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# COMMUNITY CALENDAR JULY 2012

4	4th of July Holiday Event! 9am – 12pm / Parade
12	<b>HOA Board Meeting</b> 4pm – 6pm / ES Clubhouse
13	Scrapbooking Club Meets 12pm – 6pm / ES Clubhouse
16	Sports Field Committee Meets 7pm – 8:30pm / ES Clubhouse
17	Pool Committee Meets 8:00pm – 9:30pm / ES Clubhouse
18	Twin Villas HOA Meets 6:30pm – 8:30pm / ES Clubhouse
23	Landscape Committee Meets 7pm – 8:30pm / ES Clubhouse

#### **On-Site Management Office Hours**

Monday & Wednesday	1pm – 6pm		
Saturday	9am – 1pm		
For the most up-to-date i Community Calendar at: www	5 1		
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# 4th of July Parade & Pool Party

July 4th | 9am – 12pm Details on Page 12



## COMMUNITY CONTACT INFORMATION

#### EAGLE SPRINGS COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION

#### **EAGLE SPRINGS COMMITTEES**

Landscape ... Landscape.Committee@InsideEagleSprings.com Pool......Pool.Committee@InsideEagleSprings.com Safety Advisory... Safety.Committee@InsideEagleSprings.com (Neighborhood Watch)

Sports Fields ...... Sports Field Committee@gmail.com

#### **EMERGENCY INFORMATION**

Fire, Medical or Life Threatening Emer	gency 9-1-1
P-4 Constable Dispatch	
Humble ISD Police (Schools)	
Atascocita Volunteer Fire Dept (AVFD)	
Non-Emergency Number	
Harris County Animal Control	
Texas Poison Control Center	

#### UTILITIES

Electric, (multiple providers)www.p	owertochoose.org
Power Outages	713-207-7777
Street Light Outages	713-207-2222
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Gas Leaks	713-659-2111
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Recycling, Residential Recycling of Texas	866-516-9805
Humble Post Office	281-540-1775

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Atascocita Springs Elementary	
Timberwood Middle School	
Atascocita High School	

#### **NEWSLETTER PUBLISHER**

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#### **CRIME STATISTICS - MAY 2012**

Burglary of a Habitation 1
Burglary of a Motor Vehicle (BMV) 10
Theft from a Habitation0
Theft of Motor Vehicle0
Theft Other
Robbery0
Assault
Sexual Assault 0
Criminal Mischief
Disturbance Family2
Disturbance Juvenile
Disturbance Other
Alarms
Suspicious Vehicles 17
Suspicious Persons7
Runaways
Telephone Harassment0
Other Calls

A detailed Security Report for Eagle Springs can be viewed at: www.InsideEagleSprings.com, under the Neighborhood Watch tab.

## **REMINDER! - NO PETS**

Pets are not allowed at Community Events, on the Baseball Fields, or inside the Tennis Courts, with the exception of guide dogs or pets that are actual participants of an event. This policy is to ensure the safety and enjoyment of all residents in our community.

As a courtesy to your neighbors and fellow residents, please remember to LEASH & PICK UP after your pet!

Should you see a dog without a leash or owner attached, please call Animal Control at: 281-999-3191

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Based on trends over the first 6 months of 2012, the local market continues to be buzzing with activity! Price continues to be a key factor when reviewing the trends for the time it takes to get a home under contract and sold. When homes are priced in line with what the market is bearing, homes are selling quickly and at approximately 98% of list price. We continue to see multiple offer situations. As the buyer activity continues to remain strong, it appears the local resale inventory is decreasing. Reduction in seller contribution towards buyer closing costs is another trend that appears to be shifting in the local market. Over the last 3 years, depending on the price point, sellers were paying between 2-4% and at times up to 6% of the sales price when FHA financing was involved. Over the last six months, the trend shows seller contribution towards buyer closing cost is between 0-2.5% of the sales price, depending on the price point of the home. In the past, buyers have had the luxury of taking time to consider making an offer as homes remained on the market for an extended period of time. Buyers are finding out that waiting to make an offer could cost them the opportunity to acquire their dream home, as it is already sold when they get ready to make an offer. Regardless if you purchase a new construction or resale home, buyer representation is FREE to the buyer. Having a licensed Realtor assist you with your purchase provides many benefits, some of which are listed below.

