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It's that time of year; the Super Bowl is history and congratulations go to the Philadelphia Eagles for their first Super Bowl victory. Now the football season is over, and we now look forward to baseball and the hopes that the Houston Astros will repeat as the World Champions in 2018. Still there are many of our families, friends and neighbors who are still putting their lives together after Hurricane Harvey. This year has started out as one of the coldest winters in history. Many of us have suffered frozen and broken pipes, loss of trees, shrubs and plants with the weather. The challenges seem to keep coming one after the other. However, we are "Atascocita Proud", and we will meet these challenges and continue to build for the future.

The ACIA board of trustees, also has our challenges. We are making plans for the present and the future. We look forward to the spring time and good weather. The board has bids out for lawn maintenance, and we are getting ready to open the pools and tennis courts for our enjoyment. We will continue to meet our challenges, and will strive to make Atascocita the best place to live in Texas. We are "Atascocita Proud".

As we look at the ACIA community, we see many challenges for all of us. As stated before, many are still putting their lives together after Hurricane Harvey and the deep freeze of winter. We ask that you look at your homes, and ask yourself would you buy your house again? Many of us need a new roof, new paint or landscaping that could improve, not only your home, but the entire ACIA community. So the challenge is, "what do we need to do to improve our property and our friend's and family's properties".

Let's all get excited! Welcome the New Year and the beautiful spring time weather, and continue to make Atascocita the greatest place to live in Texas. The smell of cut grass and budding flowers is just around the corner. Longer days and backyard barbeques are here. Let's get out and enjoy the community's swimming pools and tennis courts, or take a walk and a bike ride. We all need to enjoy our hard work.

In closing, please keep Kevin Kilgore and his family in your thoughts and prayers. Kevin is still fighting hard to recover from his massive stroke and can use our support in his fight. The Kilgore family has done a lot for this community! We don't want to consider what would have happened to this community if The Kilgore family did not do what they did with The Overlook and the Golf Course.

Thank You The ACIA Board



GOOD NEIGHBORS CREATE GOOD COMMUNITIES

My family has lived in the ACIA community for many years, and during those years, I have noticed many changes, some good, some not so good. One of the great features of our communities is the tranquility; I usually ride my bicycle through the various ACIA communities during the week enjoying this tranquil atmosphere. Lately, however, I have noticed an increase in trashcans left in view of the street, boats and trailers in the driveways or on the streets, in a few cases derelict cars in the driveways, and more unkempt yards than before. I view these as temporary anomalies, but what about visitors, guests to the communities and potential neighbors; how do they view these conditions as they drive through our communities? One of the biggest investments for most property owners is their homes, and we have within our control important tools for keeping and improving this investment. For some, deed restrictions are viewed as a nuisance, a hindrance to the enjoyment of their property. For others, deed restrictions are viewed as an important factor in attracting potential homebuyers, stabilizing and improving our home values. We should remember some of the factors that attracted us to the ACIA communities, great schools, tranquil atmosphere, wellmaintained and inviting properties and the intangible of increasing home values. Sometimes, there are conditions that affect our property and the properties in our communities that are outside of our control, correction of the conditions mentioned above are totally within our control. It is very important that we all do our part to keep property values up and neighborhood stress low. Before you put the boat, trailer, or derelict car in the driveway or on the street, before you leave you trashcans in view, think about your neighbors. One of the ways we can all do our part is by knowing and following the deed restrictions. The conditions I have mentioned earlier can contribute to a reduction in property values, they detract from the appeal of our communities and they are violations of our deed restrictions.

If you are unsure of the deed restrictions, please consult the Atascocita Community Improvement Association's site at www.atascocitacia.org.

Let us be good neighbors, let us keep our communities great places to live.

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Fire, Medical or Life Threatening Emergency.	9-1-1
P-4 Constable Dispatch	281-376-3472
Humble ISD Police (Schools)	281-641-7900
Atascocita Volunteer Fire Dept (AVFD)	
Non-Emergency Number	281-852-2181
Harris County Animal Control	
Texas Poison Control Center	800-222-1222

UTILITIES

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Gas, Centerpoint Energy	
Gas Leaks	
Water, Inframark	
24 Hour Emergency Number	
Telephone, Centurylink	
Trash, Waste Management	
Humble Post Office	
Harris County MUD #132	www.hcmud132.com
Harris County MUD #151	

SCHOOLS

Humble ISD	
Website	www.humble.k12.tx.us
Pine Forest Elementary	
Maplebrook Elementary	
Atascocita Middle School	
Atascocita High School	

