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July 4th Parade, Honoring the Stars and Stripes

Start off your July 4th festivities by joining the ACIA Community's 4th of July Parade. This year July 4th is on a Monday. Whether you are a participant or spectator it will be a good time for all! If you would like to participate (children and adults alike) signup begins at 8:00 am at the Atascocita Library parking lot and the parade is scheduled to start at 9:00am.

The Parade will end at The Overlook where refreshments will be available and prizes will be awarded.

A special invitation is extended to all active military and veterans. All groups are invited to join in for these special activities to include scout groups, local schools and churches, etc. Please feel free to decorate your cars, pickups, floats and animals, etc.

Please contact Ric Halbrook, Robert Comstock or Sue Raymond if you need additional information. Otherwise, just come at 8:00 a.m. to register.

Ric Halbrook @ rhalbrookacia@gmail.com Robert Comstock @ rcomstock1@comcast.net

Sue Raymond @ sueboazraymond@comcast.net

We do need lots of volunteers to assist with this year's parade. Anyone wishing to volunteer please e-mail Ric, Robert or Sue at

the above email addresses. Kevin Kilgore is seeking sponsors for this year's July 4th events. You may contact him at the Overlook. After the parade activities in the morning there will be additional activities in the evening to include a fireworks display and many other things for all ages at the Overlook @ 20114 Pinehurst Dr. Please stay tuned to the web at aciahomewoners.org for more information.

happy
Fourth
of July!

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YARD of the MONTH

The ACIA Trustees have established Yard of the Month awards to be during April – September. The other is in December for those beautiful homes decorated for Christmas throughout this lovely ACIA community.

The Lake Houston Garden Club has graciously accepted the responsibility to handle and make these awards. They have a committee that spends much time to review all of ACIA. Should anyone want to nominate a home that they notice does a really nice job, they may submit that home/person. You are welcome to submit your own home if you like. The submissions should be e-mailed to Tammy Broussard with the garden club @ tammybroussard@icloud.com OR to any ACIA Trustee NO LATER THAN the 8th of each month.

The garden club contacts each winner to advise them of winning and what place and to also get their permission to put a “Yard of the Month” sign in their yard. Most months there are first, second and third place winners. These pictures, names and address are placed in the ACIA Happenings Newsletters the following month of submission.

The www.aciahomeowners.org web page allows only one picture. the first place winner's pic is shown. All the winners names and addresses are listed on the web.

Many times there are three or more homes chosen during the Christmas Holidays. If you want your home to be considered your home must be decorated and lights on during the first week of November. The reason is that the December newsletter submission deadline is November 10th. The Lake Houston Garden Club's deadline to submit to Sue Raymond is November 8th.

Should you have any questions, please feel free to contact Tammy Broussard, Sue Raymond or any other ACIA Trustee.

Thank you,
Sue Raymond
ACIA Trustee

**Sorry.
There were no Yards of the month
selected for July.**

ACIA Deed Restrictions

When you bought your home in the ACIA neighborhood you were provided a copy of the deed restrictions at closing. This was and continues to be a deed restricted community. While you should know what section you live in, if you do not, you can find on your tax report at the Harris County Appraisal District website, or call Community Asset Management @ 281.852.1155. All deed restrictions are posted on the ACIA website: www.aciahomeowners.org.

Please feel free to read them. It will make you more aware to the responsibilities of being a more responsible homeowner and a better neighbor.

If you are going to change or do anything to the exterior of your home, like an addition, replace or repair the roof, driveway, fence, paint, change out the garage door, siding, brick, decks, swimming pool, major landscaping or really anything that can be seen by others, you must complete an ACC (Architectural Control Committee) approval request form (also found on the website). If you do not you will probably be getting a letter from Community Asset Management Company (CAM). Should you receive a letter and you don't know why please contact CAM so the issue/issues can be discussed. This does not need to escalate. This is your responsibility and enables you to be a better neighbor.

A deed restriction violation that is brought to CAM's attention does not affect just you, but the entire neighborhood. The violation was probably brought to CAM's attention by one of your neighbors or discovered during routine inspections by the management company. Yes the management company drives through the neighborhood to do inspections and they do report violation. However many come from your neighbors and when they do action is taken. That is the responsibility of CAM and your ACIA Board of Trustees.

The Board is not permitted by state law to say what is being done with a specific address or homeowner, however, action is being taken. That said, it costs all homeowners part of their dues to handle the admin cost of sending out numerous letters in addition to legal action in advanced cases. Sometimes a few feel they have the right to ignore the very restrictions they agreed to when they bought a house in the ACIA Neighborhood. This is just not true; nor is it acceptable.

Is your yard and home kept properly? Are boats or trailers in the driveways or streets for more than a week? Is there trash piled up and seen from the street? One is required to keep their home and yard in good condition and free of disallowed vehicles. Each family

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ENTER TO WIN 4 TICKETS TO SCHLITTERBAHN!

The Tracy Montgomery Team would like you to do something fun with your family this summer. We are giving away 4 tickets to the famous water park in Galveston.

