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Happenings

Ivy Point, Pinehurst, Club Point, Golf Villas, The Shores, The Pines and Estates of Pinehurst

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Your Community Newsletter and ACIA Web

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, or any ACIA Board Member. If you have any ideas for the newsletter, please let us know and we will try to incorporate them into the publication. The deadline for submission is the 8th day of the month for inclusion in the next month's newsletter.

This newsletter is also available online. Do you have an iPhone? If so, please download the Peel, Inc. iPhone app (<https://itunes.apple.com/us/app/peel-inc./id866041578?mt=8>). Once downloaded, find your community and subscribe to your newsletter.

Please also sign up for your ACIA website @ aciahomeowners.org. Currently there are 712 (up from 684 last month) residents signed up of the 2,496 total homeowners. Everything residents need is on this site. Updated information is posted very often. All the forms and contact information is there at the click of a button or two. ALL RESIDENTS ARE ENCOURAGED TO SIGN IN @ ACIAHOMEOWNERS.ORG TO BE KEPT IN THE LOOP FOR ALL ACIA NEWS AND E-BLASTS.

YARD OF THE MONTH



*Congratulations to:
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ALL RESIDENTS DON'T MESS WITH ATASCOCITA

Please sweep and bag all leaves, grass, pine needles, etc from the front of your own street. Do not allow these clippings in any of the drains. If each family will sweep and bag all the debris from the front of their own home, the problem is solved. All drains must remain clear of these items to avoid flooding.

Also, please be advised there is no duping allowed in the gully areas. Several have been fined for this.

These summer months have brought a tremendous increase in roadside trash. Our beautiful landscaped medians are replete with plastic bottles, food wrappers, chip bags, and other type of refuse. Littering is disrespectful to your neighbors and neighborhood. This littering is also costly because ACIA must pay our landscaping contractor to remove and dump this trash. Please be considerate of your neighbors and neighborhood. Don't Litter!

Do the Right Thing.....Keep it Clean

Personal Safety

Driving

Talk to your teens about safe driving & be an example!

- > No use of cell phones when behind the wheel.
- > Slow down and observe the speed limits in neighborhoods. There are a lot of young children out and about during the summer - take care to care for them.
- > Stay focused and always use proper seat belts.

Cycling/Skating/Scooters

- > Wear a helmet... properly! A helmet should be worn snug, fitted, and level.
- > Replace helmet after three to five years and/or if cracked.

General Water Safety

- > Do not combine alcohol and water-related activities! The same laws are applicable when using any motorized water craft.
- > Be aware of sandbars. Use feet-first entry into water.
- > Do not dive in less than 9 feet of water. Good rule: no diving board - no diving.
- > Never leave children unattended near pools or bodies of water.



ACIA NEIGHBORHOOD SUMMER SAFETY TIPS

Protect the Home Front - A home that looks deserted makes an easy target for thieves. To keep your home looking occupied, set your lights on a timer and stop your newspaper and mail delivery so it doesn't build up while you are away. Be sure to put trash cans away before you leave. Mow the lawn prior to leaving and if on an extended stay, have a service or neighborhood teen mow for you.

For added security, ask a trusted neighbor to check your home periodically and alert the police of any suspicious activity. Grant easy access to authorized visitors by storing your spare key in a portable key safe, like the Master Lock 5422D.

ACIA JULY 4TH PARADE AND FESTIVITIES

The ACIA 4th of July parade was absolutely fantastic! Precinct 4 Constables lead the way. They were followed by the Atascocita Volunteer Fire Department's hook and ladder fire engine. Their sirens were sounding and lights were flashing as they lead the children and adults participating in the parade. The parade began at the Atascocita Library along Pinehurst Trail and ended at the Overlook. The children were dressed in their patriotic finest, along with their decorated bicycles, baby strollers, wagons and golf carts, while the adults decorated their cars. There were even a few covered wagons along with a military truck and the antique fire engine # 1 from the Atascocita Volunteer Fire Department. One participant even brought his drum to add a little rhythm to the parade. Spectators enjoyed the parade while clapping and waving at the children and adults as they marched. The weather was great!



