

Sterling Lakes

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UPCOMING COMMUNITY EVENTS



Holiday Yard Decoration Contest

December 3-9

The Holiday Yard Decoration Contest has been implemented to recognize and show appreciation to individual property owners for an outstanding job of decorating their homes during the holidays for everyone to enjoy.

No formal registration is required. Participants need to only keep their holiday lights on every night between 6:00 PM and 10:00 PM during the week of Sunday, December 3 through Saturday, December 9.

First, second and third place winners will be chosen. The three winners will receive a prize, and recognition in the newsletter and website.

If you would like to nominate a home, please contact Michelle at mevrard@canyongate.com or (713) 783-6702.

Cookies with Santa & Toy Drive

Saturday, December 9

1:30 Pm - 3:30 PM

Take your photo with Jolly St. Nick as we welcome in the Holiday Season! Located at the SplashPad, we'll be serving holiday treats & entertainment for children young & old!

Don't forget your camera!

We're hosting a Toy Drive!

If you'd like to contribute, please bring a NEW UNWRAPPED toy to the SplashPad.

STERLING LAKES ANNUAL MEETING

Wednesday, December 13, 2017

Iowa Colony City Hall
12003 County Road 65
Rosharon, TX 77583

**Sign-in starts at 6:30pm and meeting
starts at 7:00pm**

— — TRASH — —



IMPORTANT INFORMATION

Remember: Unless it is trash pick up day, your trash cans (and any bags of trash) must be hidden from public view. Please do not store your trash cans in front of your garage or on the side of your home – your neighbors don't want to look out their windows and see your garbage either.

STERLING LAKES TRASH PICK-UP SCHEDULE

Wednesday & Saturday - Trash containers must be at curb by 7AM on Wednesdays and Saturdays. Recycle bins are picked up on Saturdays.

Note: Heavy pick-up day - Saturday

Service Provider: Waste Management – (800) 800-5804

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HELPFUL PHONE NUMBERS

Sterling Lakes Property Owners Association

Principal Management Group/Agent.....	(713) 329-7100
SplashPad Texas Onsite Office	(281) 778-2000
Gate Attendant	(281) 778-2015
Top Gun.....	(281) 798-9869
Houston National Golf Club.....	(281) 304-1400

Utilities

En-Touch (Customer Service).....	(281) 225-1000
Electricity (TXU)	(866) 979-5265
Gas (Centerpoint)	(713) 659-2111
Trash (Waste Management)	(800) 800-5804
Water (Si Environmental, LLC).....	(832) 490-1600
Electricity (street light outage)	www.centerpointenergy.com/outage
Texas One Call System (Call Before you Dig)	811

Property Tax Authorities

Brazoria County Tax	(281) 756-1320
MUD #31 Operator	(281) 482-0216

Public Services

Rosharon Post Office	(281) 595-3331
Toll Road EZ Tag	(281) 875-3279
Voters Registration	(281) 756-1131
Vehicle Registration	(281) 756-2450
Drivers License Information	(281) 756-1521
Alvin/Manvel Chamber	(281) 331-3944
Animal Control	(979) 864-2265

Police & Fire

Emergency.....	911
Brazoria County Sheriff's Dept.	(281) 756-2392
Iowa Colony Vol. Fire Dept. (non emergency)	(281) 369-3969
Emergency Medical Services (non emergency)	(281) 489-6144
Poison Control	(800) 222-1222

Education

Alvin ISD	(281) 388-1130
Meridiana Elementary (PreK-5).....	(281) 245-3636
Manvel Junior High (7-8).....	(281) 245-3700
Manvel High School (9-12).....	(281) 245-2232

Higher Education

Alvin Community College.....	(281) 756-3500
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Sterling Lakes Builders

Anglia Homes.....	(281) 778-7840
CastleRock	(281) 778-0822
LGI	(855) 210-2619
Terrata Homes	(866) 837-3540

The Association doesn't verify, endorse, or approve any products, information or opinions mentioned at Association sponsored functions or contained in this community newsletter.

SPLASHPAD TEXAS HOURS

Business Office (2nd Floor).....	(281) 778-2000
.....	sterlinglakes@entouch.net
Onsite Assistant Manager	Chris Smallwood

Office Hours

Tuesday 11:00am - 7:00pm
Wednesday through Saturday 9:00am - 5:00pm
Sunday and Monday Closed

Fitness Center Hours

7 days a week 5:00am until 11:00pm

Please visit or contact this office to register for amenity and gate access.

Have you logged in yet?

www.canyongate.com/residents/sl

Features of the Sterling Lakes Community Intranet include:

- Receive e-blasts from the Association (i.e. Association news and announcements, community events, local area happenings and more!)
- Resident Directory
- Classifieds
- Current Events and Activities
- Documents and Forms
(i.e. ARC guidelines, deed restrictions, financials, etc.)
- Event Photos and MORE!



