



# ACIA

## Happenings

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### *From the Desk of the President of the ACIA*



Here we are already into February of 2014. If a person blinks one time they are left behind in this world. Hopefully everyone had a Merry Christmas and a safe and Happy New Year!

The Atascocita area will continue to grow in 2014, which means traffic will continue to be congested, so patience is very important. Also I would like for everyone to watch out for our contractors working on our streets and medians, please slow down when you see them.

The ACIA BOT had a busy 2013 and 2014 will be another busy year with maintaining the aesthetics of the community. The Pinehurst tennis court has a new surface with new technology, so please go enjoy the updated court. The Pinehurst pool deck was resurfaced as well last year and will have a new motor and pump replaced shortly as the old one gave out with age. The new key fob's for both pools are working without any problems. The sprinkler system that runs throughout our neighborhood is currently being repaired and should be complete before spring. The mulch cushion has been replaced at both playgrounds. The fence along Pinehurst Trails was repaired and it looks very good. With The Overlook and golf course open we will continue to see new visitors to our area so we always want people to say "what a nice place it would be to live".

-- Jimmy Wells

### 2014 ASSESSMENT FEE **IS DUE**

Everyone should have received their statement for the 2014 assessment fee, which was due on January 1, 2014. If you did not receive a statement, please contact Sterling ASI, Inc. at 832/678-4500. The delinquent date for the 2014 fee is fast approaching. If you have not paid your assessment, please do so by January 31, 2014 in order to avoid additional penalties and interest. Payment plans are available for those who need one. To request a payment plan, please contact Susan Marshall at Sterling ASI, Inc. at 832/678-4500 or you may E-Mail her at [susan@sterlingasi.com](mailto:susan@sterlingasi.com). In order to avoid additional penalties and interest, an executed payment agreement and the first (1st) payment must be received in Sterling's office no later than February 1, 2014. We would like to say thank you to those of you who have already paid your 2014 assessment fee.



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## COMMUNITY CONTACTS

### BOARD MEMBERS

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Telephone, Centurylink..... 877-290-5458  
Trash, Waste Management..... 888-964-9734  
Humble Post Office..... 281-540-1775  
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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 will try and incorporate them into the publication. The deadline for submission is the 8th day of the month for inclusion in the next month's newsletter. Also would like to ask everyone to sign up at our website: aciahomeowners.org.

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## CURB APPEAL FOR EVERY CURB

As our neighborhood ages so do our streets and curbs. Driving around you may have noticed increasing numbers of deteriorating and broken curbing. This broken curbing can make your yard look shabby and unkempt and detracts from the overall aesthetics of our neighborhood. Harris County Precinct 2 will repair a broken curb in front of your residence (this does not apply to driveway aprons that tie into curbs.) The broken curbing can be repaired just by placing a phone call to 713-455-8104, or completing a Work Order Request Form online at: [www.harriscountytexas.gov/servicerequestform/default.aspx?pct2](http://www.harriscountytexas.gov/servicerequestform/default.aspx?pct2).



## Lake Houston Ladies Club

February 2014 Meeting

The Lake Houston Ladies Club will have their luncheon meeting on Tuesday February 18, 2014 beginning at 10:00 a.m. at the Walden Country Club, 18100 Walden Forest, Humble, TX 77346. John Pickul, from the Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo Speaker Program, will get us ready for the rodeo with his rendition of the life of a cowboy.

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, Mahjong, Lunch and Look, Movie Group, Girl's Night Out, Tea Time and 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, February 14, by 5:00 p.m.



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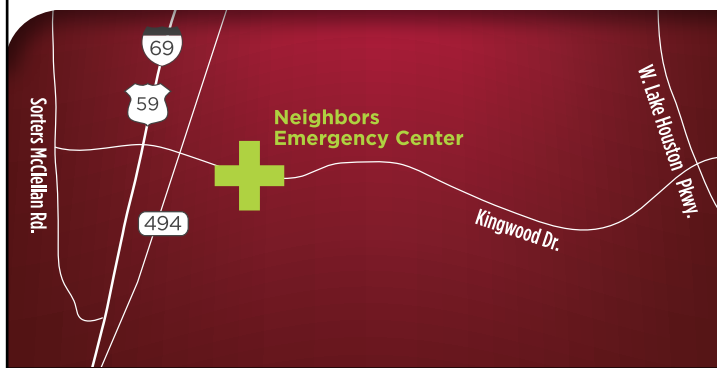
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- Aluminum and steel cans, including empty aerosol cans.
- #1,2,3,4,5, and 7 plastic bottles and containers
- Clear and colored glass
- Paper, cardboard, and phone books

The first Saturday of each month Electronic recycling event is held in conjunction with CompuCycle.

Items accepted included TVs, PCs, servers, laptops, printers, copiers, telephones, cameras, and small appliances. CompuCycle also has a mobile hard drive shredder to shred hard drives on site.

