



ACIA

Happenings

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

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YARD *of the* MONTH

Congrats to Toni and Rickey Beasley for first place @ 8323 Laurel Leaf Lane for April 2016 Yard of the Month. (Pic 1)

Congrats to Elizabeth and Mike Bishop for 2nd place YOM @ 20146 Pinehurst Trail Dr. (Pic 2)

Congrats to Marguerita and Kevin Semien for Honorable Mention YOM @ 19803 Pine Wind Dr. (Pic 3)



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NOTICE TO ALL ACIA HOMEOWNERS

As of April 9th, 2016 Community Asset Management will be the new service management company for the ACIA. You may reach them at Ph 281.852.1155 and Fax 281.852.9111. Please continue to use the ACIAhomerowners.org as usual for information and necessary forms.

You may continue to contact Sterling Management through April 8, 2016 @ 832.678.4500.

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LAKE HOUSTON *Ladies Club*

APRIL MEETING

Lake Houston Ladies Club will have their meeting and luncheon on Tuesday, April 19, 2016 beginning at 10:00 a.m. at the Walden Country Club, 18100 Walden Forest, Humble TX 77346. Jerry Diaz and Hannah's Reef Tropical Band will be back playing their original style of "Texas Beach Music". Come join us on a musical journey to New Orleans, Pensacola, Key West and the Texas Beach scene. 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. Reservations need to be made by Friday, April 8, 2016 by 5:00 pm. For luncheon reservations go to: <http://www.lakehoustonladiesclub.com/> For more information about the club call Linda at 832-379-3009.

Expecting Out of Town Guests?

Many of you have friends and family that use your guestroom. Here are a few tips on making them feel welcome in your home.

Consider buying or cutting some fresh flowers and put them on the dresser. This will help brighten the room and make your guests feel welcome. You could also lay out a couple good books or a magazine. Most people will enjoy flipping through a home magazine or a celebrity magazine. This will make an excellent addition on the nightstand next to a bedside lamp. It isn't uncommon for one of your guests to be a night owl. When you have a bedside lamp in the room, the early riser can sleep while their spouse can stay up all night finishing their favorite book. Don't forget to leave a couple extra pillows. Nothing says comfort like a soft pile of plush pillows on a big bed. This will make the bed look nice and inviting. And last but not least, leave a universal charger in the room. One of the worst things to forget is a charger for a cell phone, laptop or tablet. We all forget things when we travel and this could save your guest a trip to the local convenient store. Universal chargers aren't very expensive and it can keep all their devices charged up and ready to go.

You don't have a guest room? Is it time to buy a bigger house? Feel free to call the Tracy Montgomery team if you want to see homes in the area. We can help you every step of the way and would love to help you with the listing or buying process.



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Lawn Care Tips

- Trim and shape shrubs and hedges to a desired size before the growing season starts. Consider the possibility of giving your plants a new shape. Possible shapes are pyramids, cylinders, mushrooms, poodles, multi-tiered tabletops, spirals (junipers), bonsai (mature junipers), slanted (long hedges), and undulating waves. Whee! You can have a lot of fun here! If your plants are out of shape, the substance is amenable to trimming into a different shape. Look carefully, and do not be afraid to cut, using hand clippers to remove targeted limbs or foliage, and then fine-tuning the shape with shears.

- Clean out leaves and pull weeds from flower beds.
- Prune roses to a third of their height, to remove spindly growth and fortify structure. Remove deadwood as well as the deadwood draws energy from the plants. A desired, uniform shape can be established at this time for all the roses. The roses can be fertilized at this time with Color Star blooming fertilizer, which contains bone meal and blood meal. In addition, fish meal fertilizer is also available as a natural supplement. Valentine's day is a perfect time to plant new roses.

