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Official HOA Newsletter for Lakeshore

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Crime Watch Corner

We would like to welcome Sergeant Elmer back to our community!!

Sergeant Elmer was our contract deputy a couple of years ago and was loved by all in Lakeshore. He was recently promoted and will be the daytime Sergeant over the entire Atascocita area. We would like as many of you as possible to attend the next crime watch meeting to welcome back Sergeant Elmer!

Alarm Permits/Dispatch

Your alarm permit must be with the City of Houston, not Harris County. Call your alarm company and tell them you want the Constable's office (Precinct 4) to respond because we have a contract with them. They will need you to provide them with the dispatch number, 281-376-3472.

We are lucky to have service from two departments, however we are extremely fortunate to have the Constable's department patrolling our subdivision exclusively so that response times will be faster.

You can always call 911 should you not have the Constable's office dispatch number programmed in your phone. You can call Pct. 4 for all services including suspicious vehicles, fire, and ambulance. Should you want to speak to one of our contract deputies you can leave a message with dispatch for them to return your call.

The next crime watch meeting at 7:00 p.m. in the clubhouse will be:

July 12th 2nd Quarter Review

September 17th Lakeshore Night Out

October 11th 3rd Quarter Review

January 10th Year in Review

Hope to see you at the next Crime Watch meeting,

George Casellas

Chairman

Do you have one of these.....

If you have either of the access cards shown in this photo and if you are current on your HOA assessment, you have the current pool pass. It is no longer necessary to obtain new passes each year. Each access card allows six people into the Lakeshore pool



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A note from the President...

Do you utilize the Clubhouse, the pool or enjoy the colorful flowers and manicured common area lawns?

Do you appreciate access to community workout equipment, play on the tennis courts, attend movie nights, Easter event, Christmas party or summer bashes?

Do you host private parties at the Clubhouse and/or pool?

Do you smile when you look at and our monument signage and landscaping or our beautiful Christmas decorations?

Do you enjoy having lighting to light up the streets at night? Do you exercise by walking the sidewalks through common areas? Do you appreciate not having trash blowing through the neighborhood or weeds growing through the sidewalk cracks?

Do you smile when you see the patriotism demonstrated at our main entrance or throughout Lakeshore on Independence Day?

Did you not buy a lakefront home but still like having the ability to walk to the lake and relax to a beautiful sunrise or maybe go there to try and catch dinner?

Do you have children that play on community playground equipment that's safe and in repair? Do they play soccer, baseball or tag with their friends in common areas and lots?

Do you value the benefit of being able to sell your home to a buyer who knows their purchase won't immediately lose value due to a new neighbor that paints their house pink, parks their camper or broken down tractor in the front yard and leaves their trash in the front yard for your visual enjoyment?

The above is just a flavor of the type of benefits the HOA provides to members. Did you know that Lakeshore dues are less than neighboring and nearby communities and deliver as much or more in services and benefits? It's true!

Maybe you don't like some things in the community? Get involved! Have you attended HOA board meetings? Have you volunteered on a committee or assisted with community events? Why not get really involved and run to be a board member where difficult decisions are made every week? Resolve to get involved!

If you don't appreciate many of the above noted benefits in exchange for your annual dues, maybe an HOA (or at least this one) isn't right for you. There are a lot of nearby communities that offer all sorts of different benefits; some are HOAs, some aren't. The price you get for selling your Lakeshore home should be inflated due to the plethora of community benefits, so you should have more money in pocket to find your perfect neighborhood and home.

Personally, I love Lakeshore and am doing everything I can to make it better for all. I know there are many who feel similar to me and find the cost to live here is far outweighed by the many benefits. Thank you fellow residents for making Lakeshore a great community and HOA!



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THE LAKESHORE REPORT

Lakeshore Fitness Area

A lot of community members enjoy the fitness area in the Clubhouse. We have worked hard to provide a safe and clean environment for our members to enjoy. You must have an access card to enter the fitness room(s) and must be at least 16 years old. Pool guests are not allowed to use the Fitness Center unless they are Lakeshore homeowners (their families or guests), are 16 years old or older, and dressed appropriately.

Please be aware of the following fitness area rules:

The Fitness Center and equipment is available for use only by Lakeshore homeowners and their families and guests.

Exercise & use of all equipment is "at your own risk".

No children under the age of 16 are allowed.

The Fitness Center facility is for the use of Residents only.

A guest may use the Fitness Center if the ADULT host Resident accompanies the guest and the guest is at least 16 years of age.

No more than two guests per Resident are allowed. The association reserves the right to limit the number of Guests in the future.

There is a separate outside entrance door at the North end of the front of the clubhouse and an emergency exit door in the fitness room leading outside.

Access to both a men's & women's restroom is in the clubhouse through the common hall just outside the fitness rooms.

Persons using the Fitness Center should dress appropriately in proper workout clothing such as t-shirts, shorts, warm ups, etc.

No swim suits allowed.

A shirt must be worn at all times.

For safety, proper shoes and socks must be worn in the Fitness Center.

Utilize proper technique and safety when using the exercise equipment.

Please follow instructions and guidelines posted for all equipment.

If an equipment malfunctions or ceases to operate properly, discontinue use and report the problem to the Clubhouse Manager immediately.

Products are provided to wipe off equipment after use.

Cardio workouts are limited to 30-45 minutes, if another homeowner is waiting.

