



ACIA

Happenings

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Community Wide Garage Sale

The ACIA will hold its annual Community Wide Garage Sale, Friday and Saturday, October 18-19, 2013. The areas participating are Shores, Club Point, Ivy Point, Golf Villas, Estates of Pinehurst, Pinehurst and Pines. More information or any changes will be posted on our website: www.aciahomeowners.org

National Night Out 2013



The first annual ACIA National Night Out will be Tuesday, Oct 1, 2013, at the Overlook, from 6:30p to 8p. Deputies from Precinct 4 will attend and give info about security in our neighborhood. There will be special items for the children and parents can receive Finger Print Kits. Refreshments

will also be available. The fall weather should be beautiful. Plan to attend and enjoy meeting your neighbors.

Trustee Position Open for 2014

Nominations are now being accepted for one (1) trustee position open for the Atascocita Community Improvement Association Board (ACIA). The trustee will serve for a three (3) year term, January 1, 2014 through December 31, 2016 the position is open to all ACIA members. Trustees meet monthly on the fourth Monday at 6:00pm.

Those members who desire to run for the board position should prepare a brief resume, five or six lines. This resume should be submitted to Anthony Karasiewicz, ACIA Secretary, (anthonyk@embarqmail.com) or emailed to Sterling Association Services, (ServiceDesk@sterlingasi.com) or delivered in person. To assure your name is placed on the ballot, your resume must be received no later than October 10, 2013.

Don't Dump On ACIA

The ACIA must expend considerable funds paying contractors to pick up and dispose of green waste (dead tree branches) that were dumped on common areas. Dumping of green waste has also happened on the petroleum pipeline running through the sections located on the south side of FM 1960. Dumping degrades the environment, is an eyesore, and is difficult to clean up. We should all take our obligation to protect the neighborhood environment very seriously.

The trash contractor, Waste Management, will pick up branches that are bundled and less than 4 feet in length. Local business, Dirt Cheap Mulch, will accept branches of any length for a small fee. Costs for all services are continuously rising. Please help keep our neighborhood attractive and clean.

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Prune Trees For Safety

Our neighborhood and the surrounding areas are fortunate to have a climate that supports a long growing season and a variety of trees which can provide beauty and shade for your home. Trees also serve as a habitat for wildlife and can help homeowners save on energy through shade. However, trees left to grow unmanaged can cause safety hazards. Some tree varieties grow far reaching branches that can obscure traffic signs and other vehicles on the road. This hazard can be avoided by trimming trees away from the street. Low hanging branches can also be struck and damaged by delivery trucks and other large vehicles. Be a good neighbor and inspect and trim your trees regularly. Safety depends on everyone!

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Your Community Newsletter

The Atascocita Happenings newsletter is a great tool for the community and the ACIA board to share information. This publication will grow if everyone participates. If you are involved in a community club or activity, please e-mail information about your activities and meeting for inclusion in the newsletter to anthonyk@embarqmail.com, or any ACIA Board Member. If you have any ideas for the newsletter, please let us know and we can incorporate these into the publication. The deadline for submission is the 8th day of the month for inclusion in the next month's newsletter.

Beautification Projects

A new landscaping contractor, S&S Maintenance began serving ACIA September 1st. Improvement projects have already started. Invading moss has been removed from the ornamental oak trees at the Big A entrance and these trees have been lightly trimmed. These gorgeous live oak trees have enhanced our entrance for several decades and this maintenance will ensure their viability. Other locations will receive a facelift. Many more beautification projects are planned for the remainder of this year and also next year. Plans are to begin at the entrances and work into the various sections.

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



Your pinion Counts

Have you ever wished for different types of outdoor amenities other than tennis courts and swimming pools in our neighborhood? Now is the time to express your ideas. The ACIA Board of Trustees is soliciting your ideas and opinions concerning adding new recreation facilities to the south side area of ACIA. So give us your ideas. Complete the online survey in the Atascocita Community Improvement Association website, www.aciahomeowners.org. Let us know what type of outdoor amenities that interests you and your family, the choice is yours!

