

# Sterling Lakes

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## COMMUNITY EVENTS



### 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 [mevrard@canyongate.com](mailto:mevrard@canyongate.com).

If you have any questions about the event, or would like to become a section leader or block captain, please contact Michelle Evrard, Director of Community Events, at [mevrard@canyongate.com](mailto:mevrard@canyongate.com) or (713) 783-6702.



### Fall Festival

**SUNDAY, OCTOBER 27  
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 SplashPad. There will be carnival games, a DJ, prizes, bounce house, 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 [mevrard@canyongate.com](mailto:mevrard@canyongate.com).

# Sterling Lakes

## HELPFUL PHONE NUMBERS

### *Sterling Lakes Property Owners Association*

PCMI Management/Agent .....	(281) 870-0585
SL Information & Technology Center .....	(281) 778-2000
SplashPad Texas Onsite Office .....	(281) 778-2000
Gate Attendant .....	(281) 778-2015
Houston National Golf Club.....	(281) 304-1400

### *Utilities*

En-Touch (Customer Service).....	(281) 225-1000
Electricity (TXU) .....	(866) 979-5265
Gas (Centerpoint) .....	(713) 659-2111
Trash (Waste Management) .....	(800) 800-5804
Water (Si Environmental, LLC).....	(832) 490-1600
Electricity (street light outage) .....	www.centerpointenergy.com/outage
Texas One Call System (Call Before you Dig) .....	811

### *Property Tax Authorities*

Brazoria County Tax .....	(281) 756-1320
MUD #31 Operator.....	(281) 482-0216

### *Public Services*

Rosharon Post Office .....	(281) 595-3331
Toll Road EZ Tag .....	(281) 875-3279
Voters Registration .....	(281) 756-1131
Vehicle Registration .....	(281) 756-2450
Drivers License Information .....	(281) 756-1521
Alvin/Manvel Chamber .....	(281) 331-3944
Animal Control .....	(979) 864-2265

### *Police & Fire*

Emergency.....	911
Brazoria County Sheriff's Dept. ....	(281) 756-2392
Iowa Colony Vol. Fire Dept. (non emergency) .....	(281) 369-3969
Emergency Medical Services (non emergency) .....	(281) 489-6144
Poison Control .....	(800) 222-1222

### *Education*

Alvin ISD .....	(281) 388-1130
Don Jeter Elementary (K-6).....	(281) 245-3055
Manvel Junior High (7-8).....	(281) 245-2078
Manvel High School (9-12).....	(281) 245-2232

### *Higher Education*

Alvin Community College.....	(281) 756-3500
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### *Sterling Lakes Builders*

CastleRock .....	(281) 778-0822
D.R. Horton .....	(832) 771-3730
LGI .....	(855) 210-2619
Westin .....	(832) 886-5674



## To Contact The Board:

Please address the Board of Directors via your PCMI representative, Mary Carey:

**PCMI**  
P.O. Box 219223  
Houston, TX 77218  
(281) 870-0585  
mcarey@pcmi-us.com

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If you would like to take advantage of this option, you can send a check to POA of Sterling Lakes c/o PCMI, P.O. Box 219223, Houston, TX 77218

Be sure to include your address in the memo line of your check.

## 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.

### STERLING LAKES TRASH PICK-UP SCHEDULE

Wednesday & Saturday - Trash containers must be at curb by 7AM on Wednesdays and Saturdays. Recycle bins are picked up on Saturdays.

Note: Heavy pick-up day - Saturday

Service Provider: Waste Management – (800) 800-5804



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## STERLING LAKES SPLASHPAD TEXAS HOURS

**Business Office (2nd Floor),** PHONE: 281-778-2000

EMAIL: [sterlinglakes@entouch.net](mailto:sterlinglakes@entouch.net)

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: Sophia Clark-El**

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



## Have you logged in yet?

[WWW.CANYONGATE.COM/RESIDENTS/SL](http://WWW.CANYONGATE.COM/RESIDENTS/SL)

Features of the Sterling 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!



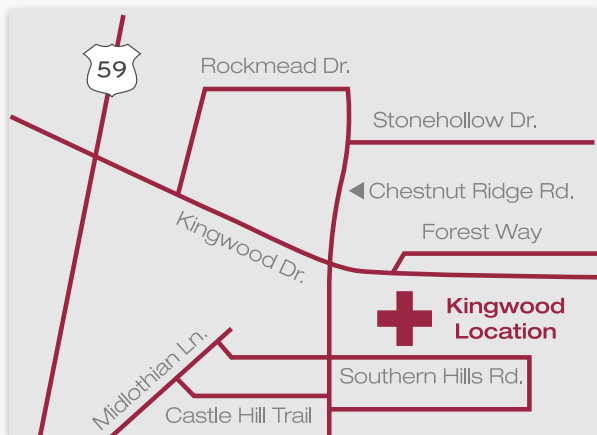


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## Seeking Section Leaders and Block Captains

You can make a difference – so many of our homeowners have talents and gifts that could contribute to the value of our neighborhood. Consider a volunteer position to increase awareness and safety for your biggest investment and community.

For more information on becoming a block captain or section leader, please contact Michelle Evrard, Director of Community Events, at [mevrard@canyongate.com](mailto:mevrard@canyongate.com) or (713) 783-6702.