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Since inventory continues to decline, now may be a great time to consider listing your home for sale. Call Rebekah Snipp today to schedule a time to meet in person to discuss a proven market strategy that has helped many of your neighbors sell in a timely manner with top dollar based on market trends. I appreciate the opportunity to earn your business.

#### A special recipe from Mark & Rebekah Snipp to you & your family! - Cherry Delight

#### Ingredients:

- 1 can of cherry pie filling 1 can (drained) of pineapple chunks
- 1 large bag of pecans (chopped) 1 large container of Cool-Whip
- 1 can of sweetened condensed milk

Instructions: Mix all ingredients together (in large bowl) and serve chilled as a dessert. Enjoy!!

Respectfully, Rebekah Snipp, CDPE, ABR Your neighbor and Neighborhood Realtor

Be sure to ask about the FREE LOCAL MOVE OFFER I provide to all my clients that purchase or sell a home with me as their agent! Some restrictions apply.

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Eagle Springs Resident



## Constable's Corner TIPS TO AVOID CRAIGSLIST SCAMS

Sgt. Bloomfield Harris County - P-4 Constable

Craigslist type websites have become a common tool for people both selling and buying as well as for those looking for or offering various services. Unfortunately these valuable sites are also being used by scam artist looking to separate you from your belongings. I have included some tips taken directly from the Craigslist website on how to avoid becoming a victim.



You can sidestep would-be scammers by following these common-sense rules whenever using craigslist:

- **Deal locally with folks you can meet in person:** follow this one rule and avoid 99% of scam attempts.
- Never wire funds via western union, moneygram...Or any other wire service anyone who asks you to do so is likely a scammer.
- Fake cashier checks & money orders are common, and banks will cash them and then hold you responsible when the fake is discovered weeks later.
- **Craigslist is not involved in any transaction,** and does not handle payments, guarantee transactions, provide escrow services, or offer "buyer protection" or "seller certification"
- Never give out financial information (bank account number, social security number, ebay/paypal info, etc.)
- Avoid deals involving shipping or escrow services and know that only a scammer will "guarantee" your transaction.
- Do not rent housing without seeing the interior, or purchase expensive items sight-unseen in all likelihood that housing unit is not actually for rent and that cheap item does not exist.
- Do not submit to credit checks or background checks for a job or for housing until you have met the interviewer or landlord/ agent in person.

Who should i notify about fraud or scam attempts?

U.S. Federal Internet Fraud Complaint Center FTC Video: How to report scams to the FTC FTC online complaint form FTC toll free hotline: 877-FTC-HELP (877-382-4357)

If you are defrauded by someone you have met in person, contact your local police department. If you suspect that a craigslist post may be part of a scam, send the details to Craigslist.

#### **RECOGNIZING SCAMS**

Most scams involve one or more of the following:

- inquiry from someone far away, often in another country
- Western Union, Money Gram, cashier's check, money order, shipping, escrow service, or a "guarantee"
- inability or refusal to meet face-to-face before consummating transaction

#### **EXAMPLES OF SCAMS**

1. Someone claims that craigslist will guarantee a transaction, certify a buyer/seller, OR claims that craigslist will handle or provide protection for a payment.

- These claims are fraudulent, as craigslist does not have any role in any transaction.
- Scammer will often send an official looking email that appears to come from craigslist, offering a guarantee, certifying a seller, providing payment services -- all such emails are fakes!
  - 2. Distant person offers a genuine-looking (but fake) cashier's check

3. You receive an email (examples below) offering to buy your item, or rent your apartment, sight unseen.

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# Family Vacations

# That Won't Break The Bank

*Travel to the hubs:* Do a quick Google search for major airline hubs in the US. They make excellent vacation spots and tend to offer great deals on airfare.

*Child discounts:* Always ask — whether you're visiting amusement parks, dining at restaurants, or looking for lodging. Most kids don't need fancy bed, so take advantage of free cots in hotels so you won't have to spring for an extra room.

*Membership Discounts:* AAA discounts abound, but don't forget about discounts for any professional organizations or clubs to which you may belong.

*Camping:* Kids love the outdoors! And for the price of firewood, roasted marshmallows, hot cocoa, and a nominal camping fee, you'll create memories that will last a lifetime.

