



# ACIA Happenings

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## ACIA Marina Access

As of March 16th 2015 a new key is needed to access the Marina and can be picked up at Sterling Association Services, 562 Kingwood Drive, suite 13, Kingwood TX 77339. Fee is \$35 per year. See below for more information.

The ACIA Marina located on Atascocita Shores Drive is available to all homeowners in the ACIA neighborhood. The newly constructed boat ramp, tables, and park atmosphere make enjoying Lake Houston pretty easy. Open daylight hours only. There are no boat slips and electricity is not available at this time. Access keys are available from Sterling Association Services, 562 Kingwood Drive, Suite 13, Kingwood TX 77339. The fee for new keys is \$35.00 per year, if you paid your fee in December 2014 or anytime in 2015 your one time replacement key is free. You can also call Sterling Association Services for more information at 832-678-4500. Enjoy Lake Houston.

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# NOTICE OF REGULAR BOARD MEETING

Dear Homeowners:

The Board of Directors for the Atascocita Community Improvement Association will hold a regular meeting on Monday, April 27, 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.

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When: Friday & Saturday, April 10th & 11th, 2015

Time: All Day

Where: The garage sale area includes all sections of Pinehurst, Pines, Shores, Golf Villas, Club Point and Ivy Point.

Residents will sell various personal and household items at their private residences.

Shoppers may find some fantastic deals on hard-to-find or one-of-a-kind items, household items, kitchen gadgets, clothing, baby items, and the possibilities are endless on the finds one may encounter during this garage sale.

## Thinking of Home Improvement Projects?

With warmer weather arriving, many homeowners start thinking of that home improvement project they have wanted all year. Don't forget the ACIA Architectural Control Guidelines requiring an ACC Project Submission Form, that can be found on our website at [www.aciahomeowners.org](http://www.aciahomeowners.org) or the Sterling website at [www.sterlingasi.net](http://www.sterlingasi.net). For more information contact Sterling at 832-628-4500. Below is an excerpt from your Deed restrictions:

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## APRIL IN HOUSTON

From April Fool's to Easter Sunday, April is an amazing month in Houston. As a rule, it's one of our most beautiful months of the year. I absolutely love seeing all the ladies and girls in their "Sunday Best" on Easter Morning. It is simply a wonderful time of renewal, hope, and preparation for the months to come. It's also a time of sugar, sugar, and more sugar. Whether you enjoy baking or just the eating part, there are some fantastically beautiful and easy to make treats on the internet. One of my favorite sites for holiday goodies is Martha Stewart.

My Real Estate phone lines have been blowing up with inquiries related to our market. Questions such as, "Is this still a good time to... sell, buy, refinance, add an addition on my home", etc. My team loves the calls and we appreciate the opportunity to share our knowledge and experience with you.

In short, and depending on your individual circumstances, it may be a good time for all of these questions mentioned. Housing demand continues to rise. This has resulted in low home inventory. When you combine low inventory with high demand you get great resale opportunities.

Interest rates remain incredibly low. I don't know how long they'll last but for now, we're still experiencing the best interest rates in a decade. Low interest rates provide homeowners a wonderful opportunity to make updates to their properties. It also provides you an opportunity to get top dollar for your home, and buy your next home at all-time low rates.

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## Atascocita Garden Club Observes Earth Day

The Garden Club will celebrate Earth Day Activities with the planting of a beautiful tree on April 22nd at 11:00am at the Lone Star Atascocita College on West Lake Houston Parkway. Committee members and club volunteers will assist in the proper planting techniques of the Texas Mountain Laurel Tree, including staking and mulching.

The benefit of planting trees has motivated gardeners to plant various trees around the community each year. In the past the traditional planting events have been conducted on area school campuses, the Humble Instructional Support Center and the local library. It has come to be of particular interest to the neighborhood.

Residents of the community are invited to observe the Earth Day activities with the garden club members.



## LAKE HOUSTON LADIES CLUB

### *April Meeting and Luncheon Information*

Lake Houston Ladies Club will have their meeting and luncheon on Tuesday, April 21, 2015 beginning at 10:00 a.m. at the Walden Country Club, 18100 Walden Forest, Humble TX 77346. With spring almost here, The Lazy Gardener, Brenda Beust Smith, will be with us. She will be talking about "What's Blooming in the Lazy Gardeners Garden"? 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, April 17, 2015 before 5:00 p.m.

