

Sterling Lakes

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Congratulations to our 2017 Holiday Yard Decoration Contest winners!

1st Place: 9831 Clear Diamond Drive (section 10)

2nd Place: 2727 Diamond Vista Ln (section 8)

3rd Place: 2615 Howlite Lane (section 19)

Special thanks to our holiday yard contest participants for all the time and effort taken to make our neighborhood so beautiful this holiday season! Each winner received a cash prize.

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!



UPCOMING EVENTS

**The First Annual “Taste of Sterling Lakes” and
“Egg”stravaganza
March 17, 2018
2:00pm – 5:00pm**

“Taste of Sterling Lakes”

Sterling Lakes first neighborhood cook off competition with vendor booths and fun-filled activities.

Show off your favorite family dish. Let the community decide which dish is the best.

Cash prizes awarded.

Contestants and vendors must register by February 16. A refundable deposit of \$25 is required. Please visit Chris at the SplashPad office with a \$25 blank money order.

Contact Michelle Evrard @ 713-783-6702 or Bev Hammond @ 832-703-4674, or visit slyac.weebly.com for more info.

“Egg”stravaganza

Hop on over to the SplashPad and enjoy our annual “Egg”stravaganza with special guest Peter Cottontail. There will be three different age groups and enough treats for each age. The age groups are 0-2, 3-5, 6 and up. Egg hunts will begin at 2:30 PM. Light snacks and beverages will be served, as well as entertainment for all ages. Don't forget your basket!

If you would like to volunteer, or need community service hours for school, please contact mevrard@canyongate.com.

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HELPFUL PHONE NUMBERS

Sterling Lakes Property Owners Association

PMG/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
Alvin ISD Police (Sergeant Ellen Stark) (281) 245-2967
Alvin ISD Poice (Dispatch) (281) 331-2320

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

Sterling Lakes Builders

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

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Sterling Lakes Event Calendar 2018

Saturday, March 17 – **Taste of Sterling Lakes/"Egg"stravaganza** (2 PM – 5 PM)

Saturday, April 21 – **Spring Garage Sale** (7 AM - 12 Noon)

Saturday, May 19 – **Wine & Cheese Party** (5 PM – 7 PM)

Saturday, June 30 – **Independence Celebration** – poolside (2 PM - 4 PM)

TBD – **Night at the Sugar Land Skeeters** - New!

Saturday, July TBD – **Movie Night** (8:30 PM)

Saturday, October 6 – **National Night Out** (6 PM - 8 PM)

Saturday, October 27 – **Fall Festival** (2 PM – 4 PM)

Saturday, November 10 – **Fall Garage Sale** (7 AM - 12 Noon)

December 2-12 - **Holiday Yard Decoration Contest**

Saturday, December 8 – **Cookies with Santa** (1:30 PM – 3:30 PM)

Please contact Michelle Evrard, Director of Community Events, at mevrard@canyongate.com if you would like to volunteer for any of our events! Events are subject to change.

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.

WHAT CAN I RECYCLE?

Many of us regularly recycle soda cans and water bottles, but did you know that many other food and beverage containers and household items also are recyclable? Take a look at the list below for some guidelines for what you can put into your community-provided recycling bin and what should be handled by a waste management professional.

Metal. Aluminum cans, foil and bakeware all are recyclable, as well as steel and tin cans used to package food and beverage items. Ensure these items are free of any food particles prior to putting them into your recycling bin—if they're dirty, recycling facilities may not accept them.

Paper and cardboard. Computer paper, phone books, junk mail, magazines, paperback books, newspapers and cardboard all are fully recyclable and typically can be made into other paper products like egg cartons and packaging forms. Poly-coated paperboard materials like milk and juice boxes also can be recycled.

Glass. Most clear, brown and green glass items used for food and beverage items are recyclable and can be broken down and

made into other glass products. However, some glass items like ceramic dishware and ovenware, heat-resistant glass, mirror or window glass, or crystal are not recyclable.

Plastic. Clean plastic items in the shape of bottles, jars and jugs are almost always recyclable, but plastic bags are not. Typically, grocery stores collect plastic bags for recycling facilities that specialize in producing recycled plastic lumber.

