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Winter Fest 2010

DECEMBER 4TH 2:30 P.M. TO 5:30 P.M.

TOWN GREEN

(Athletic Club Parking Lot)

Carriage Rides

Santa Claus

Reindteer Food

Petting Zoo

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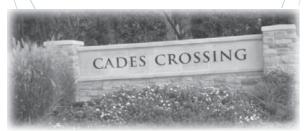
Angel Tree

Refreshments will be available to purchase.

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THIS MONTH'S





To read more about this neighborhood and what these neighbors are up to please see page 6.

EAGLE SPRINGS ELEMENTARY EALL CARNIVAL

Going back to the 50's

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 13TH NOON - 4:00 PM

For more about this event, please see page 14.



Eagle Hatchlings

MACI LEANN LOVELL

Born: Aug 22, 2010 Proud Parents: Jonathan & Ashley Lovell

Neighborhood: Sterling Creek

Send Information About Your New Arrival To: ESNewsletter@insideeaglesprings.com

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COMMUNITY CALENDAR

NOVEMBER EVENTS

- **6 - BBQ Cook Off*** 2:30 p.m./Sports Complex
- 7 DAYLIGHT SAVINGS ENDS
 *Remember to set clocks BACK 1 hour
 & change the batteries in Smoke Alarms!
- 11 **VETERAN'S DAY HOLIDAY**Thank You to all our Veterans!
- 13 ESE Fall Carnival* 12:00 – 4:00 p.m. /ES Elementary
- **NVR Elections*** 6:30 p.m./Clubhouse
- **20 Scrapbooking Club** 3:00 p.m. 10:30 p.m./Clubhouse
- 22 Angel Tree*

 @ Visitor's Center thru December 10th
- 25 HAPPY THANKSGIVING!

DECEMBER

- **4 Winter Fest 2010*** 2:30 p.m. 5:30 p.m./Town Green
- 10 Last Day for Angel Tree
 Visitor's Center will be open until 5:30 p.m.
 to accept your gift donations.
- **20 Winter Break NO School!**December 20th to January 3rd
- 24 CHRISTMAS EVE!
- 25 MERRY CHRISTMAS!
- 31 HAPPY NEW YEAR'S EVE! Please don't drink & drive!

Happy Holidays!

NOTE: Committees do not meet in November or December due to the Holidays.

TUESDAYS – Trash & Recycle FRIDAYS – Trash Only

*Details are inside this issue or online at: www.InsideEagleSprings.com

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Memorial Hermann Northeast Hospital

Orthopedic Surgery & Sports Medicine Theodore Shybut, M.D.



At Memorial Hermann Northeast Hospital, we're taking our established Orthopedic Surgery and Sports Medicine program to the next level with the addition of orthopedic surgeon Theodore Shybut, M.D. to our team.

SPECIALIZATION

Dr. Shybut specializes in orthopedic surgery and sports medicine. His areas of expertise include arthroscopic and reconstructive surgery of the knee, shoulder and elbow. He is a graduate of Harvard University who attended medical school at Columbia University College of Physicians and Surgeons in New York City. He completed his residency in orthopedic surgery at New York University Hospital for Joint Diseases, then completed a fellowship in sports medicine and arthroscopy at Baylor College of Medicine in Houston.

ATHLETICS AND SPORTS MEDICINE

Dr. Shybut has extensive experience in providing sports medicine team and event coverage for a variety of organizations including the Houston Texans, Houston Astros and Houston Rockets. He is the team physician for Humble ISD with responsibility for Atascocita High School, Humble High School and Summer Creek High School.

Dr. Shybut's interest in athletics and sports medicine also stems from his personal pursuits. He competed as a college athlete at Harvard, rowing for the freshman and varsity lightweight crews. Following his intercollegiate rowing career, he became an avid runner, having completed six marathons, including the Boston and New York marathons. Dr. Shybut remains professionally connected as a member of the American Orthopaedic Society for Sports Medicine, the American Academy of Orthopaedic Surgeons and the Arthroscopy Association of North America.

GOALS FOR HIS PATIENTS

Dr. Shybut's goal is to provide his patients, whether they are professional, competitive or recreational athletes, the treatment they need to return to the activity level they desire in a safe, timely and effective manner. Each patient will receive a thorough sports medicine evaluation to determine their treatment plan. If necessary, Dr. Shybut will offer his patients cutting-edge, minimally invasive treatment strategies that will allow them a full return to their activities.