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#### **Constables Corner-** (Continued from Page 4)

4. Cashier's check is offered for your sale item, as a deposit for an apartment, or for your services.

5. Value of cashier's check often far exceeds your item - scammer offers to "trust" you, and asks you to wire the balance via money transfer service

6. Banks will often cash these fake checks AND THEN HOLD YOU RESPONSIBLE WHEN THE CHECK FAILS TO CLEAR, including criminal prosecution in some cases!

7. Scam often involves a 3rd party (shipping agent, business associate owing buyer money, etc)

8. Someone requests wire service payment via Western Union or MoneyGram:

9. Scam "bait" items include apartments, laptops, TVs, cell phones, tickets, and other high value items

10. Often claim that an MTCN or confirmation code is needed before he can withdraw your money - this is FALSE, once you've wired money, it is GONE.

11. Common countries currently include: Nigeria, Romania, United Kingdom, Ukraine, Spain, Italy, Netherlands - but could be anywhere

12. Apartment listing may be local, but landlord/owner is "travelling" or "relocating" and needs you to wire money to them abroad

- Deal often seems too good to be true, price is too low, rent is below market, etc
- distant person offers to send you a money order and then have you wire money:

- this is ALWAYS a scam, in our experience
  the cashier's check is FAKE
- sometimes accompanies an offer of merchandise, sometimes not
- scammer often asks for your name, address, etc for printing on the fake check
- deal often seems too good to be true

13. Distant seller suggests use of an online escrow service.

- most online escrow sites are FRAUDULENT, operated by scammers
- for more info, do a Google search on "fake escrow" or "escrow fraud"

14. Distant seller asks for a partial payment upfront, after which he will ship goods

- he says he trusts you with the partial payment
- he may say he has already shipped the goods
- deal often sounds too good to be true

15. Foreign company offers you a job receiving payments from customers, and then wiring funds

- foreign company may claim it is unable to receive payments from its customers directly
- you are typically offered a percentage of payments received
- this kind of "position" may be posted as a job, or offered to you via email

#### ACTUAL SCAM EMAILS SENT TO CRAIGSLIST USERS:

#### Hi,

I am selling this car because my platoon has been sent back to Afghanistan and don't want it get old in my backyard. The price is low because I need to sell it before November 16th. It has no damage, no scratches or dents, no hidden defects. It is in immaculate condition, meticulously maintained and hasn't been involved in any accident...I do have the title, clear, under my name. The Denali has 35,000 miles VIN# 1GKEK63U16J138428.

It is still available for sale if interested, price as stated in the ad \$4,300. The car is in Baltimore, MD, in case it gets sold I will take care of shipping. Let me know if you are interested, email back. Regards!!!

First of all I want to thank you for your interest for my car. I sell it at this price(\$2,980.00) because I have been divorced recently. Now the car is in my property and as a woman I don't need it. This car is in excellent working conditions, no scratches, flaws or any kind of damage, slightly used in 100% working and looking conditions and comes with a clear title.

From the beginning you have to know that for the payment I request only secure pay, I prefer the payment to be done using eBay services. We will use a safe payment method because I am affiliated at eBay and I have a purchase protection account for \$20,000.00 the final price that I want for this car is \$2,980.00 including shipping and handling.

If you are interested in buying it please provide me your full name and address so I can initiate the deal through eBay. I will wait your answer very

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#### **Constables Corner**- (Continued from Page 6)

#### Hello,

I am looking for caring and honest person to watch my 3 years old daughter while I work, during our stay in the state and a friend introduced craiglist.com to me, I was searching on Childcare Babysitter, when your Ad post pumped up as a Childcare and Babysitter, am interested in your service as my babysitter/Childcare.. My Little daughters is (Mellina), I would like you to watch over her while I am at work in your Location, I reside in United Kingdom, I will be coming to the States in about two weeks' time, Cos I just got a contract with Boss Perfume fashion industry down there, I work as a model and the contract will last for a month, the duration of our service will be from 10am to 5pm, Monday thru Friday, I would like to know if she will be taken care of in your childcare centre/Home, or the hotel room where I would be lodging, It's Okay by me, any of this ways.

My little daughter (Mellina ) is 3 years old, I will be waiting patiently for your email indicating the cost of everything,I mean the price for your service,how long you will be available to take care of her,how much u charge per week. she is just three years old as I have said earlier and I will be glad to update you and make the payment in advance to show you how serious I am. So please get back to me as soon as you can if you will be able to handle her and take very good care of her for me.

