

# THE ATASCOCITA FOREST COMMUNITY GAZETTE

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THE OFFICIAL MONTHLY NEWSLETTER OF THE ATASCOCITA FOREST COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION

## 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:

Troy King - President/Treasurer

Kesha Stubblefield - Vice President

Tomasina Sampa - Secretary

Norman Laskie – Director

## 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!

## AFCA May Yard of the Month



The AFCA Board is pleased to recognize James & Carmen Morris at 4602 Atascocita Trail as the May winner of Yard of the Month! Congratulations and thank you for helping to keep our neighborhood beautiful! Yard of the Month runs from April - September this year. Photos of the winners are available on our website:

[www.atascocitaforest.org](http://www.atascocitaforest.org)

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## 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

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Report Power Outage - Centerpoint..... 713-207-7777  
Report Street Light Outage - Centerpoint ..... 713-207-2222  
Report Gas Leak - Centerpoint ..... 713-659-2111  
Centerpoint (Gas) ..... 713-659-2111  
Call Before You Dig ..... 811  
Water - SiEnvironmental..... 832-490-1600  
Emergency Number..... 832-490-1601  
Electricity - Multiple Providers..... [www.powertochoose.org](http://www.powertochoose.org)  
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MUD District ..... [www.TrailoftheLakesMUD.com](http://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  
[www.CommunityAssetManagement.com](http://www.CommunityAssetManagement.com)  
Pam Valentine..... [pvalentine@cam-texas.com](mailto:pvalentine@cam-texas.com)

### ATASCOCITA FOREST COMMUNITY ASSOC.

Email the Board ..... [board@atascocitaforest.org](mailto:board@atascocitaforest.org)  
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### HOA BOARD MEMBERS

Troy King - President & Treasurer ... [troy@atascocitaforest.org](mailto:troy@atascocitaforest.org)  
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Norman Laskie - Director ..... [norman@atascocitaforest.org](mailto:norman@atascocitaforest.org)

## Pool Season

The Pool Opens in May! Do you have your Pool Tag?

How do I access the pool for the 2019 season?

On Sunday, May 19th from 1pm-4pm and Wednesday, May 22nd this year's pool tags will be available to pick up at the Pool, located at 17415 Woodland Hills Dr, Humble, TX 77346. Each tag will allow up to 10 people per tag to access the pool.

What if I can't make it?

Pool tags will be available during business hours at the C.A.M. office located at:

9802 FM 1960 Bypass Rd W. Ste 210, Humble, TX 77338

Via Phone: 281-852-1155

Via E-mail: Pam - [pvalentine@cam-texas.com](mailto:pvalentine@cam-texas.com)

What if I do not use the pool, do I need this tag?

No, your key fob for the park will still open the park, tennis courts, and splash pad.

The annual pool party will be held on Sunday, May 19th from 1p.m. to 4p.m. while the pool tags are distributed.

The pool officially opens on Saturday, May 25th.

Pool hours will be as follows until August 18th:

<b>Mondays</b>	<b>Closed</b>
Tuesday	11 am – 8 pm
Wednesday	12 am - 8 pm
Thursday	10 am – 6 pm
Friday	12 pm – 8 pm
Saturday	11 am – 8 pm
Sunday	12 pm – 7 pm

August 19th through September 2nd the pool will only be open on Saturday and Sunday.

If you would like to reserve the pool for a private party after normal swim hours, please contact the C.A.M. office for reservations.



## Can I Rent the AFCA Pool?



### Is the pool available for rent?

Short answer, yes.

### When is the pool available to rent?

After non-standard approved operating hours, when the pool is no longer open to the public.

### What if I don't live in the neighborhood?

Non residents can rent the pool at a higher rental rate.

### What are the rates?

Atascocita Forest CA resident **\$100.00**

Non-Atascocita Forest CA resident **\$250.00**

Security Deposit **\$250.00**

### Will I have to have lifeguards?

Yes, the lifeguards will be required anytime there is a person at the pool.

### How do I schedule a Pool Party?

Pool parties may be scheduled during business hours at the C.A.M. office located at:

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Via Phone: 281-852-1155

Via E-mail: Pam - pvalentine@cam-texas.com

*If you would like to reserve the pool for a private party after normal swim hours, please contact the C.A.M. office for reservations and additional details.*

## Atascocita Forest Satisfaction Survey

We want to hear from you! Please take the time to take our Satisfaction Survey. It can be found in the online newsletter which can be accessed at:

[www.peelinc.com/index.php/atascocita-forest/](http://www.peelinc.com/index.php/atascocita-forest/)

## HOA Updates

**Community Pool** – Greater Houston Pool Management has been contracted to maintain and clean the pool and pool equipment and provide lifeguards during the 2019 swimming season.

