



ACIA

Happenings

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

February 2015

Official Newsletter of the Atascocita Community Improvement Association

Volume 5, Issue 2

Dates to Remember With The Atascocita Garden Club

Residents in Walden, Kingwood, Humble, Huffman, Porter and Crosby are invited to attend the winter meetings with the Atascocita Garden Club. Most of the meeting will be held on the second Tuesday of the month at the Rosemont Assisted Living Center on the 2nd floor in the Assembly Room. It is located at 6450 Kings Parkway in Kingwood. We will begin at 9:30 a.m. with a social and continue the meeting at 10:00 a.m. The events for February are listed below:

2/3/2015

Our club members and volunteers will help the Rosemont residents with a craft project.

2/10/2015

The club activities will include making creative items for the annual spring fundraiser. The Vice President of Programs will give a short presentation on the plans for 2015 activities through May.

3/3/2015

Arbor Day tree planting in the community.

The fee to join the Atascocita Garden Club as a new member is \$10.00 through the final meeting during the month of May.

The Atascocita Garden Club invites you to explore our web-site at atascocitacg.weebly.com. It has some interesting information on our meetings.

Friends of the Atascocita Library

Your Name in Lights - Electronic Informational Sign

In an effort to provide increased library information to the community, the Friends of the Atascocita Library is seeking donations to fund a new electronic sign to replace the existing informational sign. Your Name in Lights. With a goal of raising \$8,000, a thank you, with the donor's name or business name, will run on the sign for the following period of time: two weeks for a \$500 donation; one week for a \$250 donation; or one day per \$50 donation. The Friends of the Atascocita Library is a 501(c)(3) non profit organization. To make a tax deductible donation, fill out the form below & mail to: Friends of the Atascocita Library, 19520 Pinehurst Trail Dr., Humble, TX, 77346. Make checks payable to Friends of the Atascocita Library(FOAL). For more information email: contact@foal.ws.

Electronic Sign Donation Form Friends of the Atascocita Library

Your Name in Lights Donation Amount

Two weeks thank you on sign per \$500 donation: \$500 x 2 weeks _____ Total _____

One week thank you on sign per \$250 donation: \$250 x 1 week _____ Total _____

One day thank you on sign per \$ 50 donation: \$50 x _____ days Total _____

Name or Business Name for sign: _____

Donor Name _____ Phone _____

Address _____ City, State, Zip _____

Email _____

The Friends of the Atascocita Library is a 501(c) (3) non-profit organization, whose purpose is to support the Atascocita Branch of the Harris County Public Library through fundraising and volunteers

COMMUNITY CONTACTS

BOARD MEMBERS

Ric Halbrook, President rhalbrookacia@yahoo.com
Anthony Karasiewicz, V.P. anthonyk@embarqmail.com
Sue Boaz Raymond, Secretary

..... sueboazraymond@comcast.net

Patti Speer, Treasurer patti.speeracia@gmail.com

Edwin D'Artois, Trustee dartois@embarquemail.com

Sterling Assoc. Services servicedesk@sterlingasi.com

TENNIS COMMITTEE

Sue Raymond, Chair sueboazraymond@comcast.net

Kimberly Clark tkclark64@hotmail.com

CONTRACT / PROJECT REVIEW

Ric Halbrook Chair

Bob Garlington

Gregg Mielke

Anthony Karasiewicz

ARCHITECTURAL CONTROL COMMITTEE

Kyle Aams kadamsacc@gmail.com

James Gasper jgasper@EP-360.com

Chris Peck chris67200@aol.com

Kyle Fuller kylefuller222@hotmail.com

Anthony Karasiewicz, Chair anthonyk@embarqmail.com

EMERGENCY INFORMATION

Fire, Medical or Life Threatening Emergency 9-1-1

P-4 Constable Dispatch..... 281-376-3472

Humble ISD Police (Schools)..... 281-641-7900

Atascocita Volunteer Fire Dept (AVFD)