- Trench flower bed edges and define their perimeters with a sharp, straight-edge spade. Be aware of irrigation lines and utilities upon doing so. Use a 40-inch tall straight-edge spade that has a 7-inch wide X 11-inch blade. Sharpen it on both sides with a bastard file. To avoid user fatigue from pushing the spade into the soil with your foot, practice the following technique. With the right hand, firmly grab the handle top, and with the left hand, hold the handle shaft. While standing poised over the existing flower bed edge, raise the spade as if you are going to strike down forcefully on the edge where the flower bed and the lawn meet. Then aim straight down to where the new, fresh edge should be. Next, in a "throwing down" motion, impel the spade into the soil about 4-5 inches, letting go of the shaft with your aiming left hand, while continuing your hold with the right hand on top. Tilt back the spade to toss up into the flower bed the loose soil from the trench. With practice, this becomes a flick-of-the-wrist gardening routine that creates awesome, crisp edging on which to guide your line trimmer before mowing. Wear steel toes if possible for this gardening technique

- Break time, break time! Attend the Texas Home and Garden Show at the Houston Reliant Center, Hall A February 10-12, 2013.

- Turn soil in the flower beds to aerate. A sharp shooter spade can be used. Hold handle with right hand, guide with the left hand, and thrust the sharp shooter 3-4 inches into the soil at 10 o'clock, then twist handle to 12 o'clock. Repeat motion in close-knit patterns to produce an even, lightly turned soil, breaking any clumps as you go and leveling out with a leaf rake. Aerating allows oxygen, water, and fertilizers to reach plant roots for absorption. Sharp tools are always easier to use and reduce fatigue. Beware of sprinkler pipes, utility cables, or gas lines to lamps or BBQ pits.

- Apply a granular pre-emergence herbicide to the flower beds. This is a selective herbicide that will kill only broadleaf weeds and grassy weeds. It works by preventing seed germination. The best products are available at a public chemical store. Hardware stores do not carry professional grade products. Their products are diluted and not worth the money spent

- Mow bi-weekly.

- Mower blade tip: sharpen or replace mower blade every 2-3 months during the growing season. A sharp mower blade creates a cleaner cut and reduces operator fatigue.

- Mow grass at 3 inches high with a grass catcher. The grass catcher will collect any weeds that have gone to seed and prevent re-seeding. Apply Scott's weed and feed fertilizer with atrazine. Atrazine is excellent for eliminating dollar weed.

- Using a broadcast spreader, apply Scott's weed and feed fertilizer with atrazine on your lawn. Atrazine is excellent for eliminating weeds and is specially formulated for dollar weed.

- Cut down cannas to 4 inches from ground level.

- Remove clover individually by hand, root and all, from your lawn. Do not mow it over because it will reproduce and begin to overtake the grass. The same applies for crab grass. An aluminum flower planting trowel is ideal for removing crab grass that is not full grown. With one hand, grab all the leaves like a strand of hair, pull strongly and maintain pull at a 45 degree angle. With the planting trowel, stab into the soil 2-3 inches in a semi-circular fashion back and forth around the base of the crab grass, rocking the plant sideways as you pull. If it does not come out then, turn around and repeat from the other side of the plant. For large, established crab grass, use a sharp shooter, pushing the shovel at 45 degrees around the plant to complete a full circle. Pop plant out by tilting sharp shooter down and fill plant hole with topsoil for lawn grass to patch in.

- Visit a local nursery and discover what trees, plants, and flowers they carry; when they bloom; whether they are for planting in shade, full sun, filtered sunlight; what is hardy long-term and will not freeze; what is prone to certain diseases. Please note that, at the nursery, shade-type nursery stock will be store in the shade under canopies, and full-sun stock out in the full sun. A continual, year-round cascade of blooming plants can be enjoyed by organizing a planting scheme based on the time plants bloom by month.

- Create your own "spring break" by planning to visit The Mercer Arboretum, a multi-acre botanical garden on Aldine Westfield just north of FM 1960. The azalea trails bloom between February and April, depending on the weather, so call now for a status and do take tag along your digital camera for awesome photos! Engaged couples, sweet 16's, and a host of other visitors have their professional photographers meet them there on purpose for photo shoots.

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NOTICE OF REGULAR BOARD MEETING

Atascocita Community Improvement Association's Annual Spring Community Wide Garage Sale

When: Friday & Saturday, April 1 and 2, 2016.

Time: All Day

Where: The garage sale area includes all section 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.

