

# THE ATASCOCITA FOREST COMMUNITY GAZETTE

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## Atascocita Forest Board



The mission of the Atascocita Forest Community Association Board is to represent the homeowners and work for the common good of our neighbors. The members of the board are your neighbors.

They live in Atascocita Forest and serve voluntarily for three-year terms. They are elected to the Board of Directors by Atascocita Forest residents at the Annual Meeting in February. Above all, the members of the

board care about the community and the people who live here.

One of the primary duties of the board is to administer the regulations contained in the Atascocita Forest

covenants and guidelines. Though these decisions sometimes cause disagreement, please remember that the regulations are designed to protect the property values in our neighborhood, which in turn protects the interests of all residents.

Your Current Board Members Are:

\*Norman Laskie

Kesha Stubblefield

Troy King

Tomasina Sampa

\*Thomas Holt

\*Newly elected or re-elected positions.

Please note the position titles will be determined at the March board meeting, when official positions are appointed.

## Have You Logged in Yet?

<https://www.atascocitaforest.org/>

Features of the Atascocita Forest Community Intranet include:

- Receive e-blasts from the Association (i.e. Association news, announcements, community events, local area happenings and more!)
- Resident Directory
- Current Events and Activities
- Documents and Forms (i.e. ACC guidelines, deed restrictions, financials etc.)
- Event Photos and MORE!

## Atascocita Forest Community Garage Sale

Saturday, April 27th  
Starting at 8:00am



It's time to clean out the garage and make some cash! Residents are welcome to set up garage sales in their driveways and feel free to place garage sale signs in appropriate locations in the neighborhood. We kindly ask that garage sale participants remember to pick up all of their garage sale signs after their sale is over in order to keep the neighborhood looking tidy.

Residents are also welcome to set up their sale in the parking lot of Whispering Pines Elementary. If you choose to do this, please be sure to clean up after yourself and pay close attention to ensure that no trash, debris or items are left behind after your sale.

The Garage Sale will be advertised on Social Media (Facebook and NextDoor), and an ad will be placed in the local newspaper. We will also put out signs during the week before the Garage Sale day. Note that we have created a public event on the Atascocita Forest Facebook pages, which will be shared to numerous local Facebook groups. Please feel free to comment on that event with your address and a summary of the types of items you'll have available, as well as a few photos if you wish.

## IMPORTANT NUMBERS

### EMERGENCY NUMBERS

EMERGENCY .....911  
Harris County Animal Control ..... 281-999-3191  
Poison Control ..... 800-222-1222

### NON-EMERGENCY NUMBERS

Pct 4 Constable Non-Emergency Dispatch..... 281-376-3472  
Atascocita Volunteer Fire Dept. .... 281-852-2181  
Harris County Precinct 4 ..... 281-376-3472  
Texas No Call List Registration ..... 866-TXN-OCAL  
Emergency Roadside Assistance..... 800-525-5555

### SCHOOLS

Humble ISD ..... 281-540-1775  
Whispering Pines Elementary..... 281-641-2500  
Humble Middle School..... 281-641-2500  
Humble High School ..... 281-641-6300

### UTILITY NUMBERS

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Emergency Number ..... 832-490-1601  
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Trash - RR&R of Texas..... 866-516-9805  
MUD District ..... www.TrailoftheLakesMUD.com

### PUBLIC SERVICES

Humble Post Office..... 281-540-1775  
DPS Office..... 281-446-3391  
Harris County Clerk (Will Clayton Pkwy.) .... 281-540-1173

### NEIGHBORHOOD MANAGEMENT

Community Asset Management  
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Pam Valentine..... pvalentine@cam-texas.com

### ATASCOCITA FOREST COMMUNITY ASSOC.

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## Atascocita Forest's Yard of the Month is Back!



The board is pleased to announce that starting in April of this year, we will reinstate the Yard of the Month program throughout the Atascocita Forest HOA area.

Yard of the Month is a great way to showcase the hard work of residents who take pride in the appearance of their home and lawn. We hope that this initiative will encourage residents to take good care of their yards so that our community looks clean and attractive. Please note that all residents, including home-owners and renters, are eligible to participate in Yard of the Month.

The Yard of the Month program will run from April through September. Each month, a representative from Community Asset Management, our management company, will select an outstanding yard from the Atascocita Forest HOA area (which includes the old and new sections of Atascocita Forest and The Park at Atascocita Forest). Please note that the judging criteria will not place heavy emphasis on the apparent expense of the yard (such as extensive flower beds, etc.). We don't want residents to feel like they have to spend a large amount of money on their yard in order to be in the running. Rather, we will be focusing on the neatness, maintenance, and care of the street-facing exterior of the yard and home.

Some general guidelines for Yard of the Month include:

- All grass should be healthy (no bald or brown spots), weed-free, and mowed and edged along all edges (including sidewalks, driveways, curbs, etc.)
- Driveway and sidewalk joints should be clean and free of weeds
- Trees should be neatly trimmed and pruned
- Bushes and hedges should be neatly trimmed and shaped
- Flower beds should be clean and tidy: weeds should be removed, flowers should be deadheaded and healthy (if applicable)
- Edging materials, such as wood, stone, etc. should be neatly positioned and in good condition
- Planters, pots, statuary, bird-feeders, fountains, and other yard accessories should be clean, tidy, and well-seated (not leaning or lopsided)

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- Flags and other cloth-type décor should be clean and in good condition (not faded, frayed, etc.)

