducing your next resident Board member and throw your support behind them.

In closing, I want to thank my wonderful wife Kendra and my two wonderful daughters, Kierstyn and Macey, for supporting me as the time commitment to this role took me away from them. And to all the volunteers and residents, thanks for a great two years!

*Maury Hudson*

## Trash In Our Parks & Playgrounds



Our neighborhoods in Eagle Springs have beautiful parks and playgrounds to enjoy and greenbelts for walking and biking. Please help to keep them clean by carrying your trash (water bottles, juice boxes and other trash) with you until you reach a trash receptacle or return home from your outing.

Let's all do our part to keep our neighborhood parks and greenbelts clean and beautiful so that we may all enjoy them!

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