Dear Homeowners:

The Board of Directors for the Atascocita Community Improvement Association will hold a regular meeting on Monday, March 28, 2016 from 7:00 p.m. to 8:00:pm., at The Overlook 20114 Pinehurst Drive, Atascocita, TX 77346.

The subject of the meeting is general business of the Association, including but not limited to, discussion of items related to the Association budget and expenditures as well as discussion of repair and maintenance of the assets owned by the Association. An appeal from the denial of an architectural application may be considered during executive session.

Discussions involving personnel, pending or threatened litigation, contract negotiations, enforcement actions, and confidential communications with the Association attorney, matters involving invasion of privacy of owners, and other matters that are confidential by request of an affected party and agreement of the Board are discussed in executive session.

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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 or the Sterling website at www.sterlingasi.net. For more information contact Sterling at 832-628-4500. Below is an excerpt from your Deed restrictions:

"No building, structure, fence, wall, or other improvements shall be commenced, erected, constructed, placed or maintained upon the Properties, nor shall any exterior addition to or change or alteration therein be made until the detailed plans and specifications therefore shall have been submitted to and approved in writing as to the compliance with minimum structural and mechanical standards, location and situation on the Lot, and as to harmony or external design or location in relation to property lines, building lines, easements, grades, surrounding structures, walks, and topography (including the orientation of the front and rear of any such building with respect to the Lot lines), by the Architectural Control Committee."

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Honey Bee Swarms

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Honey bee swarms look like a large clump of bees clustered together. The swarm may stay in a location from a few hours to a week. Swarms are produced as a part of the colony's reproductive process. An established colony produces a new queen, causing the old queen and half the worker bees to leave the colony to search for a new nesting location. Swarming honey bees are usually gentle and unlikely to sting. Swarms are not protecting their home, food or offspring. Scout bees are sent out from the swarm to search for a nesting site. Colonies produce comb and honey and are defensive. Bees from a colony are more likely to sting as they are guarding their home, food and offspring.

Sometimes, honey bee colonies can be found in wall voids, chimneys, attics or sheds. If bees are in a wall void, DO NOT block their entrance; this makes them search for another way to exit and could lead bees into the structure. To keep bees from entering a home, seal any holes found in walls where pipes enter the home, cracks in window framing, knotholes, weep holes, or cracks between wood and brick junctures.

While many enjoy having honey bees around, some people are severely allergic to their venom. This, along with other situations, such as bees located near sensitive areas (such as playgrounds) may require removal or even extermination of the bees.

People should NOT try remove or exterminate bees on their own. Beekeepers and pest control companies have equipment to carry out these jobs in a safe manner. The city or county does not provide bee removal services.

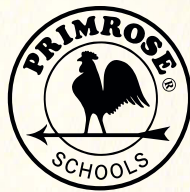
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ATASCOCITA COMMUNITY IMPROVEMENT ASSOCIATION, INC.

MEETING RECORDING POLICY

WHEREAS, the Atascocita Community Improvement Association, a Texas non-profit corporation (the "Association"), which pursuant to its Bylaws and the Texas Non-profit Corporation Act, is managed by its Board of Trustees; and

WHEREAS, this Meeting Media Policy is applicable to the following properties:

Pinehurst of Atascocita Sections 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10 and 11;
Pines of Atascocita Sections 1, 2, 3 and 4;
Atascocita Shores Sections 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 and 6;
Golf Villas at Atascocita;
Club Point;
Estates of Pinehurst; and
Ivy Point (an unrecorded subdivision out of a portion of Pinehurst of Atascocita, Sec. 3);

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WHEREAS, pursuant to the Bylaws, the President of the Association shall preside at all meetings and see that resolutions of the Board are carried out; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to the Bylaws, the Association the Board of Trustees shall supervise all officers; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Trustees presume all members and guests who attend both meetings of members and the board, will behave in a civil manor and refrain from disorderly conduct and willful interruption of the meetings; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Trustees has observed and has been informed that many members do not like to be recorded by video or audio devices, and that recording of persons without their permission at Association meetings results in anger which is disruptive to such meetings and has a chilling effect on persons' willingness to participate; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Trustees desires to adopt a policy and resolution regarding the participation of members and guests at the meetings and recording of member or board meetings and;

NOW, THEREFORE, The Board of Trustees of the Association hereby adopts the following Meeting Protocol and Recording Policy and Resolution with respect to both meetings of members and meetings of the Board of Trustees:

1. Members who wish to address the Board are required to sign in at the beginning of the meeting.

2. The Member will be recognized by the president and shall then proceed to comment in a brief and concise manner. Each member will have four minutes to address the Board.

