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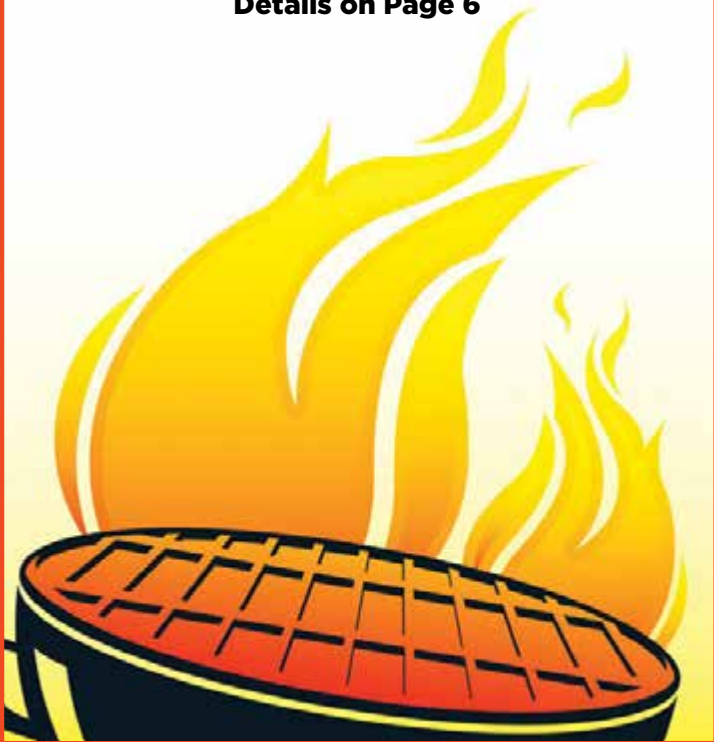
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Neighborhood Voting Representative Elections

November 14, 2013

6:00 pm

Valley Springs Clubhouse

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- 14..... Neighborhood Voting Representative Elections
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- 28..... Happy Thanksgiving

NEW ONSITE OFFICE HOURS

*Effective November 1, 2013 to February 28, 2014,
Winter Hours will be in effect. Winter Hours are:*

Wednesday.....3:00 PM to 8:00 PM

Saturday.....9:00 AM to 1:00 PM

*Due to the Thanksgiving Holiday, the Onsite Office will
be closed Wednesday 11/27 and Saturday 11/30.*

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Neighborhood Voting Representative Election Special Meeting Notice

A Special Meeting of the Eagle Springs Community Association, a Texas non-profit corporation, will be held on Thursday, November 14, 2013 (after the HOA Board Meeting) at the Valley Springs Clubhouse, 13355 Valley Lodge Parkway, Humble, Texas 77346. Registration will begin at 6:00 pm. The meeting will be called to order at 6:30 pm. The purpose of this meeting is to elect a Neighborhood Voting Representative and their Alternate for each Neighborhood. The agenda for the meeting is as follows:

- Call Meeting to Order and Establish a Quorum
- Accept Candidate Nominations
- Election of One (1) Neighborhood Voting Representative and One (1) Alternate for each Neighborhood

If you are unable to attend the meeting, please consider submitting your vote online. By submitting this online ballot, you will be helping to establish a quorum to conduct business at the meeting and your vote will be counted in the election. The presence, in person or by proxy representing at least 25% of all "Class A" members is required in order to establish a quorum and conduct the election.

Please visit www.INSIDEEAGLESprings.com and select the "Vote Here" button on the homepage. Cast your vote for your Neighborhood only. In order for your vote to be counted, you must enter the 6-digit PIN number that is shown below your address on the meeting notice mailed to you. The PIN number is our way to validate your online vote and prevent duplicates or fraud. The online ballot will be open from Wednesday, October 23, 2013 until 10:00 PM on Wednesday, November 13, 2013.

Please contact Crest Management if you have any questions or comments. They can be reached at 281-579-0761 or by emailing: bill@Crest-Management.com



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2013 in our local market continues to be strong. Table 1 shows activity in Area 1 – Northeast Houston which includes, Humble/Atascocita/Huffman. Table 2 shows specific data for Eagle Springs.