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Many leaves are continuing to fall during this season. Please continue to rake all leaves, pine needles, trash etc from the front of your own street and bag them for regular trash pickup. Thank you for NOT allowing these to go down any of the drains.

## The "Take Care of Texas" Guide to Yard Care Plant Selection and Care

Using native and well-adapted plants is one of the easiest ways to create a low-maintenance and environmentally sound yard.

The many advantages of using native plants include using less water, reducing the need for soil modification, and using little or no fertilizer. They are less susceptible to pest problems, and are tolerant of stressful environments such as drought.

Incorporate a variety of plants to provide food and cover for a variety of living things. Diversity also minimizes damage from pests because many of them attack only one plant species. Dense plantings can provide shade that keeps out invading weeds.

Avoid frequent or deep cultivation, which can damage plant roots, dry out the soil, disturb healthy soil organisms, and bring weed seeds to the surface where they can germinate. Cover all bare soil between plants with a solid mulch layer.

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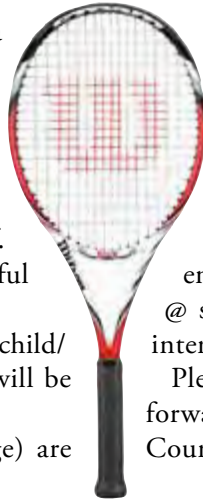
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# TENNIS CLINICS

ACIA is very pleased to announce that we have a tennis pro who is coming on the second Tuesdays of each month to volunteer his services for the intermediate and/or advanced player. His name is Mike Beatty and he is a resident of ACIA. Mike is the Director of Tennis at the Walden Country Club and Walden currently has five tennis pros on staff. ACIA is very proud to have Mike join us and thankful to him for offering his services to the ACIA Clinics.

Several parents have inquired about lessons for their child/children. Group and private lessons for any level will be available through Mike.

All beginner AND intermediate players (any age) are



welcome to come on Tuesday, April 14 to meet our new pro and to also have an hour of instructions from 7:00 to 8:00 p.m. Sue will continue to lead the beginners and Mike will instruct the intermediate/advanced players.

Some have asked about having a fun tournament on a Saturday. This would be for any level of play if enough interest is shown. You may e-mail Sue Raymond @ sueboazraymond@comcast.net to advise her of your interest or if you need additional information.

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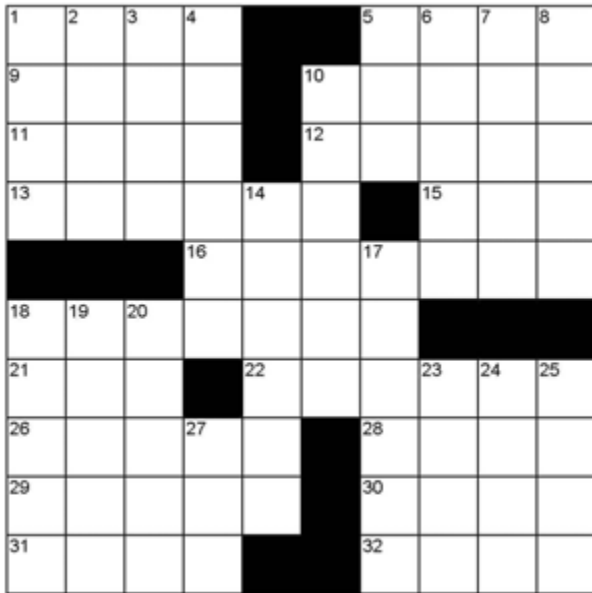
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16. Poem
17. Monetary unit
18. Atomic number
20. Paid (abbr.)
22. Package label
26. Punching tool
29. Esc
31. Fine
33. Modern
34. Cat mystery writer Braun
35. Lingerie
36. Elevate
37. Sign language