*Email me back Your's faithfully* 

> Thanks for your mail, Since the cost of your bike is \$800 I just contactedmy client about the cost of your bike and it present condition and he saidthere is no problem about that. So my client said he will be issuing you aCertified Check of \$4000 while you wire 3000 to me through

Western UnionMoney Trasfer and you deduct the cost of your bike \$800 and keep theremaining \$200 which my client said you should take for the terms of Transaction and Agreement between you and my client. So I will like you tosend me your full contact information to where my client will be sending you> the Certified Check like this:> name......> full address.....> city.....> state.....> country.....> zipcode....> cell/office/home phone number.....> I will look forward to the requested information as soon as possible sothat the check can be sent out to you immediately And do get back to mewith the Pics of the bike so tha! t my client will be Able to see What heis paying off. Get back to me immediately. Looking torwards your> respond,> Best Regards.

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#### MEETING NOTICE

Public notice is hereby given to all members of Eagle Springs Community Association, Inc. for the upcoming meeting of the Eagle Springs Community Association Board of Directors. The purpose of this meeting is to conduct the business of the association.

This meeting will take place on Thursday, July 12, 2012

at the Eagle Springs Clubhouse located at:

17821 Eagle Springs Parkway, Humble, Texas 77346.

The open session of the meeting will be from 4pm to 6pm

Please contact Bill Higgins at Crest Management for any questions regarding this notice. Bill@Crest-Management.com or 281-945-4625

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#### **Our Thanks to Greg Jones**

Greg Jones recently completed a two-year term as the second resident director to serve on the Eagle Springs Community Association Board. Greg decided not to run for re-election and two new residents were elected to serve on the Board at the meeting held in June. Prior to being on the Board, Greg served as a Neighborhood Voting Representative and a member of the Landscape Committee. He has been a resident of Eagle Springs for nearly seven years.

During his term Greg focused on two very important functions of the Association – financial management and customer service. His legacy will be the Action Item Report. This is a tool used by the Board of Directors, the Management Company, and Neighborhood Voting Representatives to prioritize and track the status of different maintenance items throughout Eagle Springs. It allows all



parties to monitor the opening date of a job, assign a priority level to it, and confirm its completion. The report has significantly improved the timeframe in which maintenance items are brought to a successful closure.

Greg's work experience was an asset

to the Board in financial management. He worked to ensure expenses stayed within budget and the annual assessment rate did not increase for 2012 due to his attention to the bottom line. Last year Greg spent countless hours working on the management company bid process. Numerous spreadsheets were produced and analyzed by Greg in addition to him attending multiple interviews with different management companies. The Board made a decision to change to Crest Management effective August 2011.

In recognition of Greg's community service, an oak tree will be planted in his honor. The Board of Directors would like to thank Greg Jones for his dedication and tireless service over the past two years. His focus was always – "What is best for Eagle Springs?" It was a pleasure serving with and learning from him.



## EAGLE SPRINGS GARDEN GUY

#### THIS MONTH'S TOPIC: MULCHING - THE DO'S, DON'TS & MYTHS

Everyone has their own routine of when and how much they will mulch. There isn't a specific time of the year that is substantially better or worse than others. It's more like, do I have what is necessary to protect my plants from extreme temperatures and help to prevent weeds from germinating in my bedding areas. Mulch comes in a variety of colors, sizes and wood sources.

Mulch will naturally begin to break down once you put it out. Mulch that is installed and not turned every couple weeks will break down faster. As mulch breaks down it compacts and becomes a breeding ground for weeds. Keeping the mulch turned every other week will help to keep new weeds from forming and slow the break down process thus allowing your mulch to work longer. Also remember a hardwood mulch will break down slower than a pine mulch. We suggest using a mulch no larger than a <sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub>". Larger mulched will have a tendency to wash away and bleach out if you're using a colored mulch. Even though I have mentioned slowing the break down process of the mulch, this is a good source of nutrients for the soil. When you turn the mulch all you need to do is turn the top 2 - 3" so you don't disturb root systems or the soil around the plants.