Area 1 – Northeast Houston – Represents inventory of homes available on Oct. 7, 2013 and contracts executed between Jan. 1 – Oct. 7, 2013

Status	Up to \$99,999	\$100,000-\$199,999	\$200,000-\$299,999	\$300,000-\$399,999	\$400,000-\$499,999	\$500,000-\$599,999	\$600,000+	Total
Active	36	297	193	75	46	20	30	697
Option Pending	4	42	18	4	1	0	0	69
Pending / PS	39	136	66	37	6	3	3	290
Sold	270	1079	524	195	58	18	19	2163
Total:	349	1554	801	311	111	41	52	3209

Eagle Springs - Represents inventory of homes available on Oct. 7, 2013 and contracts executed between Jan. 1 – Oct. 7, 2013

Status	Up to \$99,999	\$100,000-\$199,999	\$200,000-\$299,999	\$300,000-\$399,999	\$400,000-\$499,999	\$500,000-\$599,999	\$600,000+	Total
Active	0	12	32	14	8	5	0	71
Option Pending	0	4	5	2	0	0	0	11
Pending / PS	0	10	11	8	1	0	0	30
Sold	0	113	111	45	11	3	0	283
Total	0	139	159	69	20	8	0	395

NOTE: This representation is based in whole or in part of data supplied by the Houston Board of Realtors Multiple Listing Service. Neither the Board nor its MLS guarantees or is in any way responsible for its accuracy. Any market data maintained by the Board or its MLS necessarily does not include information on listings not published at the request of seller, listings of brokers who are not members of the Board of MLS, unlisted properties, rental properties, etc.

The time to put your home on the market and sell may be right now. For years, Eagle Springs residents have trusted me in assisting them with selling their homes. My ranking as the #1 Individual Listing Agent in Eagle Springs; in addition to being listed as one of the Top five agents in Area 1 – Northeast Houston for the past several years; confirms my ability to assist you with a proven marketing plan providing full turn key service to get your home sold. Buyers need to know prices are already starting to move up as inventory of available homes are down. There are numerous companies relocating to the area that continues to put demand on available homes as well, with some opting to lease until the home that fits their needs comes on the market. That home may be yours. Let me help you evaluate your options if buying or selling is in your future. The market is hot as displayed by the Sold and Sale Pending's that have occurred in 2013. "Days on Market" is shrinking and I have been getting multiple offers on many properties as well as selling homes in as few as 1 day. I know this neighborhood and I know many of you. Thanks to Eagle Springs for your continued trust in me. I have personally sold nearly 500 homes totaling over \$90 million in sales and I Can Sell Yours Too!

As we head into the cooler months, now is a great time to get your heating system checked out. Quality Comfort Air, 832-663-5363 is a great resource to contact. I am asked many times for Vendors that I use for repairs, maintenance, or additions to the homes I represent or that I use personally. The following are a few Vendors that I consistently use and get the job done. Contact me if you are in need of any Vendor for your home. I will be happy to get you with the Professional that fits your needs.

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Landscaper-Hollywood Hills-281-657-5380 | Painting-Orlando 832-453-7961**

In closing, I'd like to wish you and your family a blessed Thanksgiving. Safe travels to those of you that will be traveling this Thanksgiving.

Respectfully, Rebekah Snipp

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MEETING NOTICE

Public Notice is hereby given to all members of Eagle Springs Community Association, Inc. for the upcoming meeting of the Eagle Springs Community Association Board of Directors. The purpose of this meeting is for the Board of Directors to conduct the business of the Association.

This meeting will take place on Thursday, November 14, 2013 at the Eagle Springs Community Valley Springs Clubhouse located at 13355 Valley Lodge Parkway, Humble TX 77346. The Open Session of the meeting will begin at 5:00 p.m. and adjourn at 6:00 p.m.

The Meeting Agenda may be viewed online at: www.INSIDEEAGLESprings.com under Homeowner's Association/Document Library. Please contact Community Manager, Bill Higgins at Crest Management for any questions regarding this notice at: Bill@Crest-Management.com or call 281-945-4625.



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The Eagle Springs Community Association Board of Directors has determined the Association budget for 2014 and has set the 2014 assessment rates for Eagle Springs at \$810.00 per year, a reduction of \$15.00 from prior year. The Arbor Heights Neighborhood Assessment rate was set at \$67.00, a \$7.00 increase over prior year. The Princeton Park Neighborhood Assessment was set at \$1,000.00, a \$200.00 reduction from 2013. A copy of the 2014 Budget can be found online at www.insideeaglesprings.com.

