

# OCTOBER 2018 | VOLUME 6, ISSUE 10



#### **National Night Out** Saturday, October 6 | 6:00 PM – 8:00 PM

All residents are invited to participate in National Night Out on Saturday, October 6th! This event will take place on your own street or section. Each street/section gets to pick a theme and choose what time and location to get together. This is a great opportunity for you to meet your fellow neighbors and make new friends!

Then, we want you in our newsletter! To make the cut, please e-mail your National Night Out photos by Monday, October 8th to mevrard@canyongate.com.

If you have any questions about the event, or would like to become a section leader or block captain, please contact Michelle Evrard, Director of Community Events, at mevrard@canyongate.com or (713) 783-6702.

#### Fall Festival

#### *Saturday, October 27* | *2:00 PM* – *4:00 PM*

All residents are invited to join in the fun with your fellow ghouls and goblins. Our annual Fall Festival will be located at the SplashPad. There will be games, face painting, balloon artist, DJ, prizes, moonwalks, snacks and tons of fun!

Volunteers needed! If you would like to volunteer to help with the games, or need community service hours for school, please contact mevrard@canyongate.com.

#### Fall Garage Sale

#### Saturday, November 3 | 7:00 AM – 12:00 Noon

Get ready to clean out your closets for our community-wide garage sale. You won't have to haul your items far; the garage sale will take place in YOUR OWN garage! Rain or shine, be ready to open your garage at 7:00 AM on Saturday, November 3rd.

We'll be creating a map of all the garage sales in the community. To be added to the map, please fill out the form at www.canyongate.com/ residents/sl. If you have any questions, email Michelle at mevrard@ canyongate.com. No additions will be accepted after Wednesday, October 31st. The maps will be handed out at the entrance.

If interested in donating garage sale items, please contact: Helping Hands Charity, Inc: (713) 344-5434 or helpinghandscharity@yahoo.com Purple Heart: (713) 685-5400 or PurpleHeartHouston@ DonateStuff.com



### Congratulations to the "Yard of the Month" winner for September!

Special thanks to our sponsor Cornelius Nursery!

9422 Crystal Bay Lane (section 4)

To nominate a yard, please e-mail the address and a picture, if possible, to mevrard@canyongate.com.

# HELPFUL PHONE NUMBERS

#### Sterling Lakes Property Owners Association

PMG/Agent(713) 329-7100	
SplashPad Texas Onsite Office	
Gate Attendant	
Top Gun	
Houston National Golf Club(281) 304-1400	
Utilities	
En-Touch (Customer Service)	
Electricity (TXU)	
Gas (Centerpoint) (713) 659-2111	
Trash (Waste Management) (800) 800-5804	
Water (Si Environmental, LLC)	
Electricity (street light outage) www.centerpointenergy.com/outage	;
Texas One Call System (Call Before you Dig)811	
Property Tax Authorities	
Brazoria County Tax	
MUD #31 Operator	
Public Services	
Rosharon Post Office	

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Toll Road EZ Tag	
Voters Registration	
Vehicle Registration	
Drivers License Information	
Alvin/Manvel Chamber	
Animal Control	

#### Police & Fire

#### 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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# TO CONTACT THE BOARD, OR FOR INFORMATION ABOUT YOUR ACCOUNT:

Please call or e-mail your PMG representative, Rachel Richmond:

Principal Management Group of Houston 11000 Corporate Centre Drive, Suite 150 Houston, TX 77041 D: 713-329-7103 O: 713-329-7100 F: 713-329-7198 r.richmond2@pmghouston.com

### Sterling Lakes Board Members

Rachel Gwin	
	/
Jeff Sheehan	Land Tejas
Tim Johnson	Land Tejas
Rashawn Clark-El	Resident
Daniel Carreon	Resident

## Sterling Lakes Advisory Committee

The Advisory Committee holds meetings in the community and needs continual feedback from residents to make Sterling Lakes the best community possible! If you have a desire to build a positive and strong community, contact a volunteering member from this committee.

Douglas Chumley	.douglas@douglaschumley.com
Kathy White	kw789@live.com

Meetings will be held on the Saturday prior to the POA board meetings. They will be at the SplashPad office and start at 10:00 AM.

# SPLASHPAD TEXAS HOURS

## **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 of contact this office to register for amenity and gate access.

# --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



# 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!

# ATTENTION RESIDENTS OF STERLING LAKES

\*\*\*Gate Information Notice\*\*\*

As many of you are aware the gates of Sterling Lakes are in full automation. The gate attendant hours have also changed from 5am-5pm Monday-Friday, and 24 hrs. on Saturday & Sunday.

IF YOU HAVE NOT RECEIVED YOUR DIRECTORY PANEL GATE CODE, EZ-TAGS, OR DIRECTORY PHONE CODE (FOR VISITORS), PLEASE EITHER EMAIL THE BELOW EMAIL, CALL THE OFFICE AT THE NUMBER BELOW, OR COME REGISTER AT THE SPLASH PAD/INFORMATION CENTER ASAP!