Batteries and Bulbs. Car, household and rechargeable batteries are recyclable, but most waste management companies will not accept them via community recycling bins. Along with incandescent, LED and fluorescent light bulbs, these items require special handling. Check the county website for recycling information.

Electronics. Computers and computer accessories, cell phones, stereos, televisions and printers are all nearly 100 percent recyclable, but should be handled by a waste management professional rather than put out at the curb with the rest of your recycling. Check the web for local retailers and manufacturers that offer recycling programs for these items.

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— 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



Please remember to pick up after your pets and "scoop the poop"



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IS IT A TURTLE OR A TORTOISE?

By Cheryl Conley, TWRC Wildlife Center



Some lump anything with an outside shell into the turtle category when in fact there are distinct differences between turtles and tortoises. Both are reptiles but turtles live in the water and the tortoise is a land-dweller.

Turtles are identifiable by their webbed feet and long claws. The webbing helps them swim. The tortoise has a heavier shell than the turtle and has short sturdy legs. Turtles are omnivores meaning they eat vegetation and meat. Tortoises tend to be herbivores but have been known to occasionally eat meat.

Both turtles and tortoises date back 220 million years! They both have a very long lifespan with sea turtles living up to 70 years and the more common turtles living up to 40 years. Tortoises can live up to 150 years!

Red-eared slider turtles became popular as pets when they were made available in dime stores. I know I had one in the 1950's so they've been around a very long time! Their popularity soared when the Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtle movie came out. Because the turtles were released into the wild when pet owners got tired of them, they are now considered invasive in some states. A couple of states have outlawed the sale of them. These turtles tend to be a bit aggressive and make it difficult for other native species to compete for food and habitats. They can also introduce unknown diseases to the wild population when pet turtles are released into the wild.

Probably the most unique turtle in our area is the softshell turtle. They live in the water and are carnivores. It has a flat shell and will often bury itself at the bottom of a lake, stream, or bayou leaving only its neck and head exposed. It can breathe under water much like a fish.

TWRC Wildlife Center cares for hundreds of turtles every year. Most are admitted because of injuries sustained from cars. In 2014, concerned citizens asked Missouri City to help protect turtles crossing the road. The City took a positive step by erecting road signs showing a mama turtle with three babies.

TWRC Wildlife Center is a 38-year-old non-profit organization that is your resource for wildlife questions and concerns. Check out our website at www.twrcwildlifecenter.org or give us a call at 713-468-TWRC.

TEXAS A&M AGRI LIFE EXTENSION

CRANE FLIES



Crane flies are surrounded by misinformation and misnomers. Some think that adult crane flies eat mosquitoes, but this is untrue. Adult crane flies feed on nectar or are non-feeding. Also, crane flies are sometimes referred to as "mosquito hawks" which is a misnomer. The name mosquito

hawk is most often used to refer to dragonflies, but sometimes is also used to refer to a large species of mosquito with a larval stage which feeds on other mosquito species.

Crane flies can be small to large insects- topping out at about 1 inch, with long, slender legs, and a V-shaped suture on the thorax (body section behind the head). Legs tend to break off very easily, so you may often encounter these insects with less than their allotted amount of 6 legs (see image). Adults can be mistaken for giant mosquitoes and may frighten people.

Crane fly larvae are found in moist soil feeding on decaying organic matter. The larvae are wormlike, legless, and without well-developed heads. Some species feed on roots of turfgrass or other plants, but usually do not cause enough damage to be considered a pest.

In Texas, crane flies become abundant in the spring. While adults may be a nuisance when entering homes or disturbing outdoor activities, they do not cause damage and do not bite. Keep doors and windows closed and make sure screens are in good repair. Either turn off outside lights at night or use "bug bulbs" to reduce the number of crane flies drawn near the home because of light sources.

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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SEEKING STERLING LAKES 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 2018 SECTION LEADERS INCLUDE:

Section 1: OPEN

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

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

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Section 5: OPEN

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

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

Section 9: OPEN

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

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

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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)

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