



# ACIA

## Happenings

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

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## Upcoming Meeting With the Atascocita Garden Club

The membership of the Atascocita Garden Club would like to invite the neighbors and residents to attend our meetings at 9:30am on the second Tuesday of each month. We meet at the Rosemont Assisted Living. It is located at 6450 Kings Park Way.

The meeting on October 13th will focus on Horticulture. It is going to be a very informative presentation with an interesting speaker that will benefit all attendees.

The committee for Yard of the Month recently selected Jane Whitaker and Tom Funkhauser of 7522 Pine Green Lane with an award for their beautiful garden and lovely home. They both enjoy gardening and their hands on creativeness reflect their labor of love in the front and back gardens. Their knowledge of plants is apparent with the foliage that was selected that will flourish in the Texas heat and drought. Their garden was selected to be highlighted during the fall because it is as beautiful now as it was in the spring.

## From a Concerned Resident

### **GOOD NEIGHBORS CREATE GOOD COMMUNITIES**

My family has lived in the ACIA community for many years, and during those years, I have noticed many changes, some good, some not so good. One of the great features of our communities is the tranquility. I usually ride my bicycle through the various ACIA communities during the week enjoying this tranquil atmosphere. Lately, however, I have noticed an increase in trash cans left in view of the street, boats and trailers in the driveways or on the streets, in a few cases derelict cars in the driveways, and more unkempt yards than before. I view these as temporary anomalies. But what about visitors, guests to the communities and potential neighbors? How do they view these conditions as they drive through our communities? One of the biggest investments for most property owners is their homes, and we have within our control important tools for keeping and improving this investment.

For some, deed restrictions are viewed as a nuisance, a hindrance to the enjoyment of their property. For others, deed restrictions are viewed as an important factor in attracting potential homebuyers, stabilizing and improving our home values. We should remember some of the factors that attracted us to the ACIA communities, great schools, tranquil atmosphere, well-maintained and inviting properties and the intangible of increasing home values. Sometimes, there are conditions that affect our property and the properties in our communities that are outside of our control, correction of the conditions mentioned above are totally within our control. It is very important that we all do our part to keep property values up and neighborhood stress low. Before you put the boat, trailer, or derelict car in the driveway or on the street, before you leave your trash cans in view, think about your neighbors. One of the ways we can all do our part is by knowing and following the deed restrictions. The conditions I have mentioned earlier can and does contribute to a reduction in property values. They detract from the appeal of our communities and they are violations of our deed restrictions.

If you are unsure of the deed restrictions, please consult the Atascocita Community Improvement Association's website @ [aciahomeowners.org](http://aciahomeowners.org).

Let us be good neighbors. Let us keep our communities great places to live.

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# Lake Houston Ladies Club

## OCTOBER MEETING

Lake Houston Ladies Club will have their meeting and luncheon on Tuesday, October 20, 2015 beginning at 10:00 a.m. at the Walden Country Club, 18100 Walden Forest, Humble TX 77346. Cheryl Huckaby Crabtree, a comedian and part of the cast of Llano Country Opry, will be performing. Her alter ego, Bucille Snotgrass, will bring us laughter and fun. 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, Lunch and Look, Tea Time, Movie Group, Supper Club, Mah Jongg, and Girl's Night Out. Please join us. New members are always welcome. Call Linda at 832-379-3009 for more information about the club and for luncheon reservations call by Friday, October 9 before 5:00 p.m.

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New dancers take a series of lesson at our club. Soon you will be dancing with ease. Learning to square dance is an enjoyable excursion into something new and different involving active participation of heart, mind, and body.

It's the New  
Generation of Dancing

It's time to erase the old image you might have of square dancing from your school days or TV. Today's dancing is done to great music

from the best of Country and Western to the latest Pop tunes. There are new dance steps – exciting new patterns to learn. Just ask the folks at MIT. They have one of the largest square dance clubs around.

No matter where in the world you might travel, chances are you will find a place to meet new folks through dancing. Best yet – the calls are always done in English throughout 18 different countries including the Far East and Europe!

Square dancing, Round dancing, and clogging have been the best kept secrets in town. It's time you opened the door and let the great benefits they offer enhance your life.

