

## A CANYON GATE® COMMUNITY

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#### "Egg"stravaganza Saturday, April 6 2:00pm – 4:00pm

Hop on over to the SplashPad and enjoy our annual "Egg" stravaganza with special guest Peter Cottontail. There will be three different age groups and enough treats for each age. The age groups are 0-2, 3-5, 6 and up. Egg hunts will begin at 2:30 PM. Light snacks and beverages will be served, as well as entertainment for all ages. Don't forget your basket!

If you would like to volunteer, or need community service bours for school, please contact mevrard@canyongate.com.

### Wine & Cheese Party Saturday, May 4th 5:00pm - 7:00pm

Join us for an adults-only gathering at the SplashPad. Residents will have a chance to sample wine, beer and hors d'oeuvres while mingling with their neighbors. Entertainment will include music, prizes and more!

RSVP to Michelle at mevrard@canyongate.com and include wine, beer or non-alcohol preference.

## Yard of the Month April – September 2019

Do you have a neighbor or friend in the community who has an outstanding front yard? Nominate them for the Yard of the Month! Please forward your nomination to **mevrard@canyongate.com.** 



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### HELPFUL PHONE NUMBERS

#### Sterling Lakes Property Owners Association

PMG/Agent(713) 329-7100			
SplashPad Texas Onsite Office			
Gate Attendant			
Priority Protection & Investigations (PPI) (281) 210-6185			
Houston National Golf Club (281) 304-1400			
Utilities			
En-Touch (Customer Service)(281) 225-1000			
Electricity (TXU)			
Gas (Centerpoint)			
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			
Brazoria County Tax			
MUD #31 Operator			
Public Services			
Rosharon Post Office			
Toll Road EZ Tag (281) 875-3279			

(281) 875-3279
(281) 756-1131
(281) 756-2450
(281) 756-1521
(281) 331-3944
(979) 864-2265

#### Police & Fire

Emergency
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
Alvin ISD Police (Sergeant Ellen Stark) (281) 245-2967
Alvin ISD Poice (Dispatch) (281) 331-2320

#### Education

Alvin ISD	
Meridiana Elementary (PreK-5)	(281) 245-3636
Manvel Junior High (7-8)	
Manvel High School (9-12)	

Higher Education

Alvin Community College......(281) 756-3500

#### Sterling Lakes Builders

Anglia Homes(281) 778-7840
CastleRock
LGI
Terrata Homes

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

Please call or e-mail your PMG representative, Francessca Petrie:

Principal Management Group of Houston 11000 Corporate Centre Drive, Suite 150 Houston, TX 77041 D: 713-329-7111 O: 713-329-7100 F: 713-329-7198 fpetrie@pmghouston.com

#### Sterling Lakes Board Members

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Rachel Gwin	. Land Tejas
Linda Houston	Land Tejas
Tim Johnson	
Rashawn Clark-El	
Daniel Carreon	

#### 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

The new Advisory Board Members for fiscal year 2019 are: Douglas Chumley (DOUGLAS@DOUGLASCHUMLEY.COM), McLean Barnett (MNBBARNETT1982@GMAIL.COM), Kerri Agnew-Osborne (KERRI.AGNEWOSBORNE@GMAIL.COM)

#### SPLASHPAD TEXAS HOURS

Business Office (2nd Floor), PHONE: (281) 778-2000

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

Onsite Assistant Manager: Felicia Legier 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

## **Sterling Lakes**

## 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!

## **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 2019 Section Leaders Include:

#### Section 1: OPEN

Section 2: Gayle Basso (gaylebasso44@gmail.com)

#### Section 3: OPEN

#### Section 4: OPEN

Section 5: Jason Lazo (Jclazo95@yahoo.com)

#### Section 6: OPEN

Section 7: Anita Sanders (jus1meme@gmail.com) Section 8: David Dean (baadean@yahoo.com)

#### Section 9: OPEN

Section 10: Rebecca Barnett (bex.in.tex@gmail.com)

#### Section 11: OPEN

Section 12A: Gayle Mauzey (gaylemauzey@hotmail.com) Section 12B: Monica Horvath (monica.sterlinglakestx@gmail. com)

Section 19: Ed Fleming (revedfleming@gmail.com)

#### Section 20: OPEN

#### Sterling Lakes West-Section 1: OPEN

Sterling Lakes West-Section 2: Sandra Hollier (sandrahollier23@ gmail.com)

