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# Spring Garage Sale

*Saturday, April 20*  
**7:00AM – 12:00 Noon**

Get ready to start your Spring cleaning. Rain or Shine our community-wide garage sale will be Saturday, April 20. You won't have to haul your items far; it will take place in YOUR OWN garage! Just be ready to open your garage at 7AM.

We'll be creating a map of all the garage sales in the community. To be added to the map, please e-mail your address to [mevrard@canyongate.com](mailto:mevrard@canyongate.com) and include a short list (five words or less) of the types of items you are selling. No additions will be accepted after Wednesday, April 17. The maps will be handed out at the SplashPad and Canyon Gate attendant on the day of the event.



## PARK LAKES

### *SplashPad Texas Hours*

*Business Office (2nd Floor)*

**PHONE: 281-441-3557**

*Office Hours:*

**Tuesday through Saturday – 10:00am until 6:00pm**

*Onsite Community Manager: Mitsi Withington*

### *Park Lakes North Recreation Center Hours*

*Business Office*

**PHONE: 281-441-9955**

*Office Hours:*

**Tuesday through Saturday - 10:00am until 6:00pm**

### *Fitness Center Hours:*

**7 days a week – 5:00am until 10:00pm**

*Onsite Community Manager: Mitsi Withington*

*Please visit or contact this office to register  
for amenity & gate access.*



# PARK LAKES

## HELPFUL PHONE NUMBERS

### *Park Lakes Property Owners Association*

RealManage/Agent .....(866) 473-2573  
SplashPad Texas Onsite Office.....(281) 441-3557  
Recreation Center Onsite Office.....(281) 441-9955  
Gate Attendant.....(281) 441-1089  
Houston National Golf Club .....(281) 304-1400

### *Utilities*

Comcast (Customer Service) .....(713) 341-1000  
Electricity (TXU) .....(800) 368-1398  
Gas (Centerpoint) .....(713) 659-2111  
Trash (Republic Waste).....(281) 446-2030  
Water & Sewer (EDP Water District).....(832) 467-1599  
Phone Service (Embarq) .....(877) 213-1053  
Electricity (Centerpoint-Report street light outage) .....(713) 207-2222  
Texas One Call System (Call Before you Dig)..... 811

### *Property Tax Authorities*

Harris County Tax.....(713) 368-2000  
Harris MUD #400 .....(281) 353-9809

### *Public Services*

US Post Office.....(281) 540-1775  
Toll Road EZ Tag.....(281) 875-3279  
Voters/Auto Registration .....(713) 368-2000  
Drivers License Information.....(281) 446-3391  
Humble Area Chamber .....(281) 446-2128

### *Police & Fire*

Emergency ..... 911  
Constable/Precinct 4 (24-hr dispatch) .....(281) 376-3472  
Harris Co. Sheriff's Dept./Prec 4, Dist 2 (24-hr) .....(713) 221-6000  
Eastex Fire Department.....(281) 441-2244  
Emergency Medical Service .....(281) 446-7889  
Poison Control.....(800) 222-1222  
Humble Animal Control.....(281) 446-2337  
Texas DPS.....(281) 446-3391

### *Area Hospitals*

Renaissance Northeast Surgery .....(281) 446-4053  
Kingwood Medical Center .....(281) 348-8000  
Northeast Medical Center Hospital.....(281) 540-7700  
Memorial Hermann Hospital (The Woodlands) .....(281) 364-2300

### *Public Schools*

Humble ISD .....(281) 641-1000  
Park Lakes Elementary (K-6).....(281) 641-3200  
Humble Middle School (7-8) .....(281) 641-4000  
Summer Creek High School (9-12) .....(281) 641-5400

### *Private Schools*

Holy Trinity .....(281) 459-4323  
St. Mary Magdalene Catholic.....(281) 446-8535  
The Christian School of Kingwood .....(281) 359-4929  
Humble Christian School.....(281) 441-1313

## TO CONTACT THE BOARD:

Please address the Board of Directors via your representative, RealManage:

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## -----TRASH-----

### IMPORTANT INFORMATION

Remember: Unless it is trash pick up day, your trash cans (and any bags of trash) must be hidden from public view. Please do not store your trash cans in front of your garage or on the side of your home – your neighbors don't want to look out their windows and see your garbage either.

