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## PARK LAKES NATIONAL NIGHT OUT

*Lets make it  
grander than ever!!*

This year we would like to make this a grand event. We think it is very important to know our neighbors and how we can contribute to making Park Lakes the best place to call home. Lets plan to actively participate this year. Our community events committee and communication committee is working towards getting the word out and gathering suggestions. Please send any suggestions you may have to [parklakesevents@gmail.com](mailto:parklakesevents@gmail.com).

## OUR NEW LANDSCAPE COMPANY

*Tru Green Landcare!!*

Our new landscape company started August 1st, 2013. They have set some good goals to help make our community more beautiful. Our past landscape company was not fulfilling their obligations properly so it is more work for the new company. Tru Green Landcare has been generous in not charging us extra to correct many of the mistakes. They are excited to impress and satisfy the homeowners. We will start posting their schedule on the Canyon Gate website so that we can closely monitor their progress. Look to many improvements over the next 6 months. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact Raj Allada @ [parklakesra@gmail.com](mailto:parklakesra@gmail.com).

### *Club House (Rec Pool)*

SEPTEMBER: 1st and 2nd

Labor day (Monday): 2-7

Sunday: 2-6

### *Splash Pad*

SEPTEMBER: 1st and 2nd

Labor day (Monday): 12-7

Sunday: 12-6

Swim At Your Own Risk

Coming Soon!

*As the normal pool season comes to an end, Swim at your own risk will be coming soon. We are looking for suggestions for the timings. Please send your suggestions to [parklakesevents@gmail.com](mailto:parklakesevents@gmail.com). We are currently working on the waivers and they will be available at the Club House and the Splashpad. Initially, it will be available to adults only. As time progresses we will modify the restrictions.*

# PARK LAKES

## 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
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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***

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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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### TO CONTACT THE BOARD:

Please address the Board of Directors via your representative,

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*You may also contact the board members  
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## Park Lakes

### *Board Approved Committees and Descriptions*

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

Our initial meeting was a success and we had over 10 volunteers sign up for our committees. We are looking for more volunteers.

#### **MONTHLY COMMITTEE MEETINGS:**

There will be a committee meeting on the 2nd and 4th Saturdays of each month, located at the clubhouse or splashpad.

#### **COMMITTEES:**

##### *Social / Community Events Committee (Meetings scheduled as needed)*

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

Contact: Raj Allada @ parklakesraj@gmail.com

##### *Landscape Committee (Meetings are at 9:00 – 10:00 AM)*

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.

Contact: Raj Allada @ parklakesraj@gmail.com

##### *Communications Committee (Meetings are at 12:00 to 1:00 PM)*

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.

Contact: Raj Allada @ parklakesraj@gmail.com

##### *Traffic & Safety Committee (Meetings are from 10:00 AM to 12:00 PM)*

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.

Contact: Edgar Clayton @ parklakesclayton@gmail.com

##### *Adopt-a-School Committee (Meetings are from 10:00 AM to 12:00 PM)*

The AAS Committee is comprised of the current Board of Directors, and if approved, 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.

Contact: Edgar Clayton @ parklakesclayton@gmail.com

## **Additional Lights At the Guardhouse Entrance**

Edgar Clayton has worked with Centerpoint to have 12 additional street lights installed at the Guardhouse entrance. Look forward to seeing a brighter entrance into Park Lakes Gates Section.

## **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 of November 4th, 2013, February 3rd, 2014 and May 5th, 2014. This is a great opportunity to have your questions answered.

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# PARK LAKES

## Park Lakes 2013 Event Calendar

*(Subject to changes and/or additions)*

**Saturday, September 14** - Night at the Astros

**Tuesday, October 1** - National Night Out

**Saturday, October 26** - Fall Festival

**Saturday, November 16** - Fall Garage Sale

**November TBD** – Volunteer Appreciation Dinner

**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)

## Be Aware of Snakes

Recently we were informed about sightings of Water Moccasins and other snakes. Please take extra precautions while walking around the lakes and bushy areas. Some people have also sighted them in their backyards. The association has taken precautions to have pest control monitor our properties.

## Meet Our New On-site Manager

Cynthia Garza is our new on-site manager. Cynthia started with us early August 2013. She will be assisting the homeowners and the Board with board tasks. She will be working out of the Splash pad and Club House office.

## Meet the New Facility Manager

Willie Murriel is our new Facility Manager. He started late July 2013. His duties include: interacting with our vendors, handyman tasks and assist homeowners. We look forward to the positive impact he will have on our community.



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## UPCOMING COMMUNITY EVENTS

### 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

To Order Your Discount Tickets:  
Visit [www.astros.com/canyongate](http://www.astros.com/canyongate)  
Password: canyongate

### NATIONAL NIGHT OUT

Tuesday, October 1  
6:00 – 8:00 PM

All residents are invited to participate in National Night Out on Tuesday, October 1st! This event will take place on your own individual streets or sections. Each street/section gets to pick a theme and choose what time and location to get together. This is a great opportunity for you to meet your fellow neighbors and make new friends!

Then, we want you in our newsletter! To make the cut, please e-mail your National Night Out photos by Monday, October 7th to [parklakesevents@gmail.com](mailto:parklakesevents@gmail.com) or [mevrand@canyongate.com](mailto:mevrand@canyongate.com).

If you have any questions about the event, or would like to become a section leader or block captain, please email [parklakesevents@gmail.com](mailto:parklakesevents@gmail.com) or [mevrand@canyongate.com](mailto:mevrand@canyongate.com).

### FALL FESTIVAL

Saturday, October 26  
2:00 PM – 4:00 PM

All residents are invited to join in the fun with your fellow ghouls and goblins. Our annual Fall Festival will be located at the Clubhouse. There will be carnival games, DJ, prizes, moonwalks, snacks and tons of fun!

If you would like to volunteer to help with the games, or need community service hours for school, please contact [parklakesevents@gmail.com](mailto:parklakesevents@gmail.com) or [mevrand@canyongate.com](mailto:mevrand@canyongate.com).

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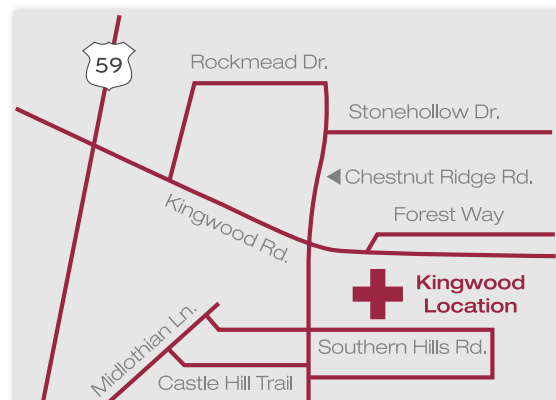


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# PARK LAKES

## 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.

## 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.*

### ***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: Cynthia Garza

### ***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 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 is 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.

## 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.

## 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.

## 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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**Ongoing:** Colin's Hope Athlete Ambassadors of all ages needed! [www.tinych.org/signup](http://www.tinych.org/signup)  
**September 8:** 5th annual Colin's Hope Kids Tri, and All Star Burger Fundraiser (10% of sales donated).  
**October 19:** Sharkfest Austin Swim benefiting Colin's Hope. Volunteers needed.  
**November:** Underwater Holiday Photos (multiple days and locations).  
**February 16:** Austin Marathon. Runners, walkers, and water stop volunteers needed.

Be a Water Guardian and Watch Kids around Water. Drowning is preventable!

Thank you to all who supported our efforts this year to raise water safety awareness to prevent children from drowning!

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