Assessments are billed annually and due on January 1st and become delinquent on January 31st. You should receive your account statement in the mail by November 15th. You may elect to take advantage of two payment options. You may pay in full by the January 1st due date or you may make three equal payments on November 20th, December 20th, and January 20th.

Payments received after January 31st will be subject to a \$55

late fee. Payments received after February 28th will be subject to a second \$40 late fee. Interest will accrue on any unpaid balance each month. Accounts remaining delinquent will be subject to additional collection action, including deactivation of all access devices associated with the delinquent property.

Should you have any questions about your account statement, do not hesitate to contact Joanne McIntyre at our management company, Crest Management Company, AAMC at joanne@crest-management.com or 281-945-4622. Their office is open Monday to Friday from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. for your convenience.

We are looking forward to another successful year for 2014. With your input and help, we feel we will have another great year!

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The Onsite Office has a new but familiar face! Stacey Stidham, the Activities Coordinator, has taken on the Onsite Office responsibilities, as well as putting together The Talon. Stop in and say hello!



BBQ COOK OFF TIME!

Our annual BBQ Cook Off is just around the corner! On Saturday, November 9th, from 2-5 at the Sports Complex and soccer field, come out and see what your neighbors are grilling. Sample the neighborhood's finest culinary offerings, while the kids climb a rock wall, ride ponies, attempt to tame an inflatable bull, and play games and win prizes. Our teams are competing for a \$250 cash prize and bragging rights, so come out and support your neighbors! You don't want to miss it!

save the date for winterfest!

Start the blueprints for your gingerbread house now! WinterFest is on December 7th from 2-5 at the Town Green and Athletic Clubhouse. The gingerbread house contest, games, puppet show and of course SANTA are all on the agenda this year, so stay tuned to InsideEagleSprings.com for more details.

LANDSCAPE COMMITTEE NEWS

You know you are home the moment you are greeted by the vast collection of flowers and beautiful landscaping. The Landscape Committee would like to applaud our landscaper, Ridgewood for their continued efforts in maintaining the grounds throughout Eagle Springs in addition to the seasonal color. Daily, Ridgewood crews can be seen caring for the grounds throughout Eagle Springs. Thank you Ridgewood for your hard work. We appreciate you!

If you are interested in becoming a member of the Landscape Committee, we meet regularly throughout the year. The general public is always encouraged to attend. We have an interesting "Tree Project" for 2014 that we'll talk more about in the January issue of the Talon.



LANDSCAPE COMMITTEE TREE SALE A HUGE SUCCESS

The tree sale sponsored by the Landscape Committee at National Night Out was again a huge success. Sixty (60) trees were purchased by homeowners with the Committee paying for the planting of forty eight (48) trees. This is the third year for the sale and the most trees sold. The Association appreciates the Committee's work on this sale and their efforts in keeping Eagle Springs green and a great place to live. If you are interested in learning more about the Landscape Committee, they meet the fourth Monday of each month (except for November and December) at 7:00 p.m. at the Valley Springs Clubhouse.

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SHOWCASING ATHLETIC TALENT IN THE EAGLE SPRINGS COMMUNITY

Eagle Springs Community in Atascocita Presents Annual Kids Triathlon

Atascocita, Texas – On September 21, 2013, 141 children between 5 and 15 showcased their athletic ability in the 3rd Annual Eagle Springs Kids Triathlon. Despite the deluge of rain in the area for the three preceding days and the early hours that Saturday, the weather was clear as they began at 8 am.

The distance by age group was as follows and designed to allow kids that had never completed this type of event to participate.

Swim	Bike	Run
5-6 year olds.....	25 yards.....	2 miles 1/2 mile
7-8 year olds.....	50 yards.....	2 miles 1/2 mile
9-10 year olds.....	75 yards.....	4 miles 1/2 mile
11-12 year olds.....	100 yards.....	4 miles 1.5 miles
13-15 year olds.....	200 yards.....	4 miles 1.5 miles

The event began with the Atascocita High School Jr ROTC presentation of the colors. Each of the children completed their race distances and then ended at the celebration finish line in the Eagle Springs Sports Complex. Each child received a “finisher’s medal” as they crossed the Finish Line and the top three children of each gender in each age bracket received a trophy – and are listed below.