After the parade ended, the fun continued. Hot dogs, snow cones, soda and water were served in the area behind the Overlook. We went through a LOT of hot dogs! The line never stopped. The parade participants were judged by a panel of judges for the best dressed, best decorated on wheels and best dressed pets. Prizes were given out to the winners. The judges certainly had a difficult time in deciding. It was a great morning indeed for the neighborhood!

We would like to give a very big thank you to all our wonderful neighborhood volunteers. Without your help we could not have

put on such a wonderful, fun filled event for our neighborhood. We would also like to thank Walgreens and CVS for their donations of water. Thanks also to Kevin and Sandy Kilgore for allowing the parade to end at the Overlook. Thank you for the use of your beautiful facility. It was awesome using the area behind the Overlook for all these activities.

The Overlook continued the 4th of July celebration by inviting the community to enjoy food, dancing and a fireworks show during the evening hours. It was a great time to meet all your



neighbors and the barbequed food was great. The kids seemed to really enjoy the waterslides. Everyone who attended had a wonderful time! Thank you again Kevin and Sandy Kilgore for putting on a great 4th of July celebration for our community!

A special thanks to all the volunteers who never quit! You were awesome! The biggest thanks go to all our neighbors who participated in the morning and evening events. Without your participation it would never have happened.

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Parks and Pools

Good news! Both pools opened on time and everything ran fine in June. At the Pinehurst pool, leaks were repaired on the baby pool and all other leaks were repaired as well. The repairs to the pump house were completed. The electrical in the pump house was brought up to code. A new fence was completed surrounding the pool area. Drains have been installed to rid the back of the park of standing water.

We are still having problems with the pool access key fobs as of July 10, 2014. Wiring was repaired at the Pinehurst pool by a volunteer (Thank you) and the key fobs should be working. However, Sterling is still inputting the names and numbers into the computer system for access. At the Shores pool the phone lines were not working and Century Link repaired their end. Hopefully by the time you read this both systems will be working. If your access key fob does not work, please call Sterling Management at 281-832-4500.

The first week of July the pump motors at both pools went out. Pinehurst pool pump motor went out on July 2nd and the




Shores pump motor went out of July 3rd. The pump motor at the Pinehurst pool was still under warranty, so we contacted the pump manufacturer immediately. Unfortunately, they did not have a motor in the area. However, it was repaired on the evening of July 9th and the pool was opened on July 10th. The Shores pool pump motor was not covered under warranty and there was no replacement motor in the area. A replacement motor was found in Dallas and arrived on the evening of July 10th. As of the writing of this article we are waiting to have the motor installed. Thank you for your patience while the pools were being repaired.

The damaged clutter bridge at the Pinehurst Park has been replaced and the missing piece of playground equipment at the Shores Park has been replaced.

Now that the repairs are complete and both pools are open we hope you enjoy the parks and pools again! Have a happy and safe summer!

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ACIA Pools

Please be advised **The Shores Pool at 8810 Pine Shores Drive** is open for regular hours.

The hours are:

Mon., Wed., Thur. and Fri. 12:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.

Saturday: 12:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.

Sunday 1:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.

CLOSED: Tuesday.

The Pinehurst Pool at 20600 Atascocita Shores Drive is also open for regular hours. The numerous major repairs have been finalized and the pool was opened on schedule on June 7, 2014. ACIA is very grateful for the hard work of many to meet the numerous deadlines to allow this pool to be ready.

The hours are:

Mon., Tue., Thur., 12:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.

Friday 12:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.

Saturday 1:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.

Sunday 1:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.

CLOSED: Wednesday

Enjoy your facilities. ACIA Board

Lake Houston Ladies Club May 2014 Meeting:

Lake Houston Ladies Club is a social organization that meets from September to May on the third Tuesday of the month at the Walden Country Club, 18100 Walden Forest Drive, in Humble TX. The club welcomes new members from all surrounding areas to join and offers several avenues for individual interest. They include: Readers Choice, Bridge, Bunco, Mah Jongg, Lunch and Look, Movie Group, Supper Club and Tea Time Group. Many of the groups continue throughout the summer months. There are periodic events planned during the year that include spouses or significant others. The club is an excellent way to meet new people and make new friends. Please call Carol at 832-671-4475 for more information about the club.

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