



# THE TALON

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featuring

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December 1st

Food trucks open at 5 pm, Movie begins at dark.  
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## December 2017

### COMMUNITY CALENDAR

- 1.....**Food Truck Friday and Movie Event**  
.....5 – 8 pm / Sports Complex and Soccer Fields
- 9.....**WinterFest and Craft Fair**  
.....1 - 4 pm / Eagle Springs Clubhouse
- 10.....**Farmer's Market**  
.....11 - 3 pm / Sports Complex and Soccer Field
- 12.....**Book Club**  
.....8 - 10 pm / Eagle Springs Clubhouse
- 13.....**Fiber and Yarn Club**  
.....7 - 9 pm / Eagle Springs Clubhouse
- 15-20.....**Onsite Office Closed**
- 25.....**Merry Christmas!**
- 26.....**Onsite Office Closed**
- 31.....**New Year's Eve**

### ONSITE OFFICE HOURS

**Monday - Thursday 1 pm - 6 pm**

**Friday 9 am - 6 pm**

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## Did You Know?

**Eagle Springs now has its very own Farmer's Market!**



Each month (2nd Sunday from 11-3) Your Farmers & Artisans Market will provide you with access to fresh, organic produce & product, grass fed fresh meats, delicious cheese, organic & natural pet treats, locally grown vegetables & fruits, artisan foods, plants, entertainment, kids zones, KIDPRENEUR programs, local breads, farm fresh eggs, fresh juices, crafts, sustainable foods & much more.

On every second Sunday of the month from 11-3 pm, come down to the Sports Complex and east soccer field to shop local produce, crafts, and artisans from the Houston area. Bring your wagon to the Sports Complex and east soccer field (leave your pets at home!) and come enjoy what a Farmer's Market has to offer. Please be sure to walk, ride your bike, or park at Eagle Springs Elementary and walk over, if possible. Booths take both cash and credit cards.

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## Merry Christmas & Happy New Year

*As I sit down to write the last newsletter of 2017, there are many things that come to mind. It was a special moment when the Ruffin family reviewed the Rebekah Snipp Scholarship applications, selecting two recipients that would be awarded a scholarship in honor and in memory of Dena Ruffin. In late August our area was hit hard when Hurricane Harvey came through. We saw neighbors helping neighbors, and many across the USA come to aid our city in their time of need. Thank you Cajun Navy! Many homeowners are still rebuilding and starting over. Our area enjoyed rooting on the home town baseball team during the playoffs, while November was history making as the Houston Astros won their first World Series.*

*We started a new chapter in our business life as we opened the doors to the second location for Snipp Realty Group in Northeast Houston off FM 1960. I began hosting weekly ladies Bible Studies at our office. Our group did three studies this year which included Armor of God, Jonah and Gideon by Priscilla Shirer. With 2017 coming to a close, take some time this last month of the year to write down things that occurred in your life and reflect. Each is a stepping stone in everyone's life journey.*

*December is filled with many celebrations. School parties for the children, work parties with co-workers and church gatherings with friends. Many traditions come to mind such as The Nutcracker Ballet, Christmas Tree lighting celebrations, Christmas Caroling through the neighborhoods, ice skating, toy drives, stocking food pantries, Elf on the Shelf, cookies for Santa Clause, Christmas plays, and more. Regardless if it's your first year or a generations old tradition in your family, take time to enjoy the moment.*

*In Real Estate, December remains a busy time as I meet with clients to put plans of action in place for home sellers. With the time line and to-do list in place, our clients hit the ground running in January as the selling season kicks off with new Buyers entering the market. Please text or call me at **832-814-6120** to schedule a time to discuss our proven marketing strategy. I appreciate the opportunity to earn your business. To my past clients, **Thank You very much for your business.***

***Have a Blessed Christmas Season and Happy New Year!***

*Sincerely,  
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# Three Steps for Building a Great Relationship with Your Child Care Provider

Many parents agree that finding the right child care provider can be a nerve-wracking and lengthy process. Even when you've found the right provider, it can still be difficult to leave your child in someone else's care. But forming a good relationship with your child's teachers and child care team can help bring you peace of mind and even improve your child's learning experience.