If you are mulching a newly installed bedding area you will want to put down about 3" of mulch for the initial install. As a maintenance mulching, 1.5 - 2" is ok as long as you don't have root systems showing. Your new plants should be installed with 1 - 2" of root ball above the soil so your new mulch will go in and not cover the base of the plant. If you begin to see mushrooms or different types of fungi growing in your mulch it's a sign the mulch is staying too moist and the compaction is too high. Properly remove any visible fungi and place in a sealed plastic bag. With a metal rake turn the top 2 - 3" of mulch to allow air in to help dry it up. You may also want to check your sprinkler system time and dial it back a few minutes.

Weed block and weed barriers are excellent types of weed blocking materials. Just NOT if you're going to put mulch on them! These materials work best under stone such as moss rock and cobble stone. If you install it under your mulch you are not allowing the mulch to break down and feed your plants. Also, once the mulch compacts and/or dirt gets on the topside of the barrier you will have weeds everywhere and wonder why, after you spent all day putting it out and wasted the money.

The most common method of mulching in our area, this is if you're not already set in your ways, is to mulch in the spring and fall with a fine black pine or hardwood. Be careful not to overdo it, just lay down a fresh layer so it beautifies the landscape and adds additional protection to the plants before the extreme temperatures arrive. Remember, colored mulch looks good but will stain your concrete. Have some plastic or a tarp ready so clean up time will be cut down.

If you have any questions regarding mulch or any other general construction and landscape questions please send me an email at: EagleSpringsGardenGuy@yahoo.com Thank you for keeping our neighborhood beautiful!

Danny McCue, Eagle Springs Resident



## FITNESS CENTER REMINDERS

As more and more residents are heading to the gym to get into shape, we ask that you please remember the following when utilizing the work out facilities:

- The Fitness Center is for the exclusive use of Eagle Springs Residents.
- Only those 18 years of age or older may enter or use the Fitness Center. Children are not allowed inside, even with an adult.
- You must use your Electronic Access Device to enter the Fitness Center. We ask that residents not let others into the gym, but allow them to enter themselves using their own Access Device.
- If a resident's Access Device is no longer working, they may come into the On-Site Office, during office hours, to obtain a new device or investigate the reason their device may no longer be working.
- Please remember to wipe down any machines or equipment that you've used when you are finished.
- Please put weights back on the rack after you are finished with them.
- Please use all equipment as it is intended to be used and return to proper positions when finished.
- Please do not use the treadmills without them being properly turned on as it can cause the motors to burn out.
- Please keep music and T.V. volumes down to a reasonable level as to not disturb others that may be using the Fitness Center or other parts of the building, such as the clubhouse.
- Please report any equipment that is not in proper working order or that may be broken, or any other issues that may need to be addressed to: Crest Management (281-945-4625) or by using the "Report Maintenance Issues" link on the homepage of our website: www.InsideEagleSprings.com

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#### 4<sup>th</sup> of July Parade & Pool Party! 9am – 12pm

Our Celebration will be kicked off with a parade starting at 9am from the Sports Complex Pavilion, heading south down Eagle Springs Parkway and turning around at Barton Ridge. We will end at the Athletic Club Pool.

> Prizes for best wagon, bike or scooter, stroller, Big Wheel and costume will be awarded

After the parade, we'll have pool parties at both pools until noon with games, prizes and music

Refreshments for parade participants will be provided by: Josh Arkless of Prudential Gary Greene, Realtors

Fans for participants will be provided courtesy of: Amanda Harris of Off to Neverland Travel

Come out and see all of your neighbors and their decorated bikes and wagons!

Don't forget to bring school supplies for our School Supply Drive, benefitting Family Time.

#### Kids Triathlon September 15, 2012 VOLUNTEERS & SPONSORS NEEDED!

We are planning this year's Kids Triathlon Event and need Volunteers to help out during the event as well as Sponsors to help support this event while promoting their business! Let's make this a GREAT Eagle Springs Event for our kids!

> For more info please contact: Sports.Committee@InsideEagleSprings.com



## **Electronic Access Devices**

RESIDENTS, who have moved within Eagle Springs to a new home, please contact the On-Site Management Office to update your Electronic Access Device(s). They DO NOT automatically transfer to your new address; they will continue to be associated with your previous (old) address until a new owner's name is logged, at which time they will be disabled.

PLEASE ALSO NOTE: When selling your home (or if you have purchased a resale home in Eagle Springs) Electronic Access Devices DO NOT TRANSFER with the home or to the new owner. New homeowners should come into the On-Site Management Office to purchase a New Access Device that can then be associated with the new homeowner.

