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June 2016

Official Newsletter of the Atascocita Community Improvement Association



CORRECTION --- MAY 2016 YARD OF THE MONTH Congratulations to Paige and Todd Calfree First Place @ 8002 Club Point for Yard of the Month (Pic 1).

Second Place to Jenny and Jerry Gerald @ 7611 Hurst Forest (Pic 2).

Third Place to Gay Lynn Hertzbert @ 8022 Club Point (Pic 3). Great job by all. Thank you for keeping such awesome yards.





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YARDS OF THE MONTH for JUNE

Congratulations to first place winners Gary and Charlene Bridwell @ 19507 Shady Cove (Pic # 1), Second Place to Jerry and Barbara Miller @ 8011 Pine Green Lane (Pic # 2) and Third Place to Carla Cortines @ 20303 Atascocita Shores Dr. (Pic 3).

Thank you all for keeping such pretty and well-kept yards. We all know how much work this takes and our hats are off to you.

ACIA residents may nominate anyone for Yard of the Month (even themselves if they want). Please e-mail your nomination to Tammy Broussard with the Lake Houston Garden Club @ tammybroussard@ icloud.com OR to any of the ACIA Trustees.



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POOLS ARE OPEN

The Shores Pool will be open beginning Saturday, May 28th as follows:

Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday from 11:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. Saturdays from 12:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. Sundays from 1:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. Closed on Wednesdays for cleaning.

The Pinehurst Pool will be open beginning Saturday, May 28th as foll**ows:**

Monday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday and Saturday from 12:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. Sundays from 1:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. Closed on Tuesdays for cleaning.

If you need to purchase a key fob, you must purchase one at Community Asset Management (C. A. M.) located at 9802 FM 1960 Bypass W., Suite 210, Humble, Texas 77338. Phone 281.852.1155. The key fob fee is separate from your annual assessment.

All Residents

Please note that you may use your ACIA swim key fobs anytime of the year when you are visiting the parks to have restroom access. The pool area is ALWAYS LOCKED AND CLOSED during the off season.

YOU MUST HAVE YOUR ACIA SWIM KEY FOB TO GAIN ACCESS! You may contact Community Asset Management (CAM) at 281.852.1155 if you do not have a key fob, or if yours is not working properly.

Thank you residents who are walking your dogs and carrying trash bags to ALSO pick up other litter as you walk. The Doggie Stations at both parks are now supplied with bags.

ACIA Trustees

HAPPY FATHER'S DAY

Buyers come out of the woodwork during the spring and early summer. In fact, sales peak in the summer because many families want to get settled before the school year starts. This helps to explain why about 60% of those who move do so in the summer. Have you outgrown your home or do you find that you don't need the upstairs game room or pool anymore? If so, call the Tracy Montgomery Team. We can list your home competitively and help you find a home that meets your current needs.

In honor of Father's Day, our June drawing will be a \$100 Topgolf gift card for one lucky dad.

Please register for this month's drawing by emailing us at: TracyMontgomeryTeamRSVP@Gmail.com Put the word "Topgolf" in the subject line and include your name, address and phone number in the email. It's that simple! Congratulations to the Lanaux family for winning the Mother's Day Spa treatment from our last drawing in May.

We owe our incredible growth and success to YOU - our past and future clients and friends. We appreciate your continued referrals. If you or someone you know is thinking of buying or selling a home, please give us a call! We love bringing dreams to life!



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Fleas

Fleas are ectoparasites and females require a blood meal to produce eggs. After feeding on a host, females can **EXTENSION** produce about 30-50 eggs per day

that fall off the host animal and into carpeting or other areas of the home or outside in areas where the animal frequents. Larvae feed on organic matter as well as partially digested blood excreted by the adult fleas. After fleas pupate, they hatch out of the cocoon in about 2 weeks, but pupae can remain dormant for up to 5 months waiting for a host.

A proper flea management program has two parts- managing fleas on any pets and managing fleas in the environment. A veterinarian should be consulted about flea control for pets; there are numerous products on the market that work well. Grooming the animal with a flea comb or bathing can help reduce flea numbers. When you find fleas on a pet, you most likely will need to treat the pet, inside the home and the yard. Treatment should be targeted to areas where the pet likes to hang out.

Fleas found in and around homes that do not have pets may be coming from wildlife. The attic and crawl spaces should be inspected to see if wildlife has moved into the area, bringing fleas with them. Wildlife should be removed with traps and the area treated with an insecticide labeled for fleas. After wildlife is removed, the area should be sealed so that wildlife cannot move in again.

It is also possible for new homeowners with no pets to have fleas. This usually results from previous owners having pets. Fleas can remain dormant for several months and become active again when they sense vibrations from hosts.

Inside, vacuum regularly, getting under furniture and along baseboards to reduce flea eggs, larvae and pupae. Place the vacuum bag in a sealed plastic bag and throw away in an outdoor garbage can at least once a week so fleas do not hatch out and re-infest the home. Wash pet bedding in hot water. Bathe pets regularly and use a flea comb to remove fleas. Avoid walking pets in known flea infested areas.