"Children benefit from consistent, safe and nurturing environments, which is what we strive to provide at Primrose®. We also make every effort to partner with parents to extend and reinforce learning at home through daily updates, weekly classroom schedules, at-home resources and more," says Paula Morgan, Franchise Owner of Primrose School of Eagle Springs. "This ultimately helps us foster mutual respect and open communication between home and school."

At Primrose School of Eagle Springs, a high-quality early education and care provider, teachers work closely with parents to support children's development and learning. However, building trusted relationships still requires some effort from all involved. To build and maintain a great partnership with your family's child care provider or your child's teacher, consider the following:

**Do your homework.** To help find the right provider for your family, spend time researching different options and considering

factors that are important to you, like school safety and early learning approach. Primrose has a comprehensive Safe School Plan and an exclusive approach, called Balanced Learning®, which offers a balance of purposeful play and nurturing guidance from teachers. Choosing a provider you feel good about and trust will bring you peace of mind, and a great parent-teacher relationship will likely form more naturally.

**Make communication a priority.** It's important to invest in your relationship with your child care provider as they help your child learn and grow. Talk regularly with your child's teacher to provide helpful information about your child, ask what you can do at home to support your child's development and share your appreciation for what's going well in the classroom. At Primrose, parents receive reports about their child's school day, photos from the classroom, resources to use at home and reminders about upcoming activities through an electronic communications system called 360Connect.

**Address concerns immediately.** If you have any questions or concerns about your child's care, discuss them with the teacher or school director as soon as possible. If there is a problem, it can't be solved unless someone knows about it, and providers would prefer to know if something upsets you before it becomes a bigger issue. By sharing your concerns when they arise, you can work together to find a solution.

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In light of the recent dog attacks, your HOA Board of Directors held an emergency town hall meeting, with Harris County Public Health Officials in attendance. The meeting was enlightening and informative, and in fact, the resident elementary schools are also holding assemblies for their students on how to approach dogs they don't know and what to do in case a dog is not friendly.

### Some key takeaways from the meeting are as follows:

Owning a pet is a privilege and should result in a mutually beneficial relationship. The benefits of pet ownership come with responsibilities. These include:

- Lifelong care of the pet. This means committing to the relationship for your pet's entire life.
- Selecting a pet that is suited to your home and lifestyle and avoiding impulsive decisions.
- Recognizing that owning a pet(s) requires an investment of time and money.
- Keeping only the type and number of pets for which you can provide an appropriate and safe environment. This includes appropriate food, water, shelter, health care and companionship.
- Ensuring pets are properly identified (i.e., tags, microchips, or tattoos) and that their registration information in associated databases is kept up-to-date
- Adhering to local ordinances, including licensing and leash requirements.
- Helping to manage overpopulation by controlling your pet(s)' reproduction through managed breeding, containment, or spay/neuter. Establishing and maintaining a veterinarian-client-patient relationship.
- Providing preventive (e.g., vaccinations, parasite control) and therapeutic health care for the life of your pet(s) in consultation with, and as recommended by, your veterinarian.
- Socialization and appropriate training for your pet(s) to facilitate their well-being and the well-being of other animals and people.
- Preventing your pet(s) from negatively impacting other people, animals and the environment. This includes proper waste disposal, noise control, and not allowing pet(s) to stray or become feral.
- Providing exercise and mental stimulation appropriate to your pet(s)' age, breed, and health status.
- Include your pets in your planning for an emergency or disaster, including assembling an evacuation kit.
- Making arrangements for the care of your pet when or if you are unable to do so.
- Recognizing declines in your pet(s)' quality of life and making decisions in consultation with your veterinarian regarding appropriate end-of-life care (e.g., palliative care, hospice, euthanasia).
- **Remember:** Don't keep dogs outside when you're not home, because they can escape, get hurt or disturb your neighbors. Don't chain up a pet; that is cruel and leads to aggressive behavior. Never be rough or teach dogs to be aggressive. Please don't let cats roam outdoors; indoor cats live nearly 3 times as long as outdoor cats. Keep animals away from antifreeze - it's poison. And don't leave pets in a parked car, because they can die from the heat.
- Keep a **leash** on your dog when you're not in a fenced area. You'll avoid bites and fights. And clean up after your dog - it's easy.
- **Train** your pets so that they will be good in the house - and good with people. Children rely on teachers, and so do pets! Read books about training and talk to experts. After overpopulation, the second biggest reason pets wind up in shelters is that people don't take the time to train them. One study showed that 96% of people who gave up dogs had no obedience training.
- Fences enclosing your yard must be in good repair. Broken or loose boards should be fixed to prevent animals from escaping.