The children celebrated with a water bottle, sports towel, cake and refreshments, and enjoyed bounce house obstacle course and bungee runs. Over 40 door prizes were presented to the children through a drawing including Astros tickets to the Yankees/Astros game, Triathlete tank tops from LoveStrong Clothing, medal hooks from SportHooks, Schlitterbahn Galveston tickets, an Origami Owl locket, Rechargeable toothbrush and mouth guard from Creekwood Dental, and gift certificates from Bike Barn, Main Event, Sky High Sports, Sports Authority, S&J Sweets, The Karate School, Kakes by KariAnn, Rising Sun Karate, and Mimi’s Tea Room.

Eagle Springs is an award-winning, master-planned new-home community in Atascocita, one of the Newland Communities. The Eagle Springs Sports Field committee (a group of resident volunteers) coordinate, plan, and direct the event to help motivate kids to maintain an active and healthy lifestyle.

The event is sponsored by Platinum Sponsor: Texas Emergency Care Centers at 1960 and West Lake Houston Parkway; Gold Sponsors: Best Trash, Brown & Gay Engineers, Creekwood Dental, Culvers, Municipal Operations & Consulting, Team Salas Realty, and TMAC Sound; Silver Sponsors: ABHR, Eagle Springs Flyers Swim Team, Westin Homes, Artistic Stitches, Bourbon Street

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Volunteers from Atascocita High School Jr ROTC, Summerwood Volleyball team, Summerwood Jr National Honors Society, CHATA (Christian Homeschoolers of Atascocita Texas Area), the Men’s and Youth groups from the Church of Latter Day Saints, and other parents/community adults helped with planning, directing kids and cheering on the child athletes throughout the competition. Denitsa Zinsmeister of Photo Cacophony, Stephanie Clark of Atascocita Photography, and Landen Do of Darkroom Photography took pictures of the event for the parents and children.

Next year’s event will be held in September 2014.

Athletes Extraordinaire: (Event Winners)

5 to 6 Year Old Girls:

1st Place: Addy Jones
2nd Place: Molly Tindall
3rd Place: Micah Fitzgerald

5 to 6 Year Old Boys:

1st Place: Ayden Scholes
2nd Place: Tanner Western
3rd Place: Colby Allen

7 to 8 Year Old Girls:

1st Place: Katherine Eckerty
2nd Place: Arrie Shockley
3rd Place: Addison Marchand

7 to 8 Year Old Boys:

1st Place: Daniel Haltom
2nd Place: Jake Allen
3rd Place: Ryan Eckerty

9 to 10 Year Old Girls:

1st Place: McKenna Alder
2nd Place: Elle Kirby
3rd Place: Olivia Allen

9 to 10 Year Old Boys:

1st Place: Devin Smith
2nd Place: Kolton Terpening
3rd Place: Zachary Sells

11 to 12 Year Old Girls:

1st Place: Edie Shanahan
2nd Place: Morgan Eckerty
3rd Place: Shelby Streater

11 to 12 Year Old Boys:

1st Place: Carter Geagan
2nd Place: Nicholas Zuklic
3rd Place: Daniel Winter

13 to 15 Year Old Girls:

1st Place: Katie Majerus
2nd Place: Candyce Cotten

13 to 15 Year Old Boys:

1st Place: Zachary Geagan
2nd Place: Connor Smith
3rd Place: Cole Alley

Full results can be found at: <https://register.lonestartiming.com/results/default.aspx?event=23293>

