

# ATASCOCITA *Forest*

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## Crime *in the* Community

We (AFHOA) have received numerous questions and comments recently from home owners concerning the rising crime rate in the Forest. Nothing could be further from the truth.

Our crime rate continues to be among the lowest in the Atascocita, Humble and Kingwood area. Do we have crime in the Forest? Sure we do and always will. We live in the suburbs of the 4th largest city in the country, so there will always be crime but it remains low.

Our security patrol is made up of off duty Harris County Deputies and Houston Police Officers. They are in the neighborhood 56 hours a week and maintain high visibility. Their schedule varies from day to day depending on what the crime stats indicate. This security program is the best of its kind and provides much more coverage than the Constables ever did or could.

These officers work for us, Atascocita Forest, and we do not share them with any other neighborhood. They remain in our neighborhood during their entire shift. This is not the case with the Constables as they patrol however many neighborhoods are a part of their contract.

We encourage all our citizens to contact us directly through the Atascocita Forest web site. If you have questions or information regarding security matters, send us an e-mail. This is a confidential site and no one observes the e-mail other than one board member and our security coordinator. We will respond to your e-mail. So don't listen to rumor or innuendo in regards to crime in the Forest. Our neighborhood is still an excellent low crime neighborhood in which to live and raise a family.

### *Help Keep Your Neighborhood Safe!*

Report crimes and suspicious activity.

## WHAT'S NEW



Residents of Atascocita Forest, we have a new look at our Community Recreation Center as you enter the subdivision.

Two new flag poles have been installed that display the American flag on one and the Texas/new Atascocita Forest flag on the other pole.

We hope you all feel this brings a great addition to our community.

Please send any comments or suggestions that you have about this to the website [atascocitaforest.org](http://atascocitaforest.org).

*Sincerely,  
AFHOA Board*



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Visit them today at [atascocitapets.org](http://atascocitapets.org) or on Facebook.



## *Keeping It* **GREEN AND CLEAN**

Please Recycle by using your approved blue container or your own receptacle with the provided decal from the Waste Management company.

Recycle pick up is every Thursday!

Let's keep our neighborhood looking great by placing your containers out the night before pickup and by bringing them in the same day after pickup.

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Remember you must have your pool pass. Passes can be purchased at the CAM office in Humble.

HOA dues must be up to date to obtain a pool pass.

### SCHEDULE

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# A FOCUS ON Eye Health and Safety FOR YOUR FAMILY

By: *Concentra Urgent Care*

## ADULT EYE HEALTH

Maintaining a healthy lifestyle is an important part of preserving good eye health. Keys to healthy vision include:

- Avoiding smoking
- Eating a balanced diet, rich in dark green vegetables and foods that contain zinc, vitamins C and E, and beta-carotene
- Staying active
- Controlling your blood pressure
- Protecting your eyes from the sun by wearing eyewear that absorbs UV rays and brimmed hats or caps
- Staying current with periodic eye exams as recommended by your doctor if you have diabetes or other chronic conditions that can affect your vision

## SIGNS OF PROBLEMS

See your doctor if you experience any of the following:

- Unusual trouble adjusting to the dark
- Difficulty focusing on objects
- Squinting due light sensitivity
- Change in color of iris (colored part of your eye)
- Red, crusty, or swollen eyelids
- Recurring pain around eyes
- Double vision
- Dark spots or floaters in vision
- Distorted or wavy lines/edges
- Watery eyes
- Itchy or burning dry eyes
- Seeing spots or ghost-like images

## CHILD EYE HEALTH

Newborns should be checked for inherited eye problems at the time of delivery. Between six and twelve months, infants' eyes should be checked again by a health care professional. At three to four years old, children should start getting their eyes checked at regular intervals.

## EYE INJURIES

The most common causes of eye injuries in children are: misuse of toys, everyday objects, and tools (forks and knives, pens and pencils, garden tools), falls, contact with harmful household products (detergents, cleaning supplies, paint, glue), and car accidents. The best ways to avoid these types of injuries are to properly baby proof your home, read all warnings and instructions on toys, and be sure your children are properly secured in infant carriers and car seats.

Seek immediate medical attention if your child:

- has obvious pain or trouble seeing
- has a cut or torn eyelid
- does not move one eye as well as the other
- has one eye that sticks out compared to the other
- has an unusual pupil size or shape
- has blood in the clear part of the eye
- has something in the eye that cannot be easily removed

*For more information on taking care of your family's sight, visit Prevent Blindness America at [www.preventblindness.org](http://www.preventblindness.org) or The National Eye Institute at <http://www.nei.nih.gov>.*

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