



# ACIA Happenings

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

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## DON'T DUMP ON ACIA



The ACIA must expend considerable funds paying contractors to pick up and dispose of green waste (dead tree branches) that are dumped on common areas. Dumping of green waste has also happened on the petroleum pipeline running through the sections located on the south side of FM 1960. Dumping degrades the environment, is an eyesore, and

is difficult to clean up. We should all take our obligation to protect the neighborhood environment seriously. The trash contractor, Waste Management, will pick up branches that are bundled and less than 4 feet in length. Local business, Dirt Cheap Mulch, will accept branches of any length for a small fee. Costs for all services are continuously rising. Please help keep our neighborhood attractive and clean. Please do not dump debris in the gully (drainage) areas. Harris County will levy fines for cleanup. There have been several complaints in this area. This is against the law, creates rodent and insect habitats, and causes our beautiful Lake Houston to be full of trash and decomposing material that causes algae blooms killing aquatic life. Localized flooding of our homes could also occur as a result of the debris clogging the area drainage. Also, several million residents in Houston drink this water from Lake Houston! We should all be more respectful of our environment.

If you witness anyone dumping, get the license plate number and a description of the vehicle if possible and call the Precinct 4 Constable Dispatch at 281-376- 3472. ACIA will prosecute for dumping on private property.

## The Friends of the Atascocita Library - Used Book Sale

The Friends of the Atascocita Library (FOAL) will hold a used book sale Saturday, August 18, from 10AM - 5PM at the Atascocita Library, 19520 Pinehurst Trail Dr. Individuals with disabilities may shop from 9AM -10AM. Preview sale for FOAL members is Friday evening from 5PM-7PM, with memberships available at the door. There is a large selection including teaching materials, children's, fiction & nonfiction, hard backs & paperbacks, 25¢ music CD's, 25¢ magazines & much more. Most are priced at \$.50 - \$1.00. FOAL reusable book bags are available for \$3. Donations of used books & magazines are welcome anytime during regular library hours. No wheeled carts or strollers due to space limitations. Visit [www.hcpl.net](http://www.hcpl.net) for library hours & [www.foal.ws](http://www.foal.ws) for more information, or email [contact@foal.ws](mailto:contact@foal.ws). All proceeds benefit the Atascocita Library.

## Lake Houston Ladies Club

Lake Houston Ladies Club is a social organization that meets from September through May on the third Tuesday of the month at the Walden Country Club, 18100 Walden Forest Drive, in Humble TX. The club welcomes new members from all surrounding areas to join and offers several avenues for individual interest. They include: Readers Choice, Bridge, Bunco, Mah Jongg, Lunch and Look, Movie Group, Supper Club and Tea Time Group.

Many of the groups continue throughout the summer months. There are periodic events planned during the year that include spouses or significant others. The club is an excellent way to meet new people and make new friends. Please call Linda at 832-379-3009 for more information about the club or go to: <http://www.lakehoustonladiesclub.com/>

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 Humble ISD Police (Schools)..... 281-641-7900  
 Atascocita Volunteer Fire Dept (AVFD)  
     *Non-Emergency Number* ..... 281-852-2181  
 Harris County Animal Control ..... 281-999-3191  
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 Maplebrook Elementary ..... 281-641-2900  
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# Harris County Constable, Precint 4 ACIA June 2018 Stats

## Categories

Burglary Habitation: 0	Burglary Vehicle: 1
Theft Habitation: 0	Theft Vehicle: 1
Theft Other: 0	Robbery: 1
Assault: 0	Sexual Assault: 0
Criminal Mischief: 2	Disturbance Family: 5
Disturbance Juvenile: 1	Disturbance Other: 3
Alarms: 28	Suspicious Vehicles: 8
Suspicious Persons: 5	Runaways: 1
Phone Harassment: 2	Other Calls: 278

## Summary of Events

### Alarms:

Deputies responded to 28 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.

Deputies conducted 88 combined contract checks and park checks during the month.

### Disturbance Family:

8600 Pine Shores Dr.-Deputy responded to a call regarding a Family Disturbance incident. Investigation revealed the Complainant was involved in a verbal altercation that turned physical with the Suspect (girlfriend) attacking Complainant with kitchen knives. The charge of Agg. Assault with a deadly weapon was filed in this incident and Suspect was arrested and transported to IPC for processing. Report filed.

19000 Gamble Oak Dr—Deputy responded to a call regarding a Family Disturbance incident. Investigation revealed the Complainant was involved in a physical altercation with his brother-in- law and another unknown Suspect. No charges filed at this time. Case open pending further investigation. Report filed.

19000 Atascocita Shores Dr – Deputy responded to a call regarding a Family Disturbance. Investigation revealed the Complainant was involved in a physical altercation with her boyfriend at 19515 Autumn Creek Lane. Suspect ran away from location and was not found during the time of the incident. A warrant was filed for the arrest of the Suspect in this case. Report filed.

