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COMMUNITY CALENDAR

FEBRUARY 2011

- 2 - Groundhog Day!
- 4&5 - Humble Rodeo BBQ Cook-Off*
5:00 p.m. Friday / 10:00 a.m. Saturday
Humble Civic Center
- 11&12 - Humble Rodeo & Concert*
7:00 p.m. / Humble Civic Center
- 14 - Happy Valentine's Day!
- 15 - Pool Committee Meeting
7:00 p.m. – 8:30 p.m. / Clubhouse
- 17 - Sports Field Committee Meeting
& Field Draft - 7:00 p.m. / Clubhouse
- 19 - Scrapbooking Club
3:00 p.m. – 10:00 p.m. / Clubhouse
- 21 - President's Day! No School
- 24 - Safety Advisory Committee Meeting*
7:00 p.m. – 8:30 p.m. / Clubhouse

MARCH 2011

- 14-18 - Spring Break Week - No School
- 15 - Pool Committee Meeting
7:00 p.m. – 8:30 p.m. / Clubhouse
- 17 - St. Patrick's Day! Don't forget to wear green!
- 19 - Scrapbooking Club
3:00 p.m. – 10:00 p.m. / Clubhouse
- 24 - Safety Advisory Committee Meeting
7:00 p.m. – 8:30 p.m. / Clubhouse
- 25 - Relay for Life of Humble/Kingwood*
6:00 p.m. / Humble Civic Center

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ES CRIME STATS

December 2010

The December Crime Stats were unable at the time we went to press this month, however as soon as they become available they will be posted to the Eagle Springs website for viewing. We apologize for any inconvenience this may cause.

A full version of Crime Statistics for Eagle Springs can be viewed by logging onto: www.INSIDEEAGLESprings.com, and clicking on Groups; then Safety Advisory Committee.

There is a link to the latest Crime Stats or you may view previous month's Crime Stats under the Files menu.

No Pets Allowed at Community Events

Pets are no longer 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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Annual Spring Garage Sale

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Saturday, March 26th

Please watch for upcoming details from our Activities Coordinator at: www.INSIDEeagleSprings.com

Saturday, March 26th

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Home for a Hero Eagle Springs Welcomes Home Its Newest Residents!

While most of Houston was slowing down in the last days before Christmas, residents of Eagle Springs and many others in the Humble community worked extra hours to make sure it would be the holiday of a lifetime for a wounded war hero and his family.

With dozens of Eagle Springs residents cheering them on, Purple Heart recipient Eusebio Collazo, his wife Karla, and 1-year-old daughter Gabriella received the keys to a new four-bedroom, three-bathroom Lennar home, located on a corner homesite in Eagle Springs. The patriotic key presentation ceremony took place Dec. 21st.

Newland donated the Eagle Springs home site and Lennar provided the home. A host of other companies and individuals also pitched in to make this an unforgettable day for the Collazos. Spark Energy donated a year of free electricity, Rooms To Go provided four rooms of furniture, and GE gave a washer and dryer.



The Collazos' new home was made possible through the efforts of the Houston-based Helping a Hero program, which provides specially adapted homes for qualifying service members who have been injured in duty in the war on terror.

A retired Marine sergeant, Collazo survived serious injuries in a mortar attack in Iraq, during his second tour of duty in 2005.

He continues to undergo treatment at the Houston VA Hospital for ongoing leg pain, post-traumatic stress disorder and traumatic brain injury.

The morning's events were a blend of patriotism and holiday spirit, beginning with more than a mile of American flags leading visitors and news media to the home site.

After the Pledge of Alliance was recited, Helping a Hero chairman Meredith Iler sang a rousing version of the national anthem, with help

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Home for a Hero - (Continued from Page 4)

from young students from the Kids R Kids daycare center in Eagle Springs.

Next, Newland senior vice president Alan Bauer welcomed the Collazos on behalf of all Eagle Springs residents. "We thank you for your honor and your service to our country," Bauer said. "It is our fond hope that you will develop many long friendships here at Eagle Springs, and that you will enjoy the amenities and schools along with your beautiful new home."

Representatives of area congressmen Ted Poe and Gene Green each presented Collazo with a United States flag that had been flown over the Capitol.

Because Collazo is a huge football fan, Houston Texans owner Cal McNair was selected to present the symbolic key to the home, along with a football signed by Texans players.

Eagle Springs' residents were asked to contribute gift cards to help make the Collazo's first Christmas in the community even more special. Over \$1,000 in gift cards were collected in just a few days, and they were presented to the family by resident Steven Humphrey, who also served in the Navy.

