



# THE TALON

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## COMMUNITY CALENDAR

### August

#### AUGUST 2

Representative on Site\*  
4 p.m. - 6 p.m./Clubhouse

#### AUGUST 7

Representative on Site\*  
9 a.m. - 11 a.m./Clubhouse

#### AUGUST 9

Representative on Site\*  
4 p.m. - 6 p.m./Clubhouse

#### AUGUST 14

Representative on Site\*  
9 a.m. - 11 a.m./Clubhouse

#### AUGUST 16

Representative on Site\*  
4 p.m. - 5:30 p.m./Clubhouse

#### AUGUST 16

*Sports Field Committee Meeting*  
6 p.m./Clubhouse

#### AUGUST 17

*Pool Committee Meeting*  
7 p.m. - 8:30 p.m./Clubhouse  
--No Pool Cards--

#### AUGUST 21

Representative at Clubhouse\*  
9 a.m. - 11 a.m./Clubhouse

#### AUGUST 21

*Scrapbooking Club*  
3 p.m. - 10:30 p.m./Clubhouse

#### AUGUST 22

Pools OPEN Weekends Only!

#### AUGUST 23

*BACK to SCHOOL!!*

#### AUGUST 26

*Safety Advisory Committee Meeting*  
7 p.m. - 8:30 p.m./Clubhouse

#### AUGUST 28

Representative on Site\*  
9 a.m. - 11 a.m./Clubhouse

#### AUGUST 30

Representative on Site\*  
4 p.m. - 6 p.m./Clubhouse

#### TUESDAYS

Trash & Recycle Pick-up

#### FRIDAYS

Trash Pick-up Only

**\* SEE DETAILS  
INSIDE THIS ISSUE**

## THIS MONTH'S Featured Neighborhood IS ...



To read more about this neighborhood  
and what these neighbors are up to please see  
page 4.

## Sharing Memories WITH THE EAGLE SPRINGS SCRAPBOOK CLUB



To read more  
about this  
group, please  
see page 5.

# EAGLE SPRINGS

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

TYPE OF ACTIVITY	JUN 2010	MAY 2010	YTD 2010
Burglary of Habitation	0	0	0
Burglary of Motor Vehicle	4	8	36
Theft from Habitation	0	0	1
Theft of Motor Vehicle	0	0	3
Theft - Other	4	4	21
Robbery	0	0	0
Assault	2	0	4
Sexual Assault	0	0	2
Criminal Michief	3	2	10
Disturbance - Family	5	2	19
Disturbance - Juvenile	2	1	10
Disturbance - Other	19	20	78
Alarms	49	34	309
Suspicious Vehicles	10	18	78
Suspicious Persons	11	10	60
Runaways	0	0	2
Telephone Harassment	1	2	5
Other Calls	246	324	1818

*To view a more detailed version, please go to:  
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## Health & Safety

### Rethink What You Drink

**O**ne of the most successful advertising campaigns in recent history has been focused on bottled water. However, more and more people are questioning whether the water, and the package it comes in, is safe, or at least safer than tap water – and if the convenience is worth the cost and the environmental impact.

In many cases, the source of bottled water is a municipal water supply, the same source that supplies tap water to our homes. In the U.S., a sip of bottled water costs 1,000 times more than a sip of tap water; consumers spend more per gallon for bottled water than for gasoline.



Another concern is that most bottled water comes in polyethylene terephthalate (PET) bottles, which may leach dangerous chemicals into the water when stored in hot or warm temperatures. Bottled water also creates a significant environmental burden – 80% of those convenient single-serving bottles are tossed onto beaches and roadsides, or end up in landfills, where they could be around for a thousand years.

Now, doesn't your tap water sound better?

## Household Tips

### Five Tips to Stay Cool in the Summer

**T**he temperature can soar in the summer, so here are five ways to keep your home cool and lower your energy costs.

1. Keep the heat out by closing blinds, drapes and shutters on windows facing the sun.
2. As much as possible, turn off incandescent lights and heat-generating appliances. Replace incandescent bulbs with compact fluorescents, as they produce the same light but use a fifth of the energy and heat.
3. Plant trees and shrubs to shade air conditioning units while not blocking air flow. A unit operating in the shade uses less energy.
4. A ceiling fan can make a room feel as much as seven degrees cooler.
5. Since humidity makes a room feel warmer, try to avoid showering, cooking, and using the dishwasher, clothes washer/dryer during mid-day. If you need to do these things, use an exhaust fan to remove the moisture from the air.