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

20000 LEGEND OAK DR -Deputy responded to a family disturbance call for service. Complainant reported, she engaged into

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a verbal argument with her husband which escalated to unwanted contact. Harris County DA's office was contacted - declining a charge. Report completed.

## Theft Vehicle:

20000 Pinehurst Trail Dr.-Deputy responded to a Theft type call. Investigation revealed that an unknown suspect took the complainant's jet-ski without permission. No serial numbers of VIN # was available. Call Cleared Report.

## Criminal Mischief:

7700 Indian Cove Ct – Deputy responded to a call regarding criminal mischief. Investigation revealed unknown suspect caused damaged to complainant's landscaping and broke a sprinkler head. The suspect fled undetected. Report generated.

19000 Powerscourt Dr – Deputy responded to a call regarding criminal mischief. Investigation revealed unknown suspect(s) threw eggs and cans of sausages onto the complainant's bedroom window and living room window. The suspect fled undetected. No damage reported to either window. Report generated.

## Burglary Motor Vehicle:

19000 SunCove Ln. - Deputy responded to a call regarding a Burglary of Motor Vehicle. Investigation revealed, unknown suspect

unlawfully entered the complainant's unlocked vehicle, stole articles and fled the scene undetected. Call Cleared Report.

## Other Calls:

8600 Pine Shores Dr – Deputy responded to a Home Invasion / Agg. Robbery at location. Investigation revealed that several unknown black male Suspects entered to location and assaulted two Complainant's and were said to have taken items from home. Possible drug related incident. No other information at this time. Case open. Report generated.

19000 Sundance Dr – Deputy responded to a call regarding fraud using the Complainant's identity. Investigation revealed that the Complainant's PayPal account was used to purchase items via the internet from a Best Buy store. The report states that the money was refunded to the Complainant's account. Unknown suspect(s) in this case. Report filed.

20000 Cherry Oaks Ln – Forgery call taken and entered into system by clerk in financial crimes unit with HCSO. Investigation revealed that known Suspect used Complainant's information from checks. Unknown if any charges were filed in this incident. Report generated.

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19000 Firesign Dr – Deputy responded to a call for Indecent Exposure. Investigation revealed that Suspect was found near location and admitted to urinating outside near his vehicle. Suspect was cited for Disorderly Conduct and released. Report filed.

19000 Atascocita Pines Dr – Deputy responded to a call about a Direct TV tech in the Complainant's home for repairs. Investigation revealed the Direct TV Tech was said to have taken items from the attic that were not given to the tech at the time he was at the Complainant's home. Complainant wanted a report to document incident and was filing a complainant with the Direct TV Company. Report generated.

19000 January Dr.-Deputy responded to a Runaway call. Investigation revealed that Juvenile left home without permission. ARS report completed.

19000 Sweetgum Forest Dr.-Deputy responded to a Telephone Harassment type of call. Investigation revealed that the Complainant received unwanted calls from an ex-girlfriend he broke up with. Charges declined. ARS report completed.

7800 Twelfth Fairway Ln.-Deputy responded to a Telephone Harassment type of call. Investigation that the Complainant is

being harassed via Facebook by an unknown suspect. ARS report was completed.

8002 W CLUB POINT DR.-Deputy was dispatched for service at listed location for credit card abuse. Unknown suspect(s) obtained and utilized the complainant's credit card information without authorization. Call Cleared Report.

19519 PINWOOD BLUFF LN.-Deputy was radio dispatched to listed location in reference to a child custody dispute. Reportee requested a report to document an unscheduled visitation of her child by her ex-husband, who picked the child up from daycare.

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## THE TOP DOG

*By Cheryl Conley, TWRC Wildlife Center*

Living just a few miles north of Houston, it's not uncommon for me to hear coyotes howling at night. I get a little nervous when I hear them because they have been known to attack domestic animals. I saw on the news a few weeks ago where a coyote jumped a fence in broad daylight and attacked a small dog. Luckily, the owner was able to scare the coyote and no harm was done to the dog. Because natural habitats are disappearing, more and more coyotes are being sighted in urban settings.

TWRC only accepts coyote pups and we get very few of them, but they are very interesting animals and I thought you might enjoy learning about them.

- They are about the size of a small German Shepherd. They have yellowish eyes.
- They are highly intelligent members of the dog family and are described by wildlife experts as clever, cunning and sneaky. They have a strong sense of hearing, smell and sight.
- Dogs run with their tails up; coyotes run with their tails down.
- They are classified as carnivores but will eat almost anything.
- The coyote is very vocal. A long howl lets others know its

location. Short barks warn others of danger. They "yip" when reuniting with other pack members and will growl to establish dominance within the pack. They whimper and whine when bonding and make a high-pitched bark to call its pups.