Non-Emergency Number 281-852-2181

Harris County Animal Control 281-999-3191

Texas Poison Control Center 800-222-1222

UTILITIES

Electric, (multiple providers) www.powertochoose.org

Power Outages 713-207-7777

Street Light Outages 713-207-2222

Gas, Centerpoint Energy..... 713-659-2111

Gas Leaks 713-659-2111

Water, Severn Trent 281-579-4500

24 Hour Emergency Number 281-209-2100

Telephone, Centurylink..... 877-290-5458

Trash, Waste Management..... 888-964-9734

Humble Post Office..... 281-540-1775

Harris County MUD #132 www.hcmud132.com

Harris County MUD #151 www.hcmud151.org

SCHOOLS

Humble ISD 281-641-1000

Website www.humble.k12.tx.us

Pine Forest Elementary..... 281-641-2100

Maplebrook Elementary..... 281-641-2900

Atascocita Middle School 281-641-1000

Atascocita High School 281-641-7500

NEWSLETTER INFORMATION

Editor - Sue Boaz Raymond sueboazraymond@comcast.net

Advertising..... advertising@PEELinc.com

NOTICE OF REGULAR BOARD MEETING

Dear Homeowners:

The Board of Directors for the Atascocita Community Improvement Association will hold a regular meeting on Monday, February 23, 2015 at 7:00 p.m., 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

Think about it!

Sent by a Resident of ACIA

Isn't life strange? I never met one Veteran who enlisted to fight for Socialism! If others can pray on Madison Avenue, and the subway areas in Toronto, why are Christians banned from praying in public and from erecting religious displays on their Holy days? What happened to our National Day of Prayer? Others are allowed to block off Madison Ave., in N.Y.C., and pray in the middle of the street! Tell me, again, whose country is this? Christians? Others?

Therefore, I have a very hard time understanding why there is such a problem in the U.S. having "In God We Trust" on our money, and having "God" in our Pledge of Allegiance, or the Lord's prayer said in our schools or public meetings. I believe it's time Christians stand up for what they believe!

A Concerned Christian

KIDS HOPE USA

Atascocita United Methodist Church continues this program at The Oaks and Timbers Elementary Schools. Call 281.852-1000 for more information. Join in to see how, together, we can share love and hope in the future through KIDS HOPE USA 2.0!

WHEN YOU GIVE A MENTOR AN iPad

You're bound to get a fun peek into the mentoring hour! Laura Ward, from Mars Hill Church, set up an iPad in their KIDS HOPE USA meeting room at school, hoping to capture some snippets from the mentoring hour... what she received is sure to bring a smile to your face!



AND THE GRAND TOTAL IS...



Thank you for your generosity during our "hero" campaign! Since October, we have asked you to consider a gift to Kids Hope USA in order to reach more children in 2015. Your kindness and compassion raised thousands of dollars!

ONE-ON-ONE



"What do I do when I feel like I'm not connecting with my student?" Not every mentoring session feels like rainbows and butterflies! Watch the latest "One-On-One" to hear Dr. Emilie's advice on what to do when it seems like you just can't quite connect with your student.

2015 HOUSING PREDICTIONS

If you've been watching the news, or work in the oil and gas industry, you may have some concerns over the price of oil and how this will impact jobs, the value of your home, and overall economy. Though I agree it's smart to pay close attention to the market and follow the news, it's also important to remember that not all stories are true. The media loves "bad news" as it attracts readers and listeners alike. Fortunately there are two sides to every story. Industry experts are predicting yet another fantastic year in Real Estate. Following are a few of the key drivers for a successful 2015.

Employment: The nation's employment rate continues to improve. Employment grew on an average of 2% the final quarter of 2014. This growth represents the strongest increase over a 3 month period since March of 2006.

Millennials: Young professionals are having great success entering the job market. While job growth increased by 2%, job growth amongst millennials grew by 3%. Experts predict these Millennials will drive two-thirds of household formations over the next several years.