These five tips will not only keep you cool, but they will also help keep your energy bills down and are environmentally friendly. That is a win-win-win!

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# EAGLE SPRINGS

## NEIGHBORHOOD HIGHLIGHTS -

*Each month we will be featuring a different neighborhood within Eagle Springs. This month we are highlighting....*

### Arlington Park



Arlington Park is located at the corner of Timber Forest Road and Eagle Springs Parkway. We are a diverse neighborhood comprised of both single family homes and twin villas (single family attached). Some of our areas are more densely populated than others. Our neighborhood is within walking distance of the Sports Complex, Clubhouse, Athletic Club Pool and of course Eagle Wind Park with all the wind chimes; a great place for taking pictures or some quiet, calming rest.

As you would expect, Arlington Park is comprised of a variety of people; young families along with singles and empty nesters make up our neighborhood. On most evenings you will see neighbors outside

catching up with one another while watching children play or out walking or playing with their dogs.

We've had several block parties and are currently trying to plan for National Night Out festivities. We're a friendly bunch, so if you happen to be in our neighborhood don't forget to stop by and say "Howdy."

Debbie West is the Neighborhood Voting Representative (NVR) for Arlington Park. Both Debbie and her Alternate, Roy Dueitt, are there to listen and help keep Arlington Park the great neighborhood it is. If you have any questions or concerns don't hesitate to contact either for help.

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This is not a consultant crop, but a community club designed to share what we love. Many of our friends and neighbors in Eagle Springs are consultants, however this is time for all of us to work on projects, share ideas and meet our neighbors. We welcome Scrappers of all experience levels and styles to join us.

We gather the third Saturday of every month (check community calendar for dates & times) at the Clubhouse. Come as you please...arrive late, leave early, or stay the entire time. This is your time to work on projects!

Periodically we hold "special events" such as store crops, weekend retreats, and other fun activities, so be sure to watch the calendar to see what exciting event is coming next!

For more information about this club, please contact: Mary Lee Crenshaw 713-401-7796 or [mlcrenshaw@embarqmail.com](mailto:mlcrenshaw@embarqmail.com)

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**Community-Wide Event  
is 2pm - 4pm at the  
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*followed by Individual BBQ's,  
Block Parties and Gatherings  
throughout the Streets and  
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your neighbors and join the rest of  
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## **WE CARE ABOUT YOUR SAFETY**

***A message from the HOA,  
MUD 106 and MUD 290***

The Eagle Springs Community Association (ESCA) and the two MUD boards that comprise the Eagle Springs area would like you to know the latest developments related to law enforcement patrols.

The ESCA has historically been part of a consortium of HOA's that joined together to contract for security patrols in Atascocita. The other communities that have been involved currently or in the past include: Walden, Atascocita Shores, Atascocita Meadows, Kings River, Kingwood Glen, The Oaks, The West, Atasca Woods, Pinehurst, Atascocita South, The Trails, and The Pines.

This group collectively hires a set number of officers who spend a majority (70% or more) of their time within these Atascocita neighborhoods. Having a contract of this type allows for a greater visibility of law enforcement officers and helps to deter crime within our neighborhood. Without this type of contract, Eagle Springs residents would likely only see officers when a call was placed that a crime was occurring or had occurred. The relationship with the constables through this contract allows for an effective proactive approach, with officers who can respond to calls but also maintain a presence to deter the crime in the first place. The relationship between the residents, the HOA, and the Constables has been enhanced over the past few years through the interaction between the Safety Advisory Committee and the Constables service.

Currently, many of the HOAs in the consortium are reviewing their contracts and some have left the group to sign individual agreements for patrols or decided to spend money on alternative options.

The two MUDs (Harris County Municipal Utility Districts #106 and #290) in Eagle Springs are working with the ESCA to evaluate our needs and identify the most appropriate contracting structure to achieve our goals. The MUDs already provide additional security patrols in the community with a focus on the gully's and drainage ditch areas.

Under consideration are options to (1) renew or expand the large contract currently in place with a significant number of Atascocita neighborhoods, (2) create a smaller contract with Eagle Springs and perhaps one or two other communities directly connected with Eagle Springs, or (3) create a new contract that solely includes the Eagle Springs community. Benefits of each size/type of contract and the number of officers needed to be effective are being reviewed in order to make the best choice for our area.

