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Happenings

Ivy Point, Pinehurst, Club Point, Golf Villas, The Shores, The Pines and Estates of Pinehurst

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MAINTENANCE FEE ISSUES

In 1974 the original maintenance fee for the ACIA budget was capped at \$300.00 per lot. Over the years that maintenance fee cap was increased twice by \$100 based on action voted on by qualified (maintenance fees up to date) homeowners to bring it to its current level of \$500.00.

While these actions were necessary to continue basic services of the ACIA, they fall short of keeping up with the cost of maintaining our common facilities and paying for contracted services including garbage pickup, security services, management services, legal fees, landscaping common areas, water and electric services. Most of these budget items are subject to inflation. Furthermore, our common facilities, pools, tennis courts, the Marina and parks/playground areas, are aging and some in need of costly improvements.

The US Inflation Calculator measures the buying power of the US Dollar over time. According to the US Inflation Calculator it takes nearly \$1500.00 to buy what \$300.00 bought in 1974. This does not dictate that the ACIA needs \$1500.00 per year per homeowner to operate now, but it does help explain why the current \$500.00 per year is falling short of the needed funds to continue providing quality services to our community.

As an example, garbage pickup service alone makes up approximately 30% of our operating budget and these costs are continuing to increase. Also, our Reserve Funds are critically short in terms of our ability to adequately address the maintenance needs of the common areas. Without adequate maintenance of these areas there will be a negative effect on homeowner's property values.

If we are to adequately address the maintenance and service needs of our community the structure for setting the maintenance fee cap must be addressed or the quality of our aging community will suffer. Because of these the ACIA Board is considering the available options

to address these needs. A part of that process is to document the needed maintenance needs of our common assets (pools, marina, common areas, etc.) and the cost to address these needs. The Board is also considering options to contain the costs of services that are continuing to increase such as garbage pickup cost.

However, even with any adjustment in services provided, some adjustment in revenue to address these needs will be inevitable. Of course, any action to increase ACIA revenue whether by addressing the cap on maintenance fees or by way of special assessment will require an approval vote by homeowners. The Board will be providing documentation to homeowners regarding options to address funding needs in the near future.





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1 ½ cups flour
¼ tsp baking soda
¾ cup butter softened
¾ cup sugar
½ cup brown sugar
3 tbsp cool strong brewed coffee
1 egg
1 tsp vanilla
2 pkgs (8 ozs.) semi sweet chocolate, chopped
1 ½ cups chopped walnuts

DIRECTIONS

Heat oven to 325 degrees.
Combine flour and baking soda.
Beat sugars & butter until light & fluffy.
Blend in coffee, egg & vanilla.
Gradually beat in flour mixture until well blended.
Stir in chopped nuts & chocolate. Refrigerate 30 mins.
Roll dough into 60 x 1" balls, place on cookie sheet 2" apart.
Bake 10-12 mins. Enjoy!

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Monthly Contract Stats

ACIA - ATASCOCITA COMMUNITY IMPROVEMENT ASSOCIATION

For February 2018

Categories

Burglary Habitation: 1	Burglary Vehicle: 1	Theft Habitation: 0
Theft Vehicle: 0	Theft Other: 2	Robbery: 0
Assault: 1	Sexual Assault: 0	Criminal Mischief: 2
Disturbance Family: 5	Disturbance Juvenile: 0	Disturbance Other: 7
Alarms: 17	Suspicious Vehicles: 8	Suspicious Persons: 1
Runaways: 0	Phone Harrassment: 1	Other Calls: 273

Detailed Statistics By Deputy

Unit Number	Contract Calls	District Calls	Reports Taken	Felony Arrests	Misd Arrests	Tickets Issued	Recovered Property	Charges Filed	Mileage Driven	Days Worked
228	69	12	14	0	0	14	0	0	791	19
33	0	1	1	0	0	5	0	0	111	1
E80	32	11	18	0	1	30	0	1	841	17
E81	46	39	12	0	0	46	0	0	983	20
E82	23	10	8	0	0	14	0	0	560	8
E84	43	11	8	0	0	19	0	0	1074	20
TOTAL	213	84	61	0	1	128	0	1	4360	85

Summary of Events

Alarms:

Deputies responded to 17 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.

19000 Atascocita Pines Dr. – Deputy responded to an FSRA call. Investigation revealed the defendant hit a child and left the scene. It was discovered that the driver was intoxicated at the

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time and was arrested for FSRA and booked into Harris County jail.

Contract Checks & Park Checks:

Deputies conducted 96 combined contract checks and park checks during the month.