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Monthly Contract Stats

ACIA - ATASCOCITA COMMUNITY IMPROVEMENT ASSOCIATIO

For January 2018

Burglary Habitation: 0	Burglary Vehicle: 0	Theft Habitation: 0	
Theft Vehicle: 0	Theft Other: 0	Robbery: 0	
Assault: 2	Sexual Assault: 0	Criminal Mischief: 0	
Disturbance Family: 2	Disturbance Juvenile: 0	Disturbance Other: 2	
Alarms: 22	Suspicious Vehicles: 11	Suspicious Persons: 3	
Runaways: 2	Phone Harrassment: 0	Other Calls: 306	

Detailed Statistics By Deputy

Unit (Contract	District	Reports	Felony	Misd	Tickets	Recovered	Charges	Mileage	Days
Number	Calls	Calls	Taken	Arrests	Arrests	Issued	Property	Filed	Driven	Worked
228	39	11	3	0	0	5	0	0	525	13
E80	37	10	9	0	1	33	0	2	837	18
E81	55	37	11	0	0	55	0	0	938	20
E82	70	19	17	0	0	46	0	0	1112	17
E84	41	8	11	0	1	25	0	1	942	19
TOTAL	242	85	51	0	2	164	0	3	4354	87

Summary of Events

Alarms:

Deputies responded to 22 residential alarms that were cleared as false alarms.

Traffic Enforcement:

Deputy conducted numerous traffic stops and traffic initiatives throughout the contract during the month in the interest of public safety and in an attempt to reduce the risk of motor vehicle accidents.

20000 Atascocita Shores Dr. – Deputy initiated a traffic stop. Investigation revealed the defendant was intoxicated and was arrested for DWI and booked into Harris County jail.

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8200 Lakeshore Villa Dr. –Deputy responded to an FSGI accident. Investigation was conducted and accident report was completed.

Contract Checks & Park Checks:

Deputies conducted 105 combined contract checks and park checks during the month.

Assault:

7500 Pine Green Ln. --Deputies responded to a call regarding a Family Disturbance. Investigation revealed family members engaged in a physical confrontation which ended with to one party injury. Criminal Charges were filed and one party was booked into Harris County Jail. Report filed.

2000 Firesign Dr.--Deputies responded to a call regarding a Family Disturbance. Investigation revealed family members engaged in a physical confrontation which ended with no injuries. Charges were filed and suspect was arrested and booked into Harris County Jail. Report filed.

Family Disturbance:

7500 Pine Green Ln. – Deputy responded to a call regarding a Family Disturbance incident. Investigation revealed the Complainant was involved in a physical altercation with her husband. No charges filed in this incident. Report filed.

20000 Hickory Wind Dr.-Deputy responded to a call regarding a Family Disturbance incident. Investigation revealed the Complainant was involved in a verbal altercation with his son. No charges filed in this incident. Report filed.

Runaway:

2000 Sunny Shores Dr.-Deputy responded to a runaway juvenile. Investigation revealed juvenile left willingly and was entered into NCIC/TCIC.

2000 Hickory Wind Dr.-Deputy responded to a runaway juvenile. Investigation revealed juvenile left willingly and was entered into NCIC/TCIC.

Other Calls:

7500 Pine Green Ln. – Deputy responded to a call regarding an unauthorized withdraw of funds from a joint account. Investigation revealed complainant's husband withdrew funds. Report generated.

19000 Hurst Wood Dr. – Deputy responded to a call regards to a missing teen that returned home while police were on scene. Investigation revealed that missing teen was in good health and no further action required. Report generated.

8700 Summit Pines Dr.-Deputy responded to a call regarding a civil matter. Investigation revealed complainant's ex-girlfriend missed or did not make on time payments on a vehicle the complainant owns. Report generated.

20000 Perryoak Dr – Deputy responded to a dog bite call. Investigation revealed the complainant was walking her dog and a loose dog approached them, bit her dog, and bit her arm when she

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tried to separate the dogs. The owner of the dog was located and cited. Animal Control was contacted and the case referred to them.

8300 Amber Cove Dr – Deputy responded to a trespassing call. Investigation revealed the complainant advised that in December, an unknown person entered the residence without permission while they were out of it due to Hurricane Harvey.



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AERATION NOW CAN HELP YOUR SPRING AND SUMMER IRRIGATION

In order to prepare your lawn for a healthy spring growing season, you should employ basic lawn care practices at this time of year, which includes aerating your yard. It is important that nutrients reach the soil beneath your grass, and aeration can help you get that done.

Aeration involves making small holes in the soil to allow air, water and nutrients to get to the grass roots.

This helps the roots grow deeper and produce a stronger, more vibrant lawn.

Aerating helps alleviate soil compaction. Compacted soils have too many solid particles in a space, which prevents proper circulation of air, water and nutrients within the soil. Excess lawn thatch or heavy organic debris buried under the grass surface can also starve the roots from these essential elements.

So when is the right time to get this aeration done? These next six to eight weeks leading up to the spring season, when grass begins to grow again, is a good time to aerate.

