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EMERGENCY INFORMATION

Fire, Medical or Life Threatening Emergency		
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

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Power Outages	
Street Light Outages	
Gas, Centerpoint Energy	
Gas Leaks	
Water, Severn Trent	
24 Hour Emergency Number.	
Telephone, Centurylink	
Trash, Waste Management	
Humble Post Office	
Harris County MUD #132	www.hcmud132.com
Harris County MUD #151	www.hcmud151.org

SCHOOLS

Humble ISD	
Website	www.humble.k12.tx.us
Pine Forest Elementary	
Maplebrook Elementary	
Atascocita Middle School	
Atascocita High School	

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GolfVillas Fence – Remove or Retain By Laura Lammers

The Golf Villas section of ACIA has a brick post and wooden rail fence along Pinehurst Trail Dr. This fence is purely decorative and serves no purpose. The fence has been in place for several decades and is unique to the Golf Villas. No other section of ACIA has this type of structure. Over the years, a great amount of ACIA funds have been spent to maintain this fence. In the past years, the brick posts have sunken, the wooden rails have rotted, and vehicles have crashed into the fence. The deterioration is normal for this type of fencing. Because the fence has no purpose, the Beautification Committee wants to have it removed. This would free up funds to be used elsewhere for beautification. Please contact Laura Lammers by email at l.lammers@yahoo.com to express your opinion about removing the Golf Villas fence.



Easter Egg Hunt

This year's Easter egg hunt was a big success. The Easter bunny left lots of eggs behind for the children to find and find them they did. The Easter bunny came back for a surprise visit and many children had their pictures taken with him. We even had some big winners of the Easter baskets! Children and parents alike seemed to enjoy themselves as they hunted for the eggs. Here is one of the big winners of the baskets. To view the other winners, please visit the ACIA website at: www.aciahomeowners.org



Pool ID Distribution Process

Pool IDs are annually renewing, available only to Atascocita C.I.A. residents who wish to use the community pools. The pool ID fee is separate from your annual assessment.

During most hours when the pool is closed to the public, the pool may be rented by members of the Association for private parties (advance payment for lifeguards and deposit is required.) For details in this regard, please call DS Recreational Management at (281) 443-4665.

The two swimming pools operated by the Atascocita C.I.A. are located at 20700 Atascocita Shores Drive (the Pinehurst pool), and 8810 Pine Shores Drive (the Shores pool).

For the 2013 swim season, both pools will be open for the swim season June 1 through August 18. The Pinehurst pool will be closed for maintenance on Wednesdays; the Shores pool will closed for maintenance on Tuesdays. In addition to the swim season, the Shores pool will be open weekends in May (including the Memorial Day weekend), and the Pinehurst pool will be open August 25-26 and September 1-3 (Labor Day weekend).

Beginning May 1, access to the Association's tennis courts requires a copy protected key. It is the intention of the Board of Trustees to change the locks to the tennis courts in May on an annual basis in the future. The Board has set the annual subscription cost at \$35.00 per key.

Any changes to days or hours will be posted at: http://www.aciahomeowners.org



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WASTE Disposal

As the warmer weather approaches many people are starting to do spring cleaning and yard work. Please remember large item pickup is the second day of the week of your normal garbage pickup. Please do not use the dumpsters at the former Country Club as they are for the construction crews and are not for residential use. As a reminder the following are the guidelines for garbage pickup.

Atascocita Community Association Residents: Garbage Collection Service Guidelines Service days are Tuesday & Friday

CURBSIDE SERVICE

Please have your trash out by 7am on your service day.

Household garbage, grass clippings, leaves, branches and tree trimmings are collected at the curb. Important! - For the safety and protection of our employees and equipment, we do require that branches and tree trimmings be no greater than three inches (3") in diameter and be cut, tied and bundled in four foot (4') lengths weighing no more than forty to fifty pounds (40-50 lbs.) Containers over 45 gallons must have all trash bagged. Due to safety concerns WM will not service anything over 65 gallons

10 items per service day (can/ bag/ bundle)

BULK TRASH COLLECTION

Provided on the second collection day of each week for moving boxes (please break them down and bundle them), old furniture and appliances. Please note that we can no longer dispose of CFC refrigerant containing items (i.e., refrigerators, freezers, etc.) without certification that the freon has been properly removed and recycled, pursuant to current Federal law. 2 items second collection day of the week

UNACCEPTABLE ITEMS

Gasoline motor oil (and used filters) paint

Vehicle tires batteries large pieces of metal

Construction debris (disposed of by the contractor performing the work).

HOLIDAYS

NEW YEAR'S DAY MEMORIAL DAY INDEPENDENCE DAY

LABOR DAY THANKSGIVING DAY CHRISTMAS DAY No service on these holidays. Service on the next regularly scheduled collection day.