2018 ASSESSMENT PAYMENTS

Each year, assessments are due on January 1 but did you know that you could make payments, in advance? Any payment made will be credited to your account and reduce the total amount that is owed on January 1, 2018.

If you would like to take advantage of this option, you can send a check to:

Sterling Lakes POA
C/O Principal Management Group
P.O. Box 3157
Houston, TX 77253-3157

Be sure to include your address in the memo line of your check.

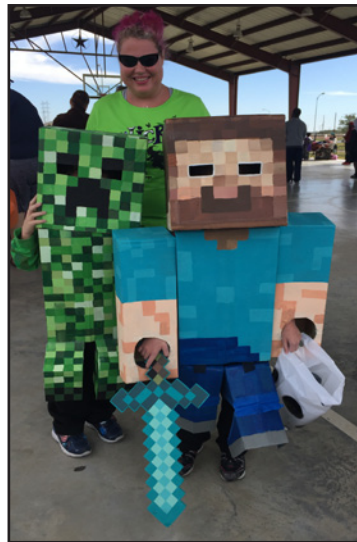
Sterling Lakes fall festival 2017

We had tons of fun with carnival games, hayride, DJ Beetlejuice, costume contest, lots of inflatables, cupcake decorating, cotton candy, Chick-fil-A and more!

Thank you to our generous sponsors, Top Gun for donating some cookies and Anglia Homes for bringing candy.

Special thanks to Dana Thomas with Dana's Classy Cakes for her fun cupcake decorating table, Bev Hammond with SLYAC for her help with creating fun contests for the kids and to all of the resident volunteers that helped make the event successful.

To see more photos of this event, please visit the Image Gallery on the community website at www.canyongate.com/residents/sl.



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PLEASE CONTROL YOUR PETS!

Sterling Lakes Community has had many loose dogs and cats lately. Please do your part to keep your animals safe and contained on your property.

It is a deed restriction violation if your pets are not confined to a fenced backyard or within your home. They must not be allowed to bark all night or cause a nuisance to your neighbors. They must also be on a leash at all times when not in a contained environment. It is also the pet owner's responsibility to keep ALL areas of the community FREE from pet debris when walking your pets. Please remember that cats must also be confined. Animal Control can be reached at 979-864-2265.

If you happen to come across vicious dogs, or ANY loose dogs of this nature, please contact your local Animal Control at 979-864-2265. If you are familiar with the property address the pets belong to, please feel free to submit that information to PMG – Emma Deatherage at edeatherage@pmghouston.com– to pursue the deed restriction violation. Notification and ample time must be given to the owner to correct the violation prior to any further pursuit by the Association.

Remember that all pets should always wear a collar with ID tag!

Pet owners should also consider pet microchips for identification in case your pet loses their collar/ID tag.

Did you know?

There is a Lost Pet Feature to Community Intranet

- Log into www.canyongate.com/residents/sl (login required)
- Click on “classifieds” under Resources located on left side of menu
- Click on “lost & found pets”

You personally can create a description of the lost or found pet as well as add photos. Please include your contact information to speed up communications.

CARS PARKING ON STREETS

Overnight street parking by residents is a deed restriction violation. To report violations of this nature please send an email with a photo of the car, address in violation and a log of the dates of the car parking in the street to Emma Deatherage at edeatherage@pmghouston.com.



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HEADIN' SOUTH

By Cheryl Conley, TWRC Wildlife Center

I was sitting on my back porch last night and heard the familiar "honking" sound I hear every fall—geese flying overhead. I looked up to see an almost perfect V. It instantly filled my mind with several questions. How do they know where they're going? Why do they fly in a V shape? How far do they fly? Do they stop and rest? I decided to do some research and get some answers and I am sharing them with you. After reading about them, I have a whole new respect for them.

WHY DO BIRDS MIGRATE?

They migrate in search of food and warmer temperatures. Because of climate change and changes in farm practices that makes waste grain more available, the geese aren't migrating as far south as they used to. Some Canada geese don't migrate at all anymore. Lack of natural predators is another reason geese may not migrate.

HOW DO GEESE KNOW WHERE THEY'RE GOING?

One tool they use is the earth's magnetic field. There are small pieces of what's called magnetite found in some birds' brains. It acts like a compass. They also use the position of the sun and the stars. Birds follow the same migration path every year and use landmarks like rivers, mountains, and valleys as their roadmap.

WHERE DO THEY GO?

They follow the same path every year. There are four routes which are the Atlantic flyway (along the east coast of North America), the Mississippi flyway (named after the river), the Central flyway (along the Rocky Mountains) and the Pacific flyway (west of the Rockies).

Canada geese spend winters in southern Florida and southern North America including the southern United States and part of Mexico.

WHY DO GEESE FLY IN A "V"?

