

Sterling Lakes

A CANYON GATE® COMMUNITY

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SEASONS GREETINGS

UPCOMING COMMUNITY EVENTS

HOLIDAY YARD DECORATION CONTEST

DECEMBER 7 -13

The Holiday Yard Decoration Contest has been implemented to recognize and show appreciation to individual property owners for an outstanding job of decorating their homes during the holidays for everyone to enjoy.

No formal registration is required. Participants need to only keep their holiday lights on every night between 6:00 PM and 10:00 PM during the week of Sunday, December 7 through Saturday, December 13.

First, second and third place winners will be chosen. The three winners will receive a prize, and recognition in the newsletter and website.

If you would like to nominate a home, please contact Michelle at mevrad@canyongate.com or (713) 783-6702.

COOKIES WITH SANTA & TOY DRIVE

**SATURDAY, DECEMBER 13
10:00 AM – 12:00 NOON**

Take your photo with Jolly St. Nick as we welcome in the Holiday Season! Located at the SplashPad, we'll be serving holiday treats & entertainment for children young & old!

Don't forget your camera!

WE'RE HOSTING A TOY DRIVE!

*If you'd like to contribute, please bring a
NEW UNWRAPPED toy to the SplashPad.*

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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

Sterling Lakes Builders

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

A.J. VICTORY PARADE

Many thanks to all, a job well done by the entire community of sponsors, volunteers, participants, and spectators as we successfully conducted The First Annual A.J. Victory Parade. We had 46 residents including a float, constable, marching band drummer, Gift presentation & Balloon release. The parade was announced via the next-door app and the parade lineup and route were beyond expectations. A.J has battled Cancer since August 2009 and he is still fighting; however has been in remission since October 2012. This parade will now be a yearly tradition adding more children to celebrate yearly. We're really looking forward to next year's turnout at the Parade/ Fall Festival. The Sterling Lakes youth activity committee knows that without people like you, it would be difficult to assure a successful parade for our community to enjoy and to honor the recipients. From the bottom of our hearts, THANK YOU!

FALL FESTIVAL

We had tons of fun with carnival games, DJ, costume contest, prizes, bounce house, Chick-fil-A, Iowa Colony Volunteer Fire Department and more! Special thanks to all of our volunteers that helped make this event successful.

Thank you also to our generous sponsors:

International Port Security

(www.portsecurityinc.com) – sponsored the Bounce House

Neighbors Emergency Center

(nec24.com) – sponsored the Treat Bags



To see more photos of this event, please visit the Image Gallery on the community website at www.canyongate.com/residents/sl.

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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 - 10:00pm

Onsite Community Manager: Sophia Clark-El

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

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

2015 Assessment Payments

Each year, assessments are due on January 1 but did you know that you could make payments, in advance? Any payment made will be credited to your account and reduce the total amount that is owed on January 1, 2015.

If you would like to take advantage of this option, you can send a check to:

Sterling Lakes POA

C/O Principal Management Group

P.O. Box 3157

Houston, TX 77253-3157

Be sure to include your address in the memo line of your check.

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713.436.9600

info@nec24.com

MAIL DELIVERY

If you are experiencing any problems with mail delivery, contact the United States Postal Service Consumer Affairs at 713-226-3442.

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

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As autumn brings cooler temperatures, it also signals the arrival of another seasonal display – falling leaves!

While Take Care of Texas encourages you to plant shade trees to help lower your utility bills in the summer, these deciduous trees lose their leaves in the fall. Instead of raking and bagging them, where they will head to a landfill, put them back into your lawns and gardens as a valuable source of mulch and fertilizer.

Leaves contain 50 to 80 percent of the nutrients a plant extracts from the soil and air during the season. Grass clippings, leaves, and other yard debris make up 20 percent of the trash sent to landfills each year. It costs Texans over \$250 million a year to collect and dispose of this waste.

There are four basic ways to manage leaves and use them in landscaping:

Mowing: a light covering of leaves can be mowed, simply leaving the shredded leaves in place on the lawn. This technique is most effective when a mulching mower is used.

Mulching: a lawn mower with a bagging attachment provides a fast and easy way to shred and collect the leaves. Apply a three to four inch layer of shredded leaves around the base of trees and shrubs. A two to three inch mulch of shredded leaves is ideal for flowerbeds. For vegetable gardens, a thick layer of leaves placed between the rows functions as a mulch and an all-weather walkway that will allow you to work in your garden during wet periods.

Composting: in addition to leaves, other yard wastes such as grass clippings, pine needles, weeds, and small prunings can be composted. Compost can serve as a soil conditioner that nourishes your yard and reduces the need for outdoor watering up to 60 percent.

Soil improvement: leaves may be collected and worked directly into garden and flowerbed soils. A six to eight inch layer of leaves tilled into a heavy, clay soil will improve aeration and drainage. The same amount tilled into a light, sandy soil, will improve water and nutrient holding capacity.

