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Spring is almost here!

Savor the change of seasons, get the family together and take a moment to welcome spring.

Here's five family-friendly ways how:

1. **Go out for ice cream.** I don't know about where you live, but nothing says spring in New England like the opening of the homemade ice cream stands. A Sunday afternoon ride along the back roads in search of a new mom and pop ice cream shop to try summarizes the perfect spring day to me!

2. **Pull out the outside toys.** Bubbles, riding toys and balls oh my! If you live in an area where you experience all four seasons, chances are your children can't wait to start spending more time outside. It's time to get the back yard ready for lots of outdoor play. The kids are waiting!

3. **Plan your garden.** While it may be a little too soon to begin planting, depending on where you live, it's the perfect

time to start planning your garden. Get the family together and decide what you'll grow this year. Begin preparing the area where your garden will grow so you are ready to plant when the time is right.

4. **Eat outdoors.** Serve lunch or dinner on the porch or backyard patio. There's something special about sharing a meal under the sun. The easy clean-up is an added bonus.

5. **Have a spring scavenger hunt.** Go on a nature walk and see if you can spy birds' nests, blooming flowers, greener grass and other signs of spring.

Does your family look forward to spring? Do you do anything special to welcome spring? Share your traditions with your family and friends and enjoy the beauty of Spring!



Everyone wants a safe place to call home, and our association strives to make all residents feel secure. While we're diligent in our efforts to reduce possible dangers in our community, we can't do it alone. It's up to everyone to pitch in to keep crime rates down. Thankfully, taking a few simple steps can go a long way in keeping theft, vandalism and other felonies and misdemeanors out of the association.

Know Your Neighbors. And not just the neighbors on your block, but also the neighbors from all parts of the association. At the very least, you'll get a better idea of who actually lives (and in turn, who belongs) here. Talking with your neighbors will also give you the chance to find out if

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HELPFUL PHONE NUMBERS

Park Lakes Property Owners Association

Crest Management	(281) 579-0761
SplashPad Texas Onsite Office.....	(281) 441-3557
Recreation Center Onsite Office.....	(281) 441-9955
Gate Attendant.....	(281) 441-1089
Houston National Golf Club	(281) 304-1400

Utilities

Comcast (Customer Service)	(713) 341-1000
Electricity (TXU)	(800) 368-1398
Gas (Centerpoint)	(713) 659-2111
Trash (Republic Waste).....	(281) 446-2030
Water & Sewer (EDP Water District).....	(832) 467-1599
Phone Service (Embarq)	(877) 213-1053
Electricity (Centerpoint-Report street light outage)	(713) 207-2222
Texas One Call System (Call Before you Dig).....	811

Property Tax Authorities

Harris County Tax.....	(713) 368-2000
Harris MUD #400	(281) 353-9809

Public Services

US Post Office.....	(281) 540-1775
Toll Road EZ Tag	(281) 875-3279
Voters/Auto Registration	(713) 368-2000
Drivers License Information	(281) 446-3391
Humble Area Chamber	(281) 446-2128

Police & Fire

Emergency	911
Constable/Precinct 4 (24-hr dispatch)	(281) 376-3472
Harris Co. Sheriff's Dept./Prec 4, Dist 2 (24-hr)	(713) 221-6000
Eastex Fire Department.....	(281) 441-2244
Emergency Medical Service	(281) 446-7889
Poison Control.....	(800) 222-1222
Humble Animal Control	(281) 446-2327
Texas DPS.....	(281) 446-3391

Area Hospitals

Renaissance Northeast Surgery	(281) 446-4053
Kingwood Medical Center	(281) 348-8000
Northeast Medical Center Hospital	(281) 540-7700
Memorial Hermann Hospital (The Woodlands)	(281) 364-2300

Public Schools

Humble ISD	(281) 641-1000
Park Lakes Elementary (K-6).....	(281) 641-3200
Humble Middle School (7-8)	(281) 641-4000
Summer Creek High School (9-12)	(281) 641-5400

Private Schools

Holy Trinity	(281) 459-4323
St. Mary Magdalene Catholic.....	(281) 446-8535
The Christian School of Kingwood	(281) 359-4929
Humble Christian School.....	(281) 441-1313

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Park Lakes at Canyon Gate A Night With the Houston Rockets

The Houston Rockets would like to invite all Canyon Gate at Park Lakes members, family and friends to come watch the Houston Rockets take on the New Orleans Pelicans.

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there have noticed any crimes or suspicious activity in the association recently so that you can be on the lookout as well. Consider creating and distributing a list with everyone's contact information so that you and your neighbors can alert each other of any problems that arise. Of course, be sure to get your neighbors' permission first to put their information on the list.

Leave The Light On. A good way to deter felons from breaking into your home is to make sure your front porch light stays on all night, even when you're out of town. Not only does it signal that someone's home, it also makes it harder for vandals to hide among the shadows. If you're worried that you'll either forget to turn the light on at night or off in the morning, you can purchase an inexpensive timer that will automatically do that for you every day. Also, if you see any street lights around the association that are burnt out, please let the board know as soon as possible so that we can replace them for everyone's safety.

