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ASSESSMENT PAYMENT NOTICE

You may have received an email that appeared to be spam and we certainly understand the confusion and concern especially in light of recent hackings of financial information. The email was from RevoPay who is the payment processor for all of Crest Management's Associations. Revo Payments took their system down in late October to make some enhancements in preparation for assessment notices that have been mailed out. Anyone that registered with Revo Payments in the past in order to make their assessment payment would have received the email. You will have to go through a password reset process, but then will be able to access your account online.



COMMUNITY CALENDAR

DECEMBER 2014

- 9 **Book Club**
8 - 10 pm / Athletic Clubhouse
- 12 **Scrapbooking**
12 - 10 pm / Athletic Clubhouse
- 13 **WinterFest**
2-5 pm / Valley Springs Clubhouse
- 20 **Winter Holiday**
Onsite Office Closed through January 7th
- 25 **Merry Christmas!**
- 31 **New Year's Eve**

WINTER HOURS ARE IN EFFECT!

Effective November 1, 2014 to February 28, 2015,
Winter Hours will be in effect. Winter Hours are:

Wednesday 3:00 PM to 8:00 PM
Saturday 9:00 AM to 1:00 PM



COMMUNITY CONTACT INFORMATION

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2015 ASSESSMENTS

The Eagle Springs Community Association Board of Directors has determined the Association budget for 2015 and has set the 2015 assessment rates for Eagle Springs at \$825.00 per year, an increase of \$15.00 from prior year. The Arbor Heights Neighborhood Assessment rate was set at \$67.00, no change from prior year. The Princeton Park Neighborhood Assessment was set at \$800.00, a \$200.00 reduction from 2014. A copy of the 2015 Budget can be found online at www.insideeaglesprings.com.

Assessments are billed annually and due on January 1st and become delinquent on January 31st. You should receive your account statement in the mail by November 15th. You may elect to take advantage of two payment options. You may pay in full by the January 1st due date or you may make three equal payments on November 20th, December 20th, and January 20th.

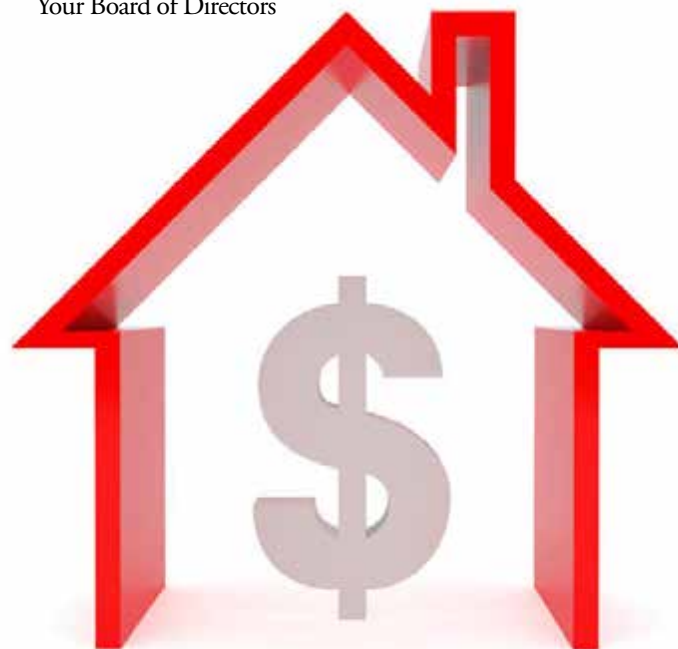
Payments received after January 31st will be subject to a \$55 late fee. Payments received after February 28th will be subject to a second \$40 late fee. Interest will accrue on any unpaid balance each month. Accounts remaining delinquent will be subject to additional collection action, including deactivation of all access devices associated with the delinquent property.

Should you have any questions about your account statement, do not hesitate to contact Joanne McIntyre at our management company, Crest Management Company, AAMC at joanne@crest-management.com or 281-945-4622. Their office is open Monday to Friday from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. for your convenience.

We are looking forward to another successful year for 2015. With your input and help, we feel we will have another great year!

Sincerely,

Your Board of Directors



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Merry Christmas!

