

# ATASCOCITA FOREST COMMUNITY GAZETTE



THE OFFICIAL MONTHLY NEWSLETTER OF THE ATASCOCITA FOREST COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION

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Summer is upon us! Celebrate the end of school, beginning of summer, and the opening of the pool with your neighbors at the 2017 Splash into Summer Pool Party on May 20 from 2-6 PM. Pool tags will be available at the pool from 10 AM – 2 PM before the party, as well as on May 6 from 9 AM – 1 PM. Please remember that you will not be able to use the pool without pool tags. Also,

this year the first 6 tags for each household are free of charge if retrieved on one of the two pool days (each household may purchase an additional 4 tags for \$5 each, for a maximum total of 10). Please visit the Pool & Splashpad page under Community Amenities on our website, [www.AtascocitaForest.org](http://www.AtascocitaForest.org), for more information about pool tags.

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Please note that the pool will officially open for the summer season on Memorial Day weekend. The complete pool schedule will be posted on the website soon.

The pool and splash pad will be open during the party, and we will also have food vendors, music, inflatables in the park, and fun games. Additionally, the Whispering Pines Elementary PTA will be hosting a vendor & craft fair in the WPE parking lot during the same time, so be sure to stop by and support their efforts to help improve our neighborhood school and support our educators!

If you plan to attend the pool party, please be sure to reserve FREE tickets on our EventBrite page so that we can coordinate with the lifeguards and food vendors!

### Tickets are available at

<https://2017afsplashintosummer.eventbrite.com/>

Please contact Lauren Shwarts (lauren@atascocitaforest.org) if you have any questions about the event. We're looking forward to seeing you there!

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# IMPORTANT DATES IN MAY

**Saturday, May 6:**

- **Humble ISD School Board Elections** (7am – 7pm): if you did not early vote in April, you must vote at your designated polling place (which may differ from your normal polling location). To find your polling location for this election, go to this web page on the HarrisVotes.com website and fill out the short form: [goo.gl/quQU90](http://goo.gl/quQU90)
- **Trail of the Lakes MUD Board & Bond Elections** (7am – 7pm): The election will be held at 17942 Silver Bend Dr. (the model home in The Forest near Will Clayton Pkwy.). We included a full article about this election in our previous issue, and that article is available on our website at: [goo.gl/cC5cES](http://goo.gl/cC5cES)
- **Atascocita Forest Community Garage Sale:** Please see the AtascocitaForest.org website or Atascocita Forest Neighbors Facebook group for more information
- **FREE Pool Tag Day at the Pool** (9am – 1pm): Come to the Atascocita Forest neighborhood pool to pick up your pool tags for the summer! Each household will receive up to 6 tags free of charge

if picked up at the pool, and may purchase an additional 4 bands for \$5 each (maximum total per household is 10 tags)

**Monday, May 8:**

- **Atascocita Forest HOA Meeting:** 7pm at the pool (17415 Woodland Hills Dr.)

**Saturday, May 20:**

- **FREE Pool Tag Day at the Pool** (10am – 2pm): Come to the Atascocita Forest neighborhood pool to pick up your pool tags for the summer! Each household will receive up to 6 tags free of charge if picked up at the pool, and may purchase an additional 4 bands for \$5 each (maximum total per household is 10 tags)
- **2017 Splash into Summer Pool Party** (2pm – 6pm): Come hang out with your neighbors and celebrate the beginning of summer at the pool! Find more information on the AtascocitaForest.org website or in the Facebook group. Please be sure to reserve FREE tickets to the event so we can coordinate with our vendors! Reserve tickets here: <https://2017afsplashintosummer.eventbrite.com/>

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Sales Range	Jun.	Jul.	Aug.	Sept.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.
\$250K to \$300K	0	1	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0
\$200K to \$249K	1	3	1	1	3	1	3	2	0	2
\$150K to \$199K	3	6	4	7	6	2	4	2	2	2
\$100K to \$149K	4	3	4	9	0	6	3	3	4	0
Less Than \$100K	0	0	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	1
<b>Total</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>5</b>
Highest \$/sq ft	\$97.76	\$103.10	\$90.66	\$104.93	\$91.14	\$104.93	\$95.43	\$90.38	\$95.43	\$90.38
Average \$/sq ft	\$73.38	\$78.36	\$73.38	\$80.23	\$73.70	\$88.69	\$76.16	\$79.14	\$72.36	\$63.72

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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-dimethylbenzamide, 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 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.

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# Whispering Pines Elementary PTA Events & Updates

- May 1-5: Teacher Appreciation
- May 8-9: STARR Testing
- May 25: 5th Grade Social

Find out more information about the WPE PTA on their website: [www.goo.gl/7PPzNV](http://www.goo.gl/7PPzNV) or on their Facebook page: [www.facebook.com/WPEHumblePTA](http://www.facebook.com/WPEHumblePTA)

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- 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](http://www.urban-ipm.blogspot.com)

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