CUSTOMER SERVICE

Our Customer Service Department is at 800-500-5804. Our office is open from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., Monday through Friday.



The Texas weather is warming up. Summer is almost here. Pools will soon open and the cool water will be calling your name. You can almost hear your kids laughing and the playing in the pool. Your family deserves to have many Best Day Ever moments in the water this summer. Please do not let those moments be ruined by the sound of a life guard whistle blast or the need to do CPR in order to save your child's life. Most families love a trip to the swimming pool, the lake or the beach during the summer...but the water can be deadly for a child.

Did you know that drowning is a leading cause of accidental death for children between the ages of 1 and 14, with kids under the age of 5 at even higher risk?

Colin Holst's parents did not know either. Sadly, June 13th marks the 5 year anniversary of his drowning in a public, lifeguarded pool in Austin. Since Colin's drowning in 2008, Central Texas-based Colin's Hope has become a nonprofit leader in water safety and drowning prevention.

My name is Alissa Magrum and I am the Executive Director of Colin's Hope. But I am also a parent to 8 year old Ella. So, from one parent to another, please listen to this message. It is simple but filled with purpose: DROWNING IS PREVENTABLE. YOU can help protect your children. Following a series of simple water safety tips creates multiple layers of protection. These layers WILL keep children safer in and around the water and CAN prevent drownings.

The first 3 of these tips are KEY.

1. Practice constant visual supervision. Always assign an adult "water guardian" whose ONLY responsibility is to watch children who are in, near and around the water. If that water guardian needs to take a break, they must transfer their "watching" duty to another adult.

2. Learn to swim. Enroll children (and adults too) in formal swim classes. For kids under the age of 4, taking formal swim lessons reduces the risk of drowning by 88%.

3. Wear life jackets. Children who cannot swim should ALWAYS wear a U.S. Coast Guard-approved life jacket when in and around the water.

You can see additional tips, as well as more information on water safety and drowning prevention, on our website at www.colinshope. org..

Each year, Colin's Hope volunteers stuff and distribute 75,000 water safety packets to families in zip codes that have been targeted due to the high number of near drownings and drownings in recent

years. This life saving information along with a Peel Inc. ad campaign, a Reagan National Adverstising billboard campaign and a presence at many community events is helping to raise water safety awareness to prevent children from drowning.

WE ALSO NEED YOUR HELP. PLEASE SHARE THIS INFORMATION with family, friends, neighbors, teachers, babysitters...everyone! We have seen the difference that being aware and being prepared can make. Communities that have received our water safety information in prior years have seen child drownings and near drownings in their areas reduced to zero!

Please visit www.colinshope.org to find out how you can get involved in your own community. Find us on Facebook, follow us on Twitter, subscribe to our monthly newsletter or even support our efforts with a donation.

We envision a world where children do not drown. Please share that vision and together we will get there.

Wishing you the SAFEST AND BEST SUMMER EVER, Alissa Magrum *Executive Director, Colin's Hope*

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Classified Ads

Personal classifieds (one time sell items, such as a used bike...) run at no charge to Atascocita CIA residents, limit 30 words, please e-mail <u>anthonyk@embarqmail.com</u>.

Atascocita Library

The Atascocita Library holds a number of events for all age groups. An example of what's going on that you may be interested in is the Selfpaced computer classes for adults, Tales for Tots for children between the ages of 2-3 years old, the Craft Club for adults, the Pokemon Club for children between the ages of 7-10 years old, A Chess and Go Club for teenagers, a Knit Wits Teen Knitting Club, and a Knit and Nosh Society for adults. For a full schedule of events please see the Harris County Public Library Website at https://host4.evanced.info/harris/ evanced/eventcalender.asp or you can contact the Library at 281-812-2162. The Atascocita Library is located at 19520 Pinehurst Trail Dr.





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Earth Day Tree Planting

A beautiful tree was recently planted at the Rosemont Center. Committee Members from the Atascocita Country Gardeners organized Earth Day activities in celebration of the traditional observance of tree planting events. Committee members of the club Pat Berry, Barbara Echels, and Marguerite Baxter selected a tree that would enhance the landscape in the area. Assisting club members were student volunteers Selena Nabulsi, Claudio Mercado, Ish Khan and Matt Manzano. The students were chosen for this activity by their instructor Mr. McWhorten at the Atascocita High School. The students assisted with the proper planting of the tree, staking and mulching. It was pointed out that good planting techniques are essential so that the tree will live and thrive.

