

Sterling Lakes

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UPCOMING EVENTS

mark your calendars

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

Holiday Yard Decoration Contest

December 2 – 12

The Holiday Yard Decoration Contest has been implemented to recognize and show appreciation to individual property owners for an outstanding job of decorating their homes during the holidays for everyone to enjoy.

No formal registration is required. Participants need to only keep their holiday lights on every night between 6:00 PM and 10:00 PM during the week of Sunday, December 2 through Wednesday, December 12.

First, second and third place winners will be chosen. The three winners will receive a prize, and recognition in the newsletter and website.

If you would like to nominate a home, please contact Michelle at mevrard@canyongate.com or (713) 783-6702.

Cookies with Santa & Toy Drive

Saturday, December 8 | 1:30 PM – 3:30 PM

Take your photo with Jolly St. Nick as we welcome in the Holiday Season! Located at the SplashPad, we'll be serving holiday treats & entertainment for children young & old!

Don't forget your camera!

We're hosting a Toy Drive!

If you'd like to contribute, please bring a NEW UNWRAPPED toy to the SplashPad.

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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

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| 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

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| Brazoria County Tax..... | (281) 756-1320 |
| MUD #31 Operator..... | (281) 482-0216 |

Public Services

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| 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

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| 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

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|------------------------------------|----------------|
| 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

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| Alvin Community College..... | (281) 756-3500 |
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Sterling Lakes Builders

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| 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

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|-----------------------|------------|
| Rachel Gwin..... | Land Tejas |
| 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.

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| 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 or 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



2019 Assessment Payments

Each year, assessments are due on January 1 but did you know that you could make payments, in advance? Any payment made will be credited to your account and reduce the total amount that is owed on January 1, 2019.

If you would like to take advantage of this option, you can send a check to:

Sterling Lakes POA
C/O Principal Management Group
P.O. Box 3157
Houston, TX 77253-3157

Be sure to include your account number in the memo line of your check.

- Please note the assessment fee has not been set at this time.

Street Trees & Tree Stakes



It is a good time to review the trees on your property and undertake trimming and maintenance, as necessary. Remember to give special attention to your street trees, those that are situated between the sidewalk and road. As live oaks mature, their branches have a tendency to dip down towards the ground and their canopy needs to be thinned and trimmed. The canopy of street trees needs to be pruned to ensure that the branches do not impede passing traffic. Unused tree stakes should also be removed, as they can become unsightly.

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 Events Calendar

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 mevrard@canyongate.com if you would like to volunteer for any of our events!

Events are subject to change.

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Kill the Lights, Save the Birds

By Cheryl Conley, TWRC Wildlife Center

Who doesn't love seeing the Houston skyline at night, or any big city for that matter? The buildings are all lit up like Christmas trees but did you know that the lights can have a devastating effect on migrating birds? Digital billboards, floodlights and electric signs can have the same effect on them. About two-thirds of migratory birds travel at night and use the moon and stars to help guide them. The lights disorient them and can cause them to fly in circles and to crash into windows. Over 100 MILLION birds die annually according to Massachusetts Audubon. The inappropriate or excessive use of artificial light has come to be called light pollution.

In May of 2017, nearly 400 birds were found dead outside the American National Insurance building in Galveston. Richard Gibbons with Houston Audubon believes the building's lights disoriented them.

For the last three years on September 21st in Portland, Oregon, more than a dozen buildings turned off their lights in observance of Lights Out Portland. The purpose of the event is to call attention to the impact that lights have on migrating birds. The Convention Center has gone a step further and has modified their lighting to be less attractive to birds year round.

Each year on September 11th, New York City remembers those lost with two powerful searchlights aimed towards the heavens near where the World Trade Center once stood. It is called the Tribute in Light. For the past ten years, researchers have tracked millions of migrating birds as they fly across the United States. While analyzing the data, they were stunned to learn that the Tribute in Light attracted and altered the migratory behavior of bird densities up to 150 times their normal levels. It was estimated that this affected 1.1 million birds.

New York City Audubon decided to do something about it. They positioned volunteers called "tribute counters" with binoculars near the base of the tribute. If they reported densities of more than 1,000 birds or if a dead bird was found, the tribute lights were turned off for a short time. This happened for the first time in 2010 and the lights were turned off a total of 5 times during the night of September 11th/12th. Scientists were able to observe on radar the effects of turning off the lights. Once off, the birds resumed their migration heading southwest.

Drs. Farnsworth and Horton, scientists at the Cornell Lab of Ornithology, have identified 5 major cities that pose the greatest risk

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to migrating birds—Chicago, Houston, Dallas, Atlanta and New York. They used historical records, radar and satellite data to monitor the intensity of light pollution. In addition, they have discovered that over half of the birds migrating across the United States in the fall do so within a 10-day period of time. Scientists from Cornell, the University of Massachusetts at Amherst and Oxford University are now able to forecast these migration days. These major cities could use this information to extinguish lights to give the birds safe passage. Wouldn't it be great if these cities would use this information and turn out the lights?

Across the country, there are many cities that are now observing "lights out days" during the fall. If your city isn't one of them, contact your city officials. They may not be aware of light pollution. If you're a homeowner, replace those bulbs that are on all night with motion-activated lights.

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AHFC Royals USL2 & WPSL Tryouts!!



AHFC Royals is back the summer 2019 (May - August). The Royals USL2(formerly PDL) and WPSL are a pathway for players desiring to play at a higher level. It is a proven pathway to the pros! Don't miss out. Join our team this coming season.

Tryouts will be held December 15, 2018 from 10:00am to 12:00pm at CRSP (3601 Campbell RD, Houston TX 77080). Registration is required prior to tryouts. Fee for the December tryouts will be \$50 while the March tryout fee will be \$75. Register at www.ahfcroyals.com. #LIVetheDREAM #BEROYAL



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| 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)

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| Fellowship Meal | 5:15-6:15 pm |
| Adult & Youth Bible Study: | 6:30 pm |
| AWANA's 3 years old through 5th grade | 6:30 pm |

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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)
 Section 4.....William Crapps (wcrapps86@yahoo.com)
 Section 5.....OPEN
 Section 6.....Deborah Bagwell (ddbaggwell7@gmail.com)
 Section 7Martha 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 11Juan Rostro (juancrostrom@yahoo.com)
 Section 12A..... Gayle Mauzey (gaylemauзей@hotmail.com)
 Section 12B....Monica Horvath (monica.sterlinglakestx@gmail.com)
 Section 19.Ed Fleming (revedfleming@gmail.com)
 Sterling Lakes West - Section 1..... OPEN
 Sterling Lakes West - Section 2.....
Sandra Hollier (sandrahollier23@gmail.com)
 Sterling Lakes West - Section 3..... OPEN

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!

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Sincerely,

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