



# ACIA

## Happenings

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

December 2014

Official Newsletter of the Atascocita Community Improvement Association

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## Happy Holidays

Season's Greetings to the residences of the community from the Atascocita Garden Club members. The membership wants to share the beauty of the holidays by making our neighborhood more festive through decorating appropriately for this occasion. Thanks to each of you in the area for being involved in making the place where you reside attractive during this holiday season.

During the month of December the garden club will be participating in the following activities:

**December 2nd** - Decorating the foyer at the Rosemont Living Center with poinsettias.

**First Week of December** - Committee members will be judging the Christmas Decorations of the ACIA neighborhood homes. Winners will be announced in the ACIA Newsletter.

**December 9th** - The annual Holiday Party with festive music, lunch and gift exchange will be held at a garden club member's home.

As the New Year approaches the club members hope that you will continue to have good health and enjoy the friendship of the participants in the garden club.

## Don't Dump On ACIA

The ACIA must expend considerable funds paying contractors to pick up and dispose of green waste (dead tree branches) that were dumped on common areas. Dumping of green waste has also happened on the petroleum pipeline running through the sections located on the south side of FM 1960. Dumping degrades the environment, is an eyesore, and is difficult to clean up. We should all take our obligation to protect the neighborhood environment very seriously.

The trash contractor, Waste Management, will pick up branches that are bundled and less than 4 feet in length. Local business, Dirt Cheap Mulch, will accept branches of any length for a small fee. Costs for all services are continuously rising. Please help keep our neighborhood attractive and clean.

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## STERLING ASSOCIATION SERVICES

You should have received by now your 2015 ATASCOCITA COMMUNITY IMPROVEMENT ASSOCIATION assessment billing for \$475.00 per Lot. If you wish to pay your 2015 Annual fee in four (4) monthly installments, we have provided payment coupons effective October, November, December and January. Your fee (including previous balances indicated on your statement but not a part of the 2015 payment coupon) must be paid in full no later than January 31, 2015.

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If you like to pay with a debit card or credit card please go to [www.Cabanc.com](http://www.Cabanc.com) and complete the information, Management Company: Sterling ASI, Management ID: 4005, Association ID: ACIA.

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## LAKE HOUSTON LADIES CLUB

### *December Meeting and Luncheon Information*

Lake Houston Ladies Club will have their meeting and luncheon on Tuesday, December 16, 2014 beginning at 10:00 a.m. at the Walden Country Club, 18100 Walden Forest, Humble TX 77346. Christmas music will be provided by Geralyn Mounds on the keyboard and Santa will be there. Lake Houston Ladies Club is a social organization that welcomes new members from all surrounding areas. Several Interest groups are available which include: Readers Choice, Bridge, Bunco, Tea Time, Lunch and Look, Movie Group, Supper Club, Mah Jongg, and Girl's Night Out. Please join us. New members are always welcome. Call Carol at 832-671-4475 for more information about the club and for luncheon reservations call by Friday, December 12th before 5:00 p.m.

## ATASCOCITA GARDEN CLUB HOSTS CHRISTMAS YARD DECORATING CONTEST

The Atascocita Garden Club will judge yards the first week of December. Please have your outside lights on by dark if you wish to participate.

The Atascocita Garden Club will choose the winner and the winning yard will be featured in the ACIA newsletter and on the ACIA website.



## We Want a "Waste-Free" Community!

It doesn't take much to remember that we have pets in our community. In fact, if you don't watch your step, you just might step in one such reminder!

Besides being unsightly and smelly, animal waste can be hazardous to the health of our children who play in the community and other pets. One of the most common forms of disease transmission between dogs is through fecal matter. When walking your dog in our community, remember that it should be leashed.

Also, it is important to remember to immediately clean up after your pet. If you are walking in one of the ACIA parks there are waste bags available. Take along a baggie with you to pick up waste with and then dispose of it properly.

By taking a few simple steps to clean up after your pet, you can contribute to the beautification of our community and also towards the elimination of one of the most irritating nuisances in our community.

Thank you also for not throwing your trash on the commons areas. Isn't it SO easy to take it home rather than risking a fine by tossing it out the window.

Thank you for your cooperation!

## NOTICE OF NO REGULAR BOARD MEETING FOR DECEMBER

Dear Homeowners:

The Board of Directors for the Atascocita Community Improvement Association will NOT hold a regular meeting in December. The next regular scheduled ACIA Board meeting will be held Monday, January 26, 2015 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.

Very Truly Yours,

Atascocita Community Improvement Association

## DECEMBER FIT - IT'S NEVER TOO EARLY TO START

It's all too easy to put off our fitness plans when the New Year is around the corner. Why work now when we can put it off for another month, vowing to get "everything fit" in the coming year.