With 2014 coming to an end, it is time to reflect. Throughout the year I helped many clients buy and sell their homes. We are blessed to live in a city where economic development is strong. The outlook for 2015 remains positive with continued corporate relocation in our area. Now is a great time to get together and develop a plan of action to have your home ready to sell. Buyers will come back into the market in January after the holidays have passed.

December is one of my favorite times of year. It's a time for visiting family and friends while reminiscing about memories that were made throughout the year. There were many happy times, some sad times too. We welcomed new friends and family members into our world and also lost some special ones along the way this year. Memories are what keep us going.

2014 has been the year of change for many of us. Thank you for allowing me to assist you with your real estate moves and making memories. In 2014 many of you moved up to your next home as you were bursting at the seams in your current home, downsized as the last child went off to college as it's now just the two of you; moved grandparents closer to family or getting a bigger yard for the dog, to finding a home with a pool to enjoy with friends. Many moved their belongings to storage as their work took them to another country for 2-3 years, while I welcomed others back to our area after they finished an overseas work assignment. Hearing your stories about a favorite restaurant, the kids first day at school, baseball games, soccer games, swim meets, marathons, dance recitals, birth of your first child or grandchild or your son or daughter receiving a college acceptance letter, make my job so rewarding. These are the things I love about what I do.

Rebekah Snipp Scholarship recipients were awarded their \$1,000 scholarship as the fall semester came to a close for them. Details to apply for the Rebekah Snipp Scholarship for 2015 are online at rebekahsnipp.com. The deadline to apply is April 15, 2015. I look forward to receiving scholarship applications to review.

Thank you for allowing me to be part of your world in 2014. May you and your family have a Blessed Christmas Season. Be safe on the roads as you travel for the holidays. Please consider woundedwarriorproject.org this Christmas.

Merry Christmas from our family!

Rebekah Snipp

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NEW AMENITY COMING TO EAGLE SPRINGS

The Eagle Springs Board of Directors made a decision to purchase the Visitor's Center from Newland Communities. This was discussed at the September 11, 2014 Board meeting and they have entered into an agreement with Newland Communities with an anticipated closing date of December 15, 2014. The plan is to make some minor changes in order to use it as a community clubhouse and convert the current Athletic Clubhouse to a larger fitness center. One proposed change will include multiple meeting rooms in the new clubhouse (old Visitor's Center). This will allow 2 community groups to hold meetings at the same time, accommodating more of the groups (scouts, clubs, etc) that are currently using the clubhouse for meetings. There is currently a wait list for these groups as there are more groups holding meetings than there are meeting times available. The Board also wanted to avoid having the Visitor's Center sold to an outside commercial entity. For years the Board has heard requests for a larger fitness area. Having the option to purchase the Visitor's Center will provide the room in the older facility to expand and purchase more equipment. We are very excited about this new amenity and will provide you with updates as they become available.

Onsite Office Closure for the Holidays!

The Onsite Office will close on December 20 and reopen January 7th. If you need assistance, please contact Bill Higgins at Bill@Crest-management.com. Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!

WinterFest is Here!

Come join your neighbors as we celebrate the holidays with WinterFest at the Valley Springs Clubhouse from 2-5 pm on December 13th. Arts and crafts, games, horse-drawn wagon rides, camel rides, trackless train and petting zoo are all activities on the agenda for your family. A certain bearded man is also scheduled to make an appearance as well! Concessions will be available for purchase. Don't forget to bring your gingerbread house creation for our annual Gingerbread House Contest! Houses can be dropped off in the kitchen of the Valley Springs Clubhouse during the event, and judging begins at 4:45 pm. Residents must be present to win, and gift cards will be awarded to the top three entries. The only rule? Everything must be edible on your gingerbread house, so BE CREATIVE!

The schedule of entertainment is as follows:

2:15-3 pm – Strolling Strings

3:15-4 pm – Savana Hearren

4:15 pm – “Twas the Night Before Christmas” puppet show, located inside the Valley Springs Clubhouse

If you or your child would like to volunteer to gain service hours, please email Activities@InsideEagleSprings.com

***Some details subject to change.*

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Wildly Successful BBQ Cook Off

The stage was set – quite literally – for a beautiful day of music, BBQ, and FUN at the Sports Complex and soccer fields as teams battled it out for bragging rights at the BBQ Cook off. Eleven teams gathered the night before to get ready to win and take home a \$250 cash prize.