This formation is sometimes call a skein and helps them conserve energy. Each bird flies a little higher than the bird in front of him/her. This reduces the wind resistance. As an example, in a V formation of 25 geese, each bird experiences a reduction in what's called induced drag. This results in an increase of their range by 71%. Geese rotate taking the lead position since being in front takes the most energy.

HOW FAST CAN GEESE FLY AND HOW LONG DO THEY FLY BEFORE RESTING?

Most articles I read put their cruising speed at between 20 and 30 miles per hour. For long distance flying their estimated speed is 40 miles per hour.

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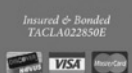
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SEEKING SECTION LEADERS AND BLOCK CAPTAINS

You can make a difference – so many of our homeowners have talents and gifts that could contribute to the value of our neighborhood. Consider a volunteer position to increase awareness and safety for your biggest investment and community.

For more information on becoming a block captain or section leader, please contact Michelle Evrard, Director of Community Events, at mevrard@canyongate.com or (713) 783-6702.

Your 2017 Section Leaders Include:

Section 1: Lee McKinney (montecman@yahoo.com)

Section 2: Raul Castillo (RGCastillo@sbcglobal.net)

Section 3: Martha Steele (martha.Steele@edi-international.com)

Section 4: William Crapps (wcrapps86@yahoo.com)

Section 5: **OPEN**

Section 6: Deborah Bagwell (ddbaggwell7@gmail.com)

Section 7: Martha Steele (martha.steele@edi-international.com)

Section 8: Sophia Clark-El (camdreacebre@gmail.com)

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DO MIGRATING BIRDS STOP TO REST

Birds need to take a “pit stop” occasionally to rest and refuel. They stop where there is ample food and water, shelter and with few competitors. They normally will spend a couple of days on the ground before continuing their journey.

The animal kingdom is amazing and the volunteers and staff at TWRC Wildlife Center get to experience the wonders everyday. If you'd like to be a part of this amazing world, volunteer! For more information, visit www.twrcwildlifecenter.org Be sure to follow us on Facebook for amazing stories and photos.

Section 9: **OPEN**

Section 10: Kajuana Brooks (section10blockcaptain@yahoo.com)

Section 11: Scott Smith (carolinahounddog@gmail.com)

Section 12A: Gayle Mauzey (gaylemauzey@hotmail.com)

Section 12B: **OPEN**

Section 19: Ed Fleming (revedfleming@gmail.com)

Sterling Lakes West-Section 1: **OPEN**



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Owner's Name(s) _____
Address _____ Lot _____ Blk _____ Section _____
Home Phone _____ Work Phone _____
Email _____

SUBMISSIONS FOR ADDITIONS OR ALTERATIONS OF IMPROVEMENT MUST INCLUDE: Sketches; site plan (survey) showing house, lot lines dimensions and easements; elevations (including side views) showing dimensions and photos sufficient to describe the project in detail. **ANY EXTERIOR PAINTING REQUESTS**, a colored photo of the brick and samples of the proposed paint to be used must be included with this application. Some large construction projects may require a deposit, please contact our office for further information and any other questions at 713/329-7100.

PLEASE NOTE: ALL Applications must be submitted with a \$25 processing fee.

Applications requesting a POOL, HOT TUB/SPA require a \$1000 Deposit. Applications requesting any type of OUTBUILDING, PATIO COVER, ARBORS, GAZEBOs, ROOM ADDITIONS, ETC. require a \$250 Deposit.

Please make the SEPARATE checks or money orders for the Fee and Deposit out to Sterling Lakes POA.

BRIEFLY DESCRIBE THE ALTERATION OR IMPROVEMENT WHICH YOU PROPOSED

LOCATION OF IMPROVEMENT:

____ Front of house ____ Side of house ____ Garage ____ Other
____ Back of house ____ Roof of house ____ Patio

(Describe) _____

MATERIALS NECESSARY FOR PROPOSED IMPROVEMENT:

Paint or Stain Color(s) _____
Brick Type(s) _____
Shingle Type(s) _____
Screen Type(s) _____
Siding Type(s) _____

Please include color names and send a sample with the application.

Signature of Homeowner _____ Start Date _____ Completion Date _____
(Within 30 Days of Approval)

RETURN TO:

PRINCIPAL MANAGEMENT GROUP OF HOUSTON, INC
11000 CORPORATE CENTRE DRIVE, SUITE 150
HOUSTON, TX 77041
FAX: 713/329-7198 or EMAIL: arc@pmghouston.com

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Date Received: _____ Received By: _____

Comments: _____

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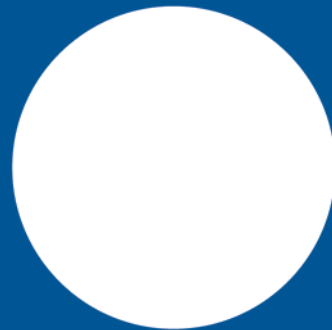
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