3. 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 Boards last resolution of said item.

4. Without taking action, a Board member(s) may briefly respond to the statements made or questions posed by the member or ask a question for clarification.

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

6. The Board may take the issues/matter under advisement.

7. 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.

8. The Board may take no action.

9. Members who Video or audio recording of meetings of members or meetings of the Board of Trustees shall be prohibited, unless every person in attendance at such meeting consents to such recording.

10. Any person attempting to record any meeting without obtaining the consent of all attendees will be requested to leave that meeting.

11. In the event a person refuses to cease any unauthorized recording and refuses to leave such meeting, the presiding officer at the meeting shall either adjourn such meeting into executive session or adjourn the meeting in its entirety.

12. Any person violating this Policy shall be asked to refrain from bringing any device capable of audio or video recording into any future meeting.

13. In the event a person that has previously violated this policy insists on bringing a device capable of audio or video recording into a future meeting, the presiding officer at the meeting may either adjourn such meeting into executive session or adjourn the meeting in its entirety.

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CERTIFICATION

"I, the undersigned, being the President of the Atascocita Community Improvement Association, hereby certify that the foregoing Meeting Recording Policy was adopted by at least a majority of the Association Board of Directors."

By: _____, President

Print name: _____

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

STATE OF TEXAS §

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COUNTY OF HARRIS §

BEFORE ME, the undersigned authority, on this day personally appeared _____, President of the Atascocita Community Improvement Association, and known by me to be the person whose name is subscribed to the foregoing document and, being by me first duly sworn, declared that he is the person who signed the foregoing document in his representative capacity and that the statements contained therein are true and correct.

Given under my hand and seal of office this the _____ day of _____, 2015.

Notary Public, State of Texas



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APRIL GARDENING TIPS

Offered by WeekendGardener.Net

Use this list to help you figure out what gardening tasks you want to accomplish this month.

Planning

When purchasing bedding annuals this spring, choose properly grown plants with good color. Buy plants with well-developed root systems that are vigorous, but not too large for their pots. Plants that bloom in the pack are often root bound and can be set back for several weeks after being transplanted. Plants not yet in bloom will actually bloom sooner, be better established and grow faster.

For hot-weather color, select one of the following: Gloriosa Daisy, Madagascar Periwinkle, Ornamental Peppers, Mexican Zinnia or Amaranthus 'Joseph's Coat. Plan to attract hummingbirds to your garden this year by planting red or orange flowers. Monarda (common names: beebalm, horsemint, Oswego tea, and bergamot) is a good perennial plant that thrives in sun and provides nectar for these small birds.

Planting

Begin to plant seedlings of warm-season vegetables such as tomatoes, peppers, and eggplants. You can also start your pumpkin seeds now.

Sow beets, beans, cucumbers, carrots, lettuce, sweet corn and radishes

Plant herbs such as thyme, sage, parsley, chives and basil

Sod or sow new lawns, and over seed damaged older lawns

Start planting out warm season annuals such as impatiens, marigolds, petunias, sunflowers, zinnia, lobelia, alyssum

Finish planting summer-flowering bulbs like tuberose, gladiolus, dahlias, and callas

Plant chervil, coriander, dill, rosemary, and summer savory outside after the last spring frost date for your area. Your Extension agent should be able to give you the date.

Maintenance

Mulch soil to save water, smother weeds, keeps soil cooler. Spread 1-3 inches (2.5-7cm) of bark chips, compost, wood shavings, or other organic material under shrubs trees, annuals and vegetables. Thin vegetables that were sown too thickly, like basil, carrots, green onions, or lettuce. Prune spring-flowering shrubs and trees after bloom is over.