Pony rides, a rock wall, mechanical bull and inflatable shooting gallery were enjoyed by kids young and old. Residents brought chairs and blankets to relax on the soccer field and enjoy music provided by Southern Crown, who were wildly popular for all ages. For more information on Southern Crown and where they will be playing next, please visit: www.southerncrownband.com

All eleven BBQ teams graciously donated briskets, which were sold as sandwiches to raise money for the AVFD PALS program, an auxiliary program for the fire department, which provides organizational assistance to the fire department. Together, we raised \$825.00 for this organization. Way to go Eagle Springs and THANK YOU teams!

An enormous thank you to the following groups for sending in their volunteers: Atascocita High School National Honors Society, AHS JROTC, AHS Key Club, and notably Summer Creek High School National Honors Society, who, for a second year in a row, provided students to help tally the judges' scores. Also, huge thanks to AVFD, various law enforcement agencies, including Pct. 4 constables, and residents Kevin Alner and Brian Stidham, for judging 5 rounds of cook off submissions.

Thank you also to Humble Door Refinishing (www.humbledoorrefinishing.com) and Scott's Janitorial Services (www.scottsjanitorialservices.com) for providing free hot dogs and beverages to the kids! Both companies also raffled off prizes for residents. This event could not happen without the help of two very special resident volunteers: Michelle Button and Bea Hearren. Michelle was indispensable with helping out at the judges' table, while Bea directed our student volunteers at the BBQ Sandwich booth. Thank you ladies!

Congratulations to Set it and Forget it, our grand champions!



BBQ Category Winners

Open Dish

- 1st- Humble Door Refinishing Cookers
- 2nd- Certified Tasty
- 3rd- Q

Chicken

- 1st- Rib Ticklers
- 2nd – Smokers and the Bandits
- 3rd- Just4Fun Cookers

Dessert

- 1st- Rib Ticklers
- 2nd- Humble Door Refinishing Cookers
- 3rd- Set it and Forget it

Ribs

- 1st- Set it and Forget it
- 2nd – Texas Platinum Cookers
- 3rd- Humble Door Refinishing Cookers

Brisket

- 1st- Texas Platinum Cookers
- 2nd- Set it and Forget it
- 3rd- Just4Fun Cookers



Southern Crown Pictures Courtesy of Monica Hindmarsh Photography

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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Society of St. Stephen Angels

Once again, Eagle Springs has chosen to adopt 50 “angels” from the Society of St. Stephen. These children in need have created a wish list of items they would like from Santa, most of which total about \$30. These angels can be found on the Christmas tree in the Athletic Clubhouse. Ages range from infants to teens and include both boys and girls. Last year, Eagle Springs residents filled the Onsite Office with donations for our angels!

To pick out your angel, come by the clubhouse during office hours. All items can be returned during office hours no later than Wednesday December 10th.

Help make another child's holiday a brighter one by sponsoring a Society of St. Stephen Angel!



SOCIETY OF ST. STEPHEN FACT SHEET

WHAT DO WE DO?

Society of St. Stephen is a community outreach agency serving people living in the Humble, New Caney and Splendora school district boundaries.

We are 100% volunteer- we have no paid employees or positions.

We are open Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays from 9 am- 11:30 am or until we have served the first 36 clients and typically are closed on school holidays except for the summer.

We provide, at no cost to our clients, an average of 400 individuals each week with food, clothing and an average of 25 families a week with limited financial assistance (primarily utility and medication assistance).

Clients can visit SOSS once every 30 days for food, once every 60 days for clothing and once every 12 months for financial assistance. A typical grocery allotment includes canned vegetables, canned fruit, canned meat, rice, beans or pasta, bread, ½ gallon of milk and cheese. Fresh fruits, vegetables and personal products are given when available. We also supply diapers (as needed), laundry soap, toilet paper and bath soap to all families.

We have three special projects a year. Our Back to School drive supplies over 850 children each year with school supplies, a \$15.00 shoe voucher for one pair of new shoes and new backpacks. For Thanksgiving and Christmas we provide over 500 food baskets for a family holiday dinner and gifts for over 1,200 children age 1-16.

HOW DO WE DO IT?

We receive donations and monetary gifts from individuals, philanthropic groups, churches, schools, businesses, corporation volunteer grants and our major fundraiser, the SOSS women's

tennis tournament held in the spring.