- They can live up to 14 years in the wild.
- Some consider them a nuisance and attempt trapping and other nuisance-control measures. This will never eliminate them. Remove one and another one will move in to take its place. In The Woodlands, Texas, a few years ago several coyotes were removed. The result was that feral pigs moved in and destroyed lawns. According to Texas Parks and Wildlife, "The real solution and the greater need facing Texans right now is public education. We need to inform and empower people to take steps to coexist with coyotes and other urban wildlife."
- Coyotes can run up to 40mph.
- Coyotes are 100% monogamous according to a study by scientists at Ohio State University in 2012. "I was surprised we didn't find any cheating going on," said study co-author Stan Gehrt, a wildlife ecologist with Ohio State's School of Environment and Natural Resources.
- Coyotes are great swimmers.

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## Thinking Holidays?

The Ladies Auxiliary from St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Catholic Church will hold their 26th Annual Gingerbread Village Holiday Market on October 27, 2018. If you are interested in showcasing your arts, craft, products, etc., consider joining us as a vendor this year! For an application or more information regarding this event, please email: gingerbreadvillage@yahoo.com.

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## Guests in the Attic

By Cheryl Conley, TWRC Wildlife Center

Who doesn't enjoy seeing squirrels scamper from tree to tree? Everyone loves seeing birds at their feeders. Who doesn't love seeing the does with their fawns? We live side by side with wildlife. Is it any wonder that conflicts arise between humans and the animals?

This is baby season for raccoons. You may find that a mama raccoon has taken up residence in your attic or garage. The best advice we can offer you is to leave her alone. Within a couple of weeks, she will lead her babies out of your attic or garage to live in the wild. If you just can't wait, here are a couple of things you can try. Put a bright light in the area at night and play some LOUD music. Some say talk radio is best. You can throw some moth balls in the area or ammonia-soaked cotton balls. She will probably choose to move the babies to a darker, quieter place outside. When she moves out, it's your responsibility to find out how she got in and block the entrance or your attic will always look like an apartment for rent to wildlife.

We often receive calls from homeowners asking for advice on how to stop raccoons that are getting into trash cans. Solution: try using some bungee cords to secure the top. Another issue we hear about is that raccoons are eating food that is being put out for feral cats.

Since raccoons are nocturnal, simply removing the cat food at night will fix the problem except in the spring when mama raccoons can be seen looking for food during the day. No, they are not rabid! They are just hungry. Some homeowners ask about trapping and relocating. While removal may seem like a solution, it usually only creates an enticing vacancy for another animal in search of a meal. Remove raccoons from an area and it's only a matter of time before others move in to take their place. Additionally, the survival rate of relocated raccoons is very low. Raccoons are territorial and putting a lone raccoon into an area already populated with other raccoons can often result in death as the other raccoons will consider him/her as an intruder.

There are products available that may help not only with raccoons but other animals as well. One such product is the motion-activated sprinkler. When an animal gets close to the food source, the sprinkler goes off and scares them away. Just do an internet search and I'm certain you'll find other products that may work as well.

With urban sprawl and loss of habitats, we need to learn to live in harmony with wildlife. TWRC Wildlife Center can often help you find solutions to your issues. Check our website at [www.twrcwildlifecenter.org](http://www.twrcwildlifecenter.org) or call us at 713-468-8972.



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## Back to School Organization Tips

- ★ Make a checklist of everything that needs to get done between now and the first day of school.
  - ★ Fill in your calendar now with all important dates for the school year "mark important days like enrollment, open house, PTA meetings, and other upcoming events. Go to the school website to get a calendar for the upcoming year and write down all dates that pertain to your child so that you don't have to juggle and reschedule later on."
  - ★ Along the same lines, start visiting the school's website and/or Facebook page to stay on top of back to school announcements.
  - ★ Ease everyone back into the school schedule by slowly going to bed earlier and waking up earlier.
  - ★ You can also help the transition go more smoothly by creating chore charts for your kids for before school, after school and bedtime.
  - ★ Decide now how you're going to handle homework time. Pick a time of day when it will occur (right after school? after dinner?) and try to stay consistent with it. Set up a homework station or study spot in your house where all the supplies your child will need are handy in bins or boxes.
  - ★ Set up a cubby or box by your door where your child can store anything that needs to be taken to school the next day library books, gym uniform, permission slips, etc. to minimize the last minute rushing to find things.
  - ★ Before you go shopping for new clothes, take an hour or two to sort through all the clothing you already have so you know what you truly need.
  - ★ Start labeling everything with your child's name.
  - ★ Figure out ahead of time how you're going to store your child's artwork, projects, and school papers; otherwise they'll quickly start piling up and it will become an overwhelming task!
  - ★ Decide what you can do in the evenings to help your morning run more smoothly.
  - ★ Packing lunches can get stressful! Planning ahead is key.
  - ★ Speaking of food, try to meal plan at least for the first week or two of the school year otherwise, you'll have so much else going on that healthy meals will quickly fade away. Think through what you'll have for breakfasts, after school snacks, and dinners.
- Getting back into school routine can be a challenge after a fun & relaxed summer. We hope these tips can help take some of the stress away by being organized ahead of time! Hope you & your family have a successful 2018-2019 school year!



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