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Tennis Anyone?

Today's game of tennis originated in the late 19th century in Birmingham England and was known as lawn tennis. The rules have not changed significantly since the 1890's.

Tennis is enjoyed by millions of recreational players and is also a hugely popular worldwide spectator sport, especially the four Grand Slam tournaments, also referred to as the "Majors": the Australian Open played on hard courts, the French Open played on red clay courts, Wimbledon played on grass courts, and the US Open played also on hard courts.

We have two great hard courts here in Chelsea Harbour. Would you like to play more tennis? Would you like to know your tennis-playing neighbors? Mr. Thurman would like to get together with neighbors to play tennis.

Watch the marquee for news about the new Neighborhood Tennis Group.



Our neighborhood is unique. Most lake neighborhoods only allow home owners to look at the lakes or interact with the water in public areas. We are fortunate to have backyard access to our lakes. We all enjoy the lakes in a variety of ways. We have neighbors who canoe, kayak, paddle board, feed the fish, meditate, and drives their boats around the lake. It is relaxing to sit out back and look at the water. The wildlife is interesting and the breeze created in our backyard microclimate makes summer more enjoyable. Along with this opportunity to enjoy the water comes a responsibility to protect the lakes. The best plan is to keep everything out of the lakes. Watch for trash blowing from your yard along with coolers, plastic toys, balls, buckets, etc. . .

The Lake Management Company comes every Thursday and clean trash out of our lakes. The number one enemy of the fountains is plastic bags. If you see a plastic bag or other floating plastic items in the lake please remove it if you can do so safely. Keeping one plastic bag from being stuck in a fountain may save thousands of dollars. Our fountains are between seven and nine years old. They are nearing the end of their useful lives and the Board has a replacement plan ready when one fails.

Thanks for keeping the lakes safe and clean by watching the chemicals that you use around your yard and dock. Remember, our lakes are our most important amenity. The lakes make this community unique and desirable. With all of us working together our property values will continue to increase as our area develops. Get outside and enjoy your lake!

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If you would like us to print birthday wishes or congratulations to someone at your house or one of your neighbors just let us know.

E-mail your information to Gloria Smith secretary@chelseaharbourhoa.com Gloria needs your information by the 5th of the month to get it in the following month's newsletter.

Does someone you know have a birthday in July? E-mail Gloria by June 5 and the announcement will be in the July newsletter.

We can't print advertisements but send us any news you would like to share with your neighbors.

Two Tips For Being A Great Neighbor

Tip #1: Pick up those newspapers in your driveway. We know you didn't ask for the delivery but you got it anyway. Please pick up the papers that are thrown at your house. They turn into mush after they get driven over and watered for days and then they wash into our lakes when a big rain comes. Please don't walk or drive over another paper! Bending down and picking up the paper is great exercise and then you can put the paper in your new recycling bin.

Tip #2: Drive slowly and friendly. The people who are driving in the neighborhood are your neighbors. We should be extra cautious on our narrow streets. We would all feel terrible if two neighbors had an accident! Our neighborhood is full of pedestrian walkers and bike riders. Driving slowly lets you look out for them. Obey all the stop signs in the neighborhood. When you drive safely your travel time doesn't change much, you arrive in one piece at your destination and you follow the law. Next time you feel like you are in a hurry and want to drive fast just think about how long it could take you if have an accident.

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YARD OF THE MONTH

Congratulations to the homeowners at 14238 Ingham on winning the Chelsea Harbour Yard of the Month for June 2012. Isn't this yard a beauty? It is elegant and architectural with the perfectly shaped trees and pots mixed into the planting beds. The contrast between the light stone around the beds and dark mulch in the beds is pleasing to the eye and the large bed with the stone sculptures welcomes you to the home.

This home is located in the cul-de-sac so not many people get to see it on a daily basis. How lucky their immediate neighbors and their dear sweet puppy are to see this yard every day! You should take a drive, a walk or a bike ride down to the end of Ingham and check out all the interesting features in June's yard of the month. Thank you very much to the homeowners for creating such beauty in our neighborhood.