Assault:

7700 Twelfth Fairway--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 not filed. Case was referred to Child Protective Services via the Sheriff's Office. Report filed.

Family Disturbance:

8100 Twelfth Fairway Ln. – Deputy responded to a call regarding a Family Disturbance incident. Investigation revealed the Complainant was involved in a physical altercation with her grandkids mother's new boyfriend. No charges filed in this incident. Report filed.

19000 Bent Pine Dr.-Deputy responded to a call regarding a Family Disturbance incident. Investigation revealed the Complainant was involved in a physical altercation with her brother. No charges filed in this incident. Report filed.

7800 Tamarron CT-Deputy responded to a call regarding a Family Disturbance incident. Investigation revealed the Complainant was involved in a verbal altercation with her uncle. No charges filed in this incident. Report filed.

20000 Magnolia Bend Dr.-Deputy responded to a call regarding a Family Disturbance incident. Investigation revealed the Complainant was involved in a verbal altercation with her father and law. No charges filed in this incident. Report filed.

6900 Harvest Glen Dr.-Deputy responded to a call regarding a Family Disturbance incident. Investigation revealed the Complainant was involved in a verbal altercation with his girlfriend. No charges filed in this incident. Report filed.

Burglary Habitation:

19000 Pinewood Bluff Ln. --Deputy responded to a call regarding a burglary to a residence. Investigation revealed that the complainant's husband made entry into his residence against his wife's wishes. Party is in process of getting divorce.

Burglary Business:

19000 Pinehurst Trail Dr. --Deputy responded to a call regarding a burglary to a residence. Investigation revealed unknown suspect(s) made unlawful forced entry into the complainant's business, stole property and fled undetected.

20000 Pinehurst Trail Dr. --Deputy responded to a call regarding a burglary to a business. Investigation revealed unknown suspect(s) made unlawful forced entry into the complainant's business, stole property and fled undetected.

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Burglary Motor vehicle:

8600 Pine Place Dr.-Deputy responded to a call regarding a burglary to a motor vehicle. Investigation revealed unknown suspect(s) made unlawful forced entry into the complainant's vehicle, stole property and fled undetected.

Theft Other:

8100 17th Green Dr. – Deputy responded to a call regarding a theft. Investigation revealed unknown suspect (s) stole Complainant's earrings from her vehicle while at a carwash. Report generated.

8300 Acapulco Cove CT.-Deputy responded to a call regarding a theft. Investigation revealed that unknown contractors who the Complainant allowed into her home stole numerous items from her house while she was gone. Report generated.

Criminal Mischief:

19000 Sweet Forest Ln. -- Deputy responded to a call regarding criminal mischief. Investigation revealed unknown suspect(s) caused damaged to complainant's property. The suspect fled undetected. Report generated.

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Other Calls:

8000 Twelfth Fairway – Deputy responded to a call regarding a drug/od/possession. Investigation revealed that the complainant's daughter took pills and tried to kill herself. Referred to Kingwood Pines. Report generated.

19000 Sundance Dr. – Deputy responded to a call regards to an unknown male exposing himself while driving. Investigation revealed no further details or descriptions of the suspect. Report generated.

19000 Atascocita Shores.-Deputy responded to a Terroristic Threat call. Investigation revealed threats may have been made against the complainant's daughter on social media. Report generated.

19000 Sweet Forest Ln.-Deputy responded to a welfare check. Investigation revealed that the reportee may have been a consumer. Referred to adult protective services. Report generated.

8800 Pine Shores Dr. – Deputy observed a suspicious vehicle at the local park. Investigation revealed that a juvenile was in possession of a controlled substance. Charges were filed and report generated.

7700 Pinehurst Shadows Dr.-Deputy responded to a Forgery call. Investigation revealed that a guest in the complainant's home used his personal information to apply for credit without his permission. Charges were declined and report generated.

THE TRADITIONS OF EASTER

As with almost all “Christian” holidays, Easter has been secularized and commercialized. The dichotomous nature of Easter and its symbols, however, is not necessarily a modern fabrication. Since its conception as a holy celebration in the second century, Easter has had its non-religious side. In fact, Easter was originally a pagan festival.

