



# ACIA

## *Happenings*

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## JULY

### *Yard of the Month*

Congratulations to Aline Erwin, 20331 Atascocita Shores, winner of July Yard of the Month.



## JULY 4TH PARADE

### *Honoring the Stars and Stripes*

Start off your July 4th festivities by joining the ACIA community's 4th of July Parade. Whether you are a participant or spectator it will be a good time for all! If you would like to participate (children and adults alike) signup begins at 8:30 am at the Atascocita Library parking lot and the parade is scheduled to start at 9:00am. The Parade will end at The Overlook (former Country Club) where Refreshments will be available and prizes will be awarded. Visit the ACIA website at [www.aciahomeowners.org](http://www.aciahomeowners.org) for more information.

As special invitation from Jimmy Wells to all active military and veterans alike to contact him if you would like to form a group to march in the parade. He can be contacted at [jwellsacia@yahoo.com](mailto:jwellsacia@yahoo.com)

We could also in need of volunteers to assist with the parade. Anyone wishing to volunteer please email Jimmy Wells at [jwellsacia@yahoo.com](mailto:jwellsacia@yahoo.com)



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## Hello Fellow ACIA Neighbors!

Summer has arrived and the kids are out of school. Please be on guard for the young ones as they will dart into the street without looking.

The Shores pool is now open and the ACIA has started using fobs for 2013 instead of pool tags. The first one will be FREE and one per family. Guard them carefully as a replacement cost is around \$45.00 and the homeowner is responsible for the replacement. Both the baby pools as well as leaks in adult pools have been repaired. The Pinehurst pool should also be open and have a new surface deck as well by the time you read this. Thank you for your patience during the repairs.

SO, have fun and be careful in the pools.

The board is also looking at repairs for the tennis courts this year. With budget limitations we may be only able to address one tennis court in 2013.

GOLF! Great news for Atascocita as it looks as if Mr. Kilgore has been successful in finding a corporation to manage the course. The homeowners living on the golf course have fought a hard battle and victory is on their side as well as the whole community and the surrounding communities.

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*Fellow Neighbors! (Continued from Page 2)*

- Keep the garage down even while at home as it is too much of a temptation for someone to walk into your garage and steal an item and leave.
- Set the house alarm when leaving even if just running to the corner store. While you at home always lock your doors.
- Always and this is the most common problem is lock your vehicle and set the alarm if there is one. Almost all calls for vehicle break-ins the vehicle was unlocked. Also, do not leave valuable items in your vehicle.
- Always report any suspicious vehicles, any suspicious persons on foot or bike that you observe on your street to the constable.

Don't forget the annual July 4th parade that will start at the library as always and end at the Overlook which was the former country club house. The ACIA plans on having hot dogs and refreshments again this year.

Starting June 24 (always the 4th Monday of the month) the ACIA Board will be meeting at the Overlook thanks to Mr. Kilgore's kindness and being a good neighbor.

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Jimmy Wells  
President ACIA

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**July 21:** Colin's Hope Kids Got2Swim Pure Austin Quarry Lake. <http://www.tinych.org/got2swim>

**August 29:** Colin's Hope Got2Swim Lake Austin 10K/10 miler. <http://www.tinych.org/got2swim>

**September 8:** 5th Annual Colin's Hope Kids Triathlon <http://www.tinych.org/KidsTri>



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## Beautification/Landscaping Improvements for ACIA

This year, in addition to pressure washing the pool decks and pool house, the surrounding brick pillar fencing has also been pressure washed. Many more beautification projects are planned for the remainder of this year and also next year. Invading moss will be removed from ornamental trees at the Big A entrance and other locations will receive a facelift.

The Beautification Committee drives the neighborhood to identify problems such as dead plantings and areas needing more attention. The Committee always welcomes your comments and suggestions to improve the appearance of our neighborhood. As you drive around the area, if you notice any area that needs some extra attention forward the location and residents can also share their ideas and volunteer their time by emailing by email to Laura Lammers at [L.Lammers@yahoo.com](mailto:L.Lammers@yahoo.com)



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## ACIA Marina Access

The ACIA Marina gate lock will be rekeyed on July 10, 2013, therefore for anyone who currently has an access key, your key will no longer work. Information on when the new keys will be available and where they can be obtained along with the forms will be posted on the ACIA website at: [www.aciahomeowners.org](http://www.aciahomeowners.org) Please visit the website for updates on marina access, or contact Sterling at 832-678-4500.