Harris County Animal Control clearly states that "all dogs and cats must be kept under restraint while in the unincorporated areas of Harris County, Texas." In other words: dogs aren't permitted to run around at large; and, they always must be kept under direct physical control (on a leash) of their owner.

The Houston dog leash ordinance can become an extremely important element in claims for dog bites. This is because in Texas, unless the dog has a history of attacks or aggressive behavior, dog bite victims must be able to show that the owner violated an animal control law.

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If you or your child suffered a dog bite attack from a dog that wasn't previously deemed a dangerous dog, Texas' "negligence per se" dog bite law still allows an avenue for you to seek restitution. After a traumatic attack, you'll want to pursue any monetary compensation to which you may be entitled, to cover not only the medical expenses, but also the pain and suffering you or your child has experienced.



## 2018 Assessments

The Eagle Springs Community Association Board of Directors has determined the Association budget for 2018 and has set the 2018 assessment rates for Eagle Springs at \$825.00 per year, no change from the prior year. The Arbor Heights Neighborhood Assessment rate was set at \$73.00, a \$6.00 increase from the prior year. The Princeton Park Neighborhood Assessment was set at \$920.00, no change from the prior year. A copy of the 2018 Budget can be found online at [www.insideeaglesprings.com](http://www.insideeaglesprings.com).

Assessments are billed annually and are due January 1st and become delinquent after January 31st. You should receive your account statement in the mail by or before November 1st. You may elect to take advantage of two payment options. You may pay in full by the January 1st due date or you may make three equal payments on November 20th, December 20th, and January 20th.

Payments received after January 31st will be subject to a \$55 late fee. Payments received after February 28th will be subject to a second \$40 late fee. Interest will accrue on any unpaid balance each month. Accounts remaining delinquent will be subject to additional collection action, including deactivation of all access devices associated with the delinquent property.

Should you have any questions about your account statement, do not hesitate to contact Joanne McIntyre at our management

company, Crest Management Company, AAMC at [joanne.mcintyre@crest-management.com](mailto:joanne.mcintyre@crest-management.com) or 281-945-4622. Their office is open Monday to Friday from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. for your convenience.

We are looking forward to another successful year for 2018. With your input and help, we feel we will have another great year!

Sincerely,

Your Board of Directors

## Illuminating Celebrations



We hope everyone has a safe and happy holidays! As a friendly reminder for the upcoming holiday, the use and discharge of fireworks is not permitted by the Eagle Springs' deed restrictions. (Section 12.5) If you would like to discharge fireworks during the upcoming holidays, we kindly ask that you do so outside of the Eagle Springs Community Association. The attached Harris County Fire Marshal press release gives some important Fireworks Safety Tips for those that choose to discharge fireworks outside of the community.

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## Santa's Wonderland

Nov. 10 - Jan. 7

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## The Polar Express Train Ride

Nov. 11 - Dec. 27

The train ride departing from Palestine includes the train ride, hot chocolate, sugar cookie, silver sleigh bell and golden ticket!

## Festival of Lights

Nov. 12 - Jan. 8

Enjoy a 100-foot slide, ice skating, and a mile-long trail of lights and animated displays at Galveston Bay's Moody Gardens!

## A Christmas Carol A Ghost Story of Christmas

Nov. 20 - Dec. 28

Enjoy the return of Charles Dickens' "A Christmas Carol".

## Houston Ballet's The Nutcracker

Nov. 25 - Dec. 27

The Nutcracker is a ballet set in nineteenth-century Germany that is sure to enchant audiences of all ages.

## Winterfest at Typhoon Texas

Nov. 25 - Dec. 31

Typhoon Texas lights up for the holidays! Festival admission includes: The Miracle of Christmas 4D Show, WinterFest Express Train Ride, Reindeer Run Big Slide, Petting Zoo, Pony Rides, Santa's Workshop, Hay Ride, and other attractions within the park.