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2. Swanky
3. Award
4. Marry
5. Abraham's son
6. Mr.'s wife
7. El \_\_ (Texas city)
8. Precede
9. Women's magazine
15. Brim
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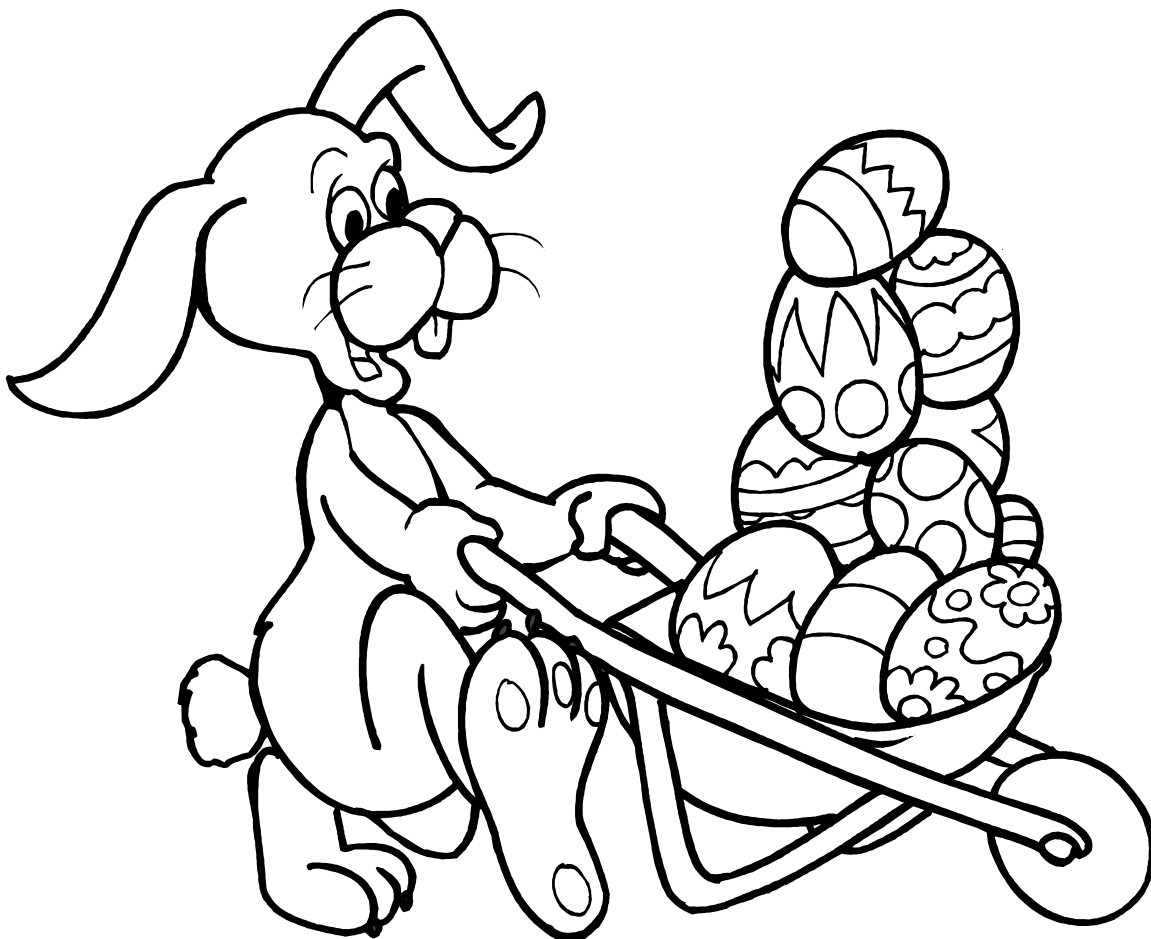
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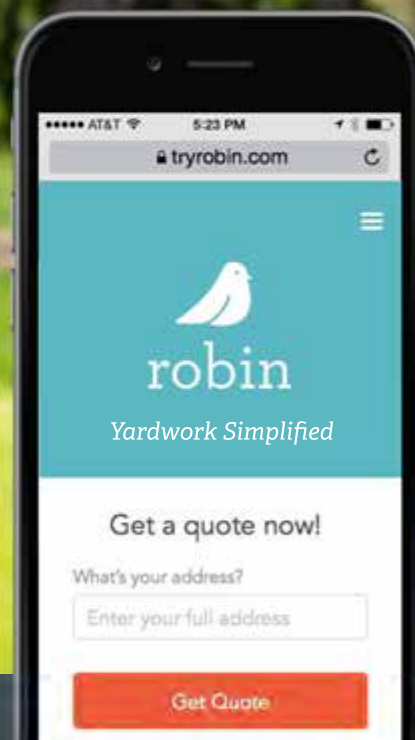
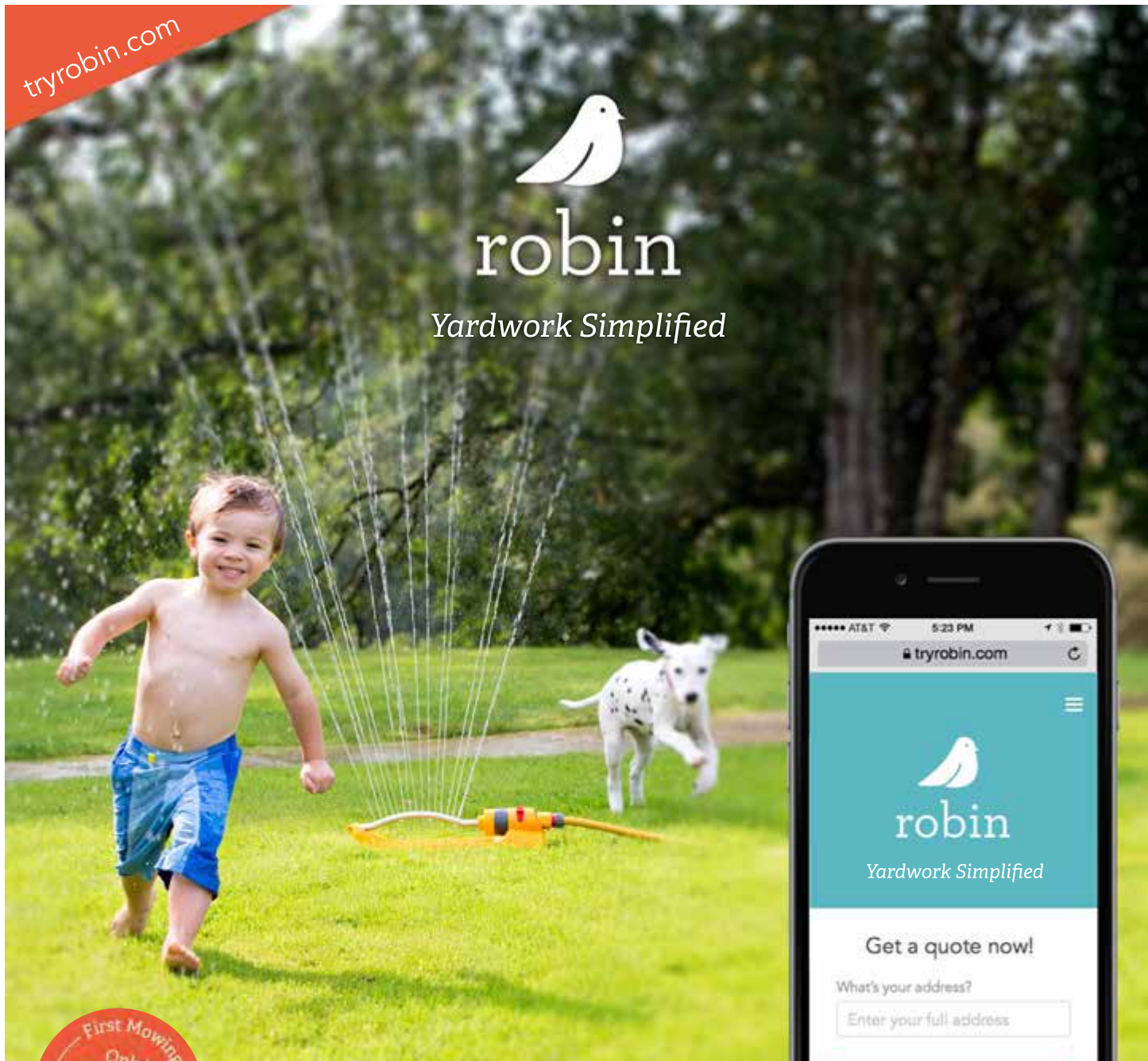
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