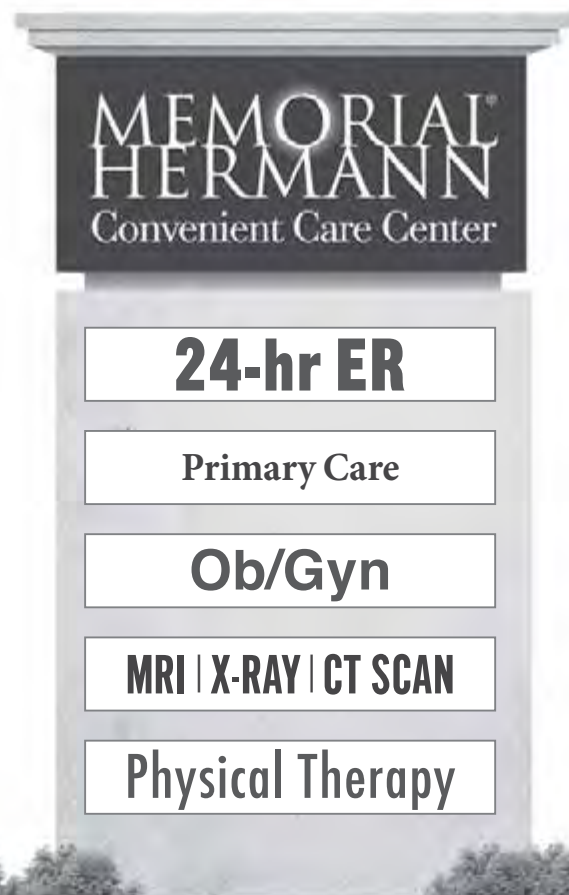
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The early years of life matter because early experiences affect the architecture of the maturing brain. Children begin learning as soon as they are born, and their brains are built from the bottom up. The benefits of positive early experiences build, one on top of another, as “skill begets skill.” Early experiences literally shape how the brain gets built: a strong foundation in the early years increases the probability of positive outcomes. A weak foundation increases the odds of later difficulties. Remedial education, clinical treatment and other professional interventions are more costly and produce less desirable outcomes than the provision of nurturing, protective relationships and appropriate learning experiences earlier in life. It is more efficient, both biologically and economically, to get things right the first time than to try to fix them later.

We cannot focus on developing just one part of the child without paying equal attention to the other capacities. Cognitive, emotional and social capacities are tightly connected throughout the life course. Being an interactive organ, the brain utilizes some functions to enrich others. Language acquisition, for example,

relies on hearing, the ability to differentiate sounds, and the ability to pay attention and engage in social interaction. Scientists now know that the interactive influences of genes and experience shape the developing brain. Children’s hearts and minds are molded by the relationships and environments they experience. The active ingredient in healthy brain development is the “serve and return” relationships young children have with their parents and other caregivers in their family or community. When we respond to these bids for communication and closeness, we are building a strong foundation for healthy brain development.

When we give our youngest citizens a stimulating environment with plenty of opportunities to explore and discover and interact positively with others, we lay that strong foundation for their future learning. Proven and effective early learning programs that promote the optimal development of every child, such as Head Start program to give children the tools they need to succeed in school and in life.

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HELP KIDS MAKE BETTER BAD CHOICES THIS HALLOWEEN

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Halloween is one day, and for most children a handful of their favorite candy is not a problem. The challenge is what happens to the rest of the trick-or-treat goodies,” said Roberta Anding, registered dietitian at Baylor College of Medicine and Texas Children's Hospital.

She advises letting children enjoy a few of their favorites after a night of trick-or-treating, and then putting the rest out of sight, such as in the freezer. If youngsters do ask for it, parents should serve it as a dessert after a meal, not as a snack.

While no candy can be viewed as a health food, there is such a thing as a “better” bad choice, such as dark chocolate, especially if paired with fruit or nuts, Anding said.



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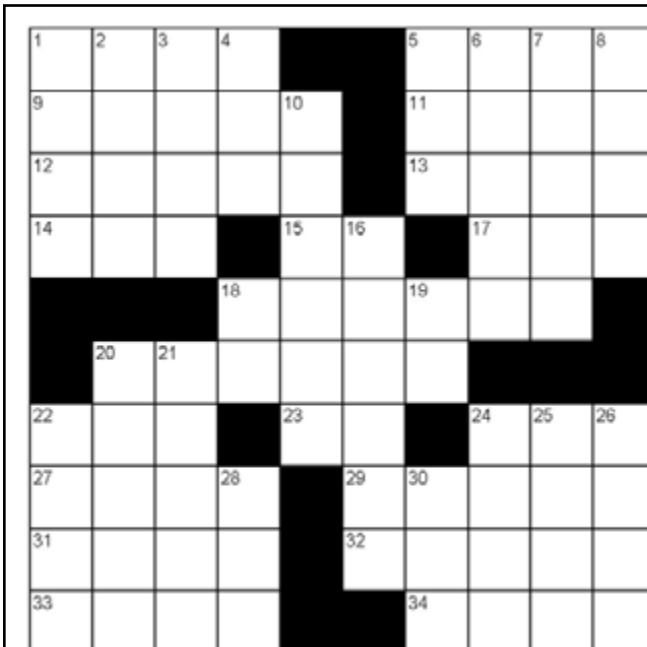
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