

# Sterling Lakes

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## UPCOMING COMMUNITY EVENTS



### Canyon Gate Communities

Night at the Houston Astros  
Saturday, August 30

All Canyon Gate residents, their families & friends are invited to watch the Houston Astros take on the Texas Rangers! The first 10,000 fans receive a Nolan and Reid Ryan Bobblehead presented by Houston Methodist.

*Saturday, August 30, 2014  
6:10 PM @ Minute Maid Park*

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Contact Matt Ritchie at 713.259.8337 or  
[mritchie@astros.com](mailto:mritchie@astros.com)

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## YARD OF THE MONTH

Congratulations to the  
"Yard of the Month" winner for July!  
Special thanks to our sponsor Cornelius Nursery!



***9610 Golden Cypress Drive (Section 6)***

### YARD OF THE MONTH!

Do you have a neighbor or friend in the community who has an outstanding front yard? Nominate them for the Yard of the Month!

To nominate a yard, please e-mail the address and a picture, if possible, to [mevvard@canyongate.com](mailto:mevvard@canyongate.com).

# Sterling Lakes

## HELPFUL PHONE NUMBERS

### *Sterling Lakes Property Owners Association*

Principal Management Group/Agent.....	(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

## SPLASHPAD

### TEXAS HOURS

**Business Office** (2nd Floor), PHONE: 281-778-2000,  
**EMAIL:** sterlinglakes@entouch.net

#### **Office Hours:**

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

Tuesday– 11:00am - 7:00pm

Closed Saturday & Sunday

#### **Fitness Center Hours:**

7 days a week – 5:00am until 10:00pm

## To Contact the Board:

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

### **Principal Management Group of Houston**

11000 Corporate Centre Drive, Suite 150

Houston, TX 77041

(713) 329-7100

m.crahan@pmghouston.com

## 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

## Have you logged in yet?

WWW.CANYONGATE.COM /RESIDENTS/SL

Features of the Sterling Lakes  
Community Intranet include:

- **Receive e-blasts from the Association**  
(i.e. Association news and announcements, community events, local area happenings and more!)
- **Resident Directory**
- **Classifieds**
- **Current Events and Activities**
- **Documents and Forms**  
(i.e. ARC guidelines, deed restrictions, financials, etc.)
- **Event Photos and MORE!**



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## 2014 STERLING LAKES SUMMER POOL SCHEDULE

### - SPLASHPAD TEXAS -

(Open during office hours & pool hours)  
Monday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday – 9am-5pm  
Tuesday – 11am-7pm  
Saturday & Sunday – 12pm-8pm

### - SPLASHPAD POOL -

MAY HOURS - "Swim at your own Risk"  
May 13 thru May 23  
Monday – CLOSED  
Tuesday - 11am-7pm  
Wednesday-Friday – 9am-5pm

### MEMORIAL DAY WEEKEND

May 24 thru May 26  
Saturday 5/24, Sunday 5/25, Monday 5/26 – 12pm-8pm

### SUMMER POOL HOURS

May 31 thru August 29  
Monday – CLOSED  
Tuesday – 11am-7pm – "Swim at your own Risk"  
Wednesday-Thursday – 9am-5pm – "Swim at your own Risk"  
Friday – 9am-8pm – "Swim at your own Risk"  
Saturday & Sunday - 12pm-8pm  
\* Friday, July 4th, pool open from 12pm-8pm

### LABOR DAY WEEKEND

August 30 thru September 1  
Saturday, Sunday & Monday – 12pm-8pm

*Schedule subject to change, weather and other factors could cause changes to this schedule without notice. Please check with the onsite office for further information.*



# Sterling Lakes

## Independence Celebration Pool Party 2014

Thank you all for coming out to our Pool Party held at the SplashPad.

We had tons of fun with a DJ, hula-hoop contest, limbo, games, treats and lots of prizes!

For more photos of the event, please visit [www.canyongate.com/residents/sl](http://www.canyongate.com/residents/sl)



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## Sterling Lakes Advisory Committee

The Advisory Committee holds meetings in the community and needs continual feedback from residents to make Sterling Lakes the best community possible! If you have a desire to build a positive and strong community contact a volunteering member from this Committee at: Sterlinglakes.Advisoryboard@yahoo.com.