### YOUR 2013 SECTION LEADERS INCLUDE:

**Section 1:** Lee McKinney ([montecman@yahoo.com](mailto:montecman@yahoo.com))

**Section 2:** Stephanie Green

**Section 3:** Ashton Pace ([smokeatercc@yahoo.com](mailto:smokeatercc@yahoo.com))

**Section 4:** Benjamin Hammond  
([benandbevhammond.sterlinglakes@gmail.com](mailto:benandbevhammond.sterlinglakes@gmail.com))

**Section 5:** OPEN

**Section 6:** OPEN

**Section 7:** OPEN

**Section 9:** OPEN

# 2013

## Sterling Lakes 2013 Event Calendar

National Night Out - Tuesday, October 1

Fall Festival - Sunday, October 27

Cookies with Santa - Saturday, December 14

*Please contact Michelle Evrard, Director of Community Events, at [mevrard@canyongate.com](mailto:mevrard@canyongate.com) if you would like to volunteer for any of our events! Events are subject to change.*

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



## Regular Watering

Regular watering, mowing, edging and weeding are ongoing homeowner maintenance responsibilities. Your neighbors love you when you do your part to keep the community beautiful and they complain to others when you don't. Your Association management team is receiving an abundance of calls concerning dying grass and lack of mowing/edging/weeding. Please note, your management team is sending out violation letters and charging back for 'force mows'. If dying grass cannot be brought back to life, the resident will have to go to the expense to re-sod. For all our residents who consistently do an excellent job at maintaining, we sincerely thank you for your hard work.



## FAQ for October

**Question:** If I see an individual or group breaking the law in the community who do I call?

**Answer:** If there is a real emergency always call 911. If you feel this matter is not deemed an emergency then call the non-emergency number for the authorities to handle, 281-756-2392.

## Keep our Lakes Clean

Please help us keep our community beautiful by NOT THROWING trash and debris into the lakes. In addition, there is NO SWIMMING, BOATING OR FISHING in the LAKES.

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# Sterling Lakes

## STERLING LAKES

### *Board Approved Committees and Descriptions*

#### **SOCIAL COMMITTEE**

Assist the community in creating, implementing and supporting events and activities. These events include, "Egg"stravaganza, Pool Parties, Cookies with Santa and more!

#### **LANDSCAPE COMMITTEE**

The primary role is to support a social club for landscaping ideas, also known as the Garden Club. They are responsible for inviting horticulture guest speakers for community events and sharing a general interest in landscaping. They also assist with the Holiday Decoration Yard Contest.

#### **COMMUNICATIONS COMMITTEE**

To assist the community in creating, implementing and supporting communication efforts including the newsletter, intranet and section leaders and block captains. They also assist with the Holiday Decoration Yard Contest.

#### **TRAFFIC/SAFETY COMMITTEE**

Assists with safety and awareness within the community, making recommendations to the Board for placement of stop signs and speed humps.

#### **ADOPT A SCHOOL COMMITTEE**

Provides recommendations to the Board of Directors for the donation of AAS funds to the schools within that community for educational school items, such as computers, library books, etc. These funds also may be allotted for enhancements within the community such as sidewalks, playground areas or other improvements that will benefit the students of the community.

## October Developer Update

Sterling Lakes currently has 550 completed homes, your new homebuilders include:

Castle Rock	\$140's – \$250's
D.R. Horton Homes	\$200's – \$240's
LGI	\$130's – \$160's
Westin	\$200 – 260's

## 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) 778-2000 for further details.

## Lawn Maintenance

In the case of visible neglect of lawn maintenance, and unresponsiveness from the resident, the HOA reserves the right to mow and/or edge the resident's lawn and charge them for the services rendered. A flat \$ 80 fee will be charged to the homeowner, regardless of whether the entire lawn will need maintenance, or if only edging (sidewalks, driveways, etc.) is required. The HOA has discretion as to which services are needed at the time of service.

For more information on the deed restrictions, please visit [www.canyongate.com/residents/sl](http://www.canyongate.com/residents/sl).



**Stop  
Litter**

## 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 the image we project as Sterling 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.

## New To The Community? Just Moved In?

We're glad you've chosen Sterling 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) 778-2000.

## 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 the SplashPad office or call 281-778-2000 for an ARC form and more information.



## Remember: Please Call Before You Dig

**Texas One Call System: dial "811"**

Prior to performing work on your property, call the "Texas One Call System at 811". They will mark the location of the utility lines easement within your property. Remember, damages to any utility lines within your property can affect services to YOU and YOUR neighbor's homes. Thanks for taking time to call before you dig!

## 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 Animal Control at (979) 864-2265.

## Think Before you Drive

Sterling 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.

## Oil Stain Clean Up

1. Clean up any fresh oil stains by blotting the surface with newspaper.

2. Sprinkle a layer of clay-based cat box litter over the top of the oil stain. You want to completely cover the stain so that you can no longer see it through the litter. The litter will soak up the oil from the concrete.

3. Monitor the color of the litter several times while it is sitting on the stain. As the oil becomes absorbed into the litter, it will change to a darker color. When the litter changes colors, remove the old litter by sweeping it up with a broom. Dispose of the discolored litter as you did the oil-soaked newspapers. Sprinkle more litter onto the stain the same way you did in the prior step and continue to let it soak up the oil. Leave the stain covered with litter for a minimum of one day. Clean away all the litter after 24 hours. Sweep up the litter and dispose of it.

4. Apply a liquid dish detergent with grease-cutting agents to the oil stain. Use a scrub brush to rub the detergent into the stain.

5. Allow the detergent to settle for five minutes, then scrub the detergent into the stain again using short, circular movements.

6. Pour 1 cup of boiling water on to the dish detergent covered stain. Use your scrub brush to rub the water and soap into the stain. Take care not to burn yourself.

7. Blot up the now oily and soapy water with newspaper after the mixture has cooled for several minutes. Dispose of the newspaper. Continue to blot the area until you have absorbed all of the oily water.

8. Pour another 2 cups of boiling water over the stain. This will wash away any oily water that was not absorbed by the newspaper. Be careful not to burn yourself. If the stain is still present, repeat the process.



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