Our 150+ regular volunteers give an average of 15 hours per month of their valuable time to SOSS.

In recent months*, our disbursements for utilities and medical assistance have averaged \$1,233 per week. Our food costs have averaged \$616 per week, which we supplement with large discounts from the Houston Food Bank and local food drives and/or donations. (*Based on data December 2011 through November 2012)

HOW CAN YOU HELP?

DONATE! We always need gently used clothing, linens and small household items and please use your Kroger share card and Randall's Good Neighbor cards designated for Society of St. Stephens.

VOLUNTEER! We have a wide variety of places to help, working with clients or working behind the scenes, on a regular basis or on seasonal projects, and flexible scheduling from a couple of hours a month to more.

GIVE! Financial contributions can be mailed directly to us, or designated to SOSS and dropped in the collection plate at Kingwood United Methodist Church. Society of St. Stephen is a 501c3 agency.

FOR MORE INFORMATION, CONTACT US!

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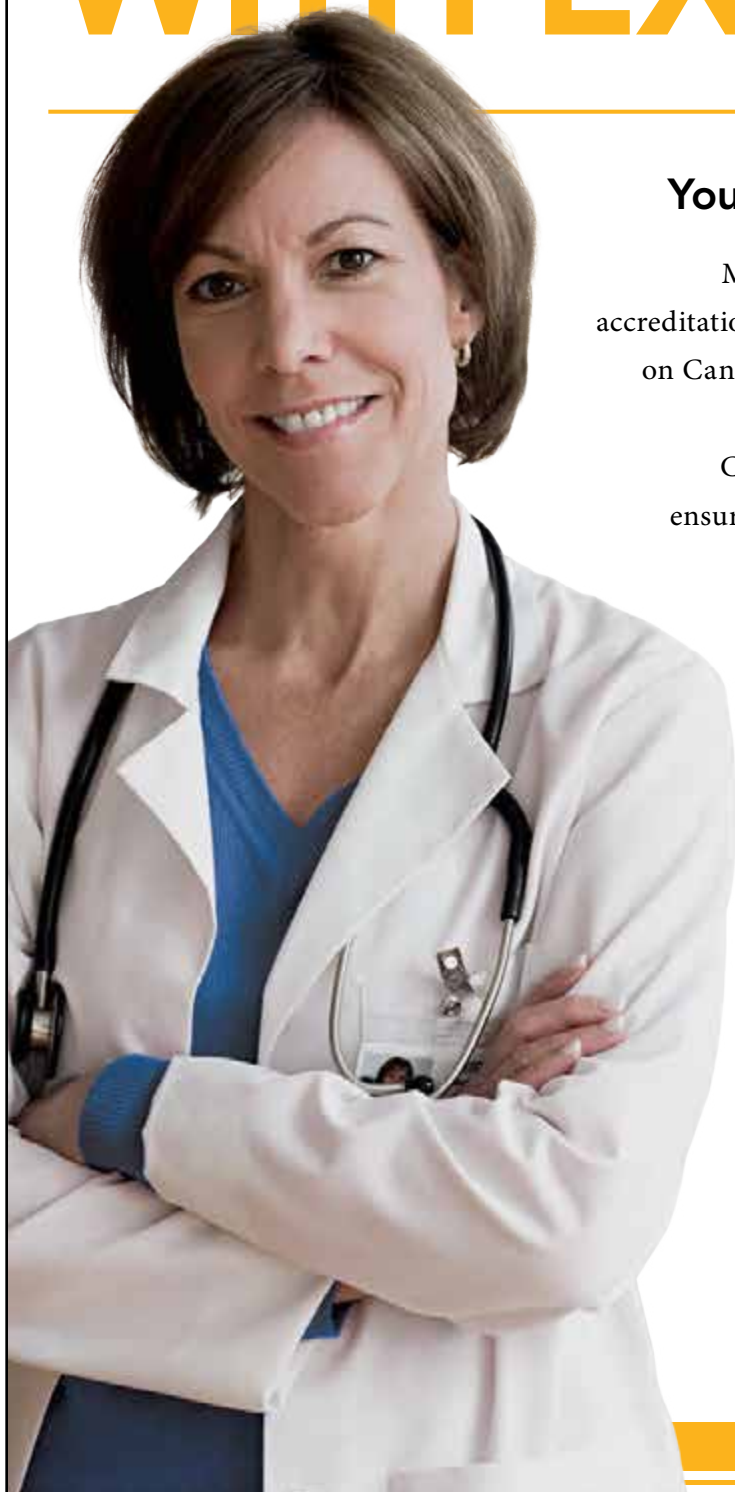
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Parents: **Welcomed with love by Alison, Jason
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Lake Houston Ladies Club

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 in Humble. 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.