Items not taken include shredded paper, paper coffee cups, pizza boxes and soiled paper plates and napkins, and plastic bags. For more information go to: <http://www.keepingwoodgreen.org/>

Paper can also be recycled at the Abitibi green and yellow recycling bins found at most schools and the library. No cardboard, shredded paper, or soiled pizza boxes and drinking cups.

O'Reilly Auto Parts accepts used motor oil, transmission fluids, steering fluids, and used batteries. They do not accept used coolants.

Grocery stores accept plastic grocery carrying bags.

Many items can also be donated to local charities.

### GREEN WASTE RECYCLING

Dirt Cheap Mulch Co. accepts green waste debris such as logs, branches, shrubs, and yard trimmings and also recycles items such as trees, limbs, leaves, and shrubs. The recycled material is converted into mulch, soil products, and biomass fuel for renewable energy projects. The fee for dumping is \$5 per cubic yard for all trailers and a \$10 minimum for most pickup truck loads. If you bring your debris in plastic bags, empty the contents of the bags and take the bags with you. Dirt Cheap Mulch will not accept wooden pallets, plywood, fence boards, treated lumber or trash of any kind. Green waste is accepted Monday through Saturday from 8 am until 4:30 pm. For more information go to: <http://www.dirtcheapmulch.com/>

### INTERESTING FACTS:

Time it takes garbage to decompose in the environment:

Glass bottle – 1 million years

Plastic beverage bottle – 450 years

Tin can – 50 years

Plastic bag – 10-20 years

Aluminum can – 80-200 years

THE FRIENDS OF THE ATASCOCITA LIBRARY

## Used Book Sale

The Friends of the Atascocita Library (FOAL) will hold a used book sale Saturday, February 8, from 10AM - 5PM at the Atascocita Library, 19520 Pinehurst Trail Dr. Individuals with disabilities may shop from 9AM -10AM. Preview sale for FOAL members is Friday evening from 5PM-7PM, with memberships available at the door. There is a large selection including fiction & nonfiction, hard backs & paperbacks, children's, DVD's, music CD's, magazines & much more. Most are priced at \$.50 - \$1.00. FOAL reusable book bags are available for \$3. Donations of used books & magazines are welcome anytime during regular library hours. Visit [www.hcpl.net](http://www.hcpl.net) for library hours & [www.foal.ws](http://www.foal.ws) for more information, or email [contact@foal.ws](mailto:contact@foal.ws). All proceeds benefit the Atascocita Library.

Thank you,

Becky Berry, book sale chair



## NOTICE OF REGULAR BOARD MEETING

Dear Homeowners:

The Board of Directors for the Atascocita Community Improvement Association will hold a regular meeting on Monday, February 24, 2014 at 7:00 p.m., at The Overlook, 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.

*Very Truly Yours,*

*Atascocita Community Improvement Association*

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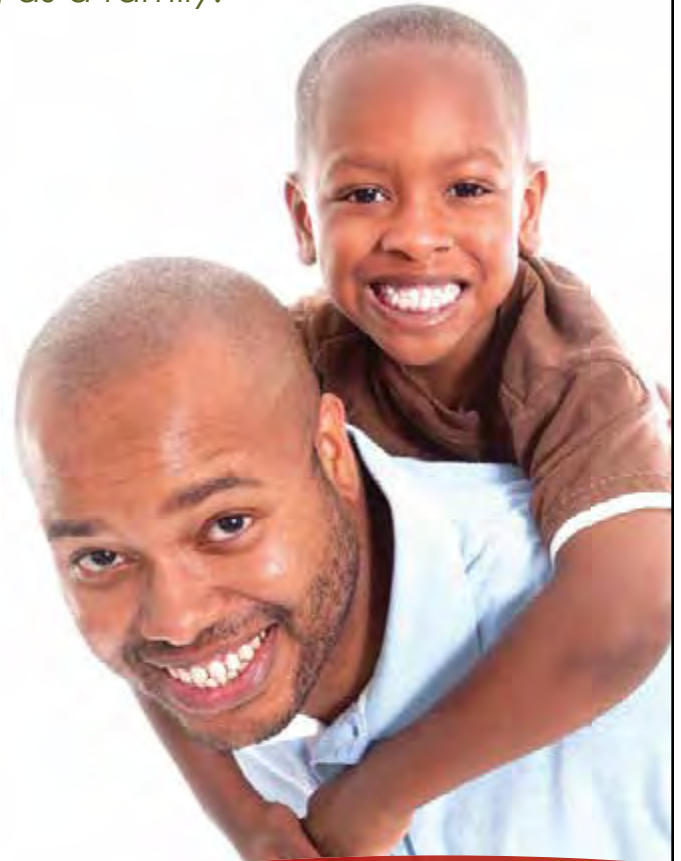
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