The ESCA, the Safety Advisory Committee, and the MUDs are working jointly on this evaluation and will provide information once a new contract structure has been determined.





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I would like to thank all my neighbors and new neighbors in the **Eagle Springs Community** for not only making me #1 in new home sales for 2007, 2008, and 2009, but for also making me #1 in all homes sold in Eagle Springs in 2010 as of July 1. I appreciate your trust in me. *I am very blessed and very thankful to have neighbors like you.* If you, a friend or family member is looking to list a home or buy a home, please continue to think of Rebekah Snipp as your preferred Realtor.

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The heat of summer has been here for awhile. Remember to get your air conditioning systems serviced to make sure they are in good working order. August and September tend to be the hottest months of the year and that A/C is sure important. Remember to change your filters as well, this alone can help you're A/C not work as hard.

Enjoy these last few weeks of summer! I hope to see you at the pool or around the neighborhood! *Respectfully.....Rebekah Snipp*

## My Current Listings in Eagle Springs: (as of July 7, 2010)

- **For Lease** – 12310 Sunlight Peak & 17423 Ebey's Landing
- **For Sale** – 12310 Sunlight Peak, 12714 Great Sands, 17010 Stones River, 17320 Lafayette Hollow, 18527 Blanca Springs, 12206 Natchez Park, 12710 Cooper Breaks, 12535 Fern Creek, 17610 Fall River Pass, 12102 Salt River Valley, 12206 Lake Mead, 12010 Wind Cove Place Court, 11806 Wind Cove Place Court Pending – 17311 Scotts Bluff

## My Sold Properties in Eagle Springs in 2010:

- 18514 Wolf Creek, 17602 Arcadia Point, 12934 Cascadia Knoll, 12606 Brazos Bend, 12639 Blackstone River, 12643 Blackstone River, 18110 Bayou Mead Trail, 18219 Yukon Ridge, 17723 Honeysuckle Springs, 11910 Wind Cove Place Court, and 12002 Tower Falls

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## From Our Community Management Team...

### HEY, I GOT A LETTER!

"Why is that mean ol' property owners group picking on me?!"  
"So and so has more junk than I do and they didn't get a nasty gram."  
They have a violation, but I got a note stating blah, blah, blah."

These are just some of the common complaints about "The Letters." Believe it or not, many homeowners get a letter about something relating to deed restrictions. Consider it a friendly reminder from your neighbors that a potential problem is in the making and should be corrected as soon as possible. Maybe you didn't notice the problem. One letter can result in either quick positive action or the dreaded second letter.

The Association will listen to complaints and usually work with the property owners to keep situations from becoming out of control. The best way to avoid a letter from C.I.A. Services is to maintain your property and work with the Association to remedy any situations. For most of us, our home is our biggest investment.

There are currently 656 violations being pursued. Please help us protect everyone's investment by doing your part to keep the community and your property looking nice.

### TRASH CAN STORAGE

All residents of Eagle Springs, whether you are a homeowner or not, should appreciate living in a clean, well-kept community. One part of keeping our neighborhood looking nice is making sure our trash cans are removed from the curbside by the end of each trash pick-up day and storing these trashcans out of sight. An increasing number of our residents are leaving their trashcans on the curb or in front of their house or garage. The storage of trash cans in view is considered a violation of the deed restrictions and will be enforced as such. Please make an effort to keep your neighborhood looking nice by removing trashcans by the end of each trash pick-up day and storing them either in your garage or behind a backyard fence.

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*At Clubhouse*

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The representative will be able to answer questions, (or direct the resident to the correct person to help them), and will be able to take care of the processing and/or validating of Pool Cards, Guest Cards and Key-Fobs or Electronic Access Devices.

The representative will NOT be able to handle C.I.A. Services issues. All transactions should be made by cash or check, we are unable to take credit cards.

PLEASE NOTE that all dates and times are subject to change if necessary. Should lines become long, we may close the doors to additional residents in order to complete the processing of those who are already in line and still be able to leave the clubhouse as scheduled.