#### Sterling Lakes West-Section 3: OPEN

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## **Frequently Asked Questions** and Contact Information:



#### 1. Street Light Pole Outages:

• Contact CenterPoint Energy Directly at

centerpointenergy.com/outage or 713-207-2222

• For either option, you'll need to write down the

l provide the cross street 6-digit number off the



2. Concerns about homes under construction (trash, dangerous conditions, mowing lawns etc.):

Contact the builder or the Onsite office: 281-778-2000 or

sterlinglakes@entouch.net or the General Manager at

## fpetriecesston.com 3. To report a complair........ cars parked in street, lack

of resident lawn care or other deed restriction violations

#### (anonymity will be honored):

Contact the Onsite office: 281-778-2000 or

sterlinglakes@entouch.net or the General Manager at

fpetrie@ A uston.com

#### 4. Concerns about traffic safety issues inside community:

Contact the Onsite office: 281-778-2000 or sterlinglakes@entouch.net or General Manager at

## fpetrie@pmghouston.com

## 5. To rep ray animal:

Contact Animal Control at 979-864-2265 or Texas Parks and Wildlife Department at 800-792-1112.

#### 6. Any other ge oncern/complaint not previer nentioned:

Contact the Onsite office: 281-778-2000 or

sterlinglakes@entouch.net; General Manager at

fpetrie@pmghouston.com

If Security related contact the Guard House

at 281-778-2015

## Sterling Lakes

### **Raptors**

#### By Cheryl Conley, TWRC Wildlife Center

Have you ever heard of a hawk vest, raptor shield or coyote vest? I had no idea they even existed until I started researching this article. Although they may go by different names, they are all very similar and serve the same purpose. They claim to protect small animals from birds of prey, coyotes and even aggressive dogs. Now you may think this is silly and even a little ridiculous but if you're someone who has suffered the loss of a pet snatched by a raptor or coyote, it makes perfect sense. As recently as January 18th in Pennsylvania, an 8-pound bichon frise was playing in the backyard when an eagle swooped down, grabbed it with its talons and flew off with it. Not to worry. For some unknown reason, the eagle dropped it 4 miles away and the dog recovered.

A bird of prey is a meat-eater but not all birds of prey are raptors. Eagles, owls, ospreys, kites, hawks, buzzards, harriers, vultures, and falcons are all raptors. Three traits help distinguish a raptor from other birds of prey and these three traits make raptors excellent hunters. A raptor has a curved beak with sharp edges, sharp claws or talons and excellent eyesight.

Of all the animals in the animal kingdom, raptors have the best eyesight. Their eyesight is 6 to 8 times better than ours. As far as which raptor has the best eyesight it is most definitely the eagle. It is believed that an eagle can spot an ant crawling on the ground from atop a 10-story building, or a rabbit up to a mile away. Breaking that down even a little further, this means an eagle flying at an altitude of 1000 feet over open country could spot prey over an area of almost 3 square miles from a fixed position.

The talons, or claws, of raptors are curved downward and are razor sharp. If you were to see a raptor's foot up close you would also notice rough bumps on the pads of the feet which aid in hanging onto their prey like slippery fish. The raptor swoops down and with a vise-like grip either kills the prey or inflicts serious wounds.

The beaks of raptors are all the same. They are curved with very sharp edges. They use their beaks to tear off fur, pull out feathers and tear meat into bite-sized pieces that they swallow whole. Raptors also have what we would call a "tooth" on the inside of the upper part of their beak. It's shaped like a triangle and is called a tomila. This is used to cut the spinal cord of its prey.

If you come across an injured raptor, there are very important steps to take to insure your safety and the safety of the bird. First, call TWRC Wildlife Center. If the bird doesn't fly away when approached, this doesn't always mean it's injured. It could be protecting food or babies. If it is determined that the bird actually needs rescuing, we will direct you on how to safely capture and restrain the hawk If you do not feel comfortable handling the hawk, we can recommend other options for transport. If it is injured, you'll need heavy gloves, safety glasses and a thick towel or blanket. Throw the towel or blanket over the bird and take hold of the bird by keeping its wings close to its body and your hands out of reach of the talons. Darkness helps calm birds and the towel provides that. Place the bird in a sturdy box or pet carrier that is only slightly larger than the bird. If it's too large, the bird will be able to flop around and could inflict even more injuries. Be sure to remove the towel or blanket from the container. Now place that towel or blanket over the carrier. Bring the bird to us as quickly as possible for care. Please do not attempt to feed the bird or provide water. As with most wild animals, it is illegal to have raptors in your possession. They are federally protected under the Migratory Bird Treaty Act of 1918.