Theodore Shybut, M.D. 18955 Memorial North, Suite 420 Humble, TX 77338 281.319.5900 MEMORIAI HERMANN Northeast Breakthroughs every day

The Management Company's Role

Have you ever wondered exactly what it is that your management company (C.I.A. Services, Inc.) does for your community?

We would like to think of ourselves as the Chief Operating Officer, charged with making sure the day to day business of the corporation is taken care of. One common misconception is that the management company is the decision maker. The truth of the matter is quite the contrary. C.I.A. Services, Inc. is simply the facilitator of the Board's decisions. We have entered into a management contract with Eagle Springs Community Association (ESCA) to enforce the deed restrictions; manage community finances; coordinate common area maintenance; attend to administrative services, such as billing and accounting; and advise the Board on matters concerning the community.

The deed restriction enforcement procedure followed is approved by the Board and meets any requirements for your homeowners association. The procedure for ESCA requires advance approval by the Board before any letters are sent to the attorney. The process often takes time and each homeowner's due process must be afforded to them.

The annual budget is another area that is set and approved by the Board. All funds are expended at the Board's authorization.

A management company is not a policing authority. Residents that have concerns regarding any illegal activity should contact the local law enforcement authorities and report it. For problems with utilities on your property, residents should contact the appropriate entity. A current contact list is updated monthly and provided inside the front cover of The Talon.

C.I.A. Services, Inc. is here to help meet the needs of resident's of Eagle Springs whenever possible or direct them to the appropriate entity if we are unable to help. We appreciate the assistance of the community volunteers who have stepped up to serve as NVR's and on committees, or just helping out when they can. It takes the whole community working together to make your community a successful and great place to live. Anytime you have questions regarding your community, do not hesitate to contact us.

The Eagle Springs' management team is committed to providing our residents with a community in which you can be proud of. In order to accomplish this we need your help. Please do not hesitate to contact our office by phone (281-852-1700) or email at: esca@ciaservices.com and provide us with your feedback and ideas to help make Eagle Springs an even better place to live.



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Introducing Your Eagle Springs' Management Team



LINDA MORRIS
Community Manager

Linda is pleased to be serving as the newly assigned community manager for the Eagle Springs Community Association. Linda began her career in the community association management industry with C.I.A. Services, Inc. in 1999. In 2009, she joined the Eagle Springs team and has been working closely with Laura Tate and the members of the community with the goal of becoming the full time Community Manager for the Association.

The Eagle Springs residents are a wonderful group of people and Linda feels privileged to be able to work with them in conjunction with the Board and community leaders.

CAROL GIRDY Administrative Assistant

Carol provides assistance to the Community Manager. The Administrative Assistant handles communication from and to members as well as performs administrative tasks associated with your community including, but not limited to: accounts receivables, ownership updates, mass mail outs, and filings.



ANGELA DOUGLAS Website Content Administrator for InsideEagleSprings.com

Hello Eagle Springs! I would like to take a moment to introduce myself to you as your new Content Administrator. My name is Angela Douglas. My family and I moved to the Houston area five years ago.



I am married with two children, ages 13 and 4. We have truly enjoyed exploring Houston and all the fun things the area has to offer. My job as Content Administrator entails managing the www.InsideEagleSprings.com website and keeping you informed of what's happening in the community using our neighborhood network. There are a lot of fun things to come with the network and in your neighborhood. I bring four years of formal experience with me along with several years of website administration as a hobby. I truly enjoy working with the internet and our wonderful support staff. I look forward to meeting many of you at our different community events. If you have any interesting ideas for the website or news items you would like to share, my inbox is always open! You can reach me at angela.douglas@insideeaglesprings.com.



COLLINE CHAVERA Facilities Coordinator

Colline works with ESCA members to schedule the clubhouse reservations. The Facilities Coordinator also oversees the pool card distribution at C.I.A. Services, Inc. office and maintains the database for the electronic access devices.



MARY CASAS Maintenance Coordinator

Mary works closely with the Community Manager to ensure proper maintenance of the Association's property. This includes preparing specifications and obtaining bids for various work orders and contracts, overseeing maintenance work, communicating with contractors and monthly facility inspections.