Houston: Arguably we live in the strongest city and state in the country. As of October 2014, the Houston metro area had more residential construction than all but two states. Though lower oil prices will negatively impact our energy sector, Houston continues to experience a demographic growth to sustain it.

Drop in oil prices could benefit housing: What? I know this goes against what you've likely heard in the news. According to industry giant CoreLogic, households in the U.S. spend more than \$1,800 annually on energy related costs. 22% of that energy is due to residential real estate. Lowered energy costs at the pump as well as in the home make housing more affordable than ever.

Interest rates remain low: Interest rates in January of this year hit a 1.5 year low. Rates have been dipping below 4 percent, lowering the borrowing costs of home buyers. Though these rates will likely see a steady increase over the next 12 months, they remain incredibly low, providing buyers greater incentive to buy your home.

While housing demand remains high and interest rates remain low, now is a great time to either refinance or sell your home. With years of experience in Real Estate, The Tracy Montgomery Team is perfectly positioned to continue to help you with all of your Real Estate needs. If you're in the market to buy or sell call the Tracy Montgomery Team. Our experienced, award winning team will ensure you have a wonderful experience.

THE Tracy Montgomery TEAM



Tracy Montgomery
Cell: 713.825.5905

Lisa Hughes
Cell: 281.323.5894

Sandy Brabham
Cell: 713.503.8110

kW
KELLER WILLIAMS.

Your Neighborhood Realtors

281.812.8265
www.tracysoldit.com
tracy@tracysoldit.com

20665 W Lake Houston Parkway | Humble, TX 77346

ACIA HAPPENINGS

Rachael's



7571 FM 1960 E @ W. Lake Houston Pkwy • 281-812-6400
724 Kingwood Dr. @ Loop 494 • 281-358-2612

Valentine's Day Headquarters

Be Prepared!
Valentine's Day is
Saturday Feb. 14th

Youth Track Club Registration

The Northwest Flyers Track Club is now registering new and returning athletes for the 2015 spring and summer track season. All athletes new to the sport who are not on school track teams must pass a fitness test at their first practice in order to join the team. Practices are held on Mondays and Thursdays at Cypress Creek High School track, 9815 Grant Rd., Houston.

The Northwest Flyers is a youth (ages 6-18) track organization, affiliated with USA Track & Field. The club provides a full program of "track" events such as sprints, hurdles, middle distance, distance and relays, and "field" events such as long jump, triple jump, high jump, pole vault, discus, shot put and javelin.

The club was founded 28 years ago by local Olympic gold medalist Fred Newhouse to foster the development of youth track & field in the northwest Houston area. Visit the team website at <http://www.northwestflyers.org> for registration forms and information, or contact Linette Roach at (281) 587-8442, or linette.roach@sbcglobal.net.

BUSINESS CLASSIFIEDS

RAINCO IRRIGATION SPECIALIST: Commercial & Residential. Backflow Testing, Irrigation (Sprinkler) System Service, Maintenance and Repair, Rainbird - Hunter. Fully Insured. License # 9004 & 9226. Call 713-824-5327.

CAS-HOMES INSPECTIONS is a premier home inspection company serving the Houston area and surrounding communities. We provide timely and thorough home inspections and reports. Services include: Sellers, Buyers and Warranty Inspections. Fully insured and TREC Licensed # 21149. Call 713-859-8311.

Affordable Shade Patio Covers



Windstorm
Certification
Provided for
Inland I, II, III



We pull City
Permits and
help with
HOA Approvals

We specialize in affordable custom built patio covers that enhance your lifestyle and increase the value of your home.

Call to schedule a free estimate
with one of our qualified supervisors.

713-574-4648

Visit our website to view hundreds of pictures of our work and see homes similar to your design.

AffordableShade.com



Custom Designed
Patio Covers

Patio Cover
Screen Rooms

Shade Arbors
Cedar & Aluminum

Aluminum Insulated
Patio Covers

Structural &
Decorative Concrete

Town & Country
INDUSTRIES
Wholesale Aluminum and Building Products

PRESENT THIS COUPON TO YOUR SUPERVISOR FOR HUGE SAVINGS!



