

Sterling Lakes

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STERLING LAKES

SPLASHPAD TEXAS

(Open during office hours & pool hours)

Monday – Closed

Tuesday through Friday - 10am-6pm

Saturday & Sunday – 10am-8pm

SPLASHPAD POOL

Memorial Day Weekend - May 25th through May 27th

Saturday, Sunday, and Monday – 12pm-8pm

SUMMER POOL HOURS

June 3rd through August 25th

Monday through Wednesday – CLOSED

Thursday & Friday – 10am-6pm – “Swim at your own Risk”

Saturday & Sunday - 12pm-8pm

* Thursday, July 4th, pool open from 12pm-8pm

* Friday, July 5th, pool open from 12pm-8pm

Labor Day Weekend - August 31st through September 2nd

Saturday, Sunday & Monday – 12pm-8pm

September 6th through September 30th

During September, please note that the pool will be “Swim at your own Risk” from 10am-6pm on Friday, Saturday and Sunday through September 30, 2013. All owners must go by the SplashPad office to sign a waiver before their hand geometry will be active for these hours.

SPLASHPAD TEXAS OFFICE HOURS

Tuesday - Saturday – 10:00am - 6:00pm

Business Office (2nd Floor)

PHONE: 281-441-3557

FITNESS CENTER HOURS:

7 days a week – 5:00am until 10:00pm

Onsite Community Manager: Crystal Browne

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

****Schedule subject to change, weather and other factors could cause changes to this schedule without notice. Please check with the onsite office for further information.*

Spring Garage Sale

Saturday, May 4

7:00AM – 12:00 Noon

Get ready to start your Spring cleaning. Rain or Shine our community-wide garage sale will be Saturday, May 4. 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 and include a short list (five words or less) of the types of items you are selling. No additions will be accepted after Wednesday, May 1. The maps will be handed out at the entrance on the day of the event.



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HELPFUL PHONE NUMBERS

Sterling Lakes Property Owners Association

PCMI Management/Agent	(281) 870-0585
SL Information & Technology Center	(281) 778-2000
SplashPad Texas Onsite Office	(281) 778-2000
Gate Attendant	(281) 778-2015
Houston National Golf Club	(281) 304-1400

Utilities

En-Touch (Customer Service)	(281) 225-1000
Electricity (TXU)	(866) 979-5265
Gas (Centerpoint)	(713) 659-2111
Trash (Waste Management)	(800) 800-5804
Water (Si Environmental, LLC)	(832) 490-1600
Electricity (street light outage)	www.centerpointenergy.com/outage
Texas One Call System (Call Before you Dig)	811

Property Tax Authorities

Brazoria County Tax	(281) 756-1320
MUD #31 Operator	(281) 482-0216

Public Services

Rosharon Post Office	(281) 595-3331
Toll Road EZ Tag	(281) 875-3279
Voters Registration	(281) 756-1131
Vehicle Registration	(281) 756-2450
Drivers License Information	(281) 756-1521
Alvin/Manvel Chamber	(281) 331-3944
Animal Control	(979) 864-2265

Police & Fire

Emergency	911
Brazoria County Sheriff's Dept.	(281) 756-2392
Iowa Colony Vol. Fire Dept. (non emergency)	(281) 369-3969
Emergency Medical Services (non emergency)	(281) 489-6144
Poison Control	(800) 222-1222

Education

Alvin ISD	(281) 388-1130
Don Jeter Elementary (K-6)	(281) 245-3055
Manvel Junior High (7-8)	(281) 245-2078
Manvel High School (9-12)	(281) 245-2232

Higher Education

Alvin Community College	(281) 756-3500
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Sterling Lakes Builders

CastleRock	(281) 778-0822
LGI	(855) 210-2619
Westin	(832) 886-5674

TO CONTACT THE BOARD:

Please address the Board of Directors via your PCMI representative, Rachel Gwin:

PCMI

*P.O. Box 219223, Houston, TX 77218
(281) 870-0585 | Rgwin@stes.com*

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 Animal Control at (979) 864-2265.



Seeking Section Leaders and Block Captains

To increase community awareness, the Communications Committee is actively recruiting Section Leaders and Block Captains. Serving as a Section Leader/Block Captain is a great opportunity to meet more of your neighbors and create awareness in your community. The time commitment is minimal, the impact great! For more information on becoming a section leader or block captain, contact Michelle Evrard, Director of Community Events, at mevrard@canyongate.com.

DEVELOPER UPDATE

Sterling Lakes currently has 477 completed homes, your new homebuilders include:

Castle Rock	\$140's – \$250's
First Texas	\$200's
LGI	\$130's - \$160's
Triumph	\$220's
Westin	\$160 – 250's

-----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.

STERLING LAKES TRASH PICK-UP SCHEDULE

Wednesday & Saturday - Trash containers must be at curb by 7AM on Wednesdays and Saturdays. Recycle bins are picked up on Saturdays.

Note: Heavy pick-up day - Saturday

Service Provider: Waste Management – (800) 800-5804

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Sterling 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.

(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.)

Have a question that you would like to submit? Contact Anna Lyons alyons@canyongate.com to post your question and with answer from PCMI, your property managers.



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Board Approved Committees and Descriptions

SOCIAL COMMITTEE

Assist the community in creating, implementing and supporting events and activities. These events include, "Egg"stravaganza, Pool Parties, Cookies with Santa and more!

LANDSCAPE COMMITTEE

The primary role is to support a social club for landscaping ideas, also known as the Garden Club. They are responsible for inviting horticulture guest speakers for community events and sharing a general interest in landscaping. They also assist with the Holiday Decoration Yard Contest.

COMMUNICATIONS COMMITTEE

To assist the community in creating, implementing and supporting communication efforts including the newsletter, intranet and section leaders and block captains. They also assist with the Holiday Decoration Yard Contest.

TRAFFIC/SAFETY COMMITTEE

Assists with safety and awareness within the community, making recommendations to the Board for placement of stop signs and speed humps.

ADOPT A SCHOOL COMMITTEE

Provides recommendations to the Board of Directors for the donation of AAS funds to the schools within that community for educational school items, such as computers, library books, etc. These funds also may be allotted for enhancements within the community such as sidewalks, playground areas or other improvements that will benefit the students of the community.



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Sterling Lakes 2013 Event Calendar

Saturday, May 4
Spring Garage Sale

Saturday, June 22
Independence Celebration (poolside)

Saturday, September TBD
Night at the Astros

Tuesday, October 1
National Night Out

Sunday, October 27
Fall Festival

Saturday, December 14
Cookies with Santa

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



Have You Logged In Yet?

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.)

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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) 778-2000 for further details.

STREET TREES & TREE STAKES

Spring is a good time to review the trees on your property and undertake trimming and maintenance, as necessary. Remember to give special attention to your street trees, those that are situated between the sidewalk and road. As live oaks mature, their branches have a tendency to dip down towards the ground and their canopy needs to be thinned and trimmed. The canopy of street trees needs to be pruned to ensure that the branches do not impede passing traffic. Unused tree stakes should also be removed, as they can become unsightly.

The Association doesn't verify, endorse, or approve any products, information or opinions mentioned at Association sponsored functions or contained in this community newsletter.

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REMINDERS

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!

PLANNING 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 Crystal at the SplashPad office or call her at 281-778-2000 for an ARC form and more information.

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.

NEW TO THE COMMUNITY? JUST MOVED IN?

We're glad you've chosen Sterling Lakes as your new home! Please register at the onsite community office for access to the SplashPad, fitness center and other community amenities! For office hours, directions and additional information, call (281) 778-2000.

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.

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>



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