

Sterling Lakes

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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, August 30 - Night at the Astros

Tuesday, October 7 - National Night Out

Saturday, October 25 - Fall Festival

Saturday, November 15 - Fall Garage Sale

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

UPCOMING COMMUNITY EVENTS

“Egg”stravaganza

Saturday, April 5

10:00 AM - 11:30 AM

Hop on over to the SplashPad to enjoy our annual “Egg”stravaganza with special guest Peter Cottontail. There will be three different age groups and enough treats for each age. The age groups are 0-2, 3-5, 6+. Egg hunts will begin at 10:30 AM. Light snacks and beverages will be served, as well as entertainment for all ages. Don't forget your basket!

If you would like to volunteer, or need community service hours for school, please contact mevrard@canyongate.com.

Spring Garage Sale

Saturday, May 3

7:00 AM - 12:00 Noon

Get ready to clean out your closets for our community-wide garage sale. You won't have to haul your items far; the community garage sale will take place in YOUR OWN garage! Just be ready to open your garage at 7:00 AM on Saturday, May 3.

We'll be creating a map of all the garage sales in the community. To be added to the map, please e-mail your address to mevrard@canyongate.com and include a short list of the types of items you are selling. No additions will be accepted after Wednesday, April 30. The maps will be handed out near the Gate House.

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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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

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
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Sterling Lakes Builders

CastleRock	(281) 778-0822
D.R. Horton Homes	(832) 771-3730
LGI	(855) 210-2619
Westin	(832) 886-5674

STERLING LAKES SPLASHPAD TEXAS HOURS

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

EMAIL: sterlinglakes@entouch.net

Office Hours:

Monday, Wednesday, Thursday – 9:00am - 5:00pm

Tuesday – 11:00am - 7:00pm

Closed Saturday & Sunday

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.*

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:

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

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

Sec. 3: Martha Steele (martha.Steele@edi-international.com)

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

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

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

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

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



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!**

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

COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT

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

COMMITTEES

• **SOCIAL** – Contact Michelle at mevard@canyongate.com for more information

SOCIAL GROUPS

- **BOOK CLUB** - Contact Aundria Eli at aundria.eli@memorialhermann.org
- **YOUTH ACTIVITIES** - Contact Beverly Hammond at

benandbevhammond.sterlinglakes@gmail.com

- **COMMUNICATIONS** - If you are interested in being a Section Leader or Block Captain please contact Michelle at mevard@canyongate.com
- **FLAG** - Contact Brian Roller at roller2011@att.net
- **LANDSCAPE** - Contact Lee McKinney at montecman@yahoo.com
- **TRAFFIC & SAFETY** - Contact Rashawn Clark-El at camdreacebre@gmail.com
- **ADOPT-A-SCHOOL** - Contact Sophia Clark-El at camdreacebre@gmail.com

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

Developer Update

Sterling Lakes currently has 590 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



MARCH

Q: My neighbor has a dog that barks all night long. What is the POA doing about this?

A: If you have a neighbor that has a barking dog and you deem this a nuisance, please keep a log of the occurrences and please contact and ask additional neighbors to document this issue. We are able to send a courtesy notice to your neighbor, upon receipt of your complaint. Beyond sending additional letters, the other option is filing a lawsuit. In order to justify the association expense of a filing a lawsuit, you must provide the supporting evidence deeming the matter a "community nuisance". One or two neighbors will not constitute the "community". Please also note that lawsuits and legal matters must be justified and of a certain severity to proceed, as this is an initial out-of-pocket expense for the association and runs the risk of not being collected in the end.

The Deed Restrictions are designed and written to govern the "community" and that is why this must be a community issue. The association cannot and will not become involved in "neighbor-to-neighbor disputes". You are highly encouraged to speak with your neighbor and make every attempt to resolve this matter.



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.

SplashPad Texas Cabana Rentals

SplashPad Texas has a private cabana that is available for party rentals by residents only.

Residents may reserve the party cabana for a nominal fee year- round during regular office hours. The private cabana for party rentals can accommodate up to fifteen people (includes adult supervision) for a maximum of 3 hours per event.

Please contact the SplashPad Texas office at (281) 778-2000 for further details.

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.

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.

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STERLING LAKES BOARD APPROVED COMMITTEES AND DESCRIPTIONS

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

COMMITTEE MEETING 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.

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.

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.

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.

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!

Stop Litter

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.

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.

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.



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