THE CARDIOVASCULAR CENTER

AT KINGWOOD MEDICAL CENTER
An HCA Affiliated Hospital

When minutes matter, count on us.

'When time is muscle,' our Interventional Cardiology Program leads with a door-to-balloon time averaging 68 minutes – well below the national standard of 90 minutes – which is among the best in Houston. Our board-certified interventional cardiologists are always available when you need them. It is comforting to know in the event you need open heart surgery, our cardiovascular surgeons will be ready for you. And they are backed by our team of cardiologists, electrophysiologists, and cardiology nurse practitioners – the compassionate experts who commit their hearts to caring for yours.



As an Accredited Chest Pain Center, The Cardiovascular Center at Kingwood Medical Center continues to offer our community's only open heart surgery and electrophysiology programs, and therapeutic hypothermia after cardiac arrest protocols. In just over seven years, our cardiovascular surgeons have performed more than 800 lifesaving open heart surgeries at Kingwood Medical Center.

Our comprehensive, two-phase Cardiac Rehabilitation program allows patients to begin the rehabilitation process while recovering in the hospital. Our special Mended Hearts program helps to heal the hearts and minds of cardiac patients and encourage working towards recovery.

So if you or your loved one is experiencing a heart problem, take advantage of your local heart experts close to home.

For a physician referral, call 1-800-258-5064.



22999 U.S. Highway 59 N • Kingwood, TX 77339
281-348-8000 • KingwoodMedical.com
facebook.com/KingwoodMedical
twitter@kingwoodmedical Stay connected.  



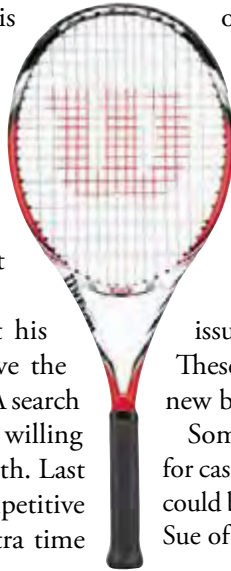
Selected as one of the top
performing hospitals in the country
in heart attack, heart failure,
pneumonia, and surgical care by
The Joint Commission.



TENNIS CLINICS

Thanks to all those who came to the beginner tennis clinics that started late in 2014. Clinics were not held during the Christmas Holidays. Last year was a good trial run to test the interest for the beginner players. There was a really good interest. Those who plan to return for 2015 need to resubmit their interest. Thanks again to all the parents for bringing and staying with their children for the whole hour of the clinics last year. You were truly appreciated.

Mr. James Longoria is very sorry to advise that his teaching schedule changed and he just did not have the availability to join in to help the intermediate players. A search is on for a volunteer who would be experienced and willing to lead this clinic on the second Tuesday of each month. Last year there were several high school students in competitive leagues at school who came out looking for that extra time



on the court to improve their game. Please e-mail Sue Raymond if this is something you would like to do.

All new beginner players (any age) are welcome to come on the second Tuesday, February 10 from 7:00 to 8:00 p.m. After your first session you can then decide if you want to continue. Please come and give your talent and enthusiasm a test. Last year these clinics were held on a weekly basis due to the interest.

Please confirm your attendance and/or interest on any issues by e-mailing Sue at sueboazraymond@comcast.net. These clinics are free. Just bring your racquet and a can of new balls.

Some have asked about having just a fun time on a Saturday for casual tennis. This would be for that intermediate player. This could be arranged if enough interest is shown. You may also e-mail Sue of this interest.

A dog wearing goggles and a life preserver riding a red and white scooter, with a small white dog sitting on its back.

Let the
**GOOD
TIMES**
Roll

SELL US YOUR CAR!

 **TEXASDIRECTAUTO.COM**

FACT:

A four-year-old may ask constant “why” questions to understand the world.



