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February 2016

Official Newsletter of the Atascocita Community Improvement Association

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Thank you

Atascocita Garden Club

ACIA would like to thank all those of the Atascocita Garden Club for submitting the Christmas decorated yards for this 2015 season. They worked very hard and it is so appreciated by your ACIA Board. It is most difficult for the homeowners to have their yards decorated by the first week in December but due to the deadline of this newsletter being on the 10th it was just absolutely necessary. Thank you again Atascocita Garden Club and all the ACIA homeowners.



ATASCOCITA COMMUNITY IMPROVEMENT ASSOCIATION, INC.

Membership Meeting Protocol at a Board of Directors Meeting

Welcome to the Atascocita Community Improvement Association Board of Directors meeting. The Board encourages members to attend the Board meetings to learn more about what their Association does and how the dollars are spent. However, contrary to popular belief, the Association is not subject to the Texas Open Meetings Act and Members are permitted to speak at the meeting only to the extent permitted by the Board. The board does provide for an "Open Forum" item on the agenda at which time members will have the opportunity to address the Board concerning any item on the agenda or within the Board's jurisdiction. The time at which the membership may openly address the Board is at the annual meeting which is held in November.

In order to properly address the Board, members are required to sign in at the beginning of the meeting and mark where indicated (sign in sheets may vary from time to time). During the "Open Forum" item on the agenda, the Board will address those who signed in and marked the appropriate area on the sign-in sheet. Each member will have four minutes to address the Board. Members who speak beyond their allotted time, who have not been recognized by the Board or who continue to speak after they have been requested to cease, will be asked to leave. Those refusing to leave will be considered in violation of Section 42.01 (5) of the Texas Penal Code. Issues brought before the Board will be handled as follows:

1. The member will be recognized by the president and shall then proceed to comment in a brief and concise manner.
2. If an item has already been considered by the Board, the item will not be addressed unless there has been a substantial change since the Board's last resolution of said item.
3. Without taking action, a Board member(s) may briefly

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respond to the statements made or questions posed by the member or ask a question for clarification.

4. The president may poll members for or against a particular issue based on the current discussions and may provide additional members to speak only if they have something new to add.

5. The Board may take the issue/matter under advisement;

6. The Board may assign the issue/matter to a member of the Board, or an appropriate party to be determined by the Board, for further research, providing a response or take any other action prescribed by the Board.

7. The Board may take no action.

Civil behavior is expected of all participants, even on issues of disagreement. The Board president will not permit any disturbance or willful interruption of Board meetings.

Maintaining Sewer and Storm Drain Accesses

In our area, sewer and storm drain accesses are located in resident's yards, driveways, and sidewalks. Over time, some of these drain accesses have shifted, either lifting or sinking. This shifting can indicate damage to the underlying drain. Residents noticing any shifting around the drain accesses should immediately call Harris County Precinct 2 Community Assistance at (713) 455-8104. Harris County will inspect the drain to determine whether the visible shifting is causing any impediment to proper storm water drainage. Repair to the storm drains are critical to preventing flooding in our neighborhood. Harris County will make the determination whether the drain access is a sewer drain or storm drain access. If the access is a sewer drain access the appropriate MUD will be notified to inspect and make repairs. Please help make our neighborhood safe from flooding.

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.

Home Organizing and De-cluttering Tips

February is a great month to organize and de-clutter your home. Maybe this task is a specific New Year's resolution for you, if not, we bet it ties to one! (e.g. stress less = decrease clutter; exercise more = find your exercise clothes more easily!). Here are a few simple organizing strategies:

Bathroom

1. Control hair product clutter: give unwanted supplies to a friend or donate to charity. Use a plastic tub for your supplies and place it under the sink. When you fix your hair, the whole tub can be taken out and put away.

2. Add style and function with apothecary jars: cotton swabs, Q-tips, and bath salts look great in clear containers, and are handy for guests.

Bedroom

1. Opt for storage under the bed: incorporate sliding or rolling under bed storage bins. These are perfect for your seasonal attire and bulkier items like backpacks, purses, and blankets.

2. Toy proof a child's bedroom: utilize canvas clothes hampers or crunch baskets to organize toy clutter. Use different sizes, small for books and large for balls or stuffed animals.

Living Room

1. Coffee table functionality: if your coffee table has drawers, use them for magazines, remotes, coaster, etc. If not, add low storage cubes rolling baskets or bins for under the table.