As you start your personal fitness program now you will be on your way to creating good habits. Experts say it takes at least 30 days to form good fitness habits. These positive habits you start forming today will help you to accomplish your goals in the coming year.

The weather outside is beautiful. Following are some tips to help get you on your way:

Take advantage of the crisp air as the next few months provide us a wonderful opportunity to exercise outdoors. Cycling, walking and running are incredible activities this time of year.

Taking the kids and a pet to the park in August is not for the faint of heart. December however is a perfect time to get quality time with the family outside. Take your Frisbee, play on the swing set, challenge someone in a game of Bocce. These activities are not only fun but they'll keep you fit as well.

Integrate exercise into your life - Instead of reading a book while the kids practice soccer, take a jog around the park. Don't panic over a parking spot at your favorite mall. Purposefully park at the back of the lot. You'll not only relieve yourself of stress but you'll get a few more steps into your day.

Don't let the shortened days get you down. Just because the sun goes down at 6pm doesn't mean you can't play outside. Get a good headlamp, wear reflective clothing, and enjoy the peace and solitude the evenings can offer.

December also provides us with a great opportunity to make our homes look better than ever. Homes show beautifully when decorated for the Holidays. If you are considering the sale of your home, remember that buyers are often more emotional during the Holidays. This can translate to them being more likely to pay your asking price. Additionally, many people are looking to buy before the end of the year for tax reasons.

We'd be remiss if we didn't thank you for yet another wonderful year in Real Estate. We are well aware that many of our readers are clients. It has been a pleasure to serve you and we hope you know that the relationships we have formed are a significant part of our happiness. We wish you a wonderful Holiday season, Merry Christmas and God Bless.

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## Christmas Yard Decorating Contest

The ACIA, in collaboration with the Atascocita Garden Club, announces a Christmas Yard Decorating contest. The Atascocita Garden Club will choose the winner and the winning yard will be featured in the newsletter and on the ACIA website. The Atascocita Garden Club will judge yards the first week of December 2014. Anyone wishing to nominate a home, e-mail the information to [sueboazraymond@comcast.net](mailto:sueboazraymond@comcast.net). Please have your outside lights on by dark if you wish to participate.



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**Safety:** While children are busy learning, playing, singing, painting and growing, parents can trust in Primrose's ongoing commitment to providing a safe environment. From controlled building access and playground safety to cleanliness, food handling and other practices, Primrose has high standards for safety and security measures. Every staff member is required to be certified in CPR and first aid and trained on the Primrose Safe School Plan, a proprietary program that includes universal precautions and appropriate responses to different emergency situations.

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**Creative Arts and Music:** Research has shown that the first few years of life are crucial to developing musical aptitude. Early exposure to the arts has a huge influence on life-long potential for enjoying music and learning to play an instrument. Primrose Schools, in partnership with one of the largest premier international music education companies in the United States, provides daily music instruction through Rhythm and Notes® with music from The Music Class®! Not only are we committed to providing a fun and educational music curriculum, but also to enabling parents and teachers to engage musically with their children throughout the week, both at school and at home.

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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). 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.

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Please also sign up for your ACIA website @ [aciahomeowners.org](http://aciahomeowners.org). Currently there are 761 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](http://ACIAHOMEOWNERS.ORG) TO BE KEPT IN THE LOOP FOR ALL ACIA NEWS AND E-BLASTS

## Your Opinion Counts

Have you ever wished for different types of outdoor amenities other than tennis courts and swimming pools in our neighborhood? Now is the time to express your ideas. The ACIA Board of Trustees is soliciting your ideas and opinions concerning adding new recreation facilities to ACIA. So give us your ideas. Complete the online survey in the Atascocita Community Improvement Association website, [www.aciahomeowners.org](http://www.aciahomeowners.org). Let us know what type of outdoor amenities that interests you and your family, the choice is yours!

REMEMBER: All residents are encouraged to sign in @ [aciahomeowners.org](http://aciahomeowners.org) to be kept in the loop for all ACIA news and e-blasts. If you haven't signed up, please do as soon as possible.



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## BEGINNER TENNIS CLINICS

Thanks to all those who have been coming to the beginner tennis clinics. The first night October 14th was a total success with a total of eight children and one adult. It was decided after this first clinic to meet every Tuesday for a month or so to keep the interest going. We have met every Tuesday since.

Welcome mother and daughter Lorrie and heather Pritchett, Riley Ryczek, Cara and Amy Helton, Brady and Colby Mattson. There were several others children who came but did not complete the sign-up sheet. Thanks also to Kimberly Clark who came this week to assist with the training. Thank you parents for bringing your children. You are truly appreciated.

All new players are welcome to come on Tuesday, December 9th @ 7:00 p.m. After the first session you can then decide if you want to continue. Please just come, or e-mail Sue Raymond if you have any questions or need further information @ sueboazraymond@comcast.net.



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