The Leader in Educational Child Care®
Infants - Private Kindergarten & After School

PRIMROSE WAY:

And why shouldn't he?

CALL FOR A TOUR.

Primrose School of Lake Houston

20027 W Lake Houston Pkwy | Kingwood, TX 77346
281.812.6361 | PrimroseLakeHouston.com

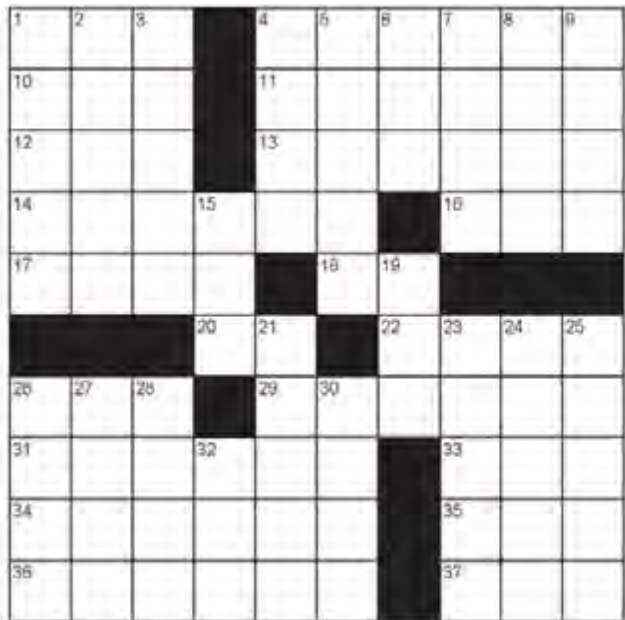
Primrose School of Eagle Springs

17979 Eagle Springs Pkwy | Humble, TX 77346
281.852.8000 | PrimroseEagleSprings.com

Each Primrose School is a privately owned and operated franchise. Primrose Schools and The Leader in Educational Child Care are trademarks of Primrose School Franchising Company. ©2015 Primrose School Franchising Company. All rights reserved. See primroseschools.com for 'fact' source and curriculum detail.

ACIA HAPPENINGS

CROSSWORD PUZZLE



ACROSS

1. Dad
4. Panther
10. Time period
11. A Nissan car
12. Admiral (abbr.)
13. Programmer
14. A deviated one makes you snore
16. Vane direction
17. Time periods
18. Letter afterward
20. Evening
22. Garden tools
26. Pod vegetable
29. Egg dish
31. List of errors
33. Wrath
34. Tie clip
35. Rival
36. Stoles
37. Moray

DOWN

1. "___ porridge hot..."
2. Special request
3. South American plain
4. Tropical island
5. Holding device
6. And so forth
7. Enjoy
8. Sign
9. Weed in a wheat field
15. Cooking measurement
19. Her
21. Pattern
23. ___ Oyl (Popeye's girlfriend)
24. Spooky
25. Strong metal
26. Domestic friends
27. Little Mermaid's love
28. Region
30. Pilots
32. April (abbr.)

View answers online at www.peelinc.com

© 2006. Feature Exchange



Locally Owned & Operated

 Give Us a Call **281-324-1120**

23170 Fairlake Ln • Huffman, TX 77336



MINI-WAREHOUSE

Fairlake Self Storage offers secure and climate controlled mini self storage units.

| UNIT SIZE | TOTAL SQ. FT. | NON-CLIMATE CONTROLLED | HUMIDITY CONTROLLED |
|-----------|---------------|------------------------|---------------------|
| 5x5 | 25 | \$25/mo. | \$35/mo. |
| 5x10 | 50 | \$46/mo. | \$59/mo. |
| 10x10 | 100 | \$69/mo. | \$88/mo. |
| 10x15 | 150 | \$85/mo. | \$138/mo. |
| 10x20 | 200 | \$103/mo. | \$168/mo. |

ADVANTAGES

- Gate hours accessible round-the-clock
- We offer climate controlled units
- Easy, hassle-free access to your unit
- Lowest cost & finest customer service



