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Happenings

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SUMMERTIME WATER SAFETY TIPS

Submitted by Robert Seagraves, President

With so many planning to be in, on, or near the water, it is important to follow the basics of water safety, maintain constant supervision of children and to get training.

Read and obey all rules and posted signs. Always obey any lifeguard's instructions.

Pay attention to local weather conditions. Stop swimming at first indication of bad weather.

Watch out for the dangerous "too's" - too tired, too cold, too much sun, too much strenuous activity.

Enter the water feet-first, unless the area is clearly marked for diving.

Walk in the pool area, do not run.

BEACH SAFETY

- Protect your skin – limit the amount of direct sunlight received from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.
- Wear a sunscreen with a sun protection factor of at least 15.
- Drink plenty of water.
- Wear eye protection. Sunglasses are like sunscreen for your eyes.

HOME POOLS

- Learn to swim.
- Install a phone by the pool or keep a cordless phone nearby in case of an emergency.
- Learn Red Cross CPR.
- Always keep basic lifesaving equipment by the pool. Pole, rope, and flotation devices.
- Watch children around any water environment.
- Take a CPR course.
- Swim with a buddy.
- Keep chemicals stored safely and away from children.

BOATING AND JET SKIS

- Know local and state laws and regulations.
- Use caution around swimmers.
- Obey no-wake and speed zones.
- Wear a Coast Guard-approved life jacket.
- Let someone know where you are going and how long you will be.

Drowning is the second most common cause of death from injuries among children less than 14 years old.



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NEIGHBORHOOD AMENITY IMPROVEMENTS

By Robert Segraves, President

Amenity improvements during the last month included:

- Finishing the shrubbery replacements at both pools and entrances.
- Issued bids to power wash all entrance signs.
- Issued bids to replace the decking at the Pinehurst Pool.
- Inventoried pool furniture and equipment to determine amount necessary based on pool usage.
- Repaired breaks in irrigation system at various locations.
- Installed "Patrolled by Constable" signs at various entrance locations.

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Security Updates

By Jimmy Wells, VP

Hello neighbors, the following is the security report from the Precinct 4 Constables office for March. There were 228 tickets for all of the Atascocita area, so it looks as if they are staying busy. In the ACIA neighborhood there was one burglary and one theft of a habitation as well as two burglaries of motor vehicles where items were taken. There were 19 alarms, 10 suspicious vehicles, and 14 suspicious persons being reported. There were three juvenile disturbances and one runaway which is still under investigation.

The Constables will continue to monitor stop signs and write tickets for traffic violations in the areas they patrol. The signs have been posted at all major entrances in the ACIA "Patrolled by Harris County Constable Precinct 4". Sergeant Lekas will also keep the ACIA and other neighborhoods in the Atascocita area aware of anything so it can get posted on the website and facebook with an email blast that

can be sent to those that are on the email list.

As always some reminders:

Never leave your keys in the ignition with the vehicle running even if you are only going to run into your home or a place of business for a minute or two as a thief may be watching and will steal your vehicle or contents in the vehicle.

Keep trees and shrubbery trimmed as these are ideal spots for burglars to hide. Doors and windows should be kept visible as well.

A home inventory list should be kept and stored in a safe place in case of a burglary so a list of stolen items can be provided to the insurance company. Pictures and videos are even a better source with modern technology.

Pay attention to your surroundings when arriving at home. If you feel as if you are being followed, do not go home but go to a neighbor's house or a place business and call the police.

Be safe, and watch for the children on the streets.

Atascocita Yard Of The Month COMING SOON

By Robert Seagraves, President

In conjunction with the Atascocita Garden Club and the ACIA Board, a YARD OF THE MONTH program is announced. Each month until September one yard nominated will be picked from submissions sent in by members of ACIA. Any member of ACIA can submit a nomination, so as you notice that perfect yard, snap a picture or send the address to the ACIA Secretary at e-mail address l.lammers@yahoo.com

The Garden Club meets on the 2nd Tuesday of the month at 9:30 AM from September through May in the meeting room at Rosemont Assisted Living. Everyone is welcome to attend.

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Pool ID Distribution Process

Pool IDs are annually renewing, available only to Atascocita C.I.A. residents who wish to use the community pools. The pool ID fee is separate from your annual assessment.

During most hours when the pool is closed to the public, the pool may be rented by members of the Association for private parties (advance payment for lifeguards and deposit is required.) For details in this regard, please call DS Recreational Management at (281) 443-4665.