Outside, pesticide treatments should target areas where pets frequent. Full sun areas do not need to be treated as fleas will not remain in these areas.

When treating for fleas, you need to treat at least two times. The second treatment should occur 10-14 days after the initial treatment.

For more information or help with identification, contact Wizzie Brown, Texas AgriLife Extension Service Program Specialist at 512.854.9600. Check out my blog at www.urban-ipm.blogspot.com

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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, May 23, 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.

We hope you will join us to hear what is going on in your community!

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ACIA Happenings - June 2016

Finding Time

by Tara Chatterson

I've recently come to the conclusion that the world today has gone mad. It's as simple as that.

Don't believe me? Let's look at one simple fact--in what other place do the majority of the population spend trying to fit 35 hours into a 24 hour day? And continue to do so almost 7 days a week?

Tell me if this sounds familiar: work an 8-9 hour day, come home to do chores like cook dinner, do laundry, feed the dog, etc. add kids to the mix--forget it!

Our success-driven society tells us that we have to push to do more, do it bigger, and do it better than anyone else. Finding time to live any sort of life has suddenly become over-rated and unimaginable as a one-way trip to Neverland.

Over-scheduling, double-booking, extreme intake of caffeine & constant exhaustion have become our closest companions.

Well, I've decided I've had enough. If Neverland is the place where peace exists, then I want to live there.

Is it possible? I believe it is. It starts with claiming the time for yourself to relax and unwind. I've found my Neverland here at Five Horses, LLC. Working with, and learning from, the horses here has brought me a peace of mind I never believed possible. I know it seems hard at first, but you owe it to yourself to find time to rebuild and recharge.

Indulge yourself by finding time for yourself. There are some amazing new events coming up this month at Five Horses. Take a look--I promise you won't regret it.



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Tennis clinics will be open to all ages. Currently there are no tennis pros in the area who have volunteered their services. Intermediate and beginners are welcome. Just remember Pam Hailey and Sue Raymond are simply offering these services to all who would like to come out and have a fun night out -- and get some exercise.

Let's start out on Thursday May 5, 2016 from 7 to 8 p.m. @ the Pinehurst Courts @ 20600 Atascocita Shores Dr. We will start out WEEKLY to test the interest. Later a pole will be taken by students to see if they would prefer only monthly clinics and/or another night.

Please bring a new can of balls the first night only. There are many practice balls available. You must bring your own equipment, drinks, snacks, etc. There will be a few rackets available for children who have graduated from their "child" rackets. Anyone who has rackets they no longer use may donate these to the clinics.

If you signed up previously for these clinics you will automatically be on the "Reminder" e-mails and ACIA Blasts that will go out on Monday prior to confirm for that Thursday. Sue will send the E-Blasts and Pam will send the e-mails from the distribution list. Please e-mail Pam Hailey at pamelagenehailey@yahoo.com for questions or to add your name to the distribution list.

Thank you for your interest. Pamela Hailey





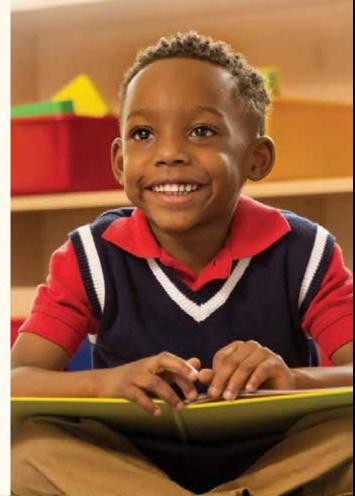
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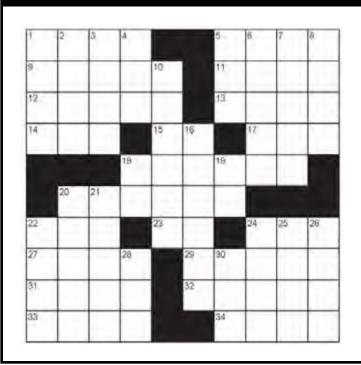
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ACIA HAPPENINGS Bring the World into Your Home

Ayusa International, a non-profit organization that has promoted global learning and leadership through high school student cultural exchanges for more than 35 years, is launching its annual search for families in Houston and the surrounding area interested in hosting international students for the 2016-2017 school year.

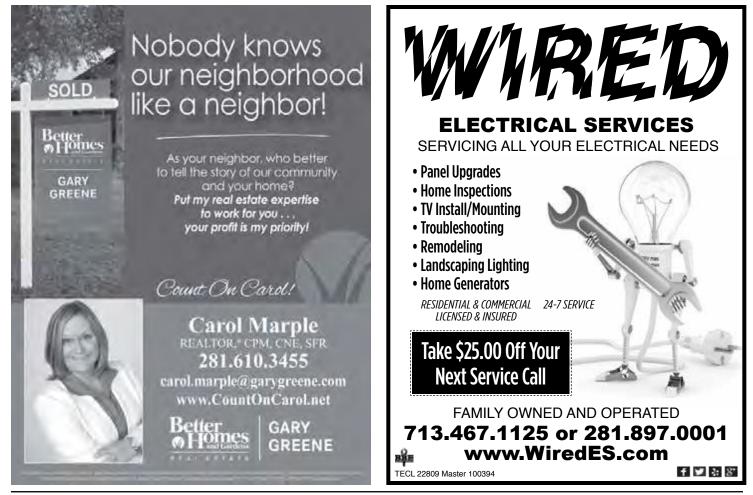
Ayusa host families who volunteer to open their home to exchange students contribute to the global community as public diplomats for greater international understanding. Each host family and student creates a lasting relationship that spans the cultural differences between their two nations.