#### PARK LAKES TRASH PICK-UP SCHEDULE

Mondays & Thursdays - Trash containers must be at curb by 7AM on Mondays and Thursdays. Recycle bins are picked up on Mondays.

*Note: Heavy pick-up day - Second Monday of each month.*

**Service Provider: Republic Waste – (281) 446-2030**

**\* For trash and curbside recycling service,  
call (281) 446-2030.**

## Park Lakes FAQ:

*Q: My neighbor has a ton of violations. What are the Association and PCMI doing about this?*

A: Your property management service, PCMI, and your property manager are onsite each month to inspect property conditions. During this inspection, violations are noted and letters are sent accordingly. There is a process for handling violations which follows:

- 1st Courtesy letter: Notifying owner of violation and giving them (30 days) to cease and desist.
- 2nd letter (Certified): 2nd letter notifying the owner of violation will be sent. (Legally no further letters can go out for this violation until the (30 days) has expired)
- 3rd letter: This letter is optional to the board and depending on what the violation is they do not always feel the need to send a 3rd letter. At any time you feel that you get a letter that is not warranted, please feel free to contact PCMI immediately to discuss at 281-870-0585.

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*(For lawn maintenance, we send a 10- day notification.*

*Following the expiration of that notification, we can enter the property yard to maintain and charge the cost back to the homeowner.)*

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## *Park Lakes* **2013 Event Calendar**

*Saturday, April 20* - Spring Garage Sale  
*Saturday, June 29* - Independence Celebration (poolside)  
*Saturday, August 17* - Back to School Pool Party  
*Saturday, September TBD* - Night at the Astros  
*Tuesday, October 1* - National Night Out  
*Saturday, October 26* - Fall Festival  
*Saturday, November 16* - Fall Garage Sale  
*Saturday, December 14* - Cookies with Santa

Please contact Michelle Evrard, Director of Community Events, at [mevrard@canyongate.com](mailto:mevrard@canyongate.com) if you would like to volunteer for any of our events! Events are subject to change.

*\* For more event information, please visit [www.canyongate.com/residents/pl](http://www.canyongate.com/residents/pl)*

## **SplashPad Texas Cabana Rentals**

SplashPad Texas has a private cabana that is available for party rentals by residents only. Residents may reserve the party cabana for a nominal fee year-round during regular office hours. The private cabana for party rentals can accommodate up to fifteen people (includes adult supervision) for a maximum of 3 hours per event.

Please contact the SplashPad Texas office at (281) 441-3557 for further details.



# THE TUTORING CENTER

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### **ONE-TO-ONE INSTRUCTION**

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### **Signs that your child may need tutoring:**

- ✓ Your child's grades start to fall independent of how hard he or she seems to be working.
- ✓ No matter how long your child spends on homework, it's neither complete nor accurate.
- ✓ Your child shows an increasing lack of confidence and motivation.
- ✓ Your child has lost interest in learning.
- ✓ Your child experiences extreme anxiety before tests and exams.
- ✓ Your child is reluctant to go to school, fearing failure and criticism from others.
- ✓ Your child's teacher reports that he or she is acting out, becoming a behavior problem in class.
- ✓ Your child says, "I'm too stupid. I'll never understand this stuff." Or, "I give up."

If you have any questions about your child's academic performance or would like to schedule your FREE Diagnostic Assessment contact us at 832-644-1404

**832-644-1404 • 3809 Atascocita Rd • Humble, TX • [www.tutoringcenter.com](http://www.tutoringcenter.com)**





## Have You Logged In Yet?

[www.canyongate.com/residents/pl](http://www.canyongate.com/residents/pl)



Features of the Park Lakes Community Intranet include:

Resident Directory (names posted only with resident approval)

Current Events and Activities

Documents and Forms (i.e. ARC guidelines, deed restrictions, financials, etc.)

Event Photos and MORE!

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# PARK LAKES

## SAFE KIDS SAFETY TIPS

*By Concentra Urgent Care*

Accidental injury is the number one killer of America's children, taking more lives than disease, violence, and suicide. Prevention is the cure. It's estimated that by taking these and other simple precautions, almost all (90%) of these accidental injuries can be avoided.

