



# The HOME FRONT

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## LITTERING Hurts us All

Neighborhood appearance is a major concern when choosing a new home. Trash bins left on the street, vehicles in disrepair, yards left unattended all contribute to the image we project as Park Lakes residents.

Take a look around your property and see if there's anything you could do to improve things. If you have a neighbor who is struggling to keep up with the physical demands of home ownership, see if you can help without sounding critical. One gesture will surely lead to another, and we will all benefit.

This is what neighborhoods are all about.

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## PARK LAKES EDUCATIONAL AND ACTIVITIES CENTER

We are looking for volunteers and suggestions during our process to create a new educational center. The center will be tentatively located in the Splashpad downstairs room. We would like to have anybody with educational background get involved. Our goal to provide Park Lakes children additional support in their education. Please contact us at [parklakesboard@gmail.com](mailto:parklakesboard@gmail.com), if you are interested in getting involved. Summer is coming soon and we would like to start providing these services soon.

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## PARK LAKE GOLF TOURNAMENTS

Golf tournaments will be organized soon. By notifying us of your interest we will be better able to keep you updated on the schedules. We are also looking for volunteers to help us organize the tournaments. Those interested in being included or to help in the golf tournaments, please send an email to [parklakesevents@gmail.com](mailto:parklakesevents@gmail.com).

## Think Before you Drive

Park Lakes is a community of small families, young adults and seniors who love the outdoors. We have a right to enjoy our surroundings without the threat of tragedy striking through reckless driving.

Before you drive, stop and think about your responsibilities. Are you guilty of texting or talking on your cell phone when you should be paying attention? Will the 5 seconds you've saved be worth it if you hurt someone's child?

Help us make this a safer place by considering the consequences of one careless moment behind the wheel. If you observe others not driving responsibly, report this to the police and then get involved through neighborhood committees. We must all work together to make a difference.

## Club House (Rec Pool)

### AUGUST:

Full Time until the 25th, then weekends only

Monday and Tuesday: CLOSED

Wednesday: 2-7

Thursday and Friday: 3-9

Saturday: 2-7

Sunday: 2-6

### SEPTEMBER:

1st and 2nd

Labor day (Monday): 2-7

Sunday: 2-6

## Splash Pad

### AUGUST:

Full time August 1st-25th then weekends only

Monday: CLOSED

Tuesday: 12-7

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## 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

## BOARD MEMBERS

**Linda Houston** – Land Tejas – President (Voting Member)  
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**Susan Brown** – Land Tejas – Secretary (Voting Member)  
**Raj Allada** - Homeowner – Treasurer (Voting Member)  
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### TO CONTACT THE BOARD:

Please address the Board of Directors via your representative,  
RealManage:  
Customer Service  
(866) 473-2573  
service@realmanage.com



### ***Back to School Pool Party***

Saturday, August 17  
2:00pm – 4:00pm

Join in the fun with your fellow classmates at our “Back to School” pool party located at SplashPad Texas. We’ll have a DJ, games, tons of prizes and refreshments. Hope to see you there!

### ***Night at the Houston Astros***

Saturday, September 14

All residents, their families and friends are invited to watch the Houston Astros take on the Los Angeles Angels!

Saturday, September 14, 2013 6:10 PM @  
Minute Maid Park  
Discount Tickets ~ \$13-\$46

## Park Lakes Board Approved Committees

Interested in getting more involved in the community?  
Join a Park Lakes committee.

### **Monthly Committee Meetings:**

There will be a committee meeting on the 2nd and 4th Saturdays of each month at 10:00 am, located at the clubhouse.

### **Committees:**

#### **Social Committee**

The role of the Event/Social Committee is to assist the community in creating, implementing and supporting events and activities.

#### **Landscape Committee**

The Landscape Committee's primary role includes overseeing the Yard of the Month program and Holiday Decoration Yard Contest. Additional roles include supporting a social club for landscaping ideas (Garden Club), inviting horticulture guest speakers for community events and sharing a general interest in landscaping.

#### **Communications Committee**

To assist the community in creating, implementing and supporting communication efforts, including the newsletter, community intranet, and block captains. The Communication Committee also supports and oversees special interest groups, including the Welcome Committee and the Sunshine Committee.

