

Sterling Lakes

A CANYON GATE® COMMUNITY

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COMMUNITY EVENTS

COOKIES WITH SANTA & TOY DRIVE



**Saturday, December 14
10:00 AM – 12:00 Noon**

Take your photo with Jolly St. Nick as we welcome in the Holiday Season! Located at the SplashPad, we'll be serving holiday treats & entertainment for children young & old!

Don't forget your camera!

*We're hosting a Toy Drive!
If you'd like to contribute, please bring a NEW UNWRAPPED
toy to the SplashPad.*

CANYON GATE COMMUNITIES NIGHT AT THE HOUSTON ROCKETS

Wednesday, January 8, 2014 | Doors open at 7:00 PM, Tip-off at 8:30 PM @ Toyota Center

The Houston Rockets would like to invite all Canyon Gate Communities members, family and friends to join us on January 8, 2014 to watch James Harden, Dwight Howard and the Rockets take on the Kobe Bryant and the L.A. Lakers!

ORDER YOUR TICKETS:

By Calling: Andrew Cornutt @ 713-758-7563
Email: andrewc@rocketball.com

Or Online: <http://tinyurl.com/canyongate>
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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

Sterling Lakes Builders

CastleRock..... (281) 778-0822
 D.R. Horton Homes..... (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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GREAT BUSINESS RATES TOO!



2014 Assessment Payments

Each year, assessments are due on January 1 but did you know that you can make payments, in advance? Any payment made will be credited to your account and reduce the total amount that is owed on January 1, 2014.

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 LAKESTRASH 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



Have you logged in yet?

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!

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.

STREET TREES & TREE STAKES

It is a good time to review the trees on your property and undertake trimming and maintenance, as necessary. Remember to give special attention to your street trees, those that are situated between the sidewalk and road. As live oaks mature, their branches have a tendency to dip down towards the ground and their canopy needs to be thinned and trimmed. The canopy of street trees needs to be pruned to ensure that the branches do not impede passing traffic. Unused tree stakes should also be removed, as they can become unsightly.



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FALL FESTIVAL 2013



We had tons of fun with a DJ, carnival games, prizes, bounce house, face painter and more! Special thanks to the Iowa Colony Volunteer Fire Department for joining us and bringing out their trucks, as well as to all of our volunteers that helped make this event successful!

Thank you to our generous sponsors: Veolia Environmental Services for sponsoring the face painter and snacks & drinks and Neighbors for the DJ and treat bags.

To see more photos of this event, please visit the Image Gallery on the community intranet at www.canyongate.com/residents/sl.

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 or (713) 783-6702.

YOUR 2013 SECTION LEADERS INCLUDE:

Section 1: Lee McKinney (montecman@yahoo.com)

Section 2: Raul Castillo (rgcastillo@sbcglobal.net)

Section 3: Ashton Pace (smokeatercc@yahoo.com)

Section 4: Benjamin Hammond (benandbevhammond.sterlinglakes@gmail.com)

Section 5: Doris Simmons (Lentz831@yahoo.com)

Section 6: Sophia Clark-El (camdreacebre@gmail.com)

Section 7: Martha Steele (martha.steele@edi-international.com)

Section 9: Louis Rodriguez (joseienia@yahoo.com)

Sterling Lakes 2013 Event Calendar

Cookies with Santa - Saturday, December 14

Please contact Michelle Evrard, Director of Community Events, at 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**

BUSINESS CLASSIFIEDS

SABER POWER SERVICES is now hiring a Janitor to care for facility maintenance and the property / landscaping. Application and other employment opportunities can be found at www.saberpower.com.



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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.

STERLING LAKES SPLASHPAD TEXAS HOURS

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

EMAIL: 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.

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.

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.

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.

A yellow rectangular box containing the words "Stop Litter" in a bold, black, sans-serif font. "Stop" is on the top line and "Litter" is on the bottom line.

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.

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.

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!

Healthy Yards

You're ready to begin creating an outdoor space that's healthy for wildlife, for you and your family, and for the environment. Whether you're just starting out or already on your way there, Audubon can help you reach your goal. <http://athome.audubon.org/>



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