BOAT / RV STORAGE

Limited Availability

| UNIT SIZE | TOTAL SQ. FT. | MONTHLY RATE |
|-----------|---------------|--------------|
| 12x27 | 324 | \$140/mo. |
| 12x33 | 396 | \$160/mo. |
| 12x36 | 432 | \$164/mo. |
| 12x39 | 468 | \$180/mo. |
| 12x42 | 756 | \$340/mo. |

www.fairlakesstorage.com



Texas: Protect Your Right to Hunt & Fish

Urge Your Lawmaker to Support
HJR 61 and SJR 22

Today, state Senator Brandon Creighton (R-Conroe) pre-filed Senate Joint Resolution 22, proposing an amendment to the Texas constitution that protects the right to hunt, fish and harvest wildlife in the Lone Star State. An identical measure, House Joint Resolution 61, was pre-filed in the House on December 17.

HJR 61, introduced by state Representative Trent Ashby (R-Lufkin), and SJR 22, sponsored by Senator Creighton, would ensure that future wildlife conservation and management decisions are based on sound science in order to preserve Texas' hunting heritage for generations to come. Language for the resolution includes the following:

The people have the right to hunt, fish, and harvest wildlife, including by the use of traditional methods, subject to laws or regulations to conserve and manage wildlife and preserve the future of hunting and fishing. Hunting and fishing are preferred methods of managing and controlling wildlife.

Adding the Right to Hunt & Fish to the state constitution would protect Texas' rich sporting tradition from well-funded efforts by national extremist groups to ban hunting. This important constitutional safeguard will protect wildlife and promote conservation, which are efforts that Texas sportsmen have spearheaded for generations, significantly contributing to the State's diverse and flourishing wildlife populations.

If passed, the language contained in the joint resolutions will be presented for a public vote in November 2015. Currently, 18 states have adopted some form of a right to hunt and fish constitutional protection.

The Texas Legislature convenes for its 2015 Regular Session on Tuesday, January 13. There have been a significant number of changes in the Texas Senate and House due to legislative retirements and results from the 2014 elections. State lawmakers are moving offices, incoming members have yet to be sworn in, and committee assignments will not be made for several weeks. NRA-ILA will provide you that information as it becomes available, as well as a more comprehensive update on firearm-related bills that have been pre-filed thus far.

In the meantime, please spread the word about HJR 61 & SJR 22 to your fellow gun owners and sportsmen and urge them to support these important measures! Encourage them to sign up for FREE legislative alerts from NRA-ILA during session by clicking here. This is the easiest way to stay informed of bills in Austin affecting our Second Amendment rights and hunting heritage.

LAKE HOUSTON LADIES CLUB

February Meeting and Luncheon Information

Lake Houston Ladies Club will have their meeting and luncheon on Tuesday, February 17, 2015 beginning at 10:00 a.m. at the Walden Country Club, 18100 Walden Forest, Humble TX 77346. A Mardi Gras Cabaret is planned, featuring music from The Great American Songbook, Creole, Zydeco and New Orleans.

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, February 13th before 5:00 p.m.

BASHANS PAINTING & HOME REPAIR

- Interior & Exterior Painting
- HardiPlank Replacement
- Sheetrock Repair
- Cabinet Painting
- Pressure Washing
- Fence Repair/Replacement
- Custom Staining
- Gutter Repair & Replacement
- Crown Molding
- Wallpaper Removal
- Wood Replacement
- Interior Carpentry
- Wallpaper Removal & Texture
- Garage Floor Epoxy
- Roofing
- Faux Painting

NO MONEY UP FRONT

20 Years Experience • References Available

Commercial/Residential

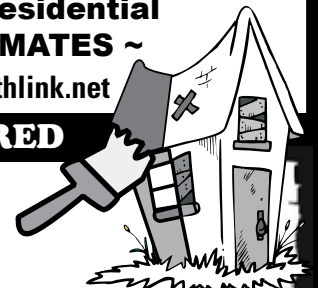
~ FREE ESTIMATES ~

BashansPainting@earthlink.net

♦ FULLY INSURED

281-347-6702

281-731-3383 cell



HARDIPLANK®



Host an International Exchange Student!