The ancient Saxons celebrated the return of spring with an uproarious festival commemorating their goddess of offspring and of springtime, Eastre. When the second century Christian missionaries encountered the tribes of the north with their pagan celebrations, they attempted to convert them to Christianity. They did so, however, in a clandestine manner. It would have been suicide for the very early Christian converts to celebrate their holy days with observances that did not coincide with celebrations that already existed. To save lives, the missionaries cleverly decided to spread their religious message slowly throughout the populations by allowing them to continue to celebrate pagan feasts, but to do so in a Christian manner. As it happened, the pagan festival of Eastre occurred at the same time of year as the Christian observance of the Resurrection of Christ. It made sense, therefore, to alter the festival itself, to make it a Christian celebration as converts were slowly won over. The early name, Eastre, was eventually changed to its modern spelling, Easter.

The Date of Easter, Prior to A.D. 325: Easter was variously celebrated on different days of the week, including Friday, Saturday, and Sunday. In that year, the Council of Nicaea was convened by emperor Constantine. It issued the Easter Rule which states that Easter shall be celebrated on the first Sunday that occurs after the first full moon on or after the vernal equinox. However, a caveat must be introduced here. The “full moon” in the rule is the ecclesiastical full moon, which is defined as the fourteenth day of a tabular lunation, where day 1 corresponds to the ecclesiastical New Moon. It does not always occur on the same date as the astronomical full moon. The ecclesiastical “vernal equinox” is always on March 21. Therefore, Easter must be celebrated on a Sunday between the dates of March 22 and April 25.



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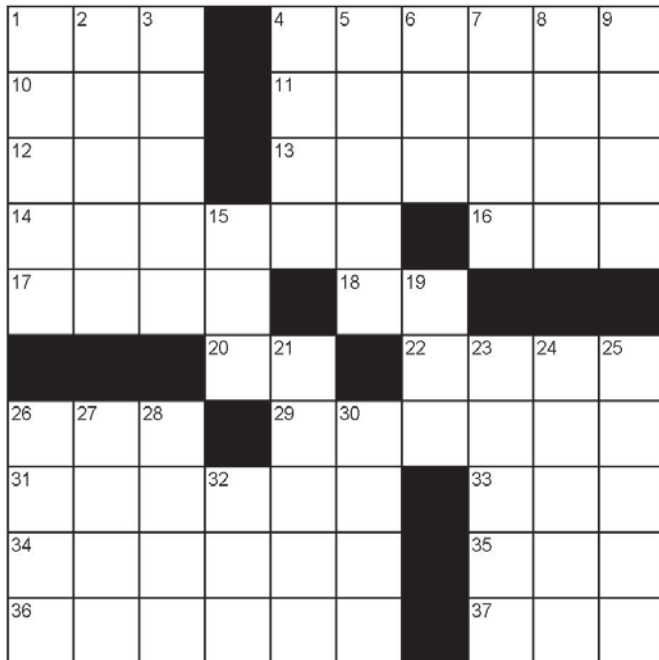
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ACROSS

1. Owns
4. Short people
10. Grain
11. In the air
12. Single
13. Nun's headwear
14. Musician (3 wds.)
16. Homesick
17. Booty
18. Horsepower (abbr.)
20. Cincinnati locale
22. Hasten
26. Mountain Standard Time
29. Eras
31. Cover
33. Eccentric
34. Beaches
35. Vane direction
36. Hug upon greeting
37. Danish krone (abbr.)

DOWN

1. Coat hangers
2. Root beer brand (3 wds.)
3. Stone
4. Aurora
5. Ponder
6. Build up
7. Holes
8. Syllables used in songs (2 wds.)
9. Sledge
15. Gone by
19. Not against
21. Cycles per second
23. Pimpled
24. Glob
25. Organic compound
26. Soft mineral
27. Prig
28. Tyrant
30. Mexican money
32. North American country

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PILLBUGS

Pillbugs, or roly-polys, are crustaceans, more closely related to crayfish and shrimp than insects. Crustaceans usually live in aquatic environments, but pillbugs are terrestrial. Even though they live on land, they still require moist environments for survival. Pillbugs do not bite, sting, transmit diseases, or cause physical damage to the home or its contents.

Pillbugs are ¼- ½" with dark grey coloring. Their oval bodies are convex above and either flat or concave underneath. Pillbugs have seven pairs of legs and two pairs of antennae and roll up into a ball when disturbed.

Pillbugs are scavengers, feeding mainly on decaying organic matter. They may occasionally feed on young, tender plants, but damage is typically not significant. They can be found under mulch, leaf litter, flower pots, compost, stones or other items resting on the ground.

Pillbugs may invade crawl spaces and homes at ground level with common points of entry being door thresholds and expansion joints. When these pests are seen indoors, there is usually a large population

breeding outside of the home near the foundation. Since pillbugs require moisture, they do not survive indoors for more than a few days unless there are very moist or damp conditions.