2. Creatively display photos: if you have a lot of small photo frames, display them in new ways such as collage frames, a digital photo frame, or hang frames on the wall.

We hope these tips help you attain your New Year's resolutions, or simply make you feel calm and clutter-free and your home! May your February be one of organization and peace!

Yours in Organization,

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The website has two tool bars which provide beneficial information for homeowners. One tool bar is related to your community association information and the other to your individual information. Below are some of the more commonly used features:

- By clicking on the "Home" tab, located on the top tool bar, you will find your most commonly used resources such as your pool forms, bylaws and restrictions, helpful links, community event calendar, and other useful resources.
- To see if your assessment payment has been posted or for a history of past payments look under the "Account Detail" tab which can be found on the second toolbar.
- The "Account Link" tab allows you to link multiple properties that you may own under the same log in.
- The "Architectural" and "Compliance" tabs provide you with a history of past letters and applications and allow you to respond

directly to the support personnel associated with that function.

- The "E-Payment" tab informs you how to pay your assessments on-line.
- The "User Profile" tab allows you to update your contact information and subscribe to receive information online.

We hope you will find accessing your account online a more efficient use of your time and that the information provided meets the needs of the community. If you have any suggestions once you have had time to peruse the site, please let us know.



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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, February 22, 2016 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



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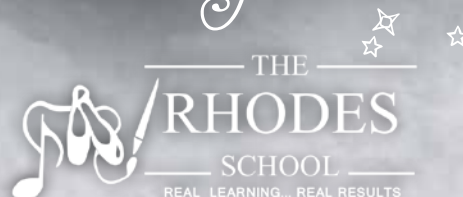
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The many advantages of using native plants include using less water, reducing the need for soil modification, and using little or no fertilizer. They are less susceptible to pest problems, and are tolerant of stressful environments such as drought.

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.

Visit www.KeepCyFairBeautiful.org to access free “Take Care of Texas” publications and a Guide to Native Plants



Volunteers Needed

Volunteers are the life's blood that keeps our community a great place to live and enjoy. Volunteers are needed for positions on the Safety Committee, Nominating Committee, ACC, Social Committee (egg hunt, July 4th parade, National Night Out), and Recreation Committee (pool/parks/marina). Just a few hours of your time can make a difference in the quality of our neighborhood. Please contact any Board member (email address located on the website) or call Sterling Association Services at 832-678-4500 for more information or to volunteer.

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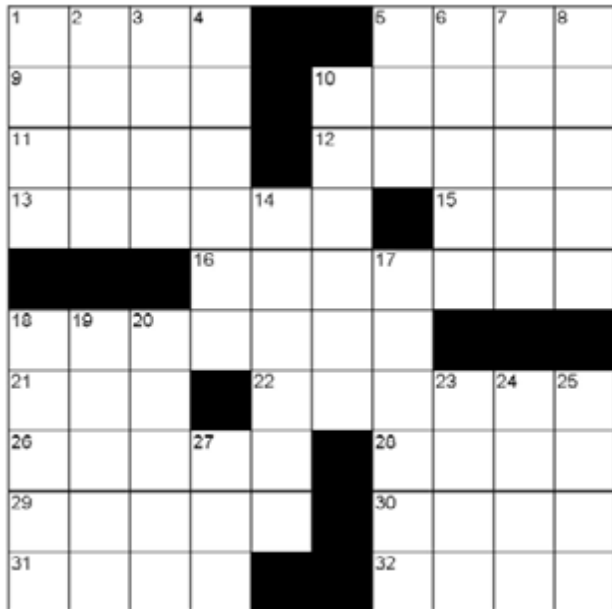
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5. Baby
9. Seaweed substance
10. Transparent gem
11. Defeat
12. Blend
13. Suck up
15. Electroencephalograph (abbr.)
16. French composer Claude
18. Artifacts found in rocks
21. Rend
22. Elite
26. Reorient
28. Canal
29. Meal listings
30. Opp. of ill
31. Adam's garden
32. Hawk

DOWN

1. Indonesian island
2. Elderly
3. Welcome rugs
4. Sulks
5. TV lawyer Matlock
6. Sign of the zodiac
7. Computer memory units
8. Lamenting poem
10. What a gum chewer blows
14. Ruled over
17. "___ and World Report"
18. Border
19. Lubricated
20. Chine
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