Fertilize everything right now, but do not feed spring-flowering shrubs like azaleas, camellias, and rhododendrons until after they have finished flowering. Use an acid based fertilizer. They also should be pruned after blooming.



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Live Allergy Free

Do you suffer from nose congestion, running nose, sneezing constantly, itchy nose, sore throat, red & itchy watery eyes, and cough? Do you have more than ten sneezes non-stop sometimes especially in the morning. If this sounds like you? You may suffer from allergy. If you have these symptoms during certain seasons of the year, you may have seasonal allergies. With all the trees and flowers in Houston, more and more people suffer from seasonal allergy.

If the symptoms are not effectively under control by western medicine, some people may develop chronic allergy, the symptoms become more severe every time. Other people may develop dependency to the medication, need to increase dosage form time to time.

The cause of the allergy is either the exterior pathogen (allergen) or the internal constitution (body type). Traditional Chinese Medicine treat patient's constitution, rebalance the body, change the internal environment by improving the circulation of Qi and blood, therefore to control, reduce and cure the allergy.

Several Chinese patterns of disharmony may be involved in cases of allergies. In all cases, however, wind is often part of the diagnosis.

In seasonal allergies, such as hay fever, the most common diagnosis is related to wind and dampness. Individual's body constitution and condition at the time play a big role in the treatment plan.

Treatment plans for allergies vary greatly, and the possible results range from temporary relief to complete remission based on the reaction of individual person. Acupuncture frequently relieves allergy symptoms immediately. Diet advice and control plays an important part in controlling seasonal allergies.

Take your health into your own hands, live allergy free with safe effective natural way.

Apart from respiratory issues including allergy, acupuncture is also effective to treat reproductive issues for male and female, emotional issues, neurological issues, gastric distress. It is a wonderful way to relieve pain without intoxications, to help with rehabilitation, to treat addictions and fatigue.

Talk to your licensed Acupuncturist about what acupuncture and TCM can do for you.

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Sometimes I just feel broken. Broken as in not whole, shattered & not even sure how to begin putting the pieces back together. Are all of the pieces even still there?

I'm not going to lie. Living and dealing with emotional trauma is no cup of tea. You feel lost, beaten, broken, and very much alone. You frequently feel things will never get better. After all, how can they ever be as good as they were (or, at least, as good as you thought they were) when you're this broken shell of a person. Then, you watch and see the rest of the world passing, and think, "Why even

try? It's hopeless."

With the passing of Easter and the emergence of spring, I've been thinking about the significance of this particular season at this junction of my life. Easter represents the victory of Jesus Christ over death; the triumph of light over the dark. Spring is the season of rebirth and renewal; the time of fresh starts. So, as I sit & watch the renewal of everything around me, I wonder... What about me? Can I be renewed? Is there enough left of this broken person to put back together, fill the holes, and turn out a new person fresh and whole?

I've found that spending time with friends, both the human and equine variety, is a great healer. They have become my glue that pulls the shattered pieces back together. While spending quiet moments relaxing with my horse I hear God more clearly, telling me that I have purpose in this life. What came before was meant to happen, if only to prepare me for what is to come and to help me become the person He means me to be. Learning God's plans for me not only helps reassemble the scattered pieces, but leads me to discover new pieces, more vibrant than the old ever were. Suddenly, I find myself renewed and, just like that, there it is--- Hope Resurrected

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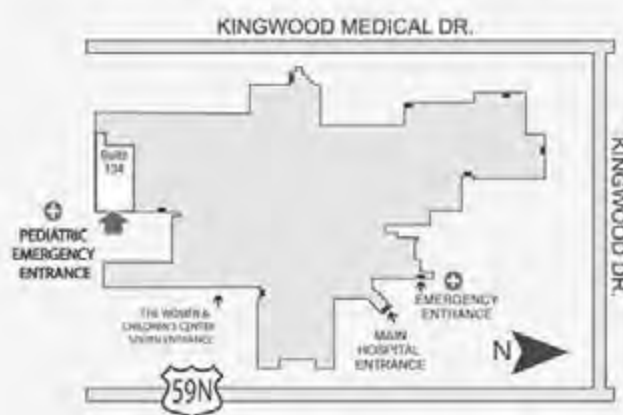
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