The two main aeration tools are the spike aerator and a plug aerator. The spike aerator poke holes in the ground with a solid piece of metal. Plug aerators remove a core or plug of grass and soil from the lawn. Most landscaping companies and horticulturists recommend the use of the plug aerator. The machines can be rented or you can have a lawn care service aerate for you. After aerating, it's always a good idea to apply about a half-inch of compost over the aerated yard. The compost fills in the holes left by the plug aerator and brings organic materials into the root zone.

If you have noticed that your turfgrass isn't looking its best or that water has difficulty penetrating through the soil surface, it may be time to aerate your lawn. Lawns with clay soils that get a lot of foot traffic typically require aeration more often as they become compacted over time. Here's a great tip to check to see if your yard needs to be aerated.

Using a shovel, dig a square-foot section of grass about six inches deep and take a look at it. If the grass roots don't extend further than

two inches deep into the soil, your lawn would benefit from aeration.

If you plan to aerate your own yard, here are a few helpful tips to get the job done.

- Before you get started, make sure the soil is moist enough. There's nothing more frustrating than trying to aerate soil that is bone dry. Aerating the day after a rain shower or watering your lawn the day before is advised.
- Most aeration machines cover only a small percentage of soil surface per pass, so make multiple passes over the most compacted areas. Save resources (and your energy) by leaving unaffected areas alone.
- The soil plugs can be left on the ground after aeration and allowed to decompose. Or, you can rake them into piles to throw in the compost bin. However, this isn't necessary as it should take about two to four weeks for the soil cores to break down naturally. Sprinkle compost (sand or peat moss can be used instead of compost) over the lawn to fill in the holes.
- An aeration myth is that if you apply a pre-emergent herbicide on your lawn in the spring, aerating your lawn will destroy the herbicide "barrier." This is not true — research shows that aeration will not affect crabgrass control or weed prevention.

After aerating, it's important to continue appropriate lawn care practices.

Aerating will help you save water over the spring and summer seasons. Instead of running off or only penetrating a few inches, water will be better absorbed in an aerated yard. That makes your entire landscape and your water bill happier.

DID YOU KNOW...

According to the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, outdoor water use varies greatly depending upon geographic location. In dry climates such as that in the Trinity Glen Rose District, a household's outdoor water use can be as high as 60 percent. Some experts estimate that as much as 50% of that irrigation water is wasted due to inefficient watering techniques, wind and evaporation.



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CROSSWORD PUZZLE



ACROSS 1. Blow

9. Not there

11. Smooth

16. Rovers

21. Single

10. Ask for legally

12. Island nation

13. Fertilized cell

22. Sacred songs

31. Eye infection

26. Scrimmage

29. Remove

30. Canal

32. Tear

15. Ex-serviceman

18. Covered in coarse hair

28. Prophet who built the arc

5. Green Gables dweller

DOWN

1. Virtuoso 2. Airy 3. "Ribbit" animal 4. Singing voices 5. Wing 6. Innocent 7. Meat curing ingredient 8. Gives off 10. Sharks 14. Man's wig 17. Less nice 18. Houses 19. Sluggish 20. Electrical device 23. Tenet 24. Water pipe 25. Cote 27. East southeast

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Carmelitas

INGREDIENTS

32 caramel squares, unwrapped
½ cup heavy cream
¾ cup butter, melted
¾ cup brown sugar, packed
1 cup flour
1 cup rolled oats
6 ounces semisweet chocolate chips
1 teaspoon baking soda

DIRECTIONS

Combine caramels and cream in a small saucepan over low heat. Stir until completely smooth; set aside. In a separate bowl combine melted butter, brown sugar, flour, oats, and baking soda. Pat half of the oatmeal mixture into the bottom of an 8 x 8 inch pan. Bake at 350 degrees for ten minutes. Remove pan from oven and sprinkle chocolate chis over crust.



Pour caramel mixture over chocolate chips. Crumble remaining oatmeal mixture over caramel. Return to oven and bake an additional 15 – 20 minutes, until the edges are lightly browned. Remove from oven and cool completely before cutting

Serve and store at room temperature.





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Spring Break Activities around Houston!

Visit Discovery Green - The park includes a lake, bandstands and venues for public performances, two dog runs, a children's area and multiple recreational areas for tons of family fun!

Take a day trip to the Kemah Boardwalk - The Kemah Boardwalk is home to fabulous waterfront restaurants, amusements, charming retail stores, festivals and seaside shows every day.

Indulge in the Museum of Fine Arts, Houston - Museum members receive free general admission every day, and Family-level memberships include the children in the household. Children 12 and younger are always admitted free, and on weekends all children receive free general admission when they show their card from any Texas public library.

Buffalo Bayou Park - If your family has been itching to get out and enjoy the beautiful Houston air, you'll want to head to Buffalo Bayou Park during spring break. Some highlights include bike and paddle craft rental, walking tour, a food truck round-up, and kayaking.