#### **Traffic & Safety Committee**

This committee encourages residents to observe speed limits, shut garage doors at night and other items of safety, as well as advises the management company of damaged, or missing, traffic signs, broken curbs, etc. They are also encouraged to promote an annual "Safety Day" with car seat inspections, bike rodeo, and local fire and police participation.

#### **Adopt-a-School Committee**

The AAS Committee is comprised of the current Board of Directors, and one or more resident chair person(s) as participants to prepare and present to the Board of Directors recommendations for the donation of AAS funds to the schools within that community for educational school items, such as computers, library books, etc. Further, the Board may vote to fund improvements within the community such as sidewalks, playground areas or other improvements that will benefit the students of the community. This fund is separate from the operations of the Association and is distributed solely at the discretion of the Board of Directors.

### *Pool and Splash Pad hours(Continued from Cover Page)*

Wednesday: CLOSED

Thursday-Saturday: 12-7

Sunday: 12-6

### **SEPTEMBER:**

1st and 2nd

Labor day (Monday): 12-7

Sunday: 12-6



## 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: De Anne Scott

## Park Lakes 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: De Anne Scott

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

We are currently working towards modifying the hours to be available for our homeowners. Please look for updates in the Canyon Gate website.

## Park Lakes 2013 Event Calendar

*(Subject to changes and/or additions)*

**Saturday, August 17** – Back to School Pool Party

**Saturday, September 14** - 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) or Raj Allada (Social Committee Chairman) at [parklakesraj@gmail.com](mailto:parklakesraj@gmail.com) if you would like to volunteer for any of our events!

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

## Quarterly Homeowner Meetings

All residents are invited to the quarterly homeowner meetings at the Clubhouse. Meetings will be held at 7:00 pm on the first Monday: August 5, 2013, November 4th, 2013, February 3rd, 2014 and May 5th, 2014. This is a great opportunity to have your questions answered.

## New 2013 Annual Vehicle Stickers

Important Reminder! All residents in the village and gated sections need to pick-up the new vehicle stickers for 2013. Please visit the Clubhouse anytime between Tuesday - Saturday from 10am to 6pm. These are annual stickers and new ones will be issued in 2014.

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## 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. Basketball goals found on the street can be removed at the Park Lakes Property Association's discretion.

## 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 De Anne Scott at the Clubhouse office or call her at 281-441-9955 for an ARC form and more information.

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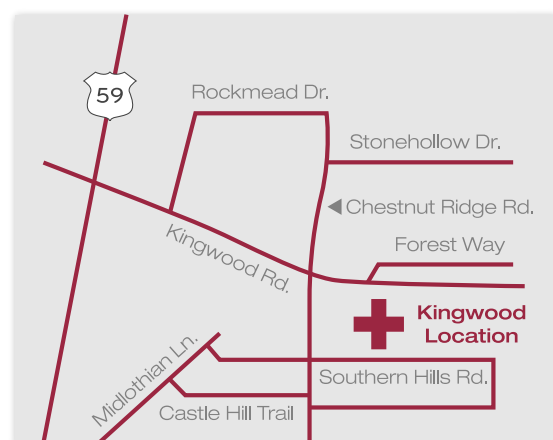
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## LET US KEEP OUR NEIGHBORHOODS LITTER FREE!

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.

## New to the Community? Just Moved In?

We're glad you've chosen Park 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) 441-9955.



## 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.

## 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.*

## 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!

## 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.

# DROWNING IS PREVENTABLE



Volunteer - Donate  
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**Ongoing:** Volunteers needed to distribute water safety packets, [info@colinshope.org](mailto:info@colinshope.org)  
**August 19:** Got2Skate for Colin's Hope Fundraiser, 6:30-8:30pm at Playland Skate Center  
**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>  
**October 19:** Sharkfest Austin Swim benefitting Colin's Hope, [www.sharkfestswim.com](http://www.sharkfestswim.com)



**ALERT:** 36 Texas children have lost their lives to a fatal drowning this year. Many more have survived non-fatal drowning incidents. Be a Water Guardian and Watch Kids around Water. Drownings are preventable!

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