Enter to win by sending us an email. Put SCHLITTERBAHN in the subject line. Send us your name, address, and phone number where you can be reached if you win.

TracyMontgomeryTeamRSVP@gmail.com

Congratulations to the Parada Family for winning last month's prize of a gift card to Topgolf!

We appreciate your continued referrals. If you or someone you know is thinking of buying, selling, or investing, please give us a call! We'd love the opportunity to help someone start another chapter in their life.



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has the responsibility to keep the yard mowed and edged. Yards and homes cannot be unattractive or unsightly. There cannot be grass growing over the curb. Violations for these deed restrictions are way too abundant.

The ACIA Board and Community Asset Management Company strongly encourages all homeowners to follow the deed restrictions. It cost your ACIA way too much for administration and legal fees to pursue homeowners ignoring the deed restrictions that they agreed to when their home was purchased.

Please know it's nothing short of a miracle that the annual dues were not increased for 2016. There have been numerous unexpected repairs and maintenance at both parks for the electrical, pools, playground areas, tennis courts etc.

The goal is to NOT increase your ACIA annual dues for 2017. Please lend a helping hand and do your part to keep the dues from increasing and to help keep ACIA Community a beautiful and thriving area.

Thanks in advance for doing your part.
ACIA Board of Trustees

Waste Management Disposal

The warmer weather is quickly approaching and many people are continuing to do spring cleaning and yard work. Please remember large item pickup is the second day of the week of your normal garbage pickup. Please do not use the dumpsters at the The Overlook as they are not for private use. Also, please do not use the storm drains for pine needles and leaves. These must be put in containers for trash pickup. Thank you residents for keeping the street in front of your home swept. Some residents may have a neighbor who is disabled and unable to do this. You may want consider helping them.

As a reminder the following are the guidelines for garbage pickup.
Atascocita Community Association Residents:

Garbage Collection Service Guidelines

Service days are

Tuesday & Friday

CURBSIDE SERVICE

Please have your trash out by 7am on your service day.

Household garbage, grass clippings, leaves, branches and tree trimmings are collected at the curb. Important! - For the safety and protection of our employees and equipment, we do require that branches and tree trimmings be no greater than three inches (3") in diameter and be cut, tied and bundled in four foot (4') lengths weighing no more than forty to fifty pounds (40-50 lbs.) Containers over 45 gallons must have all trash bagged. Due to safety concerns WM will not service anything over 65 gallons

10 items per service day (can/ bag/ bundle)

BULK TRASH COLLECTION

Provided on the second collection day of each week for moving boxes (please break them down and bundle them), old furniture and appliances. Please note that we can no longer dispose of CFC refrigerant containing items (i.e., refrigerators, freezers, etc.) without certification that the freon has been properly removed and recycled, pursuant to current Federal law. 2 items second collection day of the week

UNACCEPTABLE ITEMS

Gasoline motor oil (and used filters) paint

Vehicle tires batteries large pieces of metal

Construction debris (disposed of by the contractor performing the work).

HOLIDAYS

NEW YEAR'S DAY MEMORIAL DAY

INDEPENDENCE DAY

LABOR DAY THANKSGIVING DAY CHRISTMAS DAY

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Free Tennis Clinics

Tennis clinics are continuing weekly and they are open to all ages and all levels of experience.

Please continue to come out on Thursday evenings from 7:00 to 8 p.m. to the Pinehurst Courts @ 20600 Atascocita Shores Dr. The rain date will be the following Saturday @ 7:00 p.m.

Anyone who has rackets they no longer use or want may donate these to the clinics.

If you signed up previously for these clinics and you completed the registration form with your contact information you will be added to the Distribution List and will receive "Reminder" e-mails on Monday or Tues.

ACIA E-Blasts from www.aciahomeowners.org will also go out on Monday prior to confirm for that Thursday.

If you are not receiving e-mails from Pam Hailey or Sue Raymond sueboazraymond@comcast.net and you would like to, please advise us your contact information to get you added.

Please e-mail Sue Raymond or Pam Hailey at pamelagenehailey@yahoo.com for questions or to add your name to the distribution list.

Pam would like to give Melanie and Jim a huge "Thank You"


for your efforts in helping with these clinics. We continue to seek volunteers to assist. The ACIA Tennis Clinic is still in need of volunteers to serve and assist with helping to plan additional activities such as fun tournaments, extra practices, etc for individual age groups.

Thank you for your interest.

Pamela Hailey
ACIA Tennis Chair
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The “Take Care of Texas” Guide to Yard Care PLANT SELECTION AND CARE

Using native and well-adapted plants is one of the easiest ways to create a low-maintenance and environmentally sound yard.

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.

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YOUR ARTICLES ARE WELCOME



Many of you are involved in wonderful activities such as local school awards, scouts doing exceptional deeds, churches, volunteer programs such as Humble Assistance Ministries, The Door, etc. There is no cost for non-profit articles.

These must be e-mailed to Sue Raymond NO LATER than the 9th of the month for inclusion in the following month's ACIA Happenings Newsletter.

Your community is very interested to hear about your child's special awards, special concerts, etc.

