

## Message from the Executive Chair

By Otavia Rhone, Executive Committee Chair

Our first "Community Meeting," held April 1, was a big success. If you were not able to attend, you missed a very informative meeting. There were more people in attendance than at the actual 2009 "Annual Meeting." Topics discussed in detail were landscaping, foreclosures, deed restrictions, security and the role of AMI. Our AMI Manager, David King, did a fantastic job explaining policy and procedures and the role of AMI in the community. We also had the Executive Committee in attendance to share information about projects being worked on and things to come. The meeting ended by asking the residents to list five things they feel have been turned around in the last year. The top five were landscape, security, community newsletter, pool management/upkeep and AMI management. The Community Meeting will be constant from this point forward. This meeting will allow us to begin working on possible issues and if possible resolve them prior to the Annual Meeting.

The weather is getting warmer and with that comes a busy summer season. Please be watchful on your block and look out for one another. While crime has decreased significantly, we all must take responsibly and work together to keep it that way.

Our new format and delivery of the newsletter has been well received in the community, and we are always looking for content. If you know of some great summer programs for children, please let us know. Seniors we want to here from you! If you have information that would be of interest to share, please send it to our Newsletter Committee Chair, Sheryl Stone at slwstone@comcast.net. All articles are due the first day of each month for the next month's issue (for example May 1 for the June issue), no exceptions. Late articles will be held for the following issue. If you have time sensitive material, please make sure you turn it in well before the deadline. Please understand that all articles are subject to board approval and there are space limitations.

In closing, I want to give a special thank you to all of the residents who attended the Community Meeting. The feedback was informative and the positive attitudes were appreciated. We are building an awesome community one step at a time.

# **Developer Corner**

By Misty Watkins, Marketing Director – Lakes of Savannah, Friendswood Development Company

Ahhh ... finally spring has sprung, and new developments are popping up throughout the community!

Westin Homes has officially joined the homebuilding team and is now pre-selling in Savannah Bend and Savannah Cove. Westin will soon begin construction of a model home. The new builder and new product line will add more variety and options for home buyers shopping the community. We are currently interviewing other new builders and will announce those as we enter into legal contracts with each.

New lots have recently been released in Savannah Landing and a new section of Savannah Meadows is currently under development and will open soon. New lots will be available this summer in Savannah Bend as the community continues to grow!

Beginning in April, we will begin hosting Open House Weekends the second weekend of each month. New homes will be open for viewing on Saturdays and Sundays, and we will include information on resale homes whose owners opt to join in on Sundays.

Surrounding the Open Houses, we will increase advertising and believe this will bring more homebuyers to the community and encourage more REALTORS® to visit the community as well.

Fire Station Update:

Friendswood Development Company and Brazoria County M.U.D.s 21 and 22 have allocated and committed funds to building the City of Pearland's Fire Station #6. The plans include a bay for a fire truck and an area for an ambulance. Construction is planned to begin in Fall 2010 with move-in estimated for July 2011.

Friendswood Development Company wishes you a warm, happy spring!

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### **SAVETHE DATE!!!!!**

# "Summer Kickoff 2010"

The Events Committee is planning this year's Summer Kickoff event, Lakes of Savannah's annual start of the summer. Each year we

welcome you and your family to the pool for music, food, fun and games. You don't want to miss it. Mark your calendars NOW!!!! Saturday, June 5, 2010, 3-5 p.m. at the Lakes of Savannah Clubhouse.



# **Community Website**

Visit the community website to get up-to-date information about our community and sign up to receive community information sent right to your email inbox. www.lakesofsavannahsouthca.org

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### IT'S THAT TIME AGAIN ... POOL SEASON!

Fatiyauh Jones, Sports and Recreation Committee Chair

We are looking for homeowners with exciting ideas that will enhance the community's cohesiveness. If you are interested in joining the Sports and Recreation Committee, please contact me, Fatiyauh Jones, at jonesf12@hotmail.com. Your support is greatly appreciated. A list of meeting dates for the Sports and Recreation Committee are given below. Please take note that all meetings will be held on the first Thursday of the month. ALL MEETINGS WILL BE LOCATED AT THE CLUBHOUSE. We look forward to seeing you there!

### **MEETING DATES**

May 6, 2010 @ 6:30 p.m. June 10, 2010 @ 6:30 p.m. July 8, 2010 @ 6:30 p.m. August 5, 2010 @ 6:30 p.m. September 2, 2010 @ 6:30 p.m.