Well cared for yards signal that your home is also well cared for. This is just one more way we can support each other as neighbors. Please take the time this month to give your flower beds a thick layer of mulch. That will hold the moisture in while keeping the weeds out. A good mulching now will help you and your plants all summer. Now is also the time to trim your trees. Palm tree need trimming too! The old leaves break down and harden and become attractive places for wasps to build large nests. Always use care when trimming your trees – or better yet have a professional do this important piece of maintenance in your yard.

Thanks again to our neighbors with the green thumbs and the great yard.



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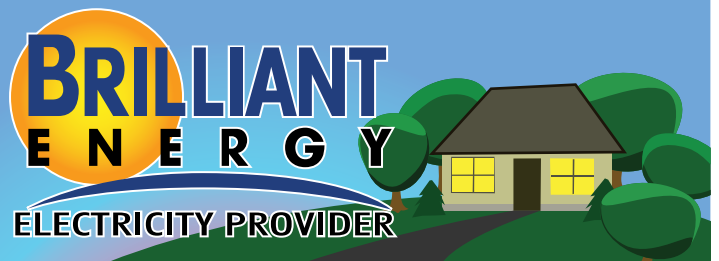


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2012 Open Regattas at Seabrook Sailing Club

The Seabrook Sailing Club is hosting two major regattas this summer on Galveston Bay, open to all interested sailors. Whether it's challenging one design racing or family fun, Seabrook Sailing Club's summer regatta schedule has it all. We are looking forward to having local and out-of-town sailors join us for competition and fun on the bay.

Summer Solstice Regatta: Seabrook Sailing Club's annual Summer Solstice Regatta will be held on June 23 and 24, 2012. This year we will be kicking off the regatta on Friday night with fireworks and a keg! We encourage everybody to leave work early and bring a picnic. This regatta is open to all small sailboats and beginner racers are welcome. Lasers, 470's, Sunfish, windsurfers, Vanguard 15's, and catamarans are regular classes at this fun event. This regatta is on the Texas Laser District 15 Circuit schedule, drawing Lasers from around the state. There will be one design starts for all classes with at least three boats. A Portsmouth handicap fleet will be formed for boats that do not make up a one design fleet. Official Notice of Race and Sailing Instructions will be posted on the SSC website nearer the time of the event.

Endless Summer Regatta: Each year, youth sailors from all over Texas and surrounding states participate in the Endless Summer Regatta at the Seabrook Sailing Club. The Endless Summer Regatta is the best attended event on the Texas Youth Circuit after Texas Race Week, with approximately



Optimists on the downwind run at the Endless Summer Regatta

200 sailors, coaches, parents, and organizers coming to Seabrook and Galveston Bay. The youth sailors participate in 6 different fleets; the beginner sailors in the Optimist Green fleet, the experienced Optimist sailors in the Red/White/Blue fleet, Laser 4.7, and Laser Radial. Parents enjoy the view of the sailing course and Kemah from the clubhouse deck, while their kids put their skills to the test. Sailing is a great sport for kids that fosters self-confidence, independence, and responsibility. As skippers, they are in control of their own destiny; they make their own decisions, which have a direct result on their finish position, well-being, and boat

condition. But most importantly, it's fun! The 2012 regatta will take place September 22-23, 2012. Official Notice of Race and Sailing Instructions will be posted on the SSC website nearer the time of the event.

The Seabrook Sailing Club has been providing safe, organized, and challenging sailing for local sailors and guests since 1934. If you've been thinking about learning to sail, getting back on the water, or competing in our organized club races, check out what the Seabrook Sailing Club has to offer. For more information about SSC, contact James McTurk at SSCmembership@yahoo.com, or visit www.seabrooksailingclub.org.

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Warning Danger Ahead!

Please pay close attention to the new intersection at our main entrance. There have been several accidents at our entrance since FM 1464 opened last month.

When you are turning right out of the main entrance you have to look for cars not only coming from the left but also cars that are U-turning on FM 1464.

The way the medians are structured cars wanting to go to the gas station have to U-turn to get there. So please be very careful and always look both ways when exiting the community no matter which way you are going.

Remember even though you may be very accustomed to the intersection but people unfamiliar with the area may get confused. Always go the speed limit, obey all traffic signs and drive friendly!



The Chelsea Harbour Pool Schedule

The pool will be open from Saturday May 26 – Monday September 3.

The pool is closed on Mondays.

The hours are 10 am – 8 pm with the exception of Wednesdays when the hours are 9 am – 7 pm.

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