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Happenings

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Harris County Precinct 4 Constable's Office Crime Statistics A.C.I.A.

TYPE OF ACTIVITY	NOV 2012	DEC 2011	DEC 2012	YTD 2011	YTD 2012
BURGLARY OF A HABITATION	7	2	2	17	15
BURGLARY OF A MOTOR VEHICLE	0	7	2	42	22
THEFT FROM A HABITATION	0	0	0	13	4
THEFT OF A MOTOR VEHICLE	2	2	0	7	5
THEFT - OTHER	2	2	1	16	27
ROBBERY	0	1	0	4	0
ASSAULT	0	1	0	6	5
SEXUAL ASSAULT	0	0	0	2	2
CRIMINAL MISCHIEF	5	4	2	30	29
DISTURBANCE - FAMILY	3	2	5	20	31
DISTURBANCE - JUVENILE	0	1	1	37	14
DISTURBANCE - OTHER	5	1	17	120	129
ALARMS	31	20	27	297	360
SUSPICIOUS VEHICLES	6	18	15	176	135
SUSPICIOUS PERSONS	5	6	10	106	116
RUNAWAYS	0	1	1	11	6
TELEPHONE HARASSMENT	1	1	0	7	6
OTHER CALLS	64	51	62	1002	702

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February 14th 2013



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Texas Poison Control Center 800-222-1222

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Trash, Waste Management..... 888-964-9734
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Harris County MUD #132 www.hcmud132.com
Harris County MUD #151 www.hcmud151.org

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 Website www.humble.k12.tx.us
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Harris County Mobile App

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Application Features

- Saves user profile for application reuse
- Capture or use existing photo to attach to service request
- Automatic routing of request to correct Harris County precinct
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Crime Prevention

If you leave your vehicle in your driveway, one crime you can really help prevent is auto-burglary. Thefts from vehicles occur at all hours, day and night. All auto-burglaries generally have one thing in common: something to steal ... something valuable left in the car. And, many auto-burglaries are "crimes of opportunity"; they could have been avoided had simple preventative steps been taken. Auto-burglary prevention involves limiting the criminal's ability and/or opportunity to commit the crime. With very little time and effort, you can make a huge difference in your vulnerability to auto-burglary. It generally takes a mere few seconds to secure your valuables, but it will take only a few seconds more for a thief to break in and steal valuables left in plain sight. Car burglaries are, however, one of the most prevalent crimes in the greater Atascocita area and probably one of the easiest to prevent. Take your valuables and lock your car.



Christmas Winner

Congratulations to the residents on Evening Shades Ct. All were winners of the Christmas Yard Decorating Contest. These residents all decorate their yards with the theme "Candy Cane Lane". Residents are Jim & Kim Humlick, Craig & Arlene Smith, Beth & Rick Slagle, and Rhonda Morey.



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Friends of the Atascocita Library

The Friends of the Atascocita Library (FOAL) will hold a used book sale Saturday, February 9, from 10AM - 5PM at the Atascocita Library, 19520 Pinehurst Trail Dr. Individuals with disabilities may shop from 9AM - 10AM. Preview sale for FOAL members is Friday evening from 5PM-7PM, with memberships available at the door. There is a large selection including children's, history, politics, biographies, hobbies, art, travel, religion, self help, fiction & non fiction, hard backs & paperbacks. Many books & magazine slipcover faux book accents are suitable for decorating or filling book shelves. Most are priced at \$.50 - \$1.00. Donations of used books & magazines are welcome anytime during regular library hours. Visit www.hcpl.net for library hours & www.foal.ws for more information, or email contact@foal.ws. All proceeds benefit the Atascocita Library.



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ATASCOCITA *Country Garden Club*

PLANS FOR THE FUTURE

The residences in the area are invited to attend the first garden club meeting of the New Year. Meetings are on the second Tuesday of the month at 9:30am in the Assembly Room at the Rosemont Center on 6450 Kings Parkway in Kingwood. The meeting begins with a social time and refreshments, followed by a program. The educational program includes a qualified speaker that will give a planned presentation on topics pertaining to gardening in the area. A field trip has been organized for the spring, the membership will also help to enhance the appearance of the community by participating in Arbor Day activities with the planting of a tree and we will be learning flower arranging techniques.

The club membership includes a good group of gardeners that enjoy plants and are inspired through sharing ideas as well as plants with the members. Come and get acquainted with the membership and plan for a future than includes improving your gardening skills.

Lake Houston *Ladies Club*

FEBRUARY MEETING

Lake Houston Ladies Club will have their monthly meeting and luncheon on Tuesday, February 19, 2013 beginning at 10:00 a.m. at the Walden Country Club, 18100 Walden Forest, Humble TX 77346. Karen Kilby, local author and speaker, will give a presentation entitled "Wired That Way." Lake Houston Ladies Club is a social organization that welcomes new members from all surrounding areas. Several Interest groups are available which include: Readers Choice, Bridge, Bunco, Lunch and Look, Movie Group and Supper Club. Please join us. Call Carol at 832-671-4475 for reservations by February 15, 2013 before 5:00 p.m. Call Hestor at 281-852-1442 for more information about the club.

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YARD OF THE MONTH

In conjunction with the Atascocita Garden Club and the ACIA Board, the YARD OF THE MONTH program will begin again in April. 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 any board member by email. Email addresses are printed on page 2 of the newsletter and posted on the website.

Volunteers are needed for the following committees:

SOCIAL COMMITTEE

The ACIA sponsored the fabulous July 4th parade that so many residents enjoyed and also the Easter Egg Hunt enjoyed by the resident's children and grandchildren. Many hardworking volunteers contributed countless hours making these events a success. Your help is needed to continue these successful and delightful events. The Social Committee needs volunteers. Just a few hours of your time can make a tremendous difference. Please call Sterling Association Services at 832-678-4500 to volunteer.

TENNIS ANYONE?

ACIA has 4 regulation tennis courts, 2 courts located in Shores I and 2 courts located in Pinehurst. These courts can accommodate players of all skill levels. Cooler weather is the perfect time to revive your tennis game. The ACIA is looking for volunteers to participate on the Tennis Committee. The fee to obtain an access key has been reduced to \$15.00. If you're looking for a playing partner please volunteer by contacting contact Sterling Association Services at 832-678-4500.

MARINA/RECREATION COMMITTEE

The ACIA recently completely refurbished our Marina. These improvements were very costly and should last for many years. Two of the tennis courts were resurfaced a few years ago and the Pinehurst pool decking is scheduled for replacement now that swim season is closed. Recommending these improvements was done by valuable volunteers that gave their time to improve our community. Our recreation areas are our greatest assets and require maintenance to preserve their safe usage and attractiveness. Please volunteer your time to be on the Marina/Recreation Committee. Just a few hours per year can make a huge difference. Please call Sterling Association Services at 832-678-4500 to volunteer.

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