Greetings from your Eagle Springs Activities Coordinator! For those who haven't met me at past events, my name is Hollis Whiteside. I am married with two children, ages 5 and 1 and my family and I have lived in the Houston area for four years. I have been the Activities Coordinator for the past three years and the person behind the Eggstravaganza, 4th of July Celebration, Casino Night, Craft Fair, Fall/Winter Festivals, and Community Garage Sales (to name a few). My job as

Activities Coordinator involves planning and implementing these events. Stay tuned to the website and newsletter for more information about next year's activities. I promise there will be lots more fun headed your way! I have enjoyed getting to know so many of the Eagle Springs' residents at past events and I'm looking forward to meeting even more in 2011. If you have any interesting ideas for the event attractions or suggestions, you can reach me at hollis.whiteside@insideeaglesprings.com.



NEIGHBORHOOD SPOTLIGHT

Each month we feature a different neighborhood within Eagle Springs. This month the spotlight is on....

Cades Crossing



Cades Crossing is one of the newer neighborhoods in Eagle Springs; only just showing up on MapQuest. To find us, you need to follow Eagle Springs Parkway all the way to the very end and you will end up directly in front of our neighborhood park and model homes. The Island Club Pool facility is easily within walking distance as are many of the other amenities we enjoy with our other Eagle Springs neighbors.

The builders in our neighborhood are Village Builders and Highland Homes, however the vacant lots are disappearing quickly as new homes are being build, sold and new neighbors move in. We have a diverse neighborhood, consisting of everything from newlyweds, to couples with young children and families with teens and college students; we even have a few retirees.

The current Neighborhood Voting Representatives for Cades Crossing are: Marsha Broseke & Michelle Henley, who are both available to help meet the needs of the residents in their neighborhood.



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Constable's Corner

Safety Tips for the Holiday Shopping Season

The holiday season is rapidly approaching and many of us will be out shopping for the holidays. Here are some safety tips to help you stay safe through the holidays.

When going out shopping:

- Go with family or friends.
- Lock your doors when getting into your car.
- Leave expensive jewelry at home.
- Keep your purse close to your body, no dangling straps or wear a waist belt.
- Don't park next to vans or trucks that don't have windows in the sides or rear.
- Lock your car and note your location.
- Always walk purposefully, keeping aware of your environment.
- Do not walk out of the stores until you:
 IRemember where your car is parked.
 2Have car keys or vehicle remote in your hand
- Put your packages in your trunk. Out of sight, out of mind.
- Get into your car and immediately lock the doors.
- Check your rear view mirrors occasionally to make sure no one is following you home.

Note: Criminals look for unsuspecting victims!

Example: the shopper carrying packages, fumbling for car keys in a dangling purse, trying to remember where the car is parked and talking on a cell phone not paying attention to their surroundings. BE AWARE, BE SAFE.

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ES CRIME STATS

September 2010

Burglary of Habitation	2
Burglary of a Habitation	0
Burglary of a Motor Vehicle (BMV)	2
Theft from a Habitation	0
Theft of Motor Vehicle	0
Theft Other	5
Robbery	0
Assault	1
Sexual Assault	0
Criminal Mischief	3
Disturbance Family	2
Disturbance Juvenile	2
Disturbance Other	9
Alarms	53
Suspicious Vehicles	13
Suspicious Persons	8
Runaway	0
Telephone Harassment	2
Other Calls	117

A full version of crime statistics for Eagle Springs and the surrounding area can be viewed by logging onto: www.insideeaglesprings.com and clicking on Groups; then Safety Advisory Committee.

NO PETS ALLOWED

Pets will no longer be allowed at community functions, with the exception of guide dogs or pets that are actual participants in the event. This is to ensure the safety of all residents in our community. Your cooperation is appreciated.

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From ESCA Board of Directors...

A Notice About Assessments

It's time to keep an eye on the mail for your HOA assessment statement. Assessments are billed annually and due on January 1st and become delinquent on January 31st. You will receive a statement in November 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. Assessments will not increase for 2011 but will remain the same as this year - \$825.

If you have any questions or do not receive a statement, please contact the management company, C.I.A. Services at (281) 852-1700.