Across the US, families are welcoming talented and motivated high school students into their homes this Fall. Students come from over 60 countries and share your enthusiasm for education, personal growth, and cultural exchange.

Make a Difference

If your family enjoys exploring new cultures and nurturing youth, please contact us to request more information about this amazing opportunity to share your life with a special young person and to learn how you can make a difference.

Bring the World Home

- Share a new language and culture with your family
- Teach a student about American values and traditions
- Change the course of a student's life
- Increase cultural awareness in your community

30+ Years Connecting People & Cultures Ayusa is a non-profit organization founded in 1981 to promote global learning and leadership through foreign exchange, study abroad, and leadership programs for high school students from the U.S. and around the world.

For more information about hosting a high school foreign exchange student, please contact your local representative Vicki Odom at 832.455.7881 or vodom@ayusa.org or Ayusa at 1.888.552.9872 or by visiting the website at

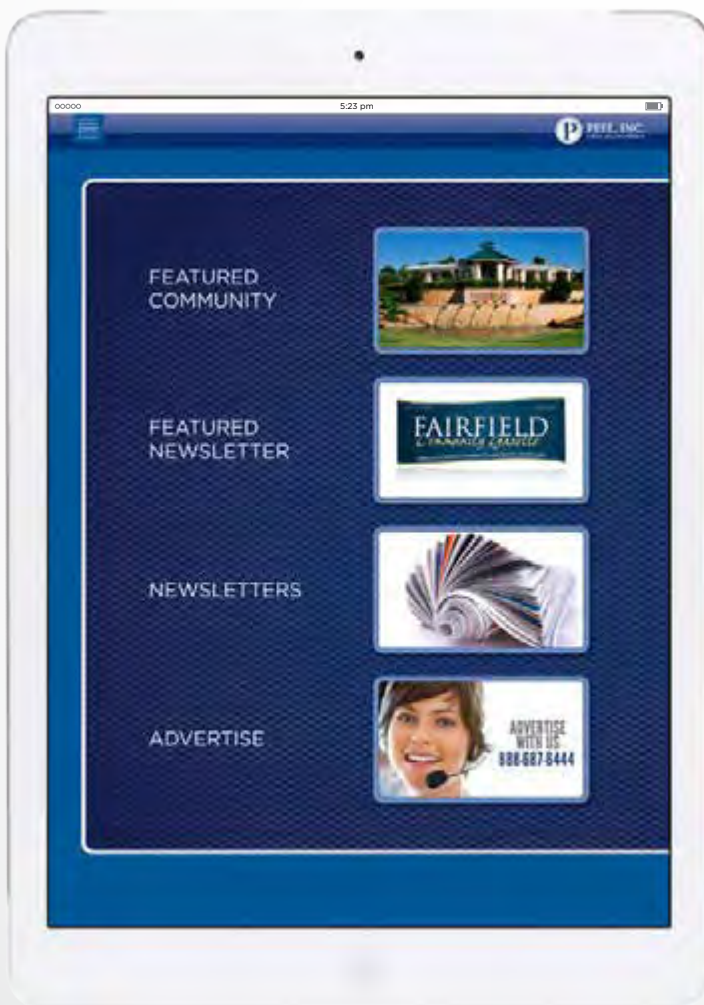
www.ayusa.org



Your Community at Your Fingertips



Download the Peel, Inc. App Available for Your iPhone and iPad



www.peelinc.com
512.263.9181



PEEL, INC.

308 Meadowlark St. South
Lakeway, TX 78734

PRSR STD
U.S. POSTAGE
PAID
PEEL, INC.

Success

THINK → IDEA → TRY → DO → DO AGAIN → KEEP ON DOING → Success

 **PEEL, INC.**
community newsletters

www.peelinc.com
512.263.9181