

Sterling Lakes

A CANYON GATE® COMMUNITY

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UPCOMING COMMUNITY EVENTS

National Night Out

Tuesday, October 7

6:00 PM – 8:00 PM

All residents are invited to participate in National Night Out on Tuesday, October 7th! This event will take place on your own street or section. Each street/section gets to pick a theme and choose what time and location to get together. This is a great opportunity for you to meet your fellow neighbors and make new friends!



Then, we want you in our newsletter! To make the cut, please e-mail your National Night Out photos by Friday, October 10th to mevvard@canyongate.com.

If you have any questions about the event, or would like to become a section leader or block captain, please contact Michelle Evrard, Director of Community Events, at mevvard@canyongate.com or (713) 783-6702.

Fall Festival

Saturday, October 25

2:00 PM – 4:00 PM

All residents are invited to join in the fun with your fellow ghouls and goblins. Our annual Fall Festival will be located at the SplashPad. There will be carnival games, DJ, prizes, bounce house, snacks and tons of fun!

If you would like to volunteer to help with the games, or need community service hours for school, please contact mevvard@canyongate.com.

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Sterling Lakes Property Owners Association

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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

Sterling Lakes Builders

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

YARD OF THE MONTH

Congratulations to the
"Yard of the Month"
winner for August!

Special thanks to our sponsor Cornelius Nursery!



***9543 Silver Ridge Drive
(Section 3)***

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.

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

Onsite Community Manager: Sophia Clark-El

Please visit or contact this office to register
for amenity & gate access.

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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

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

Have you logged in yet?

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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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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

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 -

LABOR DAY WEEKEND

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

SEPTEMBER POOL HOURS

September 6 thru September 28
Saturday & Sunday - 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.



Think Pink Fashion Show

Business women in Northwest Houston seeking to network with other professional women are invited join the Northwest Houston Business & Professional Women (BPW). We are HIP – Healthy. Inspiring. Powerful. Join us for lunch on Sept 18 for the Think Pink Fashion Show and Silent Auction benefiting Breast Cancer. Event takes place at Northgate Country Club, 17110 Northgate Forest Dr, Houston, Tx 77068. Register by Sept 15 at <http://nwhoustonbpw.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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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: 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)

Sec. 10: OPEN

Sec. 11: OPEN

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

Sterling Lakes 2014 Event Calendar

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

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TIMELY TIPS

for September Gardeners at Calloway's and Cornelius Nursery

September is a pivotal month for your landscape, with the official arrival of Autumn later this month, and hopefully, a return to cooler and wetter weather. It's the gateway month between summer and fall gardening so get outside and improve your landscape.

September is the time to apply lawn fertilizer to keep the grass healthy and growing up to the first frost. Always follow the directions on the package and avoid over fertilizing, which will only damage your lawn.

Sow Spring Wildflowers (like Bluebonnets) seed now. For more reliable, uniform seed germination of our State flower, purchase acid-treated Bluebonnets seed. This treatment pits the seed coat, allowing nearly 100% germination in one to two weeks.

Divide your perennial about every third or fourth year to prevent overcrowded beds. Spread a liberal amount of organic matter evenly over the area and mix into the soil at least 6 to 8 inches deep. Space divisions at least one foot apart in all directions so root competition will not be a problem for several years.

September is an excellent month to begin planting trees and most shrubs. Fall landscaping done now will be well-rooted by next Spring and Summer.

Purchase Spring blooming bulbs as soon as they become available. Tulips and Hyacinths should be stored in a refrigerator until November.

Plant your fall vegetable garden. Plant cool-season vegetable garden with transplants of Broccoli, Cauliflower, Brussels sprouts, Cabbage, Chard, Collards, Lettuce, Kale, Endive and Mustard. Water your new vegetables and lightly top-dress with mulch to discourage weeds.

Replenish mulch in beds for winter protection. Change irrigation frequency with the shorter, cooler days of fall. Clean up debris from annual and perennial beds so insects won't winter there.

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

Saturday, September 6: Fall is for Planting! Shrubs and Trees (10:15 a.m.) Saturday, September 13: Fall Lawn Care: What to do and When (10:15 a.m.)

Saturday, September 20: Texas Gardening – Colorful Fall Flowers (10:15 a.m.) Saturday, September 27: Gorgeous Autumn Color in Containers (10:15 a.m.)

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.



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Water Wise Gardening

Seven Principles of Water Wise Gardening

- Planning and design
- Soil preparation
- Appropriate plant selection
- Efficient irrigation
- Use of mulches
- Appropriate maintenance

Landscape and irrigation plan should be done together to increase efficiency. Group plants with like water usage requirements. Determine water zoning-distinct areas for planning. Oasis area is typically the area immediately around the home – foundation plantings; this is the area that uses the most water. Transitional area is the area away from the foundation and more moderately drought tolerant plants can be incorporated. Xeric areas are farthest from the home and plant material should be selected that has the most dependable drought tolerance.

Soil type will dictate the irrigation needs. Organic Compost improves microbial activity making healthier soil, aids in moisture retention and supplies nutrients to the plant material. Expanded shale improves drainage in heavy clay soils and provides space for oxygen movement. Apply approximately 3 inches of Organic Compost/Expanded Shale and work into topsoil to a depth of 6 to 8 inches.

To choose the appropriate plant selection, observe sunlight patterns for each area to be considered. Direct sunlight with little to no filtration for eight hours, direct sunlight for 4 to 5 hours of primarily morning only sun; not the intense afternoon sunlight, filtered sunlight through trees and lastly shady areas with very little direct sunlight. Choose plants that have the correct day length and light requirements for the area being considered. Example, do not choose Impatiens for a very sunny west exposure. Locate trees to help cool and shade air conditioning units on southern and western exposure, this will help cut energy cost and the long term help cut water usage. Use shade tolerant plants in shady locations and irrigate only when needed, not when the bed areas in full sun areas require irrigation. Turf areas need eight inches of soil to allow for deep penetration that can survive limited water and drought. Please use the Plant Selector located at: <http://urbanlandscapeguide.tamu.edu> for help in selecting the correct plant your needs.

Efficient irrigation is developing an irrigation plan in conjunction with a landscape plan. Always accommodate the needs of the plant; not just water over a zone. Proper planning



may eliminate the need for irrigation; many plants can survive long drought periods without supplemental irrigation if placed in the proper and planted correctly. Make sure your irrigation has no overspray in normal wind conditions, zone “like water use plant material” grouped together in the same zone, use drip irrigation or soaker hoses where feasible, use gray water or rainwater catchment when possible and install rainwater shutoff devices. Don’t water the sidewalk! This is probably one of the biggest ways to waste water; please adjust your sprinkler heads.

Mulch, Mulch and Mulch, this can add so much value to the landscape. Mulches can be organic or inorganic. Mulch will slow evaporation, help prevent water robbing weeds, help to maintain soil temperature and can be decorative. Do not apply too high on plant trunks it can lead to fungus and molds. Organic mulches such as hardwood, pine bark, cedar and cypress should be applied at approximately 3 inch levels. These mulches will decompose adding organic material to the soil and increase microbial activity.

Appropriate maintenance will insure a Water Wise landscape. Maintenance program should include aeration of mulched beds and turf areas, mowing frequently at the proper height, removing only 1/3 of the leaf blade at each mowing, regular inspection of irrigation system and heads, resetting irrigation system for current weather and making sure plants remain healthy since a healthy plants will stress less and typically use less water.

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