

### OCTOBER 2015 | VOLUME 3, ISSUE 10

## YARD of the MONTH! CONGRATULATIONS TO THE "YARD OF THE MONTH" WINNER FOR SEPTEMBER!

Special thanks to our sponsor Cornelius Nursery!



### 2511 PLATINUM CHASE DRIVE (SECTION 7)

To nominate a yard, please e-mail the address and a picture, if possible, to mevrard@canyongate.com.

## UPCOMING COMMUNITY EVENTS

#### NATIONAL NIGHT OUT

#### Saturday, October 3 | 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM

All residents are invited to participate in National Night Out on Saturday, October 3rd! This event will take place on your own street or section. Each street/section gets to pick a theme and choose what time and location to get together. This is a great opportunity for you to meet your fellow neighbors and make new friends! Then, we want you in our newsletter! To make the cut, please e-mail your National Night Out photos by Friday, October 9th to mevrard@canyongate.com.

If you have any questions about the event, or would like to become a section leader or block captain, please contact Michelle Evrard, Director of Community Events, at mevrard@canyongate.com or (713) 783-6702.

#### FALL FESTIVAL

#### Saturday, October 24 | 2:00 PM – 4:00 PM

All residents are invited to join in the fun with your fellow ghouls and goblins. Our annual Fall Festival will be located at the SplashPad. There will be carnival games, DJ, prizes, bounce house, snacks and tons of fun!

If you would like to volunteer to help with the games, or need community service hours for school, please contact mevrard@canyongate.com.

#### FALL GARAGE SALE

#### Saturday, November 14 | 7:00 AM – 12:00 Noon

Get ready to clean out your closets for our community-wide garage sale. You won't have to haul your items far; the garage sale will take place in YOUR OWN garage! Rain or shine, be ready to open your garage at 7:00 AM on Saturday, November 14th.

We'll be creating a map of all the garage sales in the community. To be added to the map, please e-mail your address to mevrard@ canyongate.com and include a short list of the types of items you are selling. No additions will be accepted after Wednesday, November 11th. The maps will be handed out at the entrance. If interested in donating garage sale items, please contact:

Helping Hands Charity, Inc: (713) 344-5434 or helpinghandscharity@yahoo.com

Purple Heart: (713) 685-5400 or PurpleHeartHouston@ DonateStuff.com.

### 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.centerpo	ointenergy.com/outage
Texas One Call System (Call Before you Di	g)811

#### Property Tax Authorities

Brazoria County Tax	
MUD #31 Operator	

#### Public Services

Rosharon Post Office	
Toll Road EZ Tag	
Voters Registration	
Vehicle Registration	
Drivers License Information	
Alvin/Manvel Chamber	
Animal Control	(979) 864-2265

#### Police & Fire

Emergency	
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	
Don Jeter Elementary (K-6)	
Manvel Junior High (7-8)	
Manvel High School (9-12)	

Higher Education

Alvin Community College.....(281) 756-3500

#### Sterling Lakes Builders

Anglia Homes	
CastleRock	
D.R. Horton Homes /Express Homes	
LGI	(855) 210-2619
Westin	

## **2016 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, 2016.

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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> Ask the "Energy Analyst" 281.658.0395

**GREAT BUSINESS RATES TOO!** 

## 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
- Kathy White

**Resident Meeting Dates:** Saturday, November 7



**Description:** The position includes marketing our community newsletters to local and area businesses. It is a flexible position that allows you to work from home and set your own hours.

**Roles:** Stimulate new advertising accounts in our community newsletters. Maintain current accounts assigned to you by Sales Manager. Service your accounts by assisting them from ad design to final proof approval.

**Skills:** Excellent communication through email and phone, with high level presentation and relationship-building skills. Strong prospecting and business development skills are a must. Previous sales experience preferred but not required.

**Benefits:** Commission Based Apply by sending resume to jobs@peelinc.com



## SplashPad Texas Hours

Business Office (2nd Floor), PHONE: 281-778-2000, EMAIL: sterlinglakes@entouch.net

Office Hours: Wednesday through Saturday – 9:00am - 5:00pm Tuesday – 11:00am - 7:00pm | Sunday - Closed

Fitness Center Hours: 7 days a week – 5:00am until 11:00pm Onsite Community Manager: Dee Dee Frank Please visit or contact this office to register for amenity & gate access.

The Association doesn't verify, endorse, or approve any products, information or opinions mentioned at Association sponsored functions or contained in this community newsletter.