Hours of operation: 5:00 am - 11:00 pm, daily with access card.



HURRICANE SEASON IS HERE HARRIS COUNTY IS READY, ARE YOU?

Hurricane season has started, and weather forecasters are predicting this season to be more active than last year. The season runs from June 1 through November 30, and the Harris County Office of Homeland Security & Emergency Management (HCOHSEM) urges everyone to get ready.

Understanding the difference between National Weather Service watches and warnings is critical to being prepared for hurricanes. A hurricane watch indicates the possibility that a region could experience hurricane conditions 2016 within 48 hours. A hurricane warning indicates that sustained winds of at least 74 mph are expected within 36 hours.

Several steps can be taken to prepare for hurricane season: make an emergency supply kit for your family, find out if you live in an evacuation zone, register with the State of Texas Emergency Assistance Registry if you will need assistance during an evacuation, have a plan for your pets and protect your property.

Prepare and emergency supply kit that includes the following:

- NOAA weather radio and batteries
- flashlight and batteries
- cell phone and charger
- personal hygiene items and extra eye glasses
- bottled water and non-perishable food
- clothing and bedding
- first aid kit, medical supplies, and prescriptions
- special products for babies, elderly and medically fragile family members
- cash
- photo id, important documents and records

The Mess in the Mailbox

Disgusted by all of those unsolicited credit card offers clogging up your mailbox? Tired of lugging catalogs and junk mail to the recycling bin? All of this unwanted mail creates nothing but headaches and wasted paper, so it's no wonder putting an end to it is a priority for many people. While you can't eliminate everything, you can noticeably reduce the avalanche of paper in your mailbox just by picking up the phone or hopping online.

Here are a few simple ways to put a kibosh on the heaps of junk mail that keep piling up:

So Long, Pre-Screened Credit Offers: If your credit is anywhere near good, credit bureaus—Equifax, Experian, and TransUnion—are selling your name to credit card companies as a hot prospect. That's why you're getting those "you've been pre-approved" offers every day.

Put an end to it by calling 1-888-5-OPT-OUT (1-888-567-8688). You will need to provide your name, address, telephone number, Social Security number and date of birth to ensure your opt-out request matches your credit record rather than someone else who shares your name. You can also opt out via the Internet at: www.optoutprescreen.com/opt_form.cgi.

If you prefer not to disclose your Social Security number and date of birth, the online form does not require this information. However, the website strongly urges you to provide this information because it helps ensure that your request will be processed correctly, and it protects your information from unauthorized access.

Opting out is good for five years. However, if you'd like your name removed permanently, you will be mailed a confirmation form within about five business days to sign and return. For more information see the FTC's Facts for Consumers, Prescreened Offers of Credit and Insurance at www.ftc.gov/bcp/edu/pubs/consumer/credit/cre17.shtm

Remember, this won't stop all credit offers—only those that result from screening your credit report. Your bank or credit card company may still send you offers for new credit or share information about you with other companies.

Although you don't have total control over the information that's shared by financial companies, you do have some. For more on how to limit data sharing by banks and other financial institutions, read the Privacy Rights Clearing house Fact Sheet 24, Protecting Financial Privacy in the New Millennium: The Burden Is on You, at www.privacyrights.org/fs/fs24-finpriv.htm.

Jettison the Junk Mail: You can reduce other types of junk mail—magazine offers, sweepstakes and other national advertising mail—by contacting the Direct Marketing Association's (DMA) Mail Preference Service (MPS). This opt-out lasts for five years and can be renewed. Go to www.dmachoice.org/dma/member/regist.action. There is no charge for registering online. For those who want to register via USPS, send \$1 check or money order to the Mail Preference Service, PO Box 643, Carmel NY 10512. (See their sample letter available at: www.privacyrights.org/Letters/letters.htm#Junk_Mail.) The MPS will put you into the "delete" file, which is sent to subscribing organizations several times a year.

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It may take a few months to see results, but eventually the mess in your mailbox will thin out.



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What to Look for in Home Warranties

You probably received a new home warranty when you purchased your home. If you haven't had any problems with your home, then you probably haven't read the warranty. But you should.

While most builders are reputable and provide legal and fair warranties, some do not. And too often, home warranties can be complex, ponderous documents that are difficult to decipher. Some warranties waive the homeowner's right to a jury trial if he or she files a construction defect claim. Others may include liability disclaimers and waivers for some builders' construction defects. And occasionally, a warranty may include terms that are not enforceable under state law, although you or other homeowners may not realize it.

To make sure your home warranty protects you, have an attorney review it and check for the following provisions:

- Can you engage an engineer to represent you to determine the nature, cause and extent of the construction problems?
- Can you pursue a mediation conference with the builder to resolve disputes?
- If the builder expects binding arbitration, who selects the arbiter—you or the builder?

- Can the warranty period be reset when repairs are completed?
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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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The Houston and Austin based students had a great time this past year – visiting a number of our local attractions in both cities as well as San Antonio. We are hoping to be able to do the same for our incoming students for the 2016/2017 school year.

Ayusa is currently looking for volunteer host families to open their hearts and their homes to these wonderful students. All that is needed to host is to be able to provide a room for the student to sleep and three meals a day. The students come with their own spending money and medical insurance. Help us to welcome these great kids into Texas – you'll be happy you did!

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.

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