After the key ceremony concluded, the Collazos invited their new neighbors in for a tour of their new home. Lunch was donated by Chick-Fil-A, and the Lake Houston Women's Council of Realtors chapter served refreshments.



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Safety Advisory Committee Updates

We would like to start by welcoming our new Patrol Supervisor, Sgt. Bloomfield, to Eagle Springs. Don't forget to check out his Constable's Corner column!

Update and Overview on new Patrol Contract

As many residents know, Eagle Springs no longer participates in the Atascocita Joint Security Contract as we have in the past. We now have our own Security Contract (aka Contract Deputy Patrol Program) which is a joint effort between ESCA, MUD 106, and MUD 290. Our new contract will provide us with five Deputy Patrol Officers plus a Patrol Supervisor. Sgt. Bloomfield will oversee our new contract; however we have not lost Sgt. Lekas entirely, he will oversee all the Atascocita area contracts. Many residents attended our January meeting to hear about the new contract and meet Sgt. Bloomfield. We look forward to working with him during the coming year.

Update on Babysitter Class

Regretfully, as this newsletter goes to print, we have not yet received any sponsorship and will be unable to offer the Babysitter Training Class in February without it. Should sponsorship become available, we will work to reschedule the class for a later date.

Crime Stoppers

Crime Stoppers of Houston has been invited to be our guest speaker at one of our upcoming meetings. We are currently waiting for confirmation on the details. Watch for an E-blast with more info on this!

For the most up-to-date information about the Safety Advisory Committee, please log-on to: www.INSIDEEAGLESprings.com and go to the Safety Advisory Committee's group page. We meet on the 4th Thursday of the month in the Clubhouse at 7:00 p.m. and a representative from the Constable's Office is typically in attendance to go over current crime trends and answer any resident's questions. For questions or more information please email us at: SAC@SafetyAdvisoryCommittee.com

Just a reminder...

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The last meeting for the 1st Annual Eagle Springs Cookbook will be held on January 20th at 6:30pm.

Please submit your recipes to ESCookbook@yahoo.com as soon as possible in order to be included!

All cookbook proceeds go to the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society, a charitable organization.

If you are unable to make the last meeting, have questions or wish to order a cookbook, please email

Michelle Marinelli at: capriz3@ymail.com

Last Chance! Cookbooks are \$10.00 each; cookbook orders will be placed in February!

Here's a Sneak Peek at one of the yummy recipes included in the cookbook... Enjoy!



Almond Joy Cake

--Submitted by Nancy Rogers

- Chocolate cake mix
- 1 c. evaporated milk
- 1/2c small marshmallows
- 1 c sugar
- 1 stick oleo
- 1 c chopped almonds
- Instant chocolate pudding mix (small)
- 1/2c sugar
- 14oz coconut
- 1/2 c milk
- 12 oz milk chocolate chips



Mix chocolate cake mix according to directions with one small box instant chocolate pudding mix. Bake in a 13 x 9 inch pan per package instructions.

Mix evaporated milk and sugar in a saucepan. Bring to a full boil. Remove from heat. Add marshmallows and coconut. Spread over hot cake.

Mix sugar, milk, and oleo. Bring to full boil. Add chocolate chips and almonds. Spread on coconut mixture.

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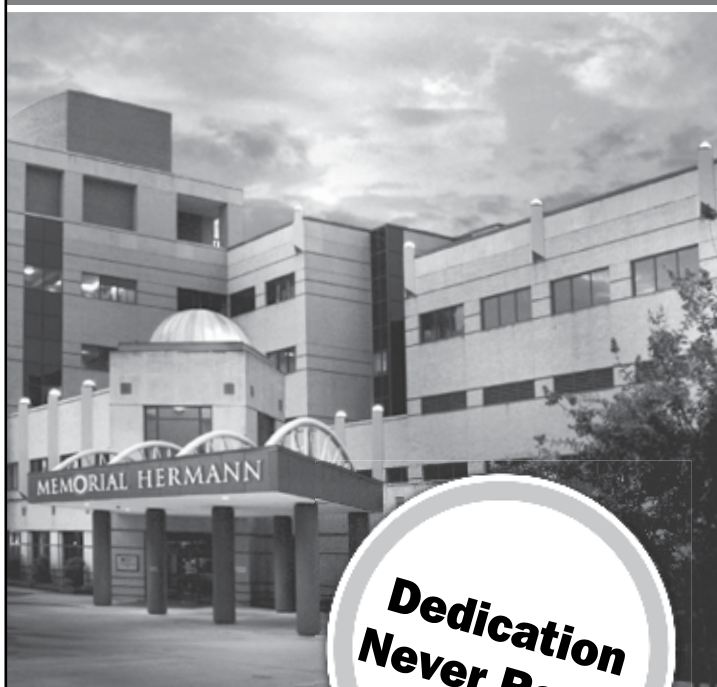


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Humble BBQ Cook-Off & Rodeo

You won't want to miss these events!