If you have ever square danced, would like to learn square dancing, or would like to come and view square dancing, the Wildcatters Squares dance every Thursday night at the Humble Activity Center, 1401 South Houston Avenue, Humble, Texas from 7:30 to 9:30 pm. In the fall we conduct lessons for beginning Square Dance. Our dances are smoke and alcohol free! This year our FREE Intro to

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### MAKE IT A TERRIFIC FALL SEASON

Fall is a great time of year. With a blistering summer behind us, we look forward to cooler weather and some of the most cherished holidays of the year. Fall can also represent an increased number of activities and commitments. Here are some ideas to make the most of your Fall Season.

1) Step away from the electronics - Often we worry about how much time our kids spend on their phones, iPads, etc. Adults can often use some of that advice too. Stepping away from technology can be a great way to remember that there are other meaningful things we can do each day.

2) Give Thanks – Take time each day to ponder the things you're thankful for. It's so easy to get worn down by the all the responsibilities we have. Remembering the blessings in our lives is a great way to recharge and reset our priorities. Want to take it up another level? Write these thoughts in a journal.

3) Take a walk – Who doesn't love the idea of taking a walk on the beach or a hike (at least a short one) in the mountains? Often a walk through the neighborhood, on the trails, or even a parking lot at work can help us get our energy going and allow us to get the most out of our days.

4) Do Yoga – The health benefits are countless. If you can't find the time for a class, practice the breathing at home. It's amazing the impact that several deep breaths can have on our ability to relax more fully.

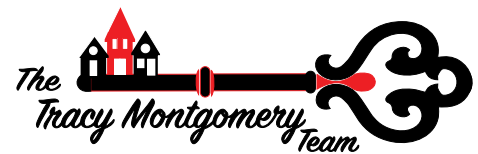
5) Write to a friend/family member – Yes, pen and paper. There are few things that can compete with the power of a handwritten note. In a day of texting, social media "likes" and emoticon gestures, recipients of hand written notes will recognize the significance of your friendship. The time it takes you to write can serve as an opportunity to reflect on how much you really care about the recipient.

6) Take your own Coffee Break – There's something powerful about coffee breaks. Whether you choose coffee, tea, or a glass of water, the key to taking a successful break is truly pausing from work and enjoying a few minutes of well .... nothing. Just BE.

7) Perform an Act of Kindness – Life experience has convinced me that small acts of kindness are more rewarding and fulfilling than any self-indulging activity. Just think of something nice you can do and do it. It's that simple.

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Square Dancing dances will be at 7:30 pm on Sept. 17th and 24th.

Square dancing is a mental & physical challenge. Reacting to the calls keeps you on your toes, as no one knows what move will be called next. Your mind focuses on dancing because you need total concentration to follow the calls. Learning is easy. The square dance caller teaches you the moves and the names of the calls that you dance. You practice these until they feel as natural as walking. Then, your caller combines the moves into whole dance patterns. You simply follow the calls. There is never a question about making up moves, or whether your partner can follow your lead.

Wildcatter Squares extends an invitation to everyone wanting to have fun, exercise, stay young, and make new friends! We will have FREE fun nights / Intro to Square Dancing on Sept. 17th and 24th at 7:30 pm. These are designed to get acquainted and learn simple beginner moves. For more information please call Dave or Vicky at 281-883-4310, or Sandy at 281-744-7790. You can also check out our web page at [wildcattersquares.com](http://wildcattersquares.com).

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## Senior Ladies Fun Tennis

A fun tennis morning for intermediate senior lady players (55 and older) had been started. Our first time out was Friday, September 18th. This initially was set up for Tuesdays however the majority decided on Friday mornings. Please contact Sue Raymond @ [sueboazraymond@comcast.net](mailto:sueboazraymond@comcast.net) if you are interested. It's always better to have more than four players on the roster as not everyone would be able to attend weekly. Currently there is good interest. Be sure to advise if you too are interested and you will be added to the roster (distribution list). An e-mail to all will be sent out on Monday prior to the play date confirming the date and time.

One should "Respond to All" to indicate if you are available so all players are in the loop on who is planning to play for the upcoming date. Then on Thursday another e-mail will be sent to confirm if enough players are available. Currently the start time is 8:00 a.m. and the place is the Pinehurst Courts (Not The Shores) located at 20600 Atascocita Shores Dr. The Shores Courts are still closed until further notice.