A Message from the Board

ESCA Board of Directors would like for all residents to be aware that a new website: "eagle springs today" is not an official website of or endorsed by Eagle Springs Community Association. For accurate and legitimate online information about our community, please go to: www.insideeaglesprings.com, which is a secure intranet site for our residents.

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Eagle Springs 3rd Annual Neighborhood Night Out

Was a Huge Success!



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SPECIAL THANKS TO OUR SPONSORS & VOLUNTEERS

Without YOU this event would not have been possible!Action Signs * Ashton Woods Homes * Atascocita Kroger Store Atascocita Target Store * AVFD * Bourbon Street Boutique Humble-Atascocita-Eagle Springs C.E.R.T CMC Construction * Cub Scout Pack 926 & 912 David Weekley Homes * DJ-KJ Entertainment Memorial Hermann Life Flight * Newland Communities Harris County Office of Emergency Management P-4 Constables * Bike Patrols P-4 Constable K-9 Unit * Mounted Patrols Rebekah Snipp, Century 21 * Ridgewood Landscape Co. Sweetwater Pools, Inc.* Wal-mart StoresA very special THANK YOU to our Dunking Deputies... P-4 Officers Cearley & Cohen

Thanks to our Atascocita Volunteer Fire Dept. for the great job they do & all their help in coordinating with Life Flight for a special ES landing!

Our appreciation and thanks to our ES Bike Patrols & P-4 Constables for the Outstanding Job they do for us year-round!

ES Safety Advisory Committee would like to thank everyone who so generously volunteered their time to help with this event & to those who coordinated block parties for their streets.

We had over 46 streets registered to hold parties this year! What a great way to get to know your neighbors!

It's Neighbors like YOU that make Eagle Springs a great place to live!



















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Happy Thanksgiving Eagle Springs! WE SUPPORT OUR TROOPS

REMEMBER VETERANS DAY NOVEMBER 11, 2010

November brings cooler weather, baseball season has ended, football is in full swing and the holidays are approaching. It is a time for turkey dinner or ham and a time for family and all that family is about. Cherish your family this season and remember the families that cannot be together due to circumstance, especially those that are protecting our Country serving in the Armed Forces of the United States of America. These men and women deserve our respect, our prayers, and our applause. My newsletter this month offers a way that you can thank our brave soldiers and give them a piece of home while they are scattered across the globe. I am the mother of a 24 year old Iraq War Veteran who has returned and will be home with me through this holiday season. Eagle Springs residents, please join me in remembering those that will not be with sons, daughter's, mothers and fathers. Please remember those that lost a loved one as well. These families will need everyone's support. Our Brokerage had the Honor of helping one of our Special Forces Soldiers and his family procure a home in the Humble area. He moved his family back to Texas from North Carolina. Below is the letter we received from his parents and I wanted to share it with you. Pay it forward Eagle Springs.

BARBARA AND CENTURY 21 AGENTS,

Just wanted to give you and your co-workers at Century 21 Outstanding Homes a huge thank you for the "gift of thanks" to my son Casey and Roxanne. She told me that he was quite overwhelmed with emotion when the 0y entered their home for the first time and were welcomed by the huge yellow ribbon and flags hanging over the fireplace. I know the hand painted eagle key was extremely special to my patriotic warrior.

For the past ten (10) years my husband and I have traveled from IAH to Raleigh/Durham airport and have seen many single soldiers in and out of the airports. On many occasions we give a \$20 bill to them for their next meal or cab. These fine young gentlemen never want to take our money, but we insist by saying "we hope that someone will be doing the same for our son so far from home". This always brings up conversation about where they are stationed and what their next assignment will be for them. Your gift was a tremendous expression of love and showed how much you all think of our military families.

Casey left Humble with the dream of Infantry Airborne, Ranger tab and Special Forces. SF chose him to be a medic and for us we were always so very proud that he was the unique person to fill the duties always put before him. Worry was not an option for us because we knew he was a Christian and loved his job, and that always made his assignments bearable to both Kelly and myself. Your continued prayers to all of the servicemen and women will be appreciated. These young families sacrifice everyday when their loved one is away from home.