## Eagle Springs 6th Annual Neighborhood Night Out

Mark Your Calendars for Saturday, October 6th

*It's time again...* To start planning your Neighborhood Night Out Block Parties & BBQ's!

This year's Winning Neighborhood will once again be treated to a "Movie Night on the Green" Complete with Popcorn and Drinks!

Let's see which Neighborhood will win this year's competition!

Our neighbors in Sierra Bridge can tell you what fun they had last year!

Questions? Safety.Committee@InsideEagleSprings.com



## **CROSSWORD PUZZLE**



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5. At sea	2. Canal	
9. Little Mermaid's love	3. Gemini	
10. Non (not welcome)	4. Outline	
11. At hand	5. Be	
12. Old show	6 Lee (pie brand name)	
13. Member of an American	7. Composition	
Indian people	8. Root beer brand (3 wds.)	
15. Sum	10. Annoyed	
16. One of NT Gospels	14. Weight units	
18. Dauber	17. Goes after	
21. Used to be	18. Pass out	
22. Musical "slow"	19. Big	26
26. Group of eight	20. Sugar-free brand	han
28. Cut hair short	23. Clasp	Exc
29. Sandwich cookies brand	24. Small particle	me
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## Pool Committee Volunteers Needed!

Pool Committee is in need of additional volunteers to serve on the committee, advising the HOA board on pool related matters. We are currently in need of a treasurer, a secretary, and two committee voting members. We meet once a month and periodically exchange emails between meetings during the summer season.

For information please contact: Pool.Committee@InsideEagleSprings.com



## **Athletic Club Pool**

17821 EAGLE SPRINGS PARKWAY

\*Closed for Cleaning on Mondays, except Holidays\*

Days/Dates	Times	Adult ONLY Swim
Daily EXCEPT Mondays July 1 – August 26	9am – 8pm	8pm – 10pm
Weekends Only Sept.1 – Sept. 30	9am – 8pm	8pm – 10pm
Monday, Sept. 3 Labor Day Holiday	9am – 8pm	8pm – 10pm

## Island Club Pool

#### 17150 EAGLE SPRINGS PARKWAY

\*Closed for Cleaning on Tuesdays\*

Days/Dates	Times
Daily EXCEPT Tuesdays June 1 – August 26	9am – 8pm
Labor Day Weekend September 1 – 3	9am – 8pm



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## MUD DISTRICTS & YOU

To begin, do you know what M.U.D. stands for? Many residents do not. M.U.D. stands for Municipal Utilities District. Do you know that you live in a M.U.D.? Do you know about the items handled currently by your M.U.D.? Do you know who represents you on the M.U.D. Board?

Every resident in Eagle Springs lives in a M.U.D. Residents North of Valley Lodge Parkway in general reside in M.U.D. 106, while residents South of Valley Lodge Parkway in general reside in M.U.D. 290. If you are unsure of which M.U.D. you live in, you can find out by checking your water bill.

A Board of Directors administers the two M.U.D.'s, each with five members who all either own property or are residents within the District. The District's Board has financial and operational authority for the District, but retains consultants and contractors who among other things, operate, maintain, improve and repair the water, sewer and drainage systems and plants; bill and collect for water, sewer and trash collection services the District provides; and provide the District with engineering, financial and legal advice.

Current directors for M.U.D. 290 are: Michelle Dueitt, David Heckman, Gerald Lavey, Clint Palermo, and Josh Stibrich. Current directors for M.U.D. 106 are: Pete Galvan, Neil McLeroy, Lonnie Kimball, Ralph Edgar, and Tara Ditomasso. Board members are elected to four-year staggered terms, with elections held every two years.

Why a M.U.D.? Large population growth requires the development of new communities. Massive capital outlays must be made in order to provide quality water, sewer, drainage, and other municipal services to these new communities. If a developer of a new area financed these capital outlays and recovered the costs through the sale of land, the resulting higher lot prices would make homes unaffordable. A M.U.D. however, can spread that cost over a longer period of recovery, making homes in new areas affordable.

M.U.D.'s are authorized by law to purchase, construct, own, operate and maintain all facilities necessary to supply water and sewer services. In addition, M.U.D.'s may provide trash collection, fire and supplemental security patrol services, and may build parks and recreational facilities. Taxes are used to maintain and improve the District's systems and to pay off any capital debt. The District's Board of Directors sets its tax rate annually, in September or October, after consultation with its independent financial advisor.