Senior Gentlemen: If you are interested in getting a fun group started too, please e-mail [sueboazraymond@comcast.net](mailto:sueboazraymond@comcast.net). If enough interest is shown it can be arranged.



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Dear Homeowners:

The Board of Directors for the Atascocita Community Improvement Association will hold a regular meeting on Monday, October 26, 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

## TENNIS CLINICS

Mike Beaty (an ACIA resident) or one of the other pros from Walden will continue to come each month to donate their services for the ACIA Tennis Clinics. These are held on each second Tuesday @ 7:00 p.m. at the Pinehurst Courts at 20600 Atascocita Shores Dr. Mike or his sub will instruct the intermediate to advanced players (any age). Sue will continue to instruct the beginners (any age).

The September Clinic was moved to the THIRD Tuesday due to the Labor Day Holiday. I hope you got the message for the change.

Thank you Mike for taking the time to volunteer your services. The October Clinic will be the second Tuesday which is October 13, 2015 @ 7:00 p.m. You may contact Sue Raymond @ sueboazraymond@comcast.net for more information. The summer clinics were well attended and interest was shown for additional Tuesday evening. Several extra clinics were held due to the interest shown. All who have attended any of the previous clinics have been placed on the e-mail distribution. E-mail reminders are sent Monday or early Tuesday. If you want to be added so you too may be advised of these regular Tuesday and/or additional clinics, please e-mail Sue. There is no cost for these clinics.

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There are over 16,000 Kids Hope USA relationships across the country. Thank you for considering being a part of this mission to ensure every child receives hope and love!

Please contact ATASCOCITA UNITED METHODIST CHURCH @ 281.852.1000 or STRAWBRIDGE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH IN KINGWOOD @ 281.360.4500 to obtain additional information or to inquire about serving in this awesome organization.

Perhaps YOUR church would like to gather information about how to serve in KIDS HOPE USA. Either church above could put you in touch with the proper contact.

## DON'T MESS WITH ATASCOCITA

Please sweep and bag all leaves, grass, pine needles, etc from the front of your own street. Do not allow these clippings in any of the drains. If each family will sweep and bag all the debris from the front of their own home, the problem is solved. All drains must remain clear of these items to avoid flooding.

Also, please be advised there is no duping allowed in the gully areas. Several have been fined for this.

These summer months have brought a tremendous increase in roadside trash. Our beautiful landscaped medians are replete with plastic bottles, food wrappers, chip bags, and other type of refuse. Littering is disrespectful to your neighbors and neighborhood. This littering is also costly because ACIA must pay the landscaping contractor to remove and dump this trash. Please be considerate of your neighbors and neighborhood. Don't Litter!

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## Preparing Young Children for Emergencies Planning and Teaching Basic Life Skills Help Keep Children Safe

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On a daily basis, 69 million children in America are separated from their parents during the work day while in school or child care for an average of nine hours. As parents and educators, what can we do to ensure that our children are protected in case emergency strikes during the school day? Does your child know your home address and phone number? Does he know the name of his school or teacher? Does your family have emergency supplies and an evacuation plan at home? Does his school have an emergency safety plan in place?

The safety and well-being of students is a top priority at Primrose Schools®. Every school has a Safe School Plan in place in case of emergency, which includes extensive emergency preparedness training for staff, step-by-step guidelines for emergency response and teaching essential safety skills to children.

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Younger Primrose students, including toddlers and early preschoolers, learn to avoid dangerous objects, including cleaning products, hot stoves and electrical outlets. Additionally, younger learners practice the "stop, look and listen" mantra, which means stop walking or running, listen to the parent, teacher or caregiver present, and look around before taking another step. Over time, this method helps children become more aware of their surroundings, which is an important step as they continue to practice safety in a variety of settings.

Primrose early preschool through kindergarten students learn the basics of first aid and emergency preparedness through the Primrose Life Skills curriculum including how to dial 911, identifying medication versus food or candy, etc. For this age group, Primrose teachers also expand on "stop, look, and listen," teaching students traffic safety, including the meaning of traffic lights and the importance of looking both ways before crossing the street at crosswalks.

"At Primrose School of Eagle Springs, it is our duty to keep our students safe and prepare them as best we can for the unexpected," said Paula Morgan, Franchise Owner of Primrose School of Eagle Springs. "By teaching age-appropriate life skills, we feel our children are better prepared for emergency situations and real-world interactions with adults."