To all of the agents of Century 21 Outstanding Homes "Thank YOU all for your caring support and prayers". It warms this mom's heart to know the people from my community care so much for our young military families. Best Regards, Kelly and Anne

In closing, I'd like to personally wish each of you a Blessed Thanksgiving! Your Neighbor, Rebekah Snipp

> "It is foolish and wrong to mourn the men who died. Rather we should thank God that such men lived." - George S. Patton

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The Masked Menace



One of the beauties of living in a community like Eagle Springs is that we get to live in a community with lots of open green spaces and natural areas. However, one of the drawbacks of living among all this beauty is that we must share it with the other creatures and critters that call Eagle Springs their home too. In fact, they called it home long before we envisioned ourselves living here.

During the next few months, we are going to try to share a few facts about some of our "critter" neighbors. We hope that you find these facts as educational and interesting as we did.

RACCOON FACTS

Raccoons with their bandit's mask and ringed tail are one of North America's most charismatic and recognizable species and are found in almost every major habitat in the United States. The adult raccoon is about 3 feet from nose to tail and can ranges from about 5 - 40 pounds. They are as intelligent as a dog or cat and have far greater manual dexterity, as well as a highly developed sense of touch. Raccoons give birth to litters of about 3-5 cubs, once a year in the spring and early summer. The cubs are usually weaned at about 2 months, but remain with their mothers through their first winter.

The raccoon is more active at night and usually stay in dens or resting sites during the day. They will move around a lot, sometimes sleeping in the same den and other times sleeping in a different den each day. They don't make their own dens, but will use those abandoned by other animals, or areas like storm sewers, crawl spaces, old trees, and other areas that offer a secure place to sleep, including attics and chimneys.

They will raid garbage cans and dumpsters looking for food. One reason to keep your garbage in a bin with a tight lid! They also look for fruit and insects in gardens and other areas and will actually eat most anything. As you may have noticed this past summer, some of our local raccoons have learned how to collect a healthy meal of vacuumed up insects from the pool's filtering system. They can be quite ingenious creatures when it comes to food and will continue to come back to a reliable food source. This is one reason why we should never feed them.

While cute, raccoons can be dangerous. They can carry the rabies virus and will typically appear to be overly aggressive if they have contracted it, but not always. One myth is that if a raccoon is seen during the day it means that it is infected with rabies, this is not true; while raccoons are nocturnal animals it is not uncommon to see them out and about during the day. While raccoons are a primary carrier for the rabies virus, there has only been one human death ever documented as resulting from the raccoon strain of rabies.

It's always best to keep your distance from raccoons and most raccoons will naturally keep their distance from humans. A healthy raccoon will not usually attack humans or pets, but it's always best to keep a safe distance and to teach your children to do so as well.

In an effort to cull the number of raccoons in our community, ESCA will be implementing a test trapping program in the near future.

For more interesting facts about raccoons: www.hsus.org/web-files/PDF/raccoon-fact-sheet.pdf



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Neighborhood Voting Representative Elections

VOTE!

Monday, November 15th 6:30 p.m. at the Clubhouse

Homeowners may vote in person or by proxy.

In order to be counted, your vote must be received by C.I.A. Services, Inc. no later than Monday, November 15th.

Please see information in proxy for details.

Neighborhood Night Out Photo Contest Winner

The winner will be announced on the Eagle Springs Website (www.InsideEagleSprings.com) and in the next issue of The Talon. As of press time, the Safety Advisory Committee was still reviewing the over 800 photos received from this event! We will narrow it down to 5 and allow a neutral party to make the final decision on a winner! Great photos everyone!!

COMMUNITY NEWSLETTERS

Blackhorse Ranch **Bridgeland Coles Crossing** Copperfield Cypress Mill Cypress Point **Eagle Springs Enchanted Valley** Fairfield Fairwood Harvest Bend The Village Lakemont Lakes of Fairhaven Lakes of Rosehill Lakes of Savannah Lakes on Eldridge Lakes on Eldridge North Lakewood Grove

Legends Ranch

Oak Forest Riata Ranch Shadow Creek Ranch Silverlake Steeplechase Stone Gate Summerwood Village Creek Villages of NorthPointe Willowbridge Willowlake Willow Pointe Winchester Country Winchester Trails Windermere Lakes Woodedge Village Wortham Villages

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