The members of the garden club as well as guest from the community took part in the 2013 Earth Day function. The benefits of planting trees have motivated gardeners to plant various trees around the community each year. In the past the traditional planting events have been conducted on area school campuses and the local library. It has come to be of particular interest to the neighborhood.



GREAT BUSINESS RATES TOO!

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Information Form for Issuance of Pool Tags		
Property owner information (head of household):	Date	
Name	Alternate Contact	
Home Phone	Alternate Phone	
Property Address	Email Address	
Tag Holder Information	Owner	
Name	Tag No	



Directions: This form must be accompanied by \$7.50 for each tag (Maximum \$30.00 per household.) Checks must be made payable to ACIA. Pool tags can be purchased from Sterling Association Services, 562 Kingwood Dr., Suite 13, Phone: 832-678-4500. Please check the website, www.aciahomeowners.org for more information.



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ATASCOCITA GARDEN CLUB PLANTING

The Arbor Day Committee with the Atascocita Garden Club recently participated in the planting of a tree at the Rosemont Living Center. Assisting club members were student volunteers Selena Nabulsi, Claudio Mercado, Ish Khan, and Matt Manzano. The students were selected for this activity by their instructor Mr. McWhorter at the Atascocita High School. The students assisted in selecting a sunny area to plant the tree and were most helpful in digging the proper size hole for the tree and appropriately covering the tree roots with soil. They followed directions well in using the proper techniques for planting a tree and showed a great deal of interest in helping with community projects.

Monthly Meeting Board of Trustees

Dear Homeowners:

The Board of Directors for the Atascocita Community Improvement Association will hold a regular meeting on Monday, May 27, 2013 at 6:30 p.m., at the Rosemont Assisted Living Facility, 6450 Kings Parkway, Humble Texas 77346. The subject of the meeting is general business of the Association, including discussion of items related to the Association budget and expenditures as well as discussion of items related to the assets owned by the Association. Items that may be discussed in executive session include: actions involving personnel, pending or threatened litigation, contract negotiations, enforcement actions, confidential communications with the Association attorney, and other business that is confidential by request of the affected party.

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VOLUNTEERS 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. Easter is coming soon need volunteers now to hide eggs.

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.



ACIA Account Access

Sterling A.S.I. and Atascocita C.I.A. are pleased to announce internet access to your Atascocita C.I.A. information such as account balances, assessment amounts, payment information, your account contact data, forms, governing documents, etc., just to name a few. When you received your 2013 assessment bill, documentation was be provided on how to access your account at: http://www.Sterlingasi.net

The website has two tool bars which provide beneficial information for homeowners. One tool bar is related to your community association information and the other to your individual information. Below are some of the more commonly used features:

- By clicking on the "Home" tab, located on the top tool bar, you will find your most commonly used resources such as your pool forms, bylaws and restrictions, helpful links, community event calendar, and other useful resources.
- To see if your assessment payment has been posted or for a history of past payments look under the "Account Detail" tab which can be found on the second toolbar.
- The "Account Link" tab allows you to link multiple properties that you may own under the same log in.
- The "Architectural" and "Compliance" tabs provide you with a history of past letters and applications and allow you to respond directly to the support personnel associated with that function.
- The "E-Payment" tab informs you how to pay your assessments on-line.
- The "User Profile" tab allows you to update your contact information and subscribe to receive information online.

We hope you will find accessing your account online a more efficient use of your time and that the information provided meets the needs of the community. If you have any suggestions once you have had time to peruse the site, please let us know.

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Stars and Stripes Across Humble						
Troop 56 Invites Y						
In Our Neighborhood Flag Program.						
We are now taking subscrip	ations for the 2013 Season!					
We are now taking subscriptions for the <u>2013</u> Season! Don't be left out this year!						
Please join us in a visible example of our community patriotism by supporting our Stars and Stripes Across Humble program, conducted by Boy Scout Troop 56, chartered by the Atascocita United Methodist Church. We want to be sure that everyone in the neighborhoods we serve have the opportunity to display a flag in their yard on Memorial Day, Flag Day, Independence Day, and Labor Day this year. Seeing flag after flag along our streets on these days makes one proud to be an American and proud of our community. The subscription is \$25 for the 4 Flag Holidays. Scouts will place a flag in your front yard each morning of the above holidays and take it down that evening. Our Troop's goal is to put out 1000 flags per holiday. The majority of the funds we receive are used for equipment and camping trips. One of our annual outings is a 3-day trip to Enchanted Rock State Park to learn and practice technical climbing skills. Please fill out the form below, enclose a \$25.00 check, made payable to "BSA Troop 56" and mail to: BSA Troop 56, 19325 Pinehurst Trail Drive, Humble, Texas 77346, using the enclosed addressed envelope.						
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