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Ivy Point, Pinehurst, Club Point, Golf Villas, The Shores, The Pines and Estates of Pinehurst

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Letter from the President

It's spring time in the ACIA Community! The flowers are starting to bloom and people are finally able to get into their yards and enjoy their wonderful homes. It's a time for family barbecues, visiting with your neighbors, as well as swimming and tennis. We have some great amenities for the community, so please use them.

Pinehurst Park (Swimming Pool and Tennis Courts) is located on Atascocita Shores Drive north of FM 1960.

Shores Park (Swimming Pool and Tennis Courts) is located on Atascocita Shores Drive south of FM 1960.

Both Tennis courts are being currently being enjoyed along with the Marina located off Atascocita Shores Drive north of FM 1960 just in from the "Big A". Both Swimming pools (Pinehurst and Shores Parks) are also now being prepared for the summer and all is looking good.

As we get ready for the upcoming events of the year, the next is the Fourth of July Celebration. This year we are going to change it up just a little. We will not be participating in the Overlook night time fireworks show. Instead, on the morning of July Fourth we will start the Children's Fourth of July Parade on Atascocita Shores Drive at the Marina (with police escort) and conclude it at the Pinehurst Park. There we will celebrate with hot dogs, snow cones and other events. The entire ACIA community is invited to participate. Have fun. It's going to be a great year.--

If you are interested in helping with the Fourth of July celebration please contact Robert Comstock at rcomstock1@comcast.net

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Atascocita Golf Club Announces Opening of New Par 3 Golf Course

The history of golf in Atascocita is interesting and varied when viewed over a period beginning in 1957 when FM 1960 was a single line highway, and the population of the area was less than 20,000.

The Atascocita Golf Course was designed by Ralph Plummer, and according to the family of the developer, Ben Hogan acted as a consultant to Plummer in designing the original 18 holes. The course and the country club facility were built in the mid 50's, and open in 1957 during a time when significant real state development was occurring.

As the area population grew in the 1960's and 1970's the member in the club grew as well. In the 1970's it became the home course of the University of Houston when Fred Couples and other PGA professionals were members of the golf team.

In the mid 1980's an additional nine-hole course was added with a plan, at that time, to add another nine, and to have two full 18-hole course upon completion of the development.

Membership in the late 1980's started at over 400. At that time, it was necessary to have reservations by mid-week to get into the dining room on the weekend.

In the 1990's membership began to decline and in 2008 the club and the course were closed. During the time of the closure,

real estate values in the area declined significantly, and the course became an eyesore to the community with large weeds and grass growing waist high, and coyotes and other pests causing danger to pets as well as children.

The course was reopened in 2013 by a group of investors who also own the 'Tribute' and 'Old American' courses, both high quality facilities, located in Dallas.

In September 2016 the investors hired Ken Kirchhofer, who had extensive experience in golf course management as general manager. Since Ken came on board membership has began to grow and the course condition has improved significantly. There is a very positive environment at the golf course and the community at large as home values have started to go up again.

Development is occurring around the course, and it has once again come a major factor in making the Atascocita area desirable place for the potential home buyers and new businesses to consider.

The new par three course, known as 'Little A' is just another step in Ken's plan to improve the quality of the course which can make it become even more attracting as an influence on persons who are considering Atascocita a place to live.

Looking for some inexpensive local activities to do with your kids this summer?

Here are a few ideas that are sure to be a hit!

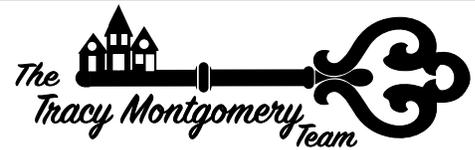
Hop-on Hop-off City Tour - Take the hop-on hop-off tour of Houston aboard a double-decker bus, snapping photos of the architecture around City Hall, stopping off to say hello to the fish at the Downtown Aquarium, or strolling around the tree-lined paths of Hermann Park. With 6 stops near can't-miss attractions and frequent departures, it's the perfect way to see the city.

See the Underground Tunnels - Stroll through the underground gift shops, restaurants, and flower stands and end at the Chase Tower—the 13th-tallest building in America. There is a guided walking tour available!

Houston Museum of Natural Science - This extremely kid-friendly museum has prehistoric critters, a groovy planetarium, a 3D IMAX Theater, a magnificent butterfly exhibit, plus more than a dozen permanent exhibit areas.

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Houston Area Live Steamers - Take a ride on a miniature model train with a 4,700-foot track in Northwest Harris County, the group operates monthly free ride days on the third Saturday of each month. The 15-minute rides are fun for the entire family.



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ACIA TENNIS CLINICS AND LADIES FUN TENNIS WILL RETURN IN APRIL.

The ACIA Tennis Clinics and Ladies Fun Tennis will start back in April. The clinics are open to any age and any level of player. These clinics will be on Thursday evenings from 7:00 pm to 8:00 pm.

The ACIA Ladies Fun Tennis will be on Tuesday evenings from 7:00 pm to 8:00 pm. This is for all ladies and any level of player. Feel free to invite a friend to come with you.

Get the dust off your rackets and come out to join the fun.

Volunteers are always welcome to help with the clinics.

Thank you for your interest and we look forward to seeing you at the new courts at the shores.

Regards,
Pam Hailey
Tennis Committee Chair

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MOSQUITO REPELLENTS

As mosquito season is ramping up, everyone is (hopefully) aware of possible disease transmission by mosquitoes. It is important that you protect yourself when spending time outside.

Activity times for mosquitoes can vary. Most people are familiar with the four D's- DRAIN (standing water), DEET (wear some repellent), DUSK & DAWN (stay indoors during dusk and dawn to avoid peak populations) and DRESS (wear long sleeves and long pants). While this is still good advice, it may be a good idea to spread the dress and repellent advice for anytime you spend time outdoors.