If you have any wildlife questions, give us a call at 713-468-8972 or check our website at www.twrcwildlifecenter.org.

Spring is our busiest season and babies have started coming in. We need compassionate people to help feed and care for baby squirrels, baby opossums and baby birds. The age requirement is 14 and up. This is an experience you'll never forget! The link is https://www.twrcwildlifecenter.org/volunteer/



## Sterling Lakes

### Still on the Fence About Hosting an Exchange Student?

You don't have any kids? Are you a single parent? Same sex couple? An empty nester? This is not a problem, we place our students in all kinds of families!

You're not rich? Neither am I! Your exchange student comes with their own spending money and health insurance. All you provide is room/board and three meals a day. Oh and TLC... but that's free.

Live in the middle of no where? Small town? Not a big deal. Some kids prefer to get away from the hustle and bustle of big cities. The exchange students also do pretty well in small schools, as they usually get to be the center of attention and make friends rather quickly. Our students also get chances to travel to New York, Washington DC, Hawaii and California... so they can get their fill of the city life and return back to the peaceful sounds of nature.

Do you consider yourself a boring person? More than likely this is not true, and you should quit being so hard on yourself. Your student will make friends. Your student will meet other exchange students. Your student will attend activities offered by our program. Your student will get involved in sports and school clubs. Your purpose is not to entertain them. But you might find that you bring a little adventure to each others lives.

Kids are too young? Great! Lots of students love young kids, and your kids will love them. It's beneficial to introduce your kids to new cultures at a very young age. You're preparing them to accept people no matter what the religion, color of their skin, or language they speak. That my friend, is good parenting.

Don't hold back! This is a gret experience for both parties. You get the opportunity to change a child's life. You get the satisfaction of seeing them grow, even after they leave your home into becoming a doctor, a lawyer, a diplomat, artist, teacher... the list goes on. And you contributed to that success! And the best part of it all, is you gain another family member for life. We need people like you to give these kids a chance.

STS Foundation is a 501(c)(3) organization whose mission is to place exchange students in our area. If you are interest in hosting, please contact me at 832-455-7881 or at vicki. stsfoundation@yahoo.com. I'll be happy to answer any question you might have and get you started on hosting your very own student!



# Introducing dwn So

#### Say hello to TownSq!

Associa is excited to announce the launch of TownSq- a new all-inone mobile app designated to help you connect, collaborate and stay up-to-date on any device

Meet your neighbors, manage your account and access the resources you need for a better community living.

FREE exclusively to Associa communities, download the app and register now to:

• Easily communicate with neighbors, community managers, and board members

- Manage your account and pay online
- Get up-to-date community news and events
- Request and review status of service inquiries
- Participate in community polls
- Reserve common areas and amenities
- And more

#### Ready to join TownSq?

Your account is already set up and ready to use.

1. **Register** using your **Account ID** and **Zip Code** https://app.townsq.

#### io/associa/signup

#### 2. Login

https://app.townsq.io/login

3. **Download** the app and start experiencing community your way! Note: If you have more than one account you will be able to link them



and have only one login.

ONCE LOGGED IN, YOU WILL INSTANTLY BE ABLE TO CUSTOMIZE YOUR COMMUNICATION SETTINGS TO START RECEIVING NOTIFICATIONS – WHEN AND HOW YOU WANT!

Questions? Contact your community management team for details. Sincerely,

Your Community Management Team



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About TownSq – TowSq is the global solution for better community living. Designed as the single source of truth for managing communities, TownSq delivers the most complete, mobile community experience by helping you connect, collaborate and stay informed on everything happening in your community – from daily management and ongoing maintenance to community programs and events. Our communities use TownSq to empower their managers, members and residents to experience community their way. Visit www.townsq.io to learn more.



<b>Sterling Lakes POA</b>
<b>ARCHITECTURAL CONTROL COMMITTEE</b>
<b>MODIFICATION REQUEST</b>

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