What services are provided by Eagle Springs' M.U.D.'s? Currently, services provided include: water and sewer, security, trash and recycling, streetlights, and more. In the past, the M.U.D.'s have also provided funding to help build playground equipment at the local elementary school.

The District has entered into an agreement with the City of Houston, which provides that the City may not annex the District for "full purposes" for 30 years from the original date of the M.U.D. creation. Until then, residential property within the District is not subject to the City's property tax and District residents are not allowed to vote in the City elections for bond issues or charter amendments.

The 290 District's Board of Directors generally meets on the fourth Thursday or every month at 12:00pm at the offices of Allen Boone Humphries Robinson LLP, 3200 Southwest Freeway, Suite 2600, Houston, Texas 77927. The 106 District's Board of Directors generally meets the fourth Friday of every month at 11:00am at the offices of Allen Boone Humphries Robinson LLP, 3200 Southwest Freeway, Suite 2600, Houston, Texas 77027. Directions to the meetings can be found at: www.abhr.com. Agendas for each meeting are posted on the Eagle Springs' website: www.InsideEagleSprings.com.

To contact the M.U.D.'s, please call Amy N. Conner of Allen Boone Humphries Robinson LLP at: 713-860-6496.



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#### 2012 POOL CARDS

There's been a lot of confusion over this year's New Pool Card Policy! We hope the following will help to clarify some of the confusion.

If you are a resident who has a Pool Card, WITH a 2011 Validation Sticker on it from last year: You do not need to do anything - Your card has been extended and will continue to be good to use through the 2012 Pool Season. You will need to update your card or get a new card NEXT YEAR (2013).

If you are a resident who has a Pool Card that DOES NOT have a 2011 Validation Sticker on it from last year (and has NOT expired): You will need to come to the On-Site Management Office and get a 2012/2013 Validation Sticker on your card. You will need to follow the same protocol as in previous years to obtain your sticker.

If you are a resident who has a Pool Card that EXPIRED and it DOES NOT have a 2011 Validation Sticker on it: You will need to come



into the On-Site Management Office and purchase a New Pool Card. You will need to follow the same protocol as in previous years to obtain the Pool Card.

If you are a NEW RESIDENT who DOES NOT have a Pool Card: You will need to come into the On-Site Management Office to purchase a New Pool Card & an Electronic Access Device in order to access the Pools in Eagle Springs.

ALL RESIDENTS: Be sure to go to: www.InsideEagleSprings.com, Click on the tab "New Resident & Pool Card Info" and view details on what to bring, hours, cost, etc., PRIOR to arriving at the On-Site Management Office. If you have any questions regarding the Pool Card Policy for this year, please contact: Pool Committee -Pool.Committee@InsideEagleSprings.comor the On-Site Management Office -Help@InsideEagleSprings.com



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#### Financial Focus - Student Loans Crushing College Grads

Submitted by Rich Keith

Today's college grads are facing the "real world" with an extra scoop of debt. Two-thirds of students graduating from college or graduate school have student loans – about \$25,000 on average. That's a 25% increase over the past 10 years. In fact, today's twentysomething holds an average debt of \$45,000, including everything from student loans to mortgages and credit cards. Unfortunately, unemployment for those aged 18-29 is 12.4%, well above the national rate of 8.2%.

Don't feel as if you have to be the savior. Six in 10 boomers report giving financial help (outside of college tuition) to a child or grandchild in the past five years. Of those, \$59,000 was the average amount of aid. If this sounds like you, ask yourself: Do I really have the resources? Am I saving enough for retirement? Try to share more financial wisdom and less cash with your adult offspring. The more you save for your own future means less possibility that you'll need their help later on. Without going into too much detail, share the family financial picture with your children once they hit the mid-teen years. They need to know the family income is X and it takes Y amount to cover the mortgage and bills. Once they see X minus Y in action they will be surprised at how

> much it actually costs to run a household. This may have a side benefit of limiting how much and how often your children ask you for money and gifts.

Children who have a basic understanding of money, especially the corrosive effects of debt, have a better chance of becoming financially independent later in life. They will be more resistant to the credit card offers sure to come to them in their freshman year at college. And they will more ready to partner with their parents as the family manages their college finances with them.



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