The Bray Family from Houston has been hosting two students this year, Mahau from France and Genzo from Japan. Both students have been attending Mayde Creek High School this year. The Brays have six children of their own but feel that hosting exchange students is "probably one of the best decisions our family has ever made," according to host mom April Bray. "[The students] quickly become a part of your family and it's always a great feeling to see their eyes light up when they experience something for the first time or hear the excitement in their voices when they tell you about a new friend they made at school. Your children also get to gain another brother or sister and it's always fun to see them trying to learn your exchange student's language or customs. For us, there is no greater feeling than watching our exchange students succeed and grow and being able to share our culture and learn more about theirs."

The students have also been having a wonderful experience with the Bray family. Genzo shares, "My host family is so nice to me and I feel like this family is the home I can go back to. They make me feel like I'm loved by them. Of course you can share your culture and learn the language but more importantly, you can experience the other family that you love." His exchange "sister" Mahau says, "It's crazy how much you can love people you didn't know 10 months before. Every day they make my exchange year super great. I consider them like a member of my family. They are the reason why I enjoyed every single day of my new life."

Ayusa works with diverse families who are interested in hosting an international student of high school age. Families without children, empty nesters, military families, retirees, and single people are all welcome. Ayusa families come from all over the country and reside

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in rural, suburban and urban communities.

"Houston is a popular destination for Ayusa exchange students in the U.S.," says Heather Wells, Ayusa Regional Manager for the Southwest. "Host families love to share the diversity and history of Houston. It's such a fun area to live in, with activities and things for students to experience, from music and sports to outdoor activities and delicious Tex-Mex!" She continues, "If you have ever wanted to learn about a new culture while sharing life in America, I encourage you to give us a call or check out our website to learn more about how you can create an international friendship that lasts a lifetime!"

Host families provide the exchange student with three meals a day and a bedroom (private or shared). A professionally trained Ayusa representative supports each host family, student, and local school throughout the program year. Ayusa's exchange students are 15-18 years old and come from more than 60 countries around the world. Students are fully insured, bring their own spending money, and are proficient in English.

How to Host an International Student

Interested families can learn more about the program and available exchange students and request additional information by visiting http://www.ayusa.org or calling 1-888-552-9872.

The process to apply is simple. Families complete the online application, which includes questions about themselves and local high school, references, and a background check. The local Ayusa Community Representative conducts an in-home interview. They can also help each family with any questions they may have about the application or process.

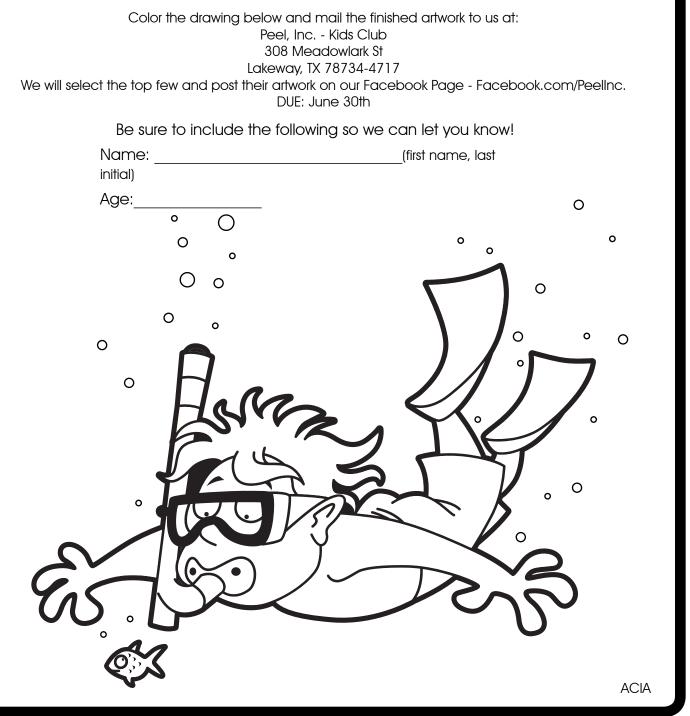
After families are fully approved, they can select the Ayusa student they would like to host.

About Ayusa

Ayusa International (http://www.ayusa.org) is a 501(c)3 non-profit student exchange organization founded in 1981 and an official U.S. Department of State designated Exchange Visitor Program Sponsor. In addition, Ayusa administers high profile grant programs funded by the U.S. Department of State and other organizations. Ayusa is a sister company of Intrax, a family of organizations that provides a lifetime of high-quality educational, work and volunteer programs that connect people and cultures. Intrax is headquartered in San Francisco with offices on four continents.







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