Since last year was such a great success, Poseidon Pools will be managing our facilities again this year. Listed below is the tentative pool schedule:

### MAY I - JUNE 6 (WEEKENDS ONLY)

Saturday: 10 a.m. – 8 p.m. Sunday: 12 p.m. – 8 p.m.

### **JUNE 8 - SEPTEMBER 6**

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# Landscaping Resources at Your Fingertips By Bryan Nikolai and Dwayne Ellis, Landscape Committee

Gardening can be one of the most rewarding experiences in life. Few things compare to the satisfaction of watching something you plant grow and thrive. Unfortunately, nature is sometimes unforgiving and temperature, rainfall or insect pests often thwart our plans for a beautiful yard. Many of us experienced frost damage this winter and everyone's yard has been affected at one time or another by climate or insects. Fortunately, help and educational resources are abundantly available from a variety of sources throughout the greater Houston area.

The Brazoria County Master Gardeners (BCMG) maintain a very nice website with links to valuable information about growing in our area. They encourage responsible and sustainable gardening by Brazoria County residents using effective methods that are also economical and environmentally friendly. Moreover, BCMG also sponsors a variety of demonstrations and educational events, including programs developed to encourage children to learn about plants and how they grow. Finally, they host regular plant sales that allow members the opportunity to purchase plants at reduced cost, many of which are not available through typical retailers.

The Brazosport Garden Club is based in Lake Jackson and provides links and educational resources on their website. This group meets

monthly to exchange tips and ideas about gardening in southeast Texas. Many members bring seeds, cuttings and extra plants to share and trade. Most importantly, they invite expert speakers to give presentations and answer common questions about gardening and yard maintenance.

Finally, the most convenient and important resource for Lakes of Savannah residents is our very own Landscape Committee. Many of our members have strong backgrounds in botany and lawn care. Our meetings are held on-site in the clubhouse the last Tuesday of every month at 6:30 p.m. If you can't make it to our meetings, you can email questions to our group through the discussion link on our website: http://groups.google.com/group/los-landscape-committee. There, you will also find links to many area gardening groups and retailers, as well as information about committee meetings and activities. You can also find us on Facebook as LoS Landscape Committee or Twitter as LoS\_Landscape. Become a fan or start following us today!

Having a beautiful lawn in Lakes of Savannah will give you the opportunity of being nominated to win the Yard of the Month. The winner of the Yard of the Month will receive a \$10 Home Depot Gift

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Card, a yard of the month sign (on your lawn for a month), and your picture being published the community newsletter.

## April 2010 Yard of the **Month Winner**

5709 Montclair Hill Lane



Photo by Kyle Bading

# Landscape Maintenance

Policy Ratified
As of April 2010 a Board resolution of the Savannah South Community Association, Inc. regarding ratification of the Landscape Maintenance Policy was passed. The recently adopted landscape

maintenance policy is as follows.

Lack of improper maintenance of yard and landscaping of property: This includes but is not limited to grass, flower beds, weeds, waste in yards, lack of watering, mowing and weeding lawns and flower beds. The Board resolves to keep all properties in an overall pleasing appearance to the entire community.

For any such rules or deed restrictions violations, the enforcement procedure will be as follows:

- First Occurrence: Letter sent to property owner and request to maintain and cut yard to no higher than a four inch height within 5
- Second Occurrence: Second letter to property owner and Association will mow and clean up yard. All charges will be billed back to property owners account;
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Egg Hunt a Success

Despite the Threat of Rain
By Otavia Rhone, Lakes of Savannah Mommy Group

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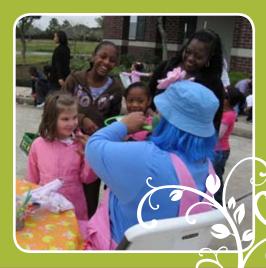
The Seventh Annual Egg Hunt, hosted by the Savannah Mommy Group and Living Water Church on March 20, was a success despite the threat of rain. The children came out and had a great time. The morning's festivities included the egg hunt itself with over 700 eggs, a coloring contest, face painting with Pinkerbelle the clown and a raffle. We were fortunate to have a resident, Donald Malveaux, who is also a State Farm Agent, donate a basket, gifts and drinks for the children. Thank you Mr. and Mrs. Malveaux for your support! We had approximately 75–100 children in attendance, and we were able to get all of the activities completed before the sky opened up with rain for the rest of the day. Thank you to all the volunteers that helped makes our event a success. See you next year.