- Daniel Carreon
- Rashawn Clark-El

## Seeking Section Leaders & 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:** OPEN

**Sec. 2:** Frenetta Tate (slempoweredlifegroup@gmail.com)

**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)

**Sec. 10:** OPEN

**Sec. 11:** OPEN




**Sec. 12:** Paris Johnson (householdmail@yahoo.com)

## Please be Observant of Posted Traffic Signs, Speed and Gates

Please respect the posted traffic speeds and stop signs in our community. They are here to make our community a safe and pleasant place to live. School is out and our children are enjoying their summer at our amenities. Use extra caution when driving near our park and community pool. Please also use the correct side of the gates for entry and exit.

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# Sterling Lakes

## COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT

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

### COMMITTEES

**SOCIAL** – Contact Michelle at [mevvard@canyongate.com](mailto:mevvard@canyongate.com) for more information

#### SOCIAL GROUPS:

- **Book Club** - Contact Aundria Eli at [aundria.eli@memorialhermann.org](mailto:aundria.eli@memorialhermann.org)
- **Youth Activities** - Contact Beverly Hammond at [benandbevhammond.sterlinglakes@gmail.com](mailto:benandbevhammond.sterlinglakes@gmail.com)
- **The Empowered Life Social Group** - Provides opportunities for you to be encouraged and inspired in your daily life. Our goal is to be a beacon of light, a carrier of hope and a place of empowerment in our community. We share information, insight and resources that will inspire your greatness and help you to be your personal best under the following tenets; Personal Development, Relationships, Life Purpose, Financial fitness and Health. If you are interested in being on this committee and help plan events that will benefit the community, please contact Frenetta Tate at [slempoweredlifegroup@gmail.com](mailto:slempoweredlifegroup@gmail.com)

**COMMUNICATIONS** - If you are interested in being a Section Leader or Block Captain please contact Michelle at [mevvard@canyongate.com](mailto:mevvard@canyongate.com)

**FLAG** - Contact Brian Roller at [roller2011@att.net](mailto:roller2011@att.net)

**LANDSCAPE** - Contact Michelle at [mevvard@canyongate.com](mailto:mevvard@canyongate.com)

**TRAFFIC & SAFETY** - Contact Rashawn Clark-El at [camdreacebre@gmail.com](mailto:camdreacebre@gmail.com)

**ADOPT-A-SCHOOL** - Contact Sophia Clark-El at [camdreacebre@gmail.com](mailto:camdreacebre@gmail.com)

## Sterling Lakes 2014 Event Calendar

**Saturday, July 26 - 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 [mevvard@canyongate.com](mailto:mevvard@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](http://www.canyongate.com/residents/sl)

## 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.

## 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.



## TIMELY TIPS

### *for August Gardeners at Calloway's and Cornelius Nursery*

August is here and needless to say, it is HOT! However Fall is right around the corner and here are a few tips to get you through the scorching days of August and into the "Second Spring" of the South – Fall. This is usually one of the driest months for our region, and rainfall may be sparse. With new watering restrictions in place, when and how you water becomes even more important.

Make the best use of the water you have by watering early in the morning before the wind speeds pick up. Otherwise, much of the water will evaporate before the plants get to use it. To further avoid excess evaporation, use a sprinkler that produces large drops of water instead of a fine mist. Plants need about one inch of water each week during this long summer period. If you have heavy clay soil adjust the timing of the irrigation zones to make sure water is not running off the landscape. Your irrigation schedule should be adjusted to allow for slow infiltration of the water. Be a WISE – keep water on the landscape.

Soil that is exposed can heat up to more than 100 degrees Fahrenheit. This is hot enough to kill those tender root hairs near the surface. Three to four inches of mulch can make the soil 10 to 20 degrees cooler. Besides reducing soil temperature, mulches also conserve water by reducing evaporation, often up to 65 percent.

August is the last month to plant a new lawn before winter temperatures arrive. Newly-installed lawns need at least six to eight weeks to establish a healthy root system.

Prune roses back, but do not remove more than one-third of the plant. Prune and remove spent blooms on annuals and perennials to encourage continuous blooming well into fall.

Tomato and Peppers planted earlier this year will not set fruit during the heat of the summer, even though they may still be flowering. If the plants remain healthy, they will set fruit again once the temperatures stay below 90 degrees. Side-dress established healthy plants with fertilizer and keep watered to encourage new growth. Set out tomato transplants; look for early maturing variety (65 to 75 days). Our average first freeze is mid-November and tomato maturity slows down as the days get cool and cloudy.

#### **Free Clinics at your nearest Calloway's or Cornelius Nursery!**

*There are no Clinics scheduled for August – Stop by your nearest Calloway's or Cornelius Nursery for friendly expert advice from one of our Texas Certified Nursery Professionals*



## 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.

## 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!

## 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.

## 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.



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