



ACIA *Happenings*

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August *Yard of the Month*

Congratulations go out to Debbi Percha, 21122 Atascocita Place Drive, winner of August Yard of the Month.
Congratulations go out to Mr. and Mrs. Vincent Lin, 20503 Riverside Pines, winner of June Yard of the Month



JULY 4TH PARADE

The ACIA 4th of July parade was nothing less than fantastic! The Constables and the Atascocita Volunteer Fire Department with their hook and ladder fire engine began the parade with sirens sounding and lights flashing up the boulevard beginning at the Atascocita Library and ending at the Overlook. The children dressed in their 4th of July finest with bicycles, baby strollers, cars, golf carts all decorated for the occasion and even a few dogs dressed in their 4th of July best participated in the parade. The spectators had a great time clapping and waving at the children in the parade and the weather couldn't have been better.

The parade which ended at the Overlook was just the beginning of the festivities. Behind the Overlook there were two water slides

for school age children to enjoy and for the toddlers and babies there were two baby pools for them to play in along with hot dogs,

bundt cakes and snow cones for everyone. Neighbors enjoyed mingling and getting to know each other, the children had a great time playing with each other and the dogs had a great day out. Awards were given for the different categories. It was a wonderful way to start the 4th of July!

A big thank you goes out to Kevin and Sandy Kilgore for allowing the parade to end at the Overlook, use of the facility and also for letting the ACIA use the area behind the Overlook for our after

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4th of July Parade (Continued from Cover Page)

parade festivities along with donating the two water slides, the baby pools, hot dogs, buns, paper plates, condiments, chips, ice, water, and their grills. We also want to thank Nothing Bundt Cakes for donating the bundt cakes, Walgreens and CVS for their donations of water and of course our wonderful neighborhood volunteers. Without the volunteers and the donations we couldn't have put on such a fantastic and fun neighborhood event. Also a thank you to all the neighbors that participated, you made it a parade and a party. More pictures are posted on the website: www.aciahomeowners.org



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Your Community Newsletter

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WILDCAT TERRORS

The mission of the Wildcat Terrors organization is to build life-long athletes that can participate on all levels. Our President and staff are long time Humble residents and graduates of the Humble ISD educational system. The family came to Humble in 1983 with a determination of success. We are a family-oriented organization that has built understanding on education, family, love, and the Christian experience.

It is our goal to provide organize family oriented sportsmanship to each child and family. The football players range in age from 4-12 and the cheerleaders are 3-13. Youth sport's is an opportunity for children to grow. The intent of the Wildcat Terrors' is to give each child that opportunity through learning the fundamentals of the sport. We want to make sure that children learn the fundamentals of the sport as we promote life-long learning.

Finally, our team consist of well-trained coaches that were under the esteemed leadership of Ted Howell from 1985-1986. In addition, the famous Texas high school coach Neil Quillen further trained the HKA Wildcat Terror coaches from 1999-2003. We are very proud of the 30 years in the Humble community. The opportunity to grow and flourish with the neighborhood has instilled additional values in the HKA Wildcat Terrors' owners. The same values of education, love, strength, success, and unity that they were taught is implemented in the team.

LET'S GO TERRORS'!

Wildcat Terrors Staff

Nakeia Abram-Pittman - Team President/CEO - 713 345-0203

Terence Abram - Vice President

James Abram - Coach

Jamarcus Abram - Coach/Treasurer

Christian Abram - Coach

Rev. and Dr. Abram - Leadership Counsel

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 completely refurbished our Marina not long ago. These improvements were very costly and should last for many years, however, ongoing repairs, new updates, new improvements and always new ideas are needed. Two of the tennis courts were resurfaced a few years ago and it looks like they will be done again. Pinehurst pool decking was replaced, along with leaks fixed and now that swim season is here its being enjoyed. 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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The ACC will review the request and issue a written approval, conditional approval or disapproval within 30 days. If it is not approved as submitted, the ACC may provide suggestions for making changes so it can be resubmitted for approval.

Any applications dealing with the exterior appearance of the house (such as painting or roofing) must be accompanied with project details or the application might be disapproved for lack of information. Also include a plat map or survey of the property that indicates the project in conjunction to the property lines and easements when applicable.

For more information, forms and contacts visit the ACIA website at www.aciahomeowners.org, or if you have questions contact Sterling at 832-678-4500.

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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, August 26, 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, and confidential communications with the Association attorney along with other business that is confidential by request of the affected party.

Very Truly Yours,

Atascocita Community Improvement Association



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We All Contribute To Community Safety

Because we live within a community association, the potential to solve the kinds of problems that plague individual homeowners are very good.

Take community safety for instance. An individual homeowner can do very little to deter a burglary other than hire an outside security company to install an alarm which will notify the authorities after the break-in has occurred. More often than not, there is no way to communicate with their neighbors about security issues, there are no Neighborhood Watch Programs and the community is lacking in any enforceable rules and regulations that prohibit unauthorized parking and/or guests. All of which effectively deter residential burglary and crime. As residents of a community association, you are given the opportunity to communicate with your neighbors (this newsletter is a good example), form a Neighborhood Watch Program, and benefit from community rules that our Board of Directors ensures are enforced.

The only thing that keeps us from taking control of our community and eliminating vandalism, burglary and other community-based crime is 100% participation by all of the members of our community.

If we all kept an eye out on our neighbors house while they are away, reported suspicious activity and/or persons, and complied with our rules & regulations, then we would virtually eliminate the causes of neighborhood crime.

It can be easy to complain about the restrictions and lack of personal freedoms that living within a community association entails. Instead, we should be focusing on how we can use our association to help improve the quality of our lives. Let's start focusing on the positives...and working together to preserve community safety. It is a great place to start!



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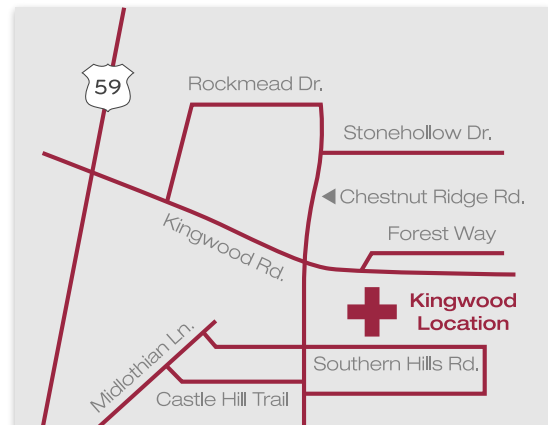
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