## Sunday Brunch with Santa at Hotel Galvez & Spa

(First four Sunday's in December)

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Come join your neighbors as we celebrate the holidays with WinterFest at the Town Center and Eagle Springs Clubhouse on Saturday, December 9th from 1-4. Arts and crafts, games, horse-drawn wagon rides, camel rides, trackless train and petting zoo are all activities on the agenda for your family. A certain bearded man is also scheduled to make an appearance as well!

Crafts and various home based businesses will be selling goodies for you and your family just in time for the holidays. And added treat? At 1:30 the AHS Show Chior will perform on the steps of the Eagle Springs Clubhouse. You won't want to miss their performance!

If you or your child would like to volunteer to gain service hours, please email [Activities@InsideEagleSprings.com](mailto:Activities@InsideEagleSprings.com)



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To pick out your angel, come by the clubhouse during office hours, or email [Activities@InsideEagleSprings](mailto:Activities@InsideEagleSprings) to set up an appointment. All items can be returned during office hours no later than Monday December 11th.

Help make another child's holiday a brighter one by sponsoring a Society of St. Stephen Angel!

### What do we do?

- Society of St. Stephen is a community outreach agency serving people living in the Humble, New Caney and Splendora school district boundaries.
- We are 100% volunteer- we have no paid employees or positions.
- We are open Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays from 9 am- 11:30 am or until we have served the first 36 clients and typically are closed on school holidays except for the summer.
- We provide, at no cost to our clients, an average of 400 individuals each week with food, clothing and an average of 25 families a week with limited financial assistance (primarily utility and medication assistance).
- Clients can visit SOSS once every 30 days for food, once every 60 days for clothing and once every 12 months for financial assistance. A typical grocery allotment includes canned vegetables, canned fruit, canned meat, rice, beans or pasta, bread, ½ gallon of milk and cheese. Fresh fruits, vegetables and personal products are given when available. We also supply diapers (as needed), laundry soap, toilet paper and bath soap to all families.
- We have three special projects a year. Our Back to School drive supplies over 850 children each year with school supplies, a \$15.00 shoe voucher for one pair of new shoes and new backpacks. For Thanksgiving and Christmas we provide over 500 food baskets for a family holiday dinner and gifts for over 1,200 children age 1-16.

### How do we do it?

- We receive donations and monetary gifts from individuals, philanthropic groups, churches, schools, businesses, corporation volunteer grants and our major fundraiser, the SOSS women's tennis tournament held in the spring.
- Our 150+ regular volunteers give an average of 15 hours per month of their valuable time to SOSS.
- In recent months\*, our disbursements for utilities and medical assistance have averaged \$1,233 per week. Our food costs have averaged \$616 per week, which we supplement with

large discounts from the Houston Food Bank and local food drives and/or donations. (\*Based on data December 2011 through November 2012)

### How can you help?

- **DONATE!** We always need gently used clothing, linens and small household items and please use your Kroger share card and Randall's Good Neighbor cards designated for Society of St. Stephens.
- **VOLUNTEER!** We have a wide variety of places to help , working with clients or working behind the scenes, on a regular basis or on seasonal projects, and flexible scheduling from a couple of hours a month to more.
- **GIVE!** Financial contributions can be mailed directly to us, or designated to SOSS and dropped in the collection plate at Kingwood United Methodist Church. Society of St. Stephen is a 501c3 agency.

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## First Annual Holiday Decorating Contest

New and improved holiday decorations are coming to Eagle Springs and you're invited to help make Eagle Springs the best decorated community in the HKA area!

Categories: 5 Best Decorated Streets  
10 Best Decorated Houses

Nominations: Email the house address and street name to [holiday.committee@insideeaglesprings.com](mailto:holiday.committee@insideeaglesprings.com)

Due Date: All nominations must be received by midnight on December 10th.

Judging: Will begin on December 11th

Announcement: Will be made in the weekly e-blast (approximately December 13).

Prize: An award sign to be placed in winning yards or at the end of winning streets (bragging rights included). For more details please visit [www.insideeaglesprings.com](http://www.insideeaglesprings.com).



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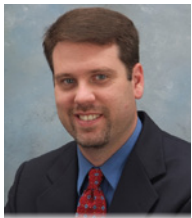
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