Both are going to be bigger and better than ever – and all proceeds benefit the students of the Humble Independent School District. So come on out for a good cause, bring the family and enjoy yourself!

The traditional rodeo parade in January kicked off this year's event, with the return of the pancake breakfast following on February 4th. And if pancakes aren't enough, more fantastic food will be available at the BBQ Cook-Off. It's a week of fun and entertainment that includes a livestock show, rodeo, country-western entertainment and a kids' zone designed just for children.

The Humble Rodeo, celebrating 63 years of professional rodeo and entertainment for the entire family, is acclaimed for being the highlight of the professional rodeo circuit. The Humble Rodeo features all seven rodeo events sanctioned by the Professional Rodeo Cowboys Association (PRCA). Rodeo performances are held Friday and Saturday starting at 7 p.m., followed by a concert at 9 p.m. each night and are sure to be a great experience for all. Gates open to the public at 5:30 p.m.

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| • PanKakes for Kids Breakfast | Fri – Feb. 4th – 7 to 10 a.m. |
| • BBQ Cook-Off | Fri – Feb. 4th – 5 p.m. |
| • BBQ Cook-Off | Sat – Feb. 5th – 10 a.m. |
| • Rodeo Performances | Fri & Sat – Feb. 11 & 12 – 7 p.m. |
| • Easton Corbin Concert | Fri – Feb. 11th – 9 p.m. |
| • Kevin Fowler Concert | Sat – 12th – 9 p.m. |

All events take place at the Humble Civic Center Arena located at: 8233 Will Clayton Parkway, Humble, Texas

For more info or tickets: www.humblerodeo.com

Relay For Life

The American Cancer Society's Relay for Life is a life-changing event that gives everyone in communities across the globe a chance to celebrate the lives of people who have battled cancer, remember loved ones lost, and fight back against the disease. At Relay for Life, teams of people camp out at a local high school, park, or fairground and take turns walking or running around a track or path. Each team is asked to have a representative on the track at all times during the event. Because cancer never sleeps, relays are overnight events of up to 24 hours in length.

Relay for Life began in 1985 when Dr. Gordy Klatt, a colorectal surgeon in Tacoma, Washington, ran and walked around a track for 24 hours to raise money for the American Cancer Society. Since then, Relay for Life has grown from a single man's passion to fight cancer into the world's largest movement to end the disease. Each year, more than 3.5 million people in 5,000 communities in the United States, along with additional communities in 19 other countries, gather to take part in this global phenomenon and raise much-needed funds and awareness to save lives from cancer.

Anyone can participate in Relay for Life. Friends, families, neighbors, classmates, sports teams, etc. Form your own team or join an existing team. No matter who you are, there's a place for you! The only requirement to participate in Relay for Life is a \$10 registration/commitment fee per person, due upon registration.

Event Details for 2011 Relay for Life of Humble/Kingwood

Date: March 25, 2011 6:00 PM

Place: Humble Civic Center

Coordinator: Kathleen Hughes

Coordinator Email: hughes.kathleen@yahoo.com

More information about Relay for Life is available at: www.acsevents.org

UPCOMING EVENTS

Get ready for some fun!

Spring Garage Sale	March 26th
Egg-Stravaganza	April 9th
4th of July Celebration	July 4th
Neighborhood Night Out	October 1st
Fall Festival	October 8th
Winter Fest	December 3rd
Casino Night	TBD*
Fall Garage Sale	TBD*

*All events and dates are subject to change. For the most up-to-date info, please log-on to:
www.INSIDEeagleSprings.com*

**event dates pending board approval*

Marketing Your Business

The Talon is the official newsletter for the residents of Eagle Springs with a current circulation of nearly 3000. The Talon is a monthly publication delivered to each home in Eagle Springs and is also available at the Eagle Springs Visitor's Center to prospective new home buyers. We are able to offer this publication at no cost to homeowners because it is 100% funded by the local businesses that advertise with us.

Residents read our newsletter because it contains Community News, information about our many Community Events, as well as Important Homeowner Information from our ESCA (HOA) Board, Management Company, and ESCA Committees. This means that our residents actually see the ads. They don't arrive in a junk mail envelope or other type of mailer that is tossed into the trash before being opened.