Questions? Please contact: [Pool.Committee@insideeaglesprings.com](mailto:Pool.Committee@insideeaglesprings.com) **\*\*August is the last month a representative will be available at the Clubhouse\*\***

## UPCOMING COMMUNITY EVENTS

CASINO NIGHT - TBD

FALL GARAGE SALE - SEPTEMBER 18TH


NEIGHBORHOOD NIGHT OUT - OCTOBER 2ND  
*(Celebrating National Night Out)*

FALL FESTIVAL - OCTOBER 16TH

BBQ COOK OFF - OCTOBER 30TH

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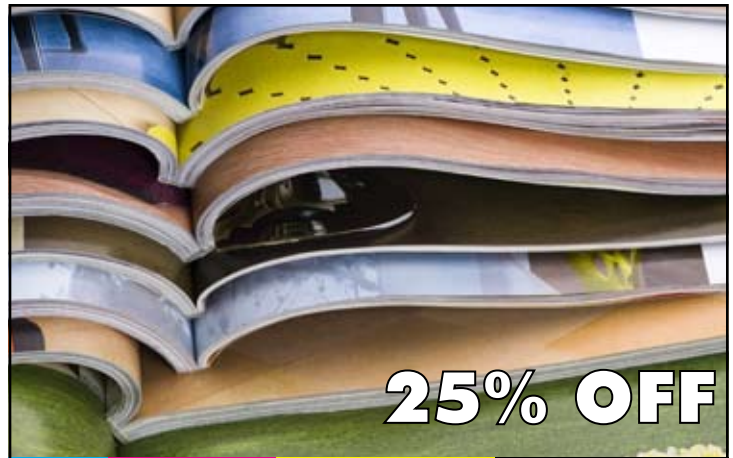
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A lot of communities, especially newer ones like ours, are hot targets for solicitors. While soliciting in Eagle Springs is a deed restriction, there is actually little that our community association or board can do to stop solicitors from marketing in our community. Our association has installed signage at all the entrances to Eagle Springs that state it is against our deed restrictions and our management company routinely sends letters to known solicitors discouraging their activity, however we cannot prevent it.

The reason we are unable to prevent soliciting in our community is that while it is a deed restriction, it is not illegal to solicit on public streets or roadways which are owned by the county. This means that we cannot prevent someone from entering our community. We can however report all suspicious persons to our Constables.

As a homeowner, you have the ability to place a small "No Trespassing/No Soliciting" sign at the entry to your home. Should any company continue to leave flyers or knock on your door, you then have the authority to file charges against the company for trespassing on private property.

Eagle Springs Community Association (ESCA) recommends that residents take the following actions to discourage unwelcome soliciting in our community:

- Report all suspicious persons to our Constables (281-376-3472).
- Report any solicitor who seems overly aggressive or acts inappropriately to our Constables.
- Remove all flyers and other advertising promptly from front entrances and garage doors.
- Contact our management company or the U.S. Postal Service to have flyers removed from mail boxes.
- Do not patronize companies marketing by door-to-door solicitation.
- Notify our management company (C.I.A. Services 281-852-1700) of any company soliciting so letters can be sent advising them of our "no solicitation" policy.

## Going Away this Summer? *Why not use the Vacation Watch Program?*

***It's a FREE Community Service offered by our P-4 Constables!***

Did you know that the Constable's will watch your home for you while you go away on vacation? They make sure that a patrol unit checks on your home once every shift (3 x day), leaving you free to enjoy your vacation.

You can sign up for this service online, there is a link on the Safety Advisory Committee Group page: [www.INSIDEEAGLESprings.com/Groups/Safety Advisory Committee](http://www.INSIDEEAGLESprings.com/Groups/Safety%20Advisory%20Committee)

## POOL HOURS

*August - September*

**A complete list of Pool Hours can be found on the Eagle Springs website:  
[www.insideeaglesprings.com/pool](http://www.insideeaglesprings.com/pool)  
information**

### **Athletic Club Pool**

*17821 Eagle Springs Parkway*

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

Open Daily for All Residents from 9 a.m. to 8 p.m.  
and for Adults Only from 8 p.m. to 10 p.m.  
through August 22nd, then Weekends Only  
through September 26th.

### **Island Club Pool**

*17150 Eagle Springs Parkway*

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

Open Daily for All Residents from 9 a.m. to 8 p.m.  
through August 22nd, then Weekends Only  
through September 6th.

### **Please Note:**

***After Labor Day ONLY the Athletic Club Pool will  
be open.***

## MOPS AT THE MET

*Registration*

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your kids involved in a fun program,  
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then you need MOPS at The MET.

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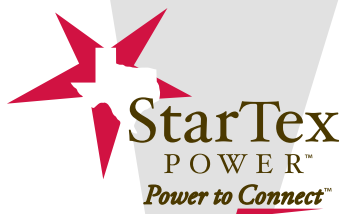


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