Lock Up. If you want to keep unwanted guests out, don't make your home inviting. Even when you're around, it's best to keep all gates, doors and garages locked at all times. It's also a good idea to keep your windows closed and locked when possible, especially if they're on the ground floor.

Put On Your Walking Shoes. Taking a stroll around the association isn't just good exercise. You can casually patrol the community for anything suspicious or usual, as well as swap notes about criminal activity in the area with other neighbors who are out and about. Also, when more residents regularly walk around the association, it can help scare off hooligans who are afraid of getting caught in the act.

Clean It Up. Picking up litter, removing graffiti and keeping trees, bushes and lawns trimmed not only makes the association look better, but also sends the message that our residents are diligent about keeping the neighborhood a respectable place to live. This can help discourage troublemakers from hanging around our community and encourage responsible and involved people to move to the association.

See Something, Say Something. If you notice a crime or a suspicious activity, regardless of how small the incident may seem, notify association security and the police immediately. Of course, only call 911 if it is an emergency; otherwise, contact the police on their non-emergency line. We all have a responsibility to our community to help keep it safe, and incorporating even a few of these tips can go a long way. Do your part to make our association a place you're happy to call home.

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WANT TO BE MORE INVOLVED?

Volunteers are always welcome and needed. If you are interested in volunteering for any of our upcoming events or committees please contact onsite personnel at 281-441-9955 or email one of the above Board Members.

WHY JOIN A COMMITTEE?

Committees serve a number of important roles to our association process and the Board of Directors:

- Committees serve as a training ground for future association leaders.
- Committees serve as a conduit through which the Board receives "grass root" input - opinions and attitudes of owners.
- Committees are a vehicle through which Board actions are explained.
- Committees enhance the effectiveness of the Board of Directors by providing research analysis and advice needed for policy decisions.
- Committees can be an instrument for initial implementation of Board policies such as with the Architectural Review Committee.

Committees are an important linkage between the Board of Directors and owners but in order to be effective committees need members! Owner input, involvement and participation is a

must. Please consider participating in the association process and volunteering to serve on an association committee. Our community needs you!

Be on the lookout for committee meetings. Meeting times and locations will be sent out via email through Constant Contact. Sign up to receive emails at www.Crest-Management.com.

We currently have five committees:

1. **Adopt A School** – LaShonda Ramdass – parklakesshonda@gmail.com
2. **Landscaping** – Cheryl Smith - parklakescheryl@gmail.com
3. **Communications** – parklakescheryl@gmail.com
4. **Safety** – parklakescheryl@gmail.com
5. **Community Events** – parklakescheryl@gmail.com



A large advertisement for TexasDirectAuto.com. The background is a light gray with a subtle sunburst pattern. In the center, the text 'SELL US YOUR CAR!' is written in large, bold, black capital letters. Several dogs are integrated into the text: a small white dog is behind the 'S' of 'SELL'; a small black and white dog is behind the 'U' of 'US'; a small white dog is behind the 'Y' of 'YOUR'; and a medium-sized black and white dog is behind the 'R' of 'CAR!'. At the bottom, there is a dark gray banner with the Texas state flag on the left and the text 'TEXASDIRECTAUTO.COM' in white capital letters.

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Volunteer? Why, We Don't Need You!

Please do not volunteer to help the association or serve on any committees.

Here's why:

- It's a giant, scary responsibility.
- Your neighbors will blame you for everything.
- All your free time will disappear, and you'll become enslaved to the association.
- You'll have to work with bombasts, dictators, figureheads, and puppets.
- You'll never have any fun ever again.

Besides . . . there's no real reason to get involved; the community is in fine shape—we don't need you. **NOT!**

Here are 10 Reasons to volunteer for the association:

1. Protect your self-interests. Protect your property values and maintain the quality of life in your community.
2. Correct a problem. Has your car been towed, or do you think maybe maintenance has been neglected?
3. Be sociable. Meet your neighbors, make friends, and exchange opinions.
4. Give back. Repay a little of what's been done for you.
5. Advance your career. Build your personal resume by including your community volunteer service.
6. Have some fun. Association work isn't drudgery. It's fun accomplishing good things with your neighbors.
7. Get educated. Learn how it's done—we'll train you.
8. Express yourself. Help with creative projects like community beautification.
9. Earn recognition. If you would like a little attention or validation, your contributions will be recognized and celebrated.
10. Try some altruism. Improve society by helping others.

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Beginning November 1, 2016

Monday – Saturday 9:00 AM – 6:00 PM

(closed for lunch 12:30 pm -1:30 pm)

Fitness Center Hours

(Clubhouse & Splash Pad)

7 Days a week – 4:30 AM until 11:30 PM

*** Hours are subject to change ***

On Site Community Manager:

Lisa Walker

Office Phone: 281-441-9955

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Please visit or contact the recreation center for information or access to the community amenities.

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- Resident Directory
- Classifieds
- Current Events and Activities
- Documents and Forms (ACC guidelines, restrictions financials, etc.)

You can also sign up for the email list with Crest Management

<http://www.crest-management.com/>

You can find Park Lakes under the community tab to access management information such as copies of the articles and by laws of the community payment plans and collection procedures for HOA dues as well as policies for parking



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