



# ACIA

## *Happenings*

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## EGG HUNT

*Come Join In!*

The annual ACIA Easter egg hunt will take place in the Shores Park on April 19, 2014 at 9:00 AM.

All Children up to age 12 living in the ACIA Neighborhood are invited. It will be fun for the whole family.

## 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 [sueboazraymond@comcast.net](mailto:sueboazraymond@comcast.net), 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](http://aciahomeowners.org)

## YARD OF THE MONTH

In conjunction with the Atascocita Garden Club and the ACIA Board, the YARD OF THE MONTH program will begin again in April. Each month until September one yard nominated will be picked from submissions sent in by members of ACIA. Any member of ACIA can submit a nomination, so as you notice that perfect yard, snap a picture or send the address to any board member by email. Email addresses are printed on page 2 of the newsletter and posted on the website.



# ACIA HAPPENINGS

## COMMUNITY CONTACTS

### BOARD MEMBERS

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## Maintaining Sewer and Storm Drain Accesses

In our area, sewer and storm drain accesses are located in resident's yards, driveways, and sidewalks. Over time, some of these drain accesses have shifted, either lifting or sinking. This shifting can indicate damage to the underlying drain. Residents noticing any shifting around the drain accesses should immediately call Harris County Precinct 2 Community Assistance at (713) 455-8104. Harris County will inspect the drain to determine whether the visible shifting is causing any impediment to proper storm water drainage. Repair to the storm drains are critical to preventing flooding in our neighborhood. Harris County will make the determination whether the drain access is a sewer drain or storm drain access. If the access is a sewer drain access the appropriate MUD will be notified to inspect and make repairs. Please help make our neighborhood safe from flooding.

Please also remember it is URGENT to keep all pine needles, leaves, trash etc. out of these drains. All these items must be picked up and bagged for garbage pickup. Otherwise severe flooding could occur on your street and our subdivisions as a whole.



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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:

[HTTP://WWW.HARRISCOUNTYTX.GOV/SERVICEREQUESTFORM/DEFAULT.ASPX?PCT2SERVICEREQUESTFORM/DEFAULT.ASPX?PCT2](http://www.harriscountytexas.gov/servicerequestform/default.aspx?PCT2SERVICEREQUESTFORM/DEFAULT.ASPX?PCT2)



## Landscaping and Beautification

Large trees on ACIA common property were removed this winter. These trees were precariously close to homes and other structures and could be a potential damaging threat. Plans are also underway to improve more areas.

The ACIA Board has approved additional plantings for all entrances. These plants will enhance and complete the plantings done last year. The planting will be done after the threat of freezing weather has past.

Cul-de-sac islands will receive a facelift. Islands without plantings will receive an ornamental tree with a mulched bed and other islands will receive mulch around the existing plantings. The islands have been overlooked for many years.

The irrigation systems have been serviced and renovated. Our irrigation systems have been neglected for many years and numerous leaks were detected and repaired. Our plantings will now receive the full benefit of the water sprinklers. These repairs will result in a considerable savings in water and also aid in the conservation of a precious natural resource.

As always, I welcome resident input. Please email your suggestions to [L.Lammers@yahoo.com](mailto:L.Lammers@yahoo.com).



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## Our Neighborhood PARKS

I hope many of you noticed the improvements going on at our parks. Some of the playground equipment was replaced like the slide and the tire swing along with some of the swing seats and others pieces were repaired, not to mention the mulch was replaced. Some of our neighbors have asked why we replace equipment and the mulch and others also wanted to know why it costs so much. So we wanted to answer a few questions. First we try to do everything so the children and families can enjoy the parks; secondly we try our best to make sure it is safe. All of the current replacement and repairs were made for safety. Slide had a crack in it where a child could have gotten a scrape, tire swing was ripped, and swing seats were showing wear. The mulch was also replaced for safety, there is a Playground Safety Handbook written in 2010 that we need to follow and we were not. The mulch is really not there just for looks, it is a safety cushion for the children in case of slips and falls and the law calls for a 12" deep cushion of mulch compacted with a minimum of 9". In some places we had less than an inch, so the contractor had to dig out truckloads of dirt before installing the mulch and it took over 250 yards of mulch to do both parks, so no it was not cheap. Playground mulch itself is different than your everyday garden mulch and we would like to take this opportunity to thank our local Dirt Cheap Mulch for making it for us at a pretty good discount compared to other bidders. Our next park project will be the fences around both pools that need replacing, again it will not be cheap, however, they have been neglected for years and according to fence laws for pools written in 1994 we have no choice as the last thing our neighborhood would need is getting sued by a homeowner because we do not meet today's standards. We as volunteers on the HOA Board hope everyone will enjoy the parks and we will do our best to keep them safe.

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## WASTE MANAGEMENT

### Atascocita Community Association Residents: Garbage Collection Service Guidelines

**Service days are Tuesday & Friday**

#### CURBSIDE SERVICE

*Please have your trash out by 7am on your service day.*

Household garbage, grass clippings, leaves, branches and tree trimmings are collected at the curb. Important! - For the safety and protection of our employees and equipment, we do require that branches and tree trimmings be no greater than three inches (3") in diameter and be cut, tied and bundled in four foot (4') lengths weighing no more than forty to fifty pounds (40-50 lbs.) Containers over 45 gallons must have all trash bagged. Due to safety concerns WM will not service anything over 65 gallons 10 items per service day (can/ bag/ bundle)

#### BULK TRASH COLLECTION

Provided on the second collection day of each week for moving boxes (please break them down and bundle them), old furniture and appliances. Please note that we can no longer dispose of CFC refrigerant containing items (i.e., refrigerators, freezers, etc.) without certification that the freon has been properly removed and recycled, pursuant to current Federal law. 2 items second collection day of the week

#### UNACCEPTABLE ITEMS

Gasoline, Motor Oil (And Used Filters), Paint, Vehicle Tires, Batteries, Large Pieces of Metal, Construction Debris (Disposed of By The Contractor Performing The Work).

#### HOLIDAYS

**New Year's Day, Memorial Day, Independence Day, Labor Day, Thanksgiving Day, Christmas Day**

*No service on these holidays. Service on the next regularly scheduled collection day.*

#### CUSTOMER SERVICE

Our Customer Service Department is at 800-800-5804. Our office is open from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., Monday through Friday.

## NOTICE OF REGULAR BOARD MEETING

Dear Homeowners:

The Board of Directors for the Atascocita Community Improvement Association will hold a regular meeting on Monday, March 24, 2014 from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 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.

Any changes to meeting time, place, or agenda will be posted on our website: [aciahomeowners.org](http://aciahomeowners.org)

*Very Truly Yours,*

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Mr. James Longoria has graciously volunteered to be Chairperson of newly formed Tennis Committee. He's an avid player and looking for other tennis enthusiasts to play tennis in Atascocita. Anyone interested should contact Mr. Longoria by email: james.longoria2010@yahoo.com

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