When outside, wear long pants and a long sleeved shirt in light colors to reduce the number of mosquitoes that can reach your skin. Repellent should only be applied to clothing and exposed skin. Do not apply repellent underneath clothing! If you want to apply repellent to your face, spray your hands with repellent and rub it onto your face. Do not spray repellent directly into your face or near eyes or mouth. Make sure to apply repellent outdoors. Do not allow children to handle repellents. Wash hands before eating, smoking or using the restroom.

The Center for Disease Control (CDC) recommends using a product registered with the EPA (Environmental Protection Agency) containing one of the following active ingredients: DEET, picaridin, IR3535 and some of the products containing oil of lemon eucalyptus.

DEET, also known N,N-diethyl-m-toluamide or N,N-diemethylbenzamide, was developed by the U.S. Army in 1946 to protect soldiers in insect-infested areas. Pesticides containing DEET have been used by the general public since 1957. Products containing DEET should not be used on children younger than 2 months of age (read the label and check with your pediatrician if you have questions). DEET has a slight odor and may have a greasy feel to some people. It may damage plastic, rubber, vinyl or synthetic fabrics. DEET may be irritating to the eyes and skin for some people. DEET comes in a wide variety of concentrations, so choose the one that will work best for your situation.

Picaridin was first made in the 1980's and resembles a natural compound called piperine (which is found in plants used to produce black pepper). Picaridin has been used in Europe and Australia for

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many years, but has only been in the U.S. since 2005. Picaridin is non-greasy and is odorless.

IR-3535, or 3-[N-Butyl-N- acetyl]-aminopropionic acid, ethyl ester, was developed in the mid- 1970's and became registered for use in the U.S. in 1999. It is registered as a biopesticide by the EPA because it is functionally identical to a naturally occurring substance (an amino-acid). It may dissolve or damage plastics and may be irritating to the eyes.

Oil of lemon eucalyptus (OLE) or PMD (para-menthane-3,8-diol) are essentially the same thing; PMD is the synthesized (lab created) version of oil of lemon eucalyptus. "Pure" or "essential" oil of lemon eucalyptus is not labeled as a repellent and has not undergone testing and should not be used as a repellent product. OLE/PMD has been on the market in the U.S. since 2002. OLE/PMD should not be used on children younger than 3 years of age. The natural product (OLE) has known allergens within it while the synthetic version (PMD) has less of a risk to allergens. This product is classified as a biopesticide. OLE/PMD has a varying range of residual, some offering about 20 minutes of protection while other products may last up to two hours.

Many factors play into how long a repellent will last for a person.

Some of these are:

- The concentration (or percent of active ingredient) of the product. You can find the percentage on the product label.
- Person's attractiveness. Some people are more attractive to

mosquitoes than others (and no scientific research has proven that it is because of eating garlic, taking vitamin B, using tobacco products, etc.). A person's genetic code plays a large part on what makes a person so attractive to mosquitoes.

- Frequency and uniformity of application. In other words, how often is the repellent applied and how good of coverage did you get?
- Activity level of the person. The more active the person is, the more sweat they produce which can cause the repellent to wash off the surface of the skin.

As a word of caution, there are products that combine sunscreen and insect repellent. The CDC recommends that if you need sunscreen and repellent, that you choose two separate products. Sunscreen should be applied more often than repellents.

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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 Alarms: 18 Suspicious Vehicles: 13 Suspicious Persons: 7 Runaways: 0 Phone Harrassment: 1 Other Calls: 326

Detailed Statistics By Deputy

Unit Number	Contract Calls	District Calls	Reports Taken	Felony Arrests	Misd Arrests	Tickets Issued	Recovered Property	Charges Filed	Miles Driven	Days Worked
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302	48	30	13	0	0	67	0	0	795	18
304	41	50	22	0	0	175	40000	1	1040	22
307	78	20	16	2	2	50	0	5	1217	19
320	124	50	3	0	0	27	530	0	774	20
323	99	31	23	0	0	35	0	0	1329	21
327	8	5	3	1	1	15	0	1	104	9
40	0	4	1	0	1	13	0	1	608	7
D25	6	3	2	0	0	13	0	0	103	2
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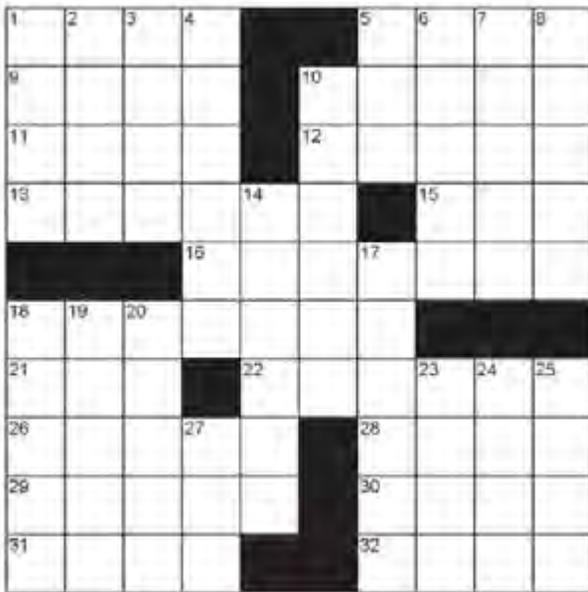
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28. Portend
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30. Look
31. Loch __ monster
32. Opp. of yeses

DOWN

1. Male deer
2. Large African river
3. Long time
4. Mediterranean island dwellers
5. IBM Competitor
6. Adios
7. Sports shoe projection
8. Hz
10. Apt
14. Purplish color
17. Candy
18. Woman
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