The two swimming pools operated by the Atascocita C.I.A. are located at 20700 Atascocita Shores Drive (the Pinehurst pool), and 8810 Pine Shores Drive (the Shores pool).

For the 2012 swim season, both pools will be open for the swim season June 2 through August 19. The Pinehurst pool will be closed for maintenance on Wednesdays; the Shores pool will be closed for maintenance on Tuesdays. In addition to the swim season, the Shores pool will be open weekends in May (including the Memorial Day weekend), and the Pinehurst pool will be open August 25-26 and September 1-3 (Labor Day weekend).

Beginning May 1, access to the Association's tennis courts requires a copy protected key. It is the intention of the Board of Trustees to change the locks to the tennis courts in May on an annual basis in the future. The Board has set the annual subscription cost at \$35.00 per key.

Lake Houston Ladies Club

By Laura Pavlat, Publicity Director

Lake Houston Ladies Club is a social organization that meets from September to May on the third Tuesday of the month at the Walden Country Club, 18100 Walden Forest Drive, in Humble TX.

The club welcomes new members from all surrounding areas to join and offers several avenues for individual interest which include: Antique Lovers, Book Review, Bridge, Bunco, Lunch and Look, Movie Group, Readers Choice and Supper Club.

There are periodic events planned during the year that include spouses. The club is an excellent way to meet new people and make new friends.

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Did you know that drowning is still the #1 cause of accidental death for children under 5 and the #2 cause for children ages 1-14?

Join us as we celebrate May as National Water Safety month. Please keep your family safe around water and have the **Best May Ever!**



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Lost and Found Pets

Submitted by Laura Lammers, Secretary

This is a free website: www.AtascocitaPets.org. Here, area residents can post free lost and found pet ads. The goal is to provide a dedicated, centralized location for the community to communicate about missing pets. Tell your friends and neighbors in Atascocita about this service. This is NOT a business – and is not for profit. You will not be added to any mailing or spamming list. This site is hosted by genuinely concerned area residents trying to do their part to help with an important cause. Visit us today at AtascocitaPets.org, like us on Facebook, or tell a friend.

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SUGAR LAND SKEETERS BASEBALL

PRECINCT 4 - FUN 4 SENIORS

Submitted by Robert Segraves, President

Precinct 4 is sponsoring a trip to the baseball game, Friday May 11 and Friday May 25. Tickets can be purchased; a maximum of four tickets per person over 50 years of age. Included in the ticket price will be transportation, a two-hour buffet with great food, and tickets to the game in the new state-of-the-art ballpark. All this for a ticket price of \$17.00 each. Call 281-893-3726 for further information or to confirm tickets.



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Tips from the Community Association Institute

Submitted by Mary Smith

H. Jackson Brown, Jr., wrote Life's Little Instruction Book to provide his son with wisdom he could refer to as he lived his life. In that same spirit, community association leaders through the years have shared their advice and pearls of wisdom for better community association life.

Here are a few tips from the Community Association Institute to guide all of us to ensure that our community association experience enhances our life.

1. Review the covenants, conditions and restrictions again after you move in.
2. Pay your assessments on time. It helps the association keep expenses down.
3. Attend the annual meeting. Find out what's going on.
4. Read the community magazine
5. Follow the rules.
6. Serve on a committee. Serve because you care about your neighborhood, not because you have a hidden agenda.
7. Help organize a community event--a food drive, holiday gift drive, or social event. Help Others.
8. Vote when the opportunity arises.
9. Remember that you are a member of the community association. What is good for the association is good for you. BE A GOOD NEIGHBOR!
10. Curb your dog. Keep him/her from disturbing the neighbors.
11. Keep noises, i.e. televisions, music, lawn equipment, at a reasonable volume during reasonable times.
12. Park in your garage and keep the door closed. Park excess vehicles only on the driveway. Don't park in the street
13. Take care of your property.....no junk cars, paint when needed, junk out of yard and well manicured.
14. Walk softly.
15. Share a smile and a wave with a neighbor.
16. Offer to lend a hand.
17. Welcome new neighbors to the community.
18. Timely pick up (or ask your neighbors to do it for you if you are away) your trash containers and store them away from your neighbor's and public view.
19. Practice the Golden Rule. Do unto others as I would have them do unto me.
20. Have a good life.



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