Harris County Commissioners' District Change

ACIA has been redistricted and is now in Precinct 2. Mr. Jack Morman is the current Harris County Commissioner. The new Commissioner Precinct lines go into effect immediately. Precinct 2 gains substantial new area in the Northeast, including the May Community Center and May Park.

Public meetings will be held after Labor Day for Commissioner Morman to meet with new constituents and learn about their concerns and infrastructure improvement requests.

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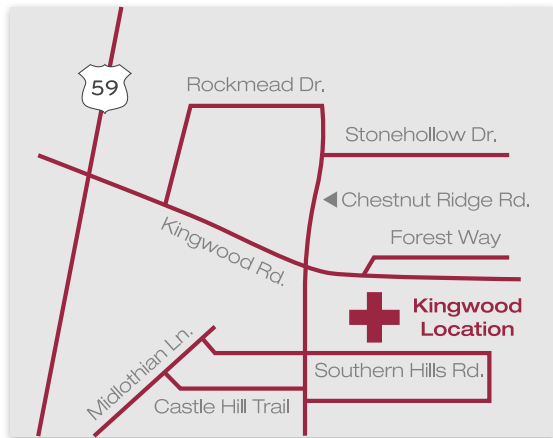




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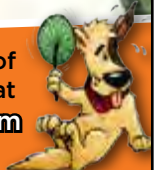
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Tennis League Forming

Mr. James Longoria has graciously agreed to be Chairperson of the newly formed Tennis Committee. He's an avid player and is looking for other tennis enthusiasts to form a league in Atascocita. Anyone interested should contact Mr. Longoria by email: james.longoria2010@yahoo.com

LAKE HOUSTON LADIES CLUB

OCTOBER 2013 MEETING

The Lake Houston Ladies Club will have their luncheon and meeting on Tuesday, October 15, 2013 beginning at 10:00 a.m. at the Walden Country Club, 18100 Walden Forest, Humble TX 77346. This month's entertainment will be "Fun with Psychics". The Lake Houston Ladies Club is a social organization that welcomes new members from all surrounding areas to join and offers several avenues for individual interest. They include: Readers Choice, Bridge, Bunco, Mah Jongg, Lunch and Look, Movie Group, Supper Club. Please join us. New members are always welcome. Please call Carol at 832-671-4475 for more information and for reservations call by Friday, October 11th by 5:00 p.m.

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The Board of Directors for the Atascocita Community Improvement Association will hold a regular meeting on Monday, October 28, 2013 at 7:00 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.



An Invitation To Join The Atascocita Garden Club

Develop your knowledge of horticulture and floral design at our scheduled meetings. We meet on the second Tuesday of the month beginning at 9:30 am at the Rosemont Living Center. It is located at 6450 Kings Park Way. You will enjoy talented and interesting speakers at every meeting! This year's topics and speakers include:

2013-2014 PROGRAM

September 10th - Fall and Winter Planting of vegetables and herbs by Bob Robinson.

October 8th - Jesse Jones speaker will communicate his ideas on birding and wildlife through identifying rescue techniques.

November 12th - Holiday Craft Project

December 3rd - Christmas Decorating at the Rosemont

December 10th - Christmas Social at members home with Luncheon and Gift Exchange

January 14th - "Mercers in Bloom" with Tour Guide identifying plants that bloom during January. Followed by lunch at Old Town Spring. We will carpool this trip.

January 21st - Arbor Day planting at the Rosemont Center

February 11th - Honoring past club presidents in recognition of Presidents' Day. The program will include a Representative from the Harris County Extension Service that will speak on trees. Presentation correlated with Arbor Day.

March 11th - Patty Allen will speak on bulbs. She has made a career out of finding and propagating bulbs.

April 8th - Drive the Bluebonnet Trail viewing the beautiful wild flowers to Martha's Bloomer. Lunch will be in the tea room at M. Bloomer's.

May 8th - Installation of officers and luncheon.

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ATASCOCITA LIBRARY

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