

Sterling Lakes

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UPCOMING EVENTS

Casino Night

Saturday, May 4th

5:00pm - 7:00pm

Join us for an adults-only night at the casino at the Sterling Lakes SplashPad. Residents will have fun & games while sampling wine, beer and hors d'oeuvres. Entertainment will also include music, prizes and more!

Independence Celebration (Poolside)

Saturday, June 29th

2:30PM - 4:30PM

Join your neighbors as we celebrate Independence Day with a pool party at the SplashPad. We will have a DJ, games and prizes for all ages!

Don't miss out!

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

Yard of the Month April Winner

Congratulations to the "Yard of the Month" winner for April!



Special thanks to our sponsor Cornelius Nursery!

9926 Silver Terrace Drive (section 5)

To nominate a yard, please e-mail the address and a picture, if possible, 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 (281) 778-2000
Gate Attendant..... (281) 778-2015
Priority Protection & Investigations (PPI) (281) 210-6185
Houston National Golf Club..... (281) 304-1400

Utilities

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

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

Public Services

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

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

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,

Francesca 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

Rachel Gwin..... Land Tejas
Linda Houston..... 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

The new Advisory Board Members for fiscal year 2019 are:
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Douglas Chumley (douglas@douglaschumley.com)

Kerri Agnew-Osborne (kerri.agnewosborne@gmail.com)

McLean Barnett (mnbarnett1982@gmail.com)

SPLASHPAD TEXAS HOURS

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

EMAIL: sterlinglakes@entouch.net

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

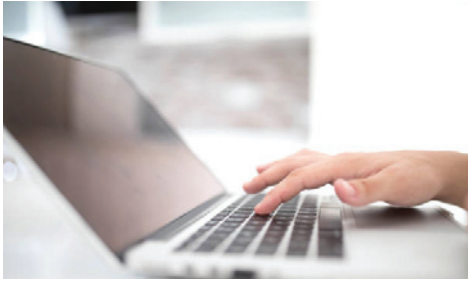
Remember: Unless it is trash pick up day, your trash cans (and any bags of trash) must be hidden from public view. Please do not store your trash cans in front of your garage or on the side of your home – your neighbors don't want to look out their windows and see your garbage either.

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

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!

Sterling Lakes "Egg"stravaganza 2019

Thank you all for joining us at our annual "Egg"stravaganza! Entertainment for all ages included egg hunts, DJ, petting zoo, crafts, moonwalks, face painter, balloons, games, Peter Cottontail and more!

Many thanks to our generous sponsor World Financial Group for donating gift cards for the golden egg prizes.

Please enjoy some of the pictures from the "Egg"stravaganza! You can also access them online at www.canyongate.com/residents/sl



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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 6-digit number off the pole and provide the cross street location of the pole.

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 fpetrie@pmghouston.com

3. To report a complaint about 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@pmghouston.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 report a stray animal:

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

6. Any other general concern/complaint not previously mentioned:

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

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

Sterling Lakes Event Calendar 2019

Saturday, March 2 – ~~Spring Garage Sale~~ (7 AM – 12 Noon)

Saturday, April 6 – ~~Egg"stravaganza~~ (2 PM – 4 PM)

Saturday, May 4 – **Wine & Cheese Party** (5 PM – 7 PM)

Saturday, June 29 – **Independence Celebration** – poolside
(2:30PM – 4:30 PM)

Saturday, June 1 – **Night at the Sugar Land Skeeters** (6:05 PM)

Saturday, June 29 – **Independence Celebration – poolside** (2:30
PM – 4:30 PM)

Saturday, June TBD – **Night at the Sugar Land Skeeters** (6:05 PM)

Saturday, August 3 – **Movie Night at the Pool** (8:30 PM)

September 21 – **Movie Night at the Pavillion** (7:30 PM)

Saturday, October 5 – **National Night Out** (6 PM - 8 PM)

Saturday, October 26 – **Fall Festival** (2 PM – 4 PM)

Saturday, November 9 – **Fall Garage Sale** (7 AM - 12 Noon)

December 8-15 - **Holiday Yard Decoration Contest**

Saturday, December 14 – **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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The Killdeer A Skilled Actor

By Cheryl Conley, TWRC Wildlife Center



A concerned citizen who came across a nest on the ground with eggs in it and an injured mama nearby contacted us via Facebook. The lady wanted to know what she could do to help. She posted pictures to help us identify the bird. Not being familiar with the hundreds of bird species we have here, I reached out to our former

Executive Director who not only identified the bird but also shared some interesting information about the species.