To manage infestations inside the home, rely on sanitation and exclusion techniques. Repair or replace door thresholds and seal expansion joints where pillbugs may be entering the structure. Pesticides are not usually needed indoors to manage these occasional invaders. They soon die on their own from lack of moisture and can be swept up using a broom and dustpan or a vacuum.

Outdoors, move any piles of debris away from the foundation of the home. If there are high numbers in and around landscape beds, turn the mulch to allow it dry out which makes the area uninhabitable. Any leaky faucets or irrigation lines as well as leaking air conditioning units should be repaired to eliminate moisture buildup. You may choose a pesticide to treat mulched areas or other areas that are harboring large pillbug populations. Look for products labeled for pillbugs, sowbugs, or isopods.



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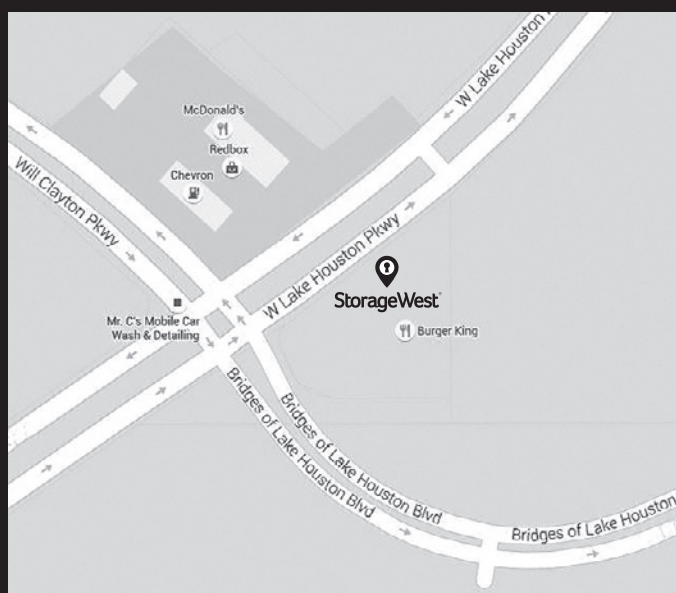
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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1 Print your Challenge and have a Happy Easter (This week: Kitchen)	2 Freezer / Fridge: Save time and money by cooking, and freezing meals to last through the week!	3 Pantry: Get baskets and label makers for a quick and easy find.	4 Oven: Mix 5 tbs Baking Soda, 4 drops Dawn, & 4 tbs vinegar. Let sit 15 min & scrub for easy clean.	5 Microwave: Heat a towel soaked in vinegar for 30 seconds for easy scrub.	6 Cabinets: Did you know that turning dishware upside down prevents dust from gathering?	7 Sink: Pouring a half a cup of bleach down the drain will prevent insects.
8 Let's tackle the bedrooms! To start, it's Laundry Day!	9 If you haven't worn it for 6 months to a year, donate it.	10 Drawers and baskets are a great way to sort and organize your belongings.	11 Have any old bed sets you don't have use for? Set them aside for donation.	12 Flip your mattress and wash your linens.	13 Sort out the toys, electronics & games in the rooms. Part ways with what hasn't been used in a few months.	14 You've earned it! Relax and unwind with popcorn and a movie in bed!
15 Bathrooms: You should replace your toothbrush every 3 months, and your razor every 3 weeks.	16 Sub chemicals for something natural. Mix vinegar and water for the tub, shower, sink & toilet.	17 Unclog your drains by pouring a mixture of hot water, baking soda and vinegar down them.	18 Don't forget to clean off that towel bar, that can carry bacteria too!	19 Adding a few drops of essential oils to the cardboard of your toilet paper can eliminate odors.	20 Open your drawers and cabinets. If there is something you haven't used in 2 months, it's time to part ways.	21 Another end of the week treat! Bath bombs & essential oils sounds great right about now, huh?
22 General: Start with countertops. Clear off & disinfect them. Sort out your keepsakes.	23 Floors: whether you have wood, tile or carpet it's time to clean them all.	24 Time for windows. Water and vinegar are a great alternative. Try a squeegee instead of towels to wipe.	25 Try decluttering your garage by sorting items by season/occasion.	26 Have an office? Declutter by going green! Upload your papers onto the computer.	27 What about that playroom? Try adding in shelves and drawers to keep those toys more organized. Donate the rest!	28 Let's get you out and about today! Maybe go out with your friends? On a date? How about a family day?
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