

### FEBRUARY 2014 | VOLUME 2, ISSUE 2

## Sterling Lakes 2014 Event Calendar

Saturday, April 5 – "Egg"stravaganza

Saturday, May 3 - Spring Garage Sale

Saturday, June 21 - CPR & Safety Awareness Day (Poolside) (Sponsored by Texas Aquatic Enterprises) Thanks!

Saturday, June 21 - Independence Celebration (poolside)

Saturday, July 19 - Movie Night (Poolside) (Sponsored by Texas Aquatic Enterprises) Thanks!

Saturday, September TBD - Night at the Astros

Tuesday, October 7 - National Night Out

Saturday, October 25 - Fall Festival

Saturday, November 15 - Fall Garage Sale

December 7-13 - Holiday Yard Decoration Contest

#### Saturday, December 13 - Cookies with Santa

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

## New Homeowner Association Management Company

Principal Management Group of Houston is pleased to announce we have been contracted by the Board of Directors to manage the daily affairs of Sterling Lakes P.O.A. Principal Management Group of Houston is a member company of Associa, a national leader in community association management. We have over 35 years experience in the Houston metropolitan market place, and are proud to have been chosen to serve your needs. Our staff has developed and refined systems and techniques that form a solid structure of an organization dedicated to service.

Our office will work under the direction of the Board of Directors on all issues concerning the community such as the billing and collecting of annual maintenance fees. We will also supervise the work of various contract services performed for the community.

Should you have any questions or concerns please feel free to contact Michael Crahan at 713-329-7141 or by email at m.crahan@pmghouston.com. You may also contact the Principal Management main office line at 713-329-7100. The onsite office can be reached at 281-304-7448.

We are here to assist in protecting property values and we are working to ensure the community is great neighborhood in which to live. We look forward to servicing your community.

## To Contact The Board:

Please address the Board of Directors via your PMG representative, Mike Crahan:

PMG

11000 Corporate Centre Drive, Suite 150 Houston, TX 77041 (713) 329-7100 m.crahan@pmghouston.com

The Association doesn't verify, endorse, or approve any products, information or opinions mentioned at Association sponsored functions or contained in this community newsletter.

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## Sterling Lakes

## HELPFUL PHONE NUMBERS

### Sterling Lakes Property Owners Association

Principal Management Group	(713) 329-7100
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

#### Property Tax Authorities

Brazoria County Tax	)
MUD #31 Operator(281) 482-0216	,

#### Public Services

Rosharon Post Office	
Toll Road EZ Tag	
Voters Registration	(281) 756-1131
Vehicle Registration	
Drivers License Information	(281) 756-1521
Alvin/Manvel Chamber	
Animal Control	

### Police & Fire

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

#### Education

Alvin ISD	
Don Jeter Elementary (K-6)	
Manvel Junior High (7-8)	
Manvel High School (9-12)	

Higher Education

Alvin Community College.....(281) 756-3500

### Sterling Lakes Builders

CastleRock	2
D.R. Horton Homes	C
LGI	9
Westin	4



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

EMAIL: sterlinglakes@entouch.net

## Office Hours:

Tuesday through Saturday – 9:00am until 5:00pm

**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.



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#### Ask the "Energy Analyst" 281.658.0395

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## **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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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!



## <u>Sterling Lakes</u> 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 2014 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 COOKIES WITH SANTA

Jolly St. Nick had a great time meeting everybody and enjoyed listening to what the children had on their Christmas lists. Young and old, everybody was in the holiday spirit.

Thanks to all of the residents that donated toys for the Operation Stocking Stuffer toy drive. It was a great success!





To see more photos of this event, please visit the Image Gallery on the community website at

WWW.CANYONGATE.COM/RESIDENTS/SL

## Sterling Lakes Board Approved Committees and Descriptions

Interested in getting more involved in the community? Join a Sterling Lakes committee.

#### COMMITTEE MEETING:

There will be a meeting on Saturday, January 18 at 10:00am at the SplashPad.

#### 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



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**Q**: I thought that Soliciting in the community was against the deed restrictions.

**A**: The Association does not have a specific deed restriction prohibiting Soliciting, but as a result of comments received back in 2010, signs were placed at the entrance to the community to try and elevate this issue. If you ever feel that you are being harassed by a Solicitor please contact the local non-emergency number, Brazoria County Sherriff's Office, at 979-265-9310.



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.

Developer Update

Sterling Lakes currently has 570 completed homes, your 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

## 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.

## 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.



## 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!

## 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.

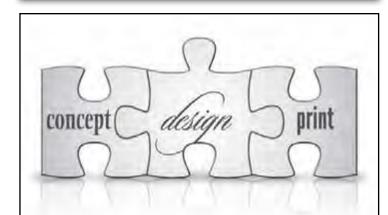


## Littering Hurts us All

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.

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