STERLING LAKES EMAIL LIST

Don't miss out on up-to-date info. Get on the email list! Community emails are sent regularly to residents with community news and other important information. Email addresses remain confidential. If you would like to receive regular updates, please register at www.canyongate.com/residents/sl.

The women of Northwest Houston Business & Professional Women (BPW) are sponsoring a "Neighbors in Need" campaign in December to collect toys for infants through age 12. BPW is partnering with a renowned Houston non-profit organization, Northwest Assistance Ministries (NAM), to spread some Christmas cheer to children in need. The monthly luncheon will feature speaker, Carole Little, a dedicated leader with more than 30 years' experience in health and human services. Since 2001, she has served as President & CEO of Northwest Assistance Ministries. Members and guests are invited to the luncheon on Dec 18 at Northgate Country Club and to bring an unwrapped toy for infants through age 12. RSVP online by Dec 16 at <http://nwHoustonbpw.com/>.



NEARBY EVENT

Hometown Christmas Festival DECEMBER 5 & 6

The City of Pearland's Hometown Christmas Festival presented by Pearland Town Center and Pearland Parks & Recreation scheduled for Friday, December 5 & Saturday, December 6, 2014.

The event will begin at 7 p.m. to include activities such as UHCL Pearland Campus horse and carriage rides, live entertainment on the Westside Veterinary Hospital stage, an HEB Winter Wonderland for children, strolling entertainment and of course a visit from the jolly old elf himself...Santa. The festivities will continue on to Saturday, December 6 with a Holiday Gift Market, Milk & Cookies with Santa and more!

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!**



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

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DARE YOU**



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Seeking Sterling Lakes Section Leaders and 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:

Section 1: OPEN

Section 2: Raul Castillo
(RGCastillo@sbcglobal.net)

Section 3: Martha Steele
(martha.steele@edi-international.com)

Section 4: Benjamin Hammond
(benandbevhammond.sterlinglakes@gmail.com)

Section 5: Doris Simmons
(Lentz831@yahoo.com)

Section 6: Sophia Clark-El
(camdreacebre@gmail.com)

Section 7: Martha Steele
(martha.steele@edi-international.com)

Section 9: Louis Rodriguez
(joseienia@yahoo.com)

Section 10: OPEN

Section 11: OPEN

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

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.

ANIMAL / PET CONTROL

Please respect your neighbors' yards and their personal space.....remember that pets must be confined to a fenced backyard or within the house and must not be allowed to bark all night long or cause a nuisance to neighbors. They must be on a leash at all times when away from this contained environment. It is also the pet owner's responsibility, when walking their pet within the subdivision, to keep ALL areas free of pet debris. **Please remember that cats must also be confined.**

To report loose dogs or cats, please call Animal Control at (979) 864-2265.

Unwanted Solicitors

A NO SOLICITING sign is posted at the entrance of this community. If this continues to be a growing issue at your residence and would like to place a NO SOLICITING sign in your yard you may certainly do so. Please be sure that the sign is placed by your front door and place only (1) sign at your home.

If you feel in danger and think the solicitor will be in the community long enough to call the authorities, we suggest you call the local Police Department.

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.

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 now in and our children are walking to and from their bus stops. Use extra caution when driving near our park and obey laws around bus stops and school buses. Please also use the correct side of the gates for entry and exit.

COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT

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

COMMITTEES

SOCIAL – Contact Michelle at mevrad@canyongate.com for more information

SOCIAL GROUPS:

- **Book Club** - Contact Aundria Eli at aundria.eli@memorialhermann.org
- **Youth Activities** - Contact Beverly Hammond at 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

COMMUNICATIONS - If you are interested in being a Section Leader or Block Captain please contact Michelle at mevrad@canyongate.com

FLAG - Contact Brian Roller at roller2011@att.net

LANDSCAPE - Contact Michelle at mevrad@canyongate.com

TRAFFIC & SAFETY - Contact Rashawn Clark-El at camdreacebre@gmail.com

ADOPT-A-SCHOOL - Contact Sophia Clark-El at camdreacebre@gmail.com



REACHING YOUR NEIGHBORS

and many others...

- Atascocita CIA
- Blackhorse Ranch
- Briar Hills
- Bridgeland
- Chelsea Harbour
- Coles Crossing
- Copperfield
- Cypress Creek Lakes
- Cypress Mill
- Eagle Springs
- Fairfield
- Kleinwood
- Lakemont
- Lakes of Fairhaven
- Lakes of Rosehill
- Lakes on Eldridge
- Lakes on Eldridge North
- Lakewood Grove
- Legends Ranch
- Longwood
- Meyerland
- Normandy Forest
- North Lake Forest
- Park Lakes
- Riata Ranch
- Shadow Creek Ranch
- Silverlake
- Steeplechase
- Sterling Lakes
- Stone Forest
- Stone Gate
- Summerwood
- Sydney Harbour
- Terranova West
- Terra Nova HOA
- Towne Lakes
- Village Creek
- Villages of NorthPointe
- Walden on Lake Houston
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- Willow Pointe
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