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ACIA SPRING GARAGE SALE

The semi-annual ACIA Community Spring Garage Sale will be Friday & Saturday April 7th and 8th.

The semi-annual ACIA Community Spring Garage Sale will be April 7th and 8th (Friday and Saturday). This is a great time to do all your spring cleaning to rid your house and closets of unwanted items. These may be things that someone else absolutely must have.

Please remember that any items not sold may be donated to Humble Assistance Ministries to assist those in need.

Thank you all for restricting your garage sales to the community dates.

Should you have any questions you may e-mail Sue Raymond @ sueboazraymond@comcast.net



BOY SCOUTING

THANK YOU to The Joe Stewart and The John Heimburger families for being involved in Boy Scouting.

Perhaps this organization should be given more attention at this point in U.S. history. Be Prepared; Do A Good Turn Daily; Be...brave, thrifty, clean, and reverent; say 'Please and Thank You'...among other traits. The climb to Eagle Rank is still very important to employers when a young man is looking for a job out of high school, college, or even higher positions in the workforce.



Feb 11th was a monumental day for "The University of Scouting" at Nimitz High School. Over 1,123 Scouts and Scouters gathered for the largest known, singleday Career Scout Expo in the U.S., all co-chaired by Atascocita resident Joe Stewart and assisted by his

family. Pictured is Harrison and Joe Stewart, John Heimburger, and London Stewart. Lt. Col. Heimburger's presentation was on Aviation Careers--from the Civil Air Patrol-to-Military and Airline flying.



Inside the Aviation Careers classroom were Col. Heimburger (retired Air Force and Continental Airlines pilot), London Stewart, Uncle Sam (John Wistar Evans IV) of Kingwood, and MSgt James Haycraft of Humble.



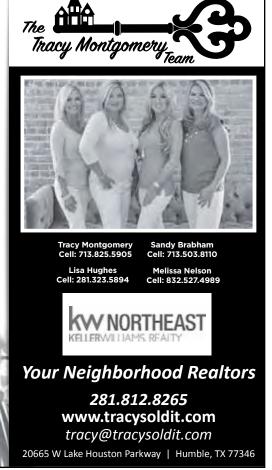
Nimitz High's Navy Jr. ROTC group joined the Aviation Careers seminar with great enthusiasm and support.

Spring is in the air and home buyers are coming out of hibernation.

With winter over and the weather warming up, it's the time of year that's typically considered a hot period for the housing market. Spring is the undisputed champion of seasons for selling a home. The grass is green, flowers are in bloom and the sky is blue. This makes for some great marketing photos to help get the buyers into your house. Buyers are chomping at the bit to get the closing process started so they can get moved in and settled over the summer.

Just as seasons change, so might your real estate needs. Give





FAMILY TIME - FUNDRAISER

Family Time's annual fundraiser "Mothers are Jewels "will be held on April 20, 2017 at the Overlook in Atascocita. This wonderful local non-profit organization has provided counseling and shelter to individuals, families and children since 1985. Your participation in this event is greatly needed and appreciated.

WHAT IS FAMILY TIME?

Family Time Crisis and Counseling Center's Mission Statement is "To provide an outreach program and accessible services for families and individuals in crisis through counseling, crisis intervention, information and referral, and shelter." Since moving to its newly renovated building in Humble, Family Time is now able to help more people in need of free counseling, classes and support groups for survivors of domestic violence, sexual assault, child abuse, and other violent crimes. Counseling is available also for non-victims.

WHAT IS "THE DOOR"?

"The Door", is a shelter for women, men, and children fleeing domestic violence. It has provided emergency shelter to thousands of adults and their children since opening in July 1996. Funds and donations are needed desperately to help pay for food, utilities, maintenance, and staffing of the shelter. It is the goal of Family

Time to build a new, larger facility to better help those in need in the Humble/Kingwood community. The Door has operated at capacity over the last two years. More than one thousand clients were turned away in 2016. Perhaps your church or organization would be available to participate in this wonderful opportunity to help others in need.

Please find more details at www.familytimeccc.org.



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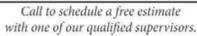


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NOTICE OF REGULAR BOARD MEETING

Dear Homeowners:

The Board of Directors for the Atascocita Community Improvement Association will hold it's regular meeting on April 24, 2017 at 6:30 p.m. at The Overlook, 20114 Pinehurst Drive, Atascocitia, TX 77346.

The subject of the meeting is general business of the Association, including discussion of items related to the Association budget and expenditures as well as discussion of items related to the assets owned by the Association.

Items that may be discussed in executive session include: actions involving personnel, pending or threatened litigation, contract negotiations, enforcement actions, confidential communications with the Association attorney, and other business that is confidential by request of the affected party.

Very Truly Yours, Atascocita Community Improvement Association

ACIA LOCAL SOCIAL/ACTIVITY INTERESTS

Does your school or church have special activities scheduled? Does your child's football, dance, tennis, karate, swim team, etc have events and/or awards given?

These are special interest stories that ACIA would like to share. If your school, child or group has won a contest, made the finals, etc and you would like a picture to be put in the newsletter please contact Sue Raymond. You may submit that picture, or Sue will be glad to take it for you.

These type ads cost you nothing but must be submitted on the 9th of the month prior to the event. Special awards, trophies, etc may be submitted without a special deadline but to get it in it must be submitted by the 9th. Sometimes it is best to submit your article two months in advance for a large school or church event that you want advertised early.

Please submit all articles as a "Word" document.