The bird was a Killdeer. They find small depressions in the ground and build their nests with sticks, grass, weeds, shells or rocks. Their nests can be found in parking lots, golf courses, lawns, athletic fields, etc. Their nests are often overlooked because they are almost level with the ground around it. What makes this bird so fascinating is that females will fake injuries to lure predators away from their nests. As a predator approaches, she will drag herself farther and farther away from her nest continuing to fake her injuries. It's also been observed that she may roll completely over, pant and gasp for air—all an act. Another tactic they use to protect the nest is by pretending to build a nest. When a predator approaches the real nest, the Killdeer will move away, find a depression in the ground and pretend to be covering her non-existent eggs. As the predator approaches the fake nest, the Killdeer will leave only to repeat this fake-out until the enemy tires of her games and flies away.

Sometimes groups of Killdeer get in on the action of chasing away real or perceived predators. The first one to spot the enemy will fly very close to the face of the animal while making a loud, shrill cry as if to be yelling at it. Soon others join in with the same loud cries. In most cases, this is enough to scare anything away.

Because Killdeer build their nests on the ground, it can take up to six attempts in a season to successfully hatch their eggs. Pesticides, other lawn chemicals and cats are the biggest threats.

The Killdeer is a member of the plover family. Plover, as defined by the Free Dictionary, is, "Any of various widely distributed shorebirds of the family Charadriidae, having rounded bodies, short tails, and short bills". Although defined as a shorebird, it's equally happy in dry or wet locations. It is classified, as migratory but is a year-round resident in most areas of Texas.

According to Texas Parks and Wildlife, the Killdeer is one of the noisiest birds in America. Their name was derived from their call—a loud "KILL-DEER".

Nature is amazing, isn't it?

TWRC Wildlife Center invites you to like our Facebook page. You'll find useful information, cute photos and a community of great people who love nature and wildlife: <https://www.facebook.com/TWRCWildlifeCenter>

Attention Parents of Graduating Seniors!

We would like to recognize our graduating seniors by including a small picture and a few lines about where your child will be attending college. Please send your information to articles@peelinc.com (include the newsletter you would like to recognize them in, photo, name, etc).



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Mosquitoes

Mosquitoes can not only be irritating by biting, but they also are able to transmit various diseases to humans and animals. They are known to transmit heartworm in dogs and cats, and they can spread encephalitis (including West Nile Virus), Chikungunya, Zika, dengue, yellow fever, malaria and filariasis among humans.

Most female mosquitoes require a blood meal for egg production whereas males feed on nectar and do not bite. Eggs are laid on the surface of water or in dry locations that can be flooded by water. Eggs laid in dry locations can remain dormant under for several months. Eggs hatch into larvae, or wigglers. Mosquito larvae live in water and feed on organic debris or microscopic plants and animals. Larvae molt into pupae which are non-feeding. Mosquito pupae spend the majority of their time at the surface of the water, only moving when disturbed.

Many things can help to reduce mosquito problems around the home. Since three of the four life stages of mosquitoes are in or near water, it is best to eliminate all sources of standing water. Containers such as watering cans, buckets and bottles can turn into mosquito breeding grounds. Water should be drained from birdbaths, gutters, flowerpots and pet dishes at least once a week. Children's wading pools should be emptied of water at least once a week and stored so they cannot collect water when not in use. Tree holes should be filled in with sand or mortar, or drained after each rain. Leaky faucets and pipes located outside should be repaired.

Areas that cannot be drained, such as ponds or large rain collection systems, can be stocked with fish that eat mosquito larvae. Dunks can also be used in these areas. Dunks are a small, donut-shaped product that contains *Bacillus thuringiensis* var. *israeliensis*. The donut disrupts the life cycle of the mosquito and is non-toxic to humans, amphibians and fish.

Avoiding outdoor activities during peak mosquito hours is the best method to avoid being bitten. When outside, wear loose-fitting, light colored clothing with long sleeves & long pants. Repellants containing active ingredients such as DEET, picaridin, IR3535, oil of lemon eucalyptus (OLE), para-methane-diol (PMD), or 2-undecanone can be effective to keep mosquitoes from biting when evening activities cannot be rescheduled.

For more information or help with identification, contact Wizzie Brown, Texas AgriLife Extension Service Program Specialist

at 512.854.9600. Check out my blog at www.urban-ipm.blogspot.com

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