ADDRESS: 2807 STERLING LAKES DR. ROSHARON, TX 77583

OFFICE EMAIL: STERLINGLAKES@ENTOUCH.NET

OFFICE PHONE: 281-778-2000



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# **Please Control Your Pets!**

#### Sterling Lakes Community has had many loose dogs & 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 – Felicia Legier at flegier@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 looses 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 communic**ations.** 





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# Please be Observant of Posted Traffic Signs, Speed and Gates



Please respect the posted traffic speeds and stop signs in our community. They are here to make our community a safe and pleasant place to live.

School is now in and our children are walking to and from their bus stops. Use extra caution when

driving near our park and obey laws around bus stops and school buses. Please also use the correct side of the gates for entry and exit.



# **STERLING LAKES EVENT CALENDAR 2018**

Friday, May 18 – Night at the Astros (7:10 PM)

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

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

Saturday, June 30 - Night at the Sugar Land Skeeters (6:05 PM)

Saturday, July 21 - Movie Night at the Pool (8:30 PM)

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

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

Saturday, November 3 - 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 <u>mevrard@canyongate.com</u> if you would like to volunteer for any of our events! Events are subject to change.



SOUTHVIEW BAPTIST CHURCH

23003 S. Hwy. 288 Rosharon, TX 77583 (one mile south of Hwy. 6) 281.431.0010 southviewbaptist.church

**Opportunities for you and your family:** 

<u>SUNDAY</u>	
Sunday School:	9:15 am
Morning Worship:	10:30 am
TeamKIDS (Mid-Sept Mid-May): 3 years old through 5th grade	5:30 pm
Evening Worship:	6:00 pm
WEDNESDAY (Mid-Sept Mid-May)	
Fellowship Meal	5:15-6:15 pm
Adult & Youth Bible Study:	6:30 pm
AWANA's	6:30 pm
3 years old through 5th grade	

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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 1OPEN	
Section 2Raul Castillo (RGCastillo@sbcglobal.net)	)
Section 3Martha Steele (martha.steele@edi-international.com)	)
Section 4William Crapps (wcrapps86@yahoo.com)	)
Section 5OPEN	1
Section 6Deborah Bagwell (ddbagwell7@gmail.com)	)
Section 7Martha Steele (martha.steele@edi-international.com	1
Section 8 Sophia Clark-El (camdreacebre@gmail.com)	)
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Section 10Kajuana Brooks (section10blockcaptain@yahoo.com)	)
Section 11Juan Rostro (juancrostro@yahoo.com)	)
Section 12A Gayle Mauzey (gaylemauzey@hotmail.com)	)
Section 12BMonica Horvath (monica.sterlinglakestx@gmail.com)	)
Section 19Ed Fleming( revedfleming@gmail.com)	)
Sterling Lakes West - Section 1OPEN	1

# What is a Leucism?

By Cheryl Conley, TWRC Wildlife Center

Every animal admitted to our Center is special and every one gets great care but occasionally we get one that is just a little different and very rare. This happened recently when a white baby squirrel was admitted. We posted pictures on our Facebook page and I, like others, wondered if it was an albino. Because the squirrel has dark eyes it is most likely leucistic. Leucism is a partial loss of pigmentation but the eye color remains unaffected. Albinism is a congenital disorder and the eyes would appear pink or red.

White squirrels are actually a mutation of the eastern gray squirrel. It is believed that white squirrels are the result of pet white squirrels that either escaped or were released into the wild. Brevard, North Carolina, seems to have the largest population of white squirrels and goes back to 1949 when a resident received a couple of them as gifts. They escaped and began breeding and now it's estimated that one in three squirrels in Brevard are white. They have become a tourist attraction and are celebrated every year during the White Squirrel Festival.

Another rarity is the black squirrel. Like the white squirrel, black squirrels are actually eastern gray squirrels with a genetic condition called melanism. This condition can occur in many species.

Regardless of the color, a squirrel is a squirrel and

the color does not affect its behavior. Right now, squirrels are busy finding and storing food for the winter months. This behavior is called "caching." One interesting study published by the "Royal Society Open Science" says that squirrels actually organize their nut stashes by quality, variety and maybe even preference. Some scientists call this "chunking." The study\'s senior author, Lucia Jacobs, compared it to the way we organize our groceries, \"You might put fruit on one shelf and vegetables on another. Then, when you're looking for an onion, you only have to look in one place, not every shelf in the kitchen."

In order to avoid predators, squirrels will zigzag back and forth. I think we've all seen squirrels trying to cross a street. Instead of running a straight line to safety, they will zigzag and the result often leads to an unhappy ending for the squirrel.

A squirrel's tail not only serves as a blanket in the cold days of winter but is also used as a way to communicate. It can warn other squirrels of danger, is used to help with balance and climbing and is also used during the mating season to attract potential mates.

Gray, brown, black or white, we love them and are fortunate to be able to care for fox squirrels, eastern gray squirrels and flying squirrels.





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