- Childproof your home. Look at every room as your child would. Ask yourself what looks interesting and what can be reached. Get down on your hands and knees, and check for small things children can choke on.
- Use the back burners on stoves, and turn pot handles to the back. Keep children away from the stove or microwave when cooking, and don't serve hot food or drinks to them.
- Keep knives, glasses, and scissors where young kids can't reach them.
- Cover electrical outlets that are not in use.
- Keep guns locked, unloaded, and where kids can't reach them.
- Take precautions to avoid fire in the home.
- Install smoke alarms on every level of your home and in every sleeping area. Test them once a month.
- Plan several ways to escape from each room if a fire starts. Practice the fire escape plan with your family. Identify a safe place to meet outside.
- Lock up matches, lighters, and gasoline.
- Keep space heaters where kids can't reach them and away from curtains, beds, and papers.
- Never put electrical cords under rugs
- Always supervise children while they are in the bathroom, and follow other important bathroom safety guidelines.
- Keep the hot water heater at low-medium or less than 120° Fahrenheit. Mix hot and cold water in the bathtub, and test it on your forearm before putting children into the tub. Never leave the room while they are bathing.
- Keep toilet lids closed and locked, and doors to bathrooms and utility rooms closed when not in use. Put razors, curling irons, and hair dryers out of reach.
- Avoid exposing children to potential poisons. Lock up potential poisons out of children's reach, including cleaning supplies, pet food, medicine, vitamins, beer, wine, and liquor.
- Read labels and follow directions when giving medicine to children.
- Know which houseplants are poisonous and keep them where children can't reach them.
- Install carbon monoxide detectors in every sleeping area and test them every month.
- Make sure heating systems are vented outside and checked every year.
- Prevent serious falls.
- Keep furniture away from windows. Install guards or stops on windows that are not emergency exits.
- Install safety gates at the top and the bottom of stairs.
- Never use baby walkers.
- Keep emergency numbers by every telephone. Call 911 if a child is choking, collapses, can't breathe, or is having a seizure. If you suspect a child has been poisoned, call 1-800-222-1222.
- Keep first aid supplies on hand.

For more information about preventing child injury, you can visit the Safe Kids USA Web site at: <http://www.usa.safekids.org>

## REMINDERS

### **ANIMAL / PET CONTROL**

Please respect your neighbors' yards and their personal space.....remember that pets must be confined to a fenced backyard or within the house and must not be allowed to bark all night long or cause a nuisance to neighbors. They must be on a leash at all times when away from this contained environment. It is also the pet owner's responsibility, when walking their pet within the subdivision, to keep ALL areas free of pet debris. Please remember that cats must also be confined. To report loose dogs or cats, please call Humble Animal Control at (281) 446-2337.

### **PLEASE CALL BEFORE YOU DIG**

*Texas One Call System: dial "811"*

Prior to performing work on your property, call the "Texas One Call System at 811". They will mark the location of the utility lines easement within your property. Remember, damages to any utility lines within your property can affect services to YOU and YOUR neighbor's homes. Thanks for taking time to call before you dig!

### **REMINDER ABOUT BASKETBALL GOALS**

Basketball is a fun sport that many like to play. As a reminder, please make sure that all basketball goals are kept in an upright position in your driveway. Basketball goals should not be left in the street at anytime. Leaving basketball goals in the street can be a nuisance to drivers in the community and a hazard should there be a need for an emergency vehicle to gain access to your street. Please note this is also a violation and if you receive violation letters regarding this matter you could be sent to the attorney and be liable for these charges.

### **LET US KEEP OUR NEIGHBORHOODS LITTER FREE!**

Take responsibility for yourself & be a good neighbor! Keep our streets & neighborhood trash & litter free! Make it a habit, be a good neighbor & do your part! If each person did their own part (around the outside of their home including their little stretch of street in front of their house), what a better place this would be to live!

A clean environment/neighborhood makes people feel good about themselves. They will keep it clean. Some need to be reminded. Others need to be continually reminded. It takes time to change habits. Keeping your neighborhood clean is a habit that takes conscious effort.

### **PLANNING ON OUTDOOR HOME IMPROVEMENTS?**

When planning to do any outdoor home improvements, you must first apply for approval from the Architectural Review Committee by submitting a home improvement form. Visit Mitsi Withington at the Clubhouse office or call her at 281-441-9955 for an ARC form and more information.



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