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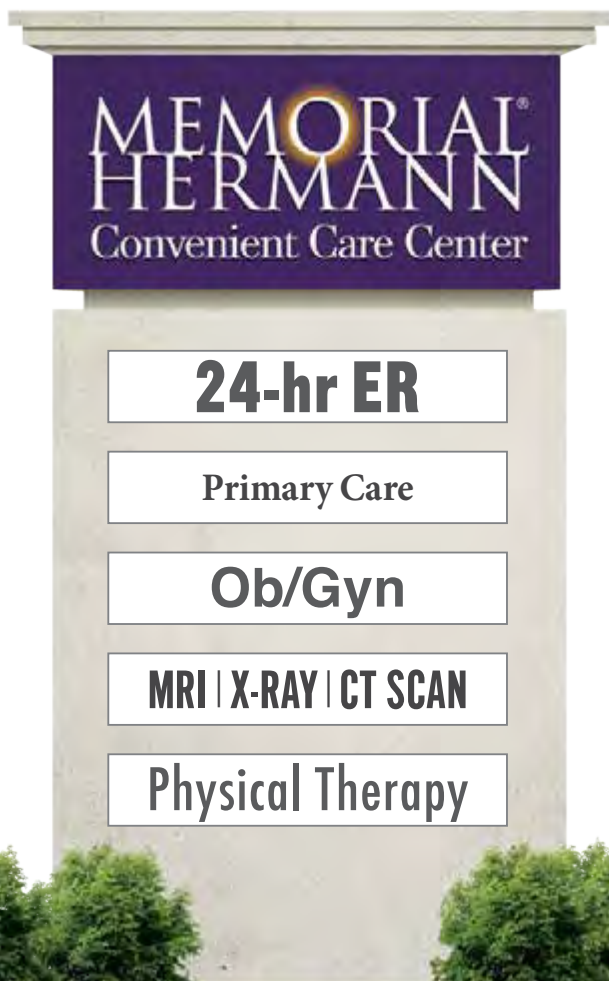
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TENNIS TIPS

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The Modern Game: The Slice Overhead

In previous newsletters, I offered tips on how to execute the basic strokes for players who are just beginning to play tennis or who want to resume playing.

I am now offering suggestions on how to play the “modern” game mostly geared towards players who are content with hitting the ball over the net and controlling the point with consistency. These players may already be playing for leagues or tournaments and are looking for more “weapons” on the court.

In this issue, I will offer instructions on how to execute “The Slice Overhead.” This shot is utilized when an opponent hits a lob that is both high and deep. The player will take the overhead and hit it slightly on the side of the ball forcing the opponent off the court.

In the illustrations, Chaitanya Aduru, one of the top players at the Grey Rock Tennis Academy, shows the proper technique to execute this stroke. Chaitanya is coached by the Director of the Tennis Academy, Darin Pleasant.

Step 1: The Back Swing: When Chaitanya sees the opportunity,

he makes a quick turn of his upper body and takes the racket high and back. The head of the racket is now at shoulder height, his shoulders are turned, and his eyes are focused on the ball. His right wrist is “laid back” to allow maximum for point of contact.

Step 2: The Point of Contact: The success of a slice overhead shot is in keeping the ball on the strings of the racket as long as possible outside of the ball. Chaitanya started the swing high and is allowing the head of the racket to be fully extended. His left shoulder is almost opening and his weight is moving through the shot.

Step 3: The Follow Through: In order to attain maximum control and power, Chaitanya is wrapping the racket around his body. He has “snapped” his right wrist and has the head of the racket facing down. His weight is going forward.

Step 4: The Ready Position: If Chaitanya’s overhead is successful but was not a winner, he now gets ready for the next shot, which probably would be a volley.

Look in the next Newsletter for: “The Modern Game: The Forehand Baseline Drop Shot”



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