Should your company wish to advertise in this newsletter, please contact Peel, Inc. directly at advertising@PEELinc.com.

Residents may submit personal items for sale for free. E-mail Sue Raymond for these.

Please help keep your community informed and send your articles to Sue Raymond @ sueboazraymond@comcast.net.

Thank you.
Sue Raymond
ACIA Trustee

An advertisement for TexasDirectAuto.com. It features a dog's head (likely a pit bull mix) with a black collar with white crosses, looking directly at the camera. The dog's head is positioned above a large pile of grey gravel. The background is white. The text "WE PAY MORE." is on the left and "WE PAY TODAY." is on the right, both in large, bold, black capital letters. Below the gravel pile, the text "SELL US YOUR CAR!™" is written in large, bold, black capital letters. At the bottom, the website "TEXASDIRECTAUTO.COM" is written in white capital letters on a dark grey background, preceded by a small Texas state flag icon.

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LADIES FUN TENNIS and ACIA WEB INFO

The Friday morning Ladies Fun Tennis continues. Please be advised this currently is every Friday morning at 8:00 a.m. This is for any age and any level of experience.

If you would like to have your name added to the Distribution List please contact Pam Hailey or Sue Raymond.

E-blasts will be sent out on Mondays for the following Friday's tennis to confirm for the week. These will come from the ACIA web page @ www.aciahomers.org.

If you have not signed up for this site please do so. The news in this newsletter must be sent to the published on the 10th of the month prior to that month's news. So, for news in the July newsletter, information must be sent to the publisher Peel and Associates on the 10th of June.

There are many IMPORTANT E-blasts sent to inform you of current activities and notices of things happening in your ACIA Community. Plus, all forms, phone numbers, rules, etc are there for you at the touch of your keyboard. There are only about 1,000 residents signed up and there are over 2,500 residents in the ACIA (Atascocita Community Improvement Association).

I want to thank Pam Hailey for doing an awesome job with handling these clinics and the ladies fun play. Volunteers at any level of play are invited to assist Pam.

Sue Raymond

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Texting and Cell Phone Use during Driving

By the National Highway Safety Administration (edited for space)

In 2014, 3,179 people were killed in crashes involving a distracted driver. One of the most alarming and widespread forms of distracted driving is cell phone usage. According to a study by the Virginia Tech Transportation Institute (VTTI), sending or receiving a text takes a driver's eyes off the road for an average of 5 seconds, the equivalent of driving blind at 55-mph for the length of an entire football field. And a 2014 special article in the New England Journal of Medicine found that the risk of a crash or near-crash among novice drivers increased with the performance of many secondary tasks, including texting and dialing cell phones.

Text messaging is of heightened concern because it combines three types of distraction – visual, manual and cognitive. In other words, texting involves taking your eyes off the road, your hands off the wheel, and your mind off the task of driving.

NHTSA's message is simple – "One Text or Call Could Wreck It All." Legislation is being passed across the nation to

discourage distracted driving. We hope drivers get the message loud and clear.

So the next time you are pressed for time, and it seems like multitasking in the car is the best decision, remember those 3,179 lives that were taken because someone decided they could do two things at once. A text or call is not worth your life, or anyone else's.



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(first name, last initial)

Age: _____



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of July!

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TEXAS FRITO BRITTLE

Modified and submitted by Donna Lowe and from <http://www.bunsinmyoven.com/2010/07/30/texas-brittle/>

- Cover a 9 x 13 cookie sheet w/ a lip w/ foil
- Layer a single layer of pretzel sticks on the foil (a few handfuls)
- Put a few handfuls of Fritos (not the big scoops) on the pretzels
- Melt (microwave or double-boiler) about 4 oz. milk chocolate (I used chips) and drizzle over the pretzels/ Fritos
- Top w/ chopped pecan pieces (I toasted mine first)
- Put in freezer about an hour til it sets
- Break apart - keep in sealed container in cool spot



Plant of the Month: Sunflower

Info from Ladybird Johnson Wildflower Center, University of Texas at Austin

The Sunflower is one of the most common flowers in Texas. Varieties grow wild throughout the States. Some varieties grow up to 8'. They grow quickly, so are a good plant for children to try as one of their first gardening adventures. Point out to them that the flower heads follow the sun in a remarkable way, facing East in the morning and West at sunset. In fact the Spanish name for the Sunflower is Gyrosol, which means "follow the sun." The English scientific word for such turning is heliotropism. Remind them that the Sunflower is the State Flower of Kansas. The flower was used to obtain yellow, black, and blue dyes which were used by the American Indians for basket-making.

The Sunflower is drought-tolerant (once established), and the seeds may be planted as deep as 3 inches, though generally about an inch. Do plant them in the sun. Water sparingly, but water. In our soil, it is likely that they will become top heavy, so you may need to stake them. Birds and bees love them, and there is a certain strange spindly species of insect that you will probably find on the plants when they are mature.

Late April is the best time to plant, but July is not too late as long as you can keep the soil moist during the first few weeks of early life. Expect them to mature in about 90 days. It takes a very cold frost to kill them.



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