Thank you, Sue Raymond sueboazraymond@comcast.net



HEART GALLERY ADOPTION LAKE HOUSTON LADIES CLUB



Meet 17 year old Aurilena and her sister, 16 year old Lorna! Aurilena and Lorna are available for adoption and need a family who has experience in raising teenagers. It is important that the forever family for these children to understand that they are very bonded to each other. They would love more than anything to be adopted together. Learn more about the girls on the Heart Gallery of Central Texas website: heartgallerytexas.com

The Heart Gallery of Central Texas, a program featuring portraits of Central Texas children in the foster care system who are available for adoption. We believe through working together, our community can raise awareness around adoption, foster care that leads to permanency for our waiting children.

April 18 Meeting

Lake Houston Ladies Club is a social organization dedicated to connecting women through monthly luncheon meetings, social activities and interest groups.

Our next luncheon meeting is Tuesday, April 18 from 10:00-12:00 at the Walden Country Club, 18100 Walden Forest Drive, in Humble, TX. The cost is \$15/person for lunch and entertainment.

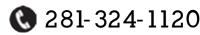
Our special guest for April is David Lackey - Antique Road Show Star - David is a well known Houston area antique dealer. He has collected antiques since the age of 6 and has been dealing since he was 12! He studied at Christie's Fine Arts course in London, graduating with a specialization in pottery and porcelain. He has been an appraiser for the Antiques Road Show since 1996. Members may bring a small antique for examination. David will talk about some of them during our program, and will stay afterward for more discussion.

The club welcomes new members from all surrounding areas. Many interest groups are available including: Readers Choice, Tea Time, Lunch 'N Look, Movie Group, Supper Club, Girl's Night Out, and many game groups (Bridge, Mah Jongg, Pokeno, Canasta, Bunco). There are also social events through the year that include spouses or significant others. The club is an excellent way to meet new people and make new friends.

To learn more about the club go to our website: www.lakehoustonladiesclub.com , or call Linda at 832-379-3009.



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STS Foundation Seeks U.S. Families in Houston area to Host High School International Exchange Students for the 2017-2018 School Year

STS Foundation a not-for-profit corporation dedicated to intercultural student exchange is looking for American families in the Houston area interested in sharing their America with international high school students for the 2017-2018 school year. Applications for interested Houston area host families are currently being accepted.

STS Foundation was founded on the belief that international student exchange promotes understanding, respect, and goodwill among people of all nations. Opportunities to increase intercultural awareness are offered to students, parents, host families, and communities who are all involved in the exchange experience.

STS Foundation foreign exchange students come from around the globe, are fully insured, bring their own spending money, and are proficient in English. Whether from New Zealand or Brazil, India or Sweden, Ukraine or Italy, France or Lebanon, foreign exchange students are a window into another culture and a great way to travel the world without leaving your home.

"I have been involved in foreign exchange for eight years now and have hosted twelve students so far." said Vicki Odom, Local Coordinator for STS Foundation, and the local contact for Houston area. "Our city is such a great place to host a student, it offers a great deal of attractions for both the student and the families. Families that have hosted students over the years have been changed by the experience and have gained new family members in their lives."

STS Foundation welcomes all interested families, with or without children, from both urban and rural communities, single parents or same-sex couples. Host families provide three meals a day and a bedroom (either private or shared). Each student is supported by a professionally trained STS Foundation Local Coordinator who works with the family and student for the entire program. All host families must pass a criminal background check and a home visit by an STS Foundation representative.

STS Foundation is a 501(c)3, and an official U.S. Department of State designated Exchange Visitor Program Sponsor. Families interested in learning more about hosting an exchange student can visit http://www.stsfoundation.org or contact Vicki Odom at 832-455-7881 or at vicki.stsfoundation@gmail.com.



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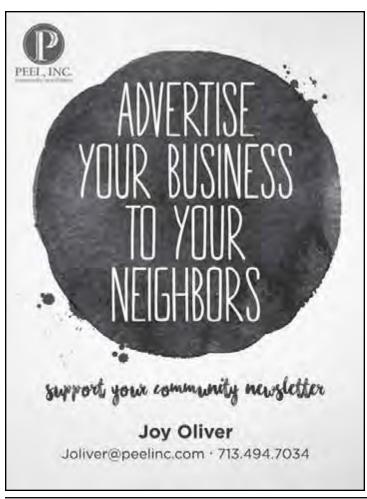
Please be advised all ACIA Tennis Clinics and Ladies Fun Tennis has been discontinued for now. Please DO feel free to go out on your own to enjoy the beautiful ACIA facilities.

It is hoped these activities will start back in the spring which will be sometimes in April. Please watch your e-mails if you are on the Distribution List for each.

Should you wish to have your name and e-mail address added to the Distribution List please e-mail Pam Hailey or Sue Raymond.

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ASSASSIN & AMBUSH BUGS



Assassin and ambush bugs are predators and are considered beneficial insects. They are generalists that attack a variety of caterpillars, flies, and other bugs. These predators either stalk their prey or wait to ambush prey when they come to a plant. Prey is stabbed with tube-like mouthparts, paralyzed with a toxin, and body fluids sucked up.

Assassin and ambush bugs have 3 segmented piercing-sucking mouthparts. These bugs come in a variety of colors with assassin bugs usually being darker in color than ambush bugs. Assassin bugs also have a more elongated head compared to ambush bugs. Ambush bugs have thickened front legs used to capture and hold prey. Immatures, or nymphs, look similar to the adults but do not have fully developed wings. Eggs are usually deposited in masses

and are cylindrical in shape.

While most assassin bugs are beneficial, the kissing bug or cone-nose bug is considered a pest. Kissing bugs feed on blood of mammals, including humans.

For assassin bugs that are feeding on insects, control is not required. For more information on kissing bugs see this site https://kissingbug.tamu.edu/

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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