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## ATASCOCITA LIBRARY

Need to find fun activities for children now that summer vacation is upon us. Check out the full schedule of activities the Atascocita Library has to offer for all age groups including adults. Just an example of some of the activities for children are: Learn about Fire Safety, Pizza Party for Children, Life in a Pond-Audubon Docents, Ferrets 101; For Teens & Tweens: Camp Stitch-A-Lot, Do You Want to be a DJ, Homestuck Plushies, Zine Scene; For adults there is the Lunch 'n' Lit Book Club, Knit and Nosh Society and more. Some events do require registration and can be found on 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.



## NOTICE OF REGULAR BOARD MEETING

### *Dear Homeowners:*

The Board of Directors for the Atascocita Community Improvement Association will hold a regular meeting on Monday, July 22, 2013 at 6:30 p.m., at The Overlook (former country club), 20114 Pinehurst Drive, Atascocita, TX 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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## Your Community Newsletter

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## It Really is a Small World After All

*By Vicki Milana*

This past school year has been an eventful one for twenty-two Houston area Ayusa families. In August 2012, these families opened their hearts and their homes to foreign exchange students from around the world. During the 2012-2013 school year; we had eleven countries represented in our area, some of the countries included were Germany, Brazil, Italy, Lebanon, China, Japan and Tunisia.

The Ayusa foreign exchange student program is a great way to enrich not only the lives of your family members, but that of the folks in your community and the student themselves. "Both my wife and I have been hosting for the past five years and have enjoyed every minute of it!" says Theodore Odom of Pearland, Texas. "My wife and I have no children, so we are able to bring the students in for the full year and be their Host Parents. We believe it's a way of giving back. This year's student, Ina Zyfi of Albania has had a great time meeting new people, making new friends and volunteering her time to a local dachshund rescue."

"We welcome host families of all shapes and sizes – families with young children, families with no children, empty nesters whose children have left home, single parents and non-traditional families," says Connie Coutu, Regional Manager of Ayusa, a 501(c)(3) not for profit organization. "The key requirements for a host family are to provide a safe and nurturing home environment, genuinely love children, and have a desire to learn more about a different culture."

"Our students really love giving back to the community", says Heather Wells, the Houston area Senior Regional Director. "One of our students, Nesrine Mbarek of Tunisia, participated in over 300 hours of community service. She was actually one of three students who won a trip for her community service and also attended a US Department of State "Teaching English as a Second Language" conference in April for her hard work. Other students have worked in food banks and have given presentations on their home countries in their schools."

This year, Ayusa is sponsoring over 900 students from 60 different countries in the United States. Volunteer host families are needed in our area to house these students for the 2013-2014 school year. The families need only provide foreign exchange students a nurturing environment, three meals a day and a bedroom (either private or shared with a host sibling of the same gender). Each host family and student is supported by a professionally trained community representative who works with the family and student for the entire program.

If you are interested in hosting an exchange student, please visit the Ayusa website at [www.ayusa.org](http://www.ayusa.org) and complete the on-line application. You can view the students that are available for placement by clicking on the View Student Profiles on the home page. Help make this a memorable year for both your children and the prospective students. You'll be glad you did!

## GARDEN CLUB'S HISTORY

The Atascocita Country Garden Club is 36 years old. It was formed in 1977 by leaders who envisioned a club that would be dedicated to improving gardening skills and techniques as well as offer monthly presentations from talented and interesting speakers. Also, field trips were on the schedule which continues to be organized throughout the year to tour either gardens of our members or to visit commercial gardens in the community. Special events incorporate crafts, floral design, horticultural and environmental activities. The garden club is a strong and viable force in the area.

### GARDEN CLUB OFFICERS

President: Bette Fleming  
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Web-site: Bette Fleming  
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Yard of the Month: Garland McCarthy

The installation of officers was recently held at a local restaurant with plans being made for the future. The first meeting for the fall will be on August 13th, 2013 at 9:30am in the Assemble Room at the Rosemont Center on 6450 Kings Parkway in Kingwood.



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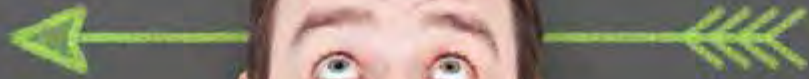
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