At Primrose Schools, while children are busy playing, learning, singing, painting and growing, parents can take comfort in our commitment to provide a safe environment and equip children with essential life skills to help keep them safe no matter what the situation.

Through October, Primrose will be sharing additional information about emergency preparedness and safety on its 360 Parenting blog. Blog posts will feature resources from national partner Save the Children and its Get Ready, Get Safe, initiative to help families become better prepared for emergencies. Each week, families can complete items on the Get Ready, Get Safe, Family Plan Checklist to help plan and prepare in the event of an emergency. To view the blog and complete the checklist, visit [primroseschools.com/360parenting](http://primroseschools.com/360parenting).

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## Northwest Flyers Youth Track Club Free Registration Breakfast

The Northwest Flyers Youth Track Club will celebrate its 29th Anniversary Season by hosting its annual free Registration/Orientation Breakfast on Saturday, February 6th, 2016. The breakfast starts promptly at 8:30 AM at the Cypress Creek Christian Community Center Forum, 6823 Cypresswood Dr., Spring, TX, 77379.

All boys and girls who wish to join the team for the 2016 spring/summer track season must attend the orientation, which will be highlighted by a special presentation from a member of the USA Track & Field Olympic organization (USATF).

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

For additional information on the Northwest Flyers Track Club, please visit the team website at <http://www.northwestflyers.org>; contact Linette Roach at [linette.roach@sbcglobal.net](mailto:linette.roach@sbcglobal.net); or "Like" the club on Facebook.

## Cy-Fair Emergency & Imaging Center Triathlons and Duathlon at Fairfield

Sunday, October 25, 2015 @ 7:30 AM

Fairfield Athletic Club

16055 Mason Road

Cypress, TX 77433

For more information regarding the adult and kids' triathlons and adult duathlon, please visit:

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## Hosting an International Exchange Student

*Submitted by Vicki Odom*

Hosting an International Exchange Student is such a great experience for all of those involved. It leads to a better understanding between individuals of other cultures, hopefully branching its way out to a more peaceful global society. But don't just take my word about it, read about Nelva's experience and understanding of the exchange program.

*I'm so lucky to have been placed with a great host family in Texas! The best part is when we share each other's cultures and have a lot of quality time together. I'm blessed to have chance to study in American High School.*

*Being an exchange student is hard. For the first couple days it was hard because I didn't know anybody, the moving class system is new for me and sometimes it's hard to understand what they say. But America is really friendly and handy so I got a lot of help from them. From the exchange program, people can really get to know each other, people start to respect each other and we can start a new chapter to have a better world.*

So if you want to enrich your life, host an exchange student!  
Nelva is from Indonesia and is spending the academic year here

in Texas as part of the Kennedy-Lugar Youth Exchange and Study (YES) program. This program is funded by the US Department of State which provides scholarships for secondary school students from countries with significant Muslim populations. As part of her program year, Nelva is required to perform at least 60 hours of community service (however most YES students hours amount to hundreds of hours) and continue working with the program in her home country.

Our application process for the 2016 Spring Semester and 2016/2017 academic year will soon be opening. School spots in our area tend to fill up rather quickly, so get your application in early to host one of these amazing students!

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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](mailto:vodom@ayusa.org) or Ayusa at 1.888.552.9872 or by visiting the website at [www.ayusa.org](http://www.ayusa.org).



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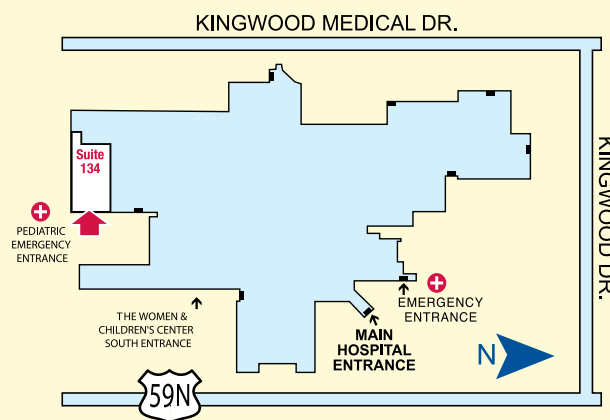
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