## 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

## **STERLING LAKES UPDATES**

Landscaping in Sections 10 and 11 to start the week of September 14th.

Fountains to be installed by the middle of October.

The new gate off of CR 48 is to be complete and operational in three to four weeks. The contractors are finishing punch list items, cameras and call boxes are being installed and complete system testing needs to be completed before the gate will be ready to go live.

The long awaited Basketball Pavilion and the Tennis Court is under construction and slated to be complete in 90 days.

## Theatre Under the Stars Social Perks Program

Canyon Gate residents can purchase discounted tickets between 10% and 20% off for the following shows:

October: Matilda, Bonnie & Clyde December: A Christmas Story, Striking January: The Bridges of Madison County March: Mary Poppins, The Sweet Potato Queens April: Oliver, Heathers May: Heathers, A Gentleman's Guide

Visit TUTS.com to redeem your discount code: CANYONGATE Discounts valid through August 31, 2015, online only All standard fees apply No refunds or exchanges Prices and showtimes are subject to change without notice 713.558.8888 | GROUPSALES@TUTS.COM TUTS.COM/PERKS

## 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 2015 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: Open

Section 6: Deborah Bagwell (ddbagwell7@gmail.com) Section 7: Martha Steele (martha.steele@edi-international.com) Section 8: Sophia Clark-El (camdreacebre@gmail.com) Section 9: Louis Rodriguez (joseienia@yahoo.com) Section 10: OPEN

Section 11: OPEN

Section 12a: Paris Johnson (householdmail@yahoo.com) Section 12b: Jake and Celeste Plew (jacple\_sm@yahoo.com)



TBD BASKETBALL

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 26 NIGHT AT THE ASTROS

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 3 NATIONAL NIGHT OUT

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 24 FALL FESTIVAL/FUN DAY

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 14 F**ALL GARAGE SALE** 

### DECEMBER 6-12 HOLIDAY YARD DECORATION CONTEST

### SATURDAY, DECEMBER 12 COOKIES WITH SANTA & TOY DRIVE

Please contact Michelle Evrard, Director of Community Events, at mevrard@canyongate.com if you would like to volunteer for any of our events! Events are subject to change.

## GINGERBREAD VILLAGE HOLIDAY MARKET

St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Ladies Auxiliary is holding their 23rd annual Gingerbread Village Holiday Market! This year it will be held on October 24, 2015 from 9 A.M. until 4 P.M. Admission is free! Join us for arts, crafts, holiday items, specialty foods, a bake sale and much more. Delicious lunch is available for purchase. The show will be held at 6646 Addicks Satsuma Road, Houston, TX 77054 (Northwest Houston approx. 1 mile east of FM 529 and West Little York).

## <u>Sterling Lakes</u>

# **HOST AN EXCHANGE STUDENT!**

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!

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.



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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!



## Sterling Lakes Parking Policy and Fining Policy

### \*\*\*REMINDER\*\*\*

The Sterling Lakes Parking Policy will begin being more strictly enforced in the near future. Please be sure to review the entire policy and inquire with PMG if you should have any questions or concerns. Also, remember that your Board and your management company are happy and eager to work with you to protect and improve the community. Anytime that you are concerned or feel that you may have received communications in error, please contact Mike Crahan with PMG at m.crahan@pmghouston.com.

If you would like a copy of the Parking Policy, please visit the Sterling Lakes website at www.canyongate.com/residents/sl.



## **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.



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

## 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.

## 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.

## 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.

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

#### Committees

Social – Contact Michelle at mevrard@canyongate.com for more information Communications - If you are interested in being a Section Leader or Block Captain please contact Michelle at mevard@canyongate.com

Flag - Contact Brian Roller at roller2011@att.net

Landscape - Contact Gayle Mauzey at gaylemauzey@hotmail.com or 832.385.8969

Traffic & Safety - Contact Rashawn Clark-El at rclarkel72@gmail.com Adopt-A-School - Contact Sophia Clark-El at camdreacebre@gmail.com

### Social Groups:

Book Club - Contact Aundria Eli at aundria.eli@memorialhermann.org Youth Activities - Contact Beverly Hammond at slyac2014@gmail.com

## REMEMBER: PLEASE CALL BEFORE YOU DIG

### Texas One Call System: dial "811"

Prior to performing work on your property, call the "Texas One Call System at 811". They will mark the location of the utility lines easement within your property. Remember, damages to any utility lines within your property can affect services to YOU and YOUR neighbor's homes. Thanks for taking time to call before you dig!

## 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.

## 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



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