- The street-facing exterior of the home should be clean, tidy, and in good repair: broken or peeling fascia boards should be repainted, repaired, or replaced; home exterior should be clean and free from mildew, etc.; driveway and sidewalk should be clean and free of leaves, debris, trash, etc.

Each month, the winner will receive a prize and a sign to be placed in their front yard for the duration of the month. A CAM representative will drop off and pick up the sign at the beginning and end of the month respectively. A photo of the winning home will also be taken and published on our website, the neighborhood Facebook group and NextDoor page, and will also be published in the newsletter (any personally identifying information in the photo, such as license plates, will be blurred). Please note that the same property cannot receive the award more than one time in the April – September Yard of the Month season. If your home wins the award in April, you will not be eligible to receive the award again until the following April.

Be sure to check the newsletter each month for helpful lawn care tips, tricks, and recommendations from area lawn and garden experts!



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## Landscaping Tips

### April

- Remove all leaves, debris and leaves as part of your spring cleanup completion.
- Check if the window wells, catch basins and other drainages are clean.
- Before Forsythias finishes its bloom you should apply the first round of turf fertilizer that has crabgrass pre-emergent. Do not put any crabgrass pre-emergent on areas where the lawn is thin.
- Fertilize spring bulbs late in the bloom cycle. If you have tulips fertilize them while blooming and after.
- Reestablish and cultivate bed edges. Apply pre-emergent to beds.
- If the soil is not overly wet you can transfer, plant or divide perennials.
- Plant spring pansies for color.
- Ornamental planting beds can be fertilized for slow release of fertilizers. Ground covers should also be fertilized as well.
- Start monitoring the grounds for pests.
- On the first Sunday of April reset your automatic timers

on outdoor lighting. Check the bulbs and replace them if necessary.

- On the second week of April you can turn on your irrigation system. You should also check if all zones and/or heads are working properly.

- Hardscapes should be checked for damage from the winter weather. Make repairs as necessary.

### May

- Mowing should be done as frequently as necessary.
- Weed control can be done during cooler temperatures when weeds grow actively. This should be a perfect time to spray selected areas with herbicide.
- Over-seed the lawn.
- Apply the second batch of fertilizer on the last week of May.
- Prepare annual flower beds and summer annuals. Weed the beds as necessary.
- Hedging plants should be sheared.
- Begin watering the landscape more before temperatures rise. If the greens does go dormant it will much more water to restore it rather than the ¼ that it takes to keep it green.

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### Who:

Harris County Sheriff

### Contact Info:

<http://www.HarrisCountySo.org>  
(713) 221-6000

Constables Prec. 4

<http://www.cd4.hctx.net>  
(281) 376-3472



## Street Light Out?



Centerpoint Energy maintains streetlights throughout Atascocita Forest. If a light is out or blinking, please report it. We pay for all of the street lights in our subdivision....every month...regardless if they are illuminated or not!! This is also a serious safety issue. To report an outage, follow these steps:

Call CenterPoint at (713) 207-2222 during normal business hours (7am -7 pm) or

Report it online at <http://cnp.centerpointenergy.com/outage>.

You will be asked to provide the following:

- A pole number for the non-functioning lights you want to report.
  - Contact information (in case more information is needed to locate a streetlight)
  - An e-mail address (if you want feedback regarding your repair request)
  - The number of streetlights you would like to report
- The system will guide you through the remaining steps.

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## Maintenance Tips to Get Your Home Ready for Spring

### Prep your home for spring — inside and out.

Maintaining a healthy home goes beyond dusting and vacuuming. When is the last time you checked your smoke alarms? How about the last time you cleaned out your dryer vent? Follow the tips below to make sure your family and home are ready for a happy, clean spring season.

**Clean Gutters** - Grab a ladder, and check your gutters for debris. Remove as much as you can with your hands. Remove any leftover gunk with a garden hose. Take off any nozzle and have a helper turn on the water when you're ready. Shove the hose into the downspout to power out of gooseneck bends. Make sure your downspouts channel water at least five feet from foundation walls.

**Scrub Walls, Baseboards and Outlets** - Scrub all the walls — in the bathroom, kitchen, bedrooms and living areas — with a sponge or brush and mild soap and water. This includes baseboards and outlets. Make sure to completely dry outlet covers before replacing.

**Replace Filters** - Replace all filters including water, range hood and air vent filters. You should replace these filters every 3-6 months depending on the type of filter you have.

**Clean Faucets and Showerheads** - Unscrew the faucet aerators, sink sprayers and showerheads, and soak them in equal parts vinegar and

water solution. Let them soak for an hour, then rinse with warm water.

**Clean Out the Dryer Vent** - A clogged dryer vent can be a fire hazard. To clean it, disconnect the vent from the back of the machine and use a dryer vent brush to remove lint. Outside your house, remove the dryer vent cover and use the brush to remove lint from the other end of the vent line. Make sure the vent cover flap moves freely.

**Wash Exterior Windows** - Pick a cloudy day and first remove the dirt with a brush or vacuum, then pick a glass cleaner to wipe down the windows. Don't be afraid of using too much spray.

**Keep Allergens Away** - Keep dust, mold and pollen at bay by decluttering your home, checking pipes for leaks and keeping the air clean.

**Clean the Grill** - Your grill has most likely collected dust during fall and winter. Help your grill live a long life by giving a clean inside and out.

**Test Smoke Alarms** - Test smoke alarms and CO detectors, and change out batteries as needed. It's cheap, only takes a few minutes and can save your family's lives.

**Clean Outdoor Furniture** - Outdoor entertaining season is just around the corner. There are some basic recipe's you can lookup online for how to get your furniture & cushions to look brand new & ready for your guests.



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