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# 10 Tips for Keeping Your Neighborhood Safe By Melissa Hernandez, Neighborhood Watch Committee Chair

### I.Keep Your Curtains Closed At Night.

It is better to not let someone have the advantage of seeing into your home.

### 2. Keep Valuables Out Of Sight In Your Home And Car.

Why tempt someone?

### 3. Lock All Doors And Windows.

Why make it easy for someone to break in?

### 4. Do Not Confront Strangers!

If they seem suspicious to you, contact the police.

### 5. Light Up The Night.

Turn on all outside lights and keep them on all night. Install floodlights and lights with motion detectors in your yard.



### 6. Look Out For Neighbors.

Watch neighbors enter their houses after walking or dropping them off.

# 7. Cut Trees And Bushes In Your

Trees and bushes can provide hiding places for potential criminals.

#### 8. Be Present Outside.

Walk with your neighbors and friends in the community. Vary your route and get to see new streets.

### 9. Communicate.

Tell neighbors when you will be away for any extended period, so any suspicious activity at your house might be noticed.

### 10. Become Involved.

Get to know neighbors all across the Lakes of Savannah community by participating in community activities and organizations such as the Neighborhood Watch Committee!

- Adapted from the North Avondale Neighborhood Association http://www. northavondalecincinnati.com/tips.htm

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# **Deed Compliance Reminders**

By Bradley Chandler, Deed Restriction Committee Chair

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- **I)Trash cans –** Please put them out no earlier than the night before pick up and please bring them in the day they are emptied. When you store your trashcans, please make sure they are NOT visible from the street.
- **2)Fence gates** Please make sure they are closed at all times.
- **3)Christmas lights still on trees or houses** Are you kidding? Take them down.
- **4)Edging** Edging includes the street curb as well as the sidewalk (I have been guilty of this one myself!)

On a fun note, spring may be the time for remodeling, adding new square footage to your patio or adding garden buildings to your backyard. So, how do you get the OKEY DOKEY from your friendly community association and what are some of the parameters you should work within?

- I)Patio plan for your patio to be no larger than the length of the back of your home, and no wider than one third the width of your backyard.
- **2)Out building** can be installed as mounted temporary structures (no foundations for outbuildings) and must have enough clearance to allow for drainage.

### THE PROCESS IS AS FOLLOWS:

- 1)Request an architectural review form from AMI. This form is available on the community website (http://www.lakesofsavannahsouthca.org).
- 2) Follow the instructions on the form, which include submitting a \$25 application fee.
- 3) If you have any questions, please feel free to e-mail them to me at chandler-bradley@aramark.com.



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# Recycling Could Be on Its Way to Our Community

Why is Recycling Important?
By Otavia Rhone, Executive Committee Chair

### **Aluminum**

- 350,000 aluminum cans are produced every minute!
- Once an aluminum can is recycled, it can be part of a new can within six weeks.
- During the time it takes you to read this sentence, 50,000 12-ounce aluminum cans are made.
- An aluminum can that is thrown away will still be a can 500 years from now!
- There is no limit to the amount of times an aluminum can may be recycled.
- Every ton of recycled steel saves 2,500 pounds of iron ore, 1,000 of coal, and 40 pounds of limestone.

### **Paper**

- To produce each week's Sunday newspapers, 500,000 trees must be cut down.
- If all our newspaper was recycled, we could save about 250,000,000 trees each year!

- Approximately 1 billion trees worth of paper are thrown away every year in the U.S.
- Americans use 85,000,000 tons of paper a year; about 680 pounds per person.
- Each ton (2000 pounds) of recycled paper can save 17 trees, 380 gallons of oil, three cubic yards of landfill space, 4000 kilowatts of energy, and 7000 gallons of water. This represents a 64% energy savings, a 58% water savings, and 60 pounds less of air pollution!

### **Glass**

- Every month, we throw out enough glass bottles and jars to fill up a giant skyscraper. All of these jars are recyclable!
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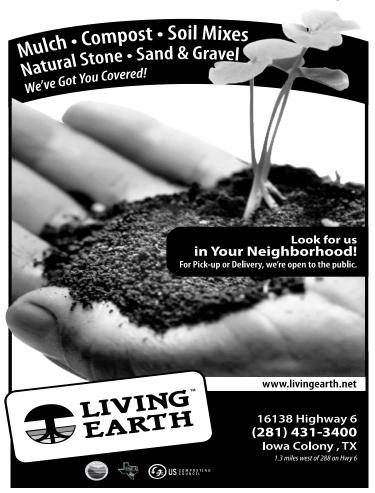




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### **Attention All Mommies!**

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