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Constable's Corner

For those of you who I have yet to meet, my name is Sgt. Charles "Chuck" Bloomfield with the Harris County Constables Office Pct 4 and I am the Supervisor assigned to the Eagle Springs Community. The Deputies and I look forward to assisting you in maintaining the continued safety and security of the Eagle Springs Community. I encourage you as citizens to assist your local law enforcement by contacting the Harris County Constable Office Pct 4 Dispatch line at (281) 376-3472 to report any illicit or questionable activity within the Eagle Springs Community.



This month I have included an excerpt from the U.S. FBI national web site addressing concerns of Child Internet Predators.

Following is a list of potential clues and behaviors that may indicate that your child may be at risk online:

- Your child spends large amounts of time on-line, especially at night.
- You find pornography on your child's computer.
- Your child receives phone calls from men you don't know or is making calls, sometimes long distance, to numbers you don't recognize.
- Your child receives mail, gifts, or packages from someone you don't know.
- Your child turns the computer monitor off or quickly changes the screen on the monitor when you come into the room.
- Your child becomes withdrawn from the family.
- Your child is using an on-line account belonging to someone else.

What should you do if you suspect your child is communicating with a sexual predator online?

- Consider talking openly with your child about your suspicions. Tell them about the dangers of computer-sex offenders.
- Review what is on your child's computer. If you don't know how, ask a friend, coworker, relative, or other knowledgeable person. Pornography or any kind of sexual communication can be a warning sign.
- Use the Caller ID service to determine who is calling your child. Most telephone companies that offer Caller ID also offer a service that allows you to block your number from

appearing on someone else's Caller ID. Telephone companies also offer an additional service feature that rejects incoming calls that you block. This rejection feature prevents computer-sex offenders or anyone else from calling your home anonymously.

- Devices can be purchased that show telephone numbers that have been dialed from your home phone. Additionally, the last number called from your home phone can be retrieved provided that the telephone is equipped with a redial feature. You will also need a telephone pager to complete this retrieval.

- This is done using a numeric-display pager and another phone that is on the same line as the first phone with the redial feature. Using the two phones and the pager, a call is placed from the second phone to the pager. When the paging terminal beeps for you to enter a telephone number, you press the redial button on the first (or suspect) phone. The last number called from that phone will then be displayed on the pager.
- Monitor your child's access to all types of live electronic communications (i.e., chat rooms, instant messages, Internet Relay Chat, etc.), and monitor your child's e-mail. Computer-sex offenders almost always meet potential victims via chat rooms. After meeting a child on-line, they will continue to communicate electronically often via e-mail.

Should any of the following situations arise in your household, via the Internet or on-line service, you should immediately contact your local law enforcement agency.

- 1) Your child or anyone in the household has received child pornography;
- 2) Your child has been sexually solicited by someone who knows that your child is under 18 years of age;
- 3) Your child has received sexually explicit images from someone that knows your child is under the age of 18.

If one of these scenarios occurs, keep the computer turned off in order to preserve any evidence for future law enforcement use. Unless directed to do so by the law enforcement agency, you should not attempt to copy any of the images and/or text found on the computer.



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Buyer traffic has picked up as we head into the spring for those that are thinking about listing their homes. 2011 has started off with a bang with a flurry of activity in the North-east Houston housing market. Nationally, the news is all about how bad the housing market is, however locally the story is different! Buyers in the market are ready to buy and sellers are ready to sell. One thing that is constant is that people need a place to live. Even though foreclosures and short sales have affected housing prices, buyers are still buying. For Seller's housing prices may have fallen if you sell your home, but if you are buying into the same market, you are buying at a lower price as well. Our brokerage, Century 21 Outstanding Homes has seen a growth in sales the past 2 years and we look for that to continue.

There are currently good deals in the resale market as new homes prices have risen while existing homes prices have slipped a bit. This has energized the buyer's in the market and has them buying homes. When marketing and showcasing your home it is very important to have it stand out in this marketplace. As I have said many times in previous letters, first impressions such as curb appeal & staging matter greatly. For sellers, take a look at how your home looks from the street and take a look at the condition of your front door and lock set. Are they in good condition? Is the Buyer's first impression that of a well dressed home with an inviting entry? The first impression may sell your home. Does the Buyer smell a fresh home when they enter, can the buyer see themselves buying your home? What are the strong points of your home? What are the weak points of your home? The Buyer will see these as well. Accentuate the strong points and draw attention away from the weak points. Marketing your home attempts to do the same thing, bringing out and drawing attention to the homes strengths. When you elect to provide me with the opportunity to be your Listing Agent, you will receive a comprehensive marketing plan for your home. Ethics, integrity, proven marketing plan and experience that I bring to the table gets homes **SOLD**. Following are several services I provide when you select me to represent you in a very important transaction.

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