Swimming season begins Saturday, May 25th through Monday, September 2nd and is closed on Mondays, except for Labor Day, which it will be open as the last day of the season.

A new refrigerated water fountain with bottle-filler was purchased and installed at the pool.

**The Park** – ViperTech Pressure Washing was contracted to pressure wash the roof of the pool, the pool deck, the sidewalks from the tennis courts to the splash pad, the splash pad and brick behind it, the 15 benches and concrete slabs under 5 of the benches, the small storage building between the pool and splash pad, the brick walkway at the entrance of the pool house, the entrance arch of the pool house, the 2 existing playground structures not being replaced, and the chairs, loungers, and tables at the pool.

Wired Electrical Services was contracted to replace several receptacles, hard wire the electrical for the new water fountain at the pool and replace a light fixture.

JDog Houston has been contracted to remove the wooden play structure at the park on May 13th.

Adventure Playgrounds was contracted to provide the new playground equipment. A new playground Structure, extensions for two of the swings sets to add capacity, a new swing set, new belt seats, toddler seats, a generational swing, and ADA swing along with a shade structure to cover the new playground structure.

Patriot Court Systems was contracted to renovate the tennis courts. Due to weather delays they began work on 5/1 and are estimated to be completed on 5/15. They will be power washed, repaired with Court Patch, flooded to identify "birdbaths" and patched as needed, 2 coats of Acrylic Resurfacer were applied, they are to be scraped and cleaned, painted with new lines, the posts are to be cleaned and painted, the backboard is to be repainted and the nets are to be replaced.

Members and residents are reminded the tennis courts are for tennis and pickle ball play only. Bicycles, skateboards, skates, rollerblades, pets and other non-tennis activities are not permitted on the tennis courts. Children must be accompanied by an adult while on the tennis courts and guests must be accompanied by a member or resident at all times.

A complete list of park rules can be viewed on the Atascocita Forest website, under Community Amenities.



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## 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.

## Streets - Traffic Issues

When a resident reports that someone has run a stop sign or is speeding, refer them to the local police department's non-emergency number. We can't control the way people drive but we can be understanding of the residents concern and listen. Referring them to local law enforcement is the only suggestion we can make.

### Who:

Harris County Sheriff

Constables Prec. 4

### Contact Info:

<http://www.HarrisCountySo.org>

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<http://www.cd4.hctx.net>

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## Landscaping Tips

### June

- Mowing should still be continued.
- If temperatures reach mid 80's stop using selective herbicides.
- Fertilize your summer annuals.
- Flower and ornamental beds should be mulched to avoid dryness.
- Perennials should be pinched back, dead headed and staked.
- Maintenance pruning should be done for the ornamental plants.

### July

- Skip mowing schedules only if the lawn is either not growing or is excessively dried out.
- Third batch of fertilizer application on the first week of July.
- Perennials should be fertilized for the second and last time for the season.
- Perennials and ornamental beds should periodically be watered in a long, deep, slow watering system for the water to soak deep into the earth.

## Loose Pets in the Neighborhood



Pets are an important part of many people's lives. Many pet owners are responsible, caring people who love their pets deeply and do everything in their power to ensure that their pets deeply are securely restrained and do not cause a nuisance to their neighbors. Pets do, however, sometimes escape from yards, slip a leash, or otherwise perform a disappearing act. Whether you have lost a pet, or have found a loose pet, there are several steps you can take to ensure that the pet is returned safely.

We would like you to take this opportunity to remind pet-owning residents of the leash laws that exist in Harris County. It is against the law to allow a pet to roam loose, either purposefully

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or due to negligence. It is your responsibility to ensure that your pets are securely contained and do not pose a risk to others. It is relatively easy for pets to escape from back yards, either through digging or through insecure fences or gates.

Also, if you keep your pet in your back yard, please note that utility workers have the legal right to open your gate and enter your back yard, even if you are not home. While companies sometimes give residents advanced notice that they will be entering the property, they don't always do so. Consider investing in a separate pen or enclosure for your pet to keep them safely contained in your back yard.

If you lose a pet:

- Ensure all of your pets have a microchip registered with the current contact information or have current identification tags on the pet's collar. You may also write your phone number on a light-colored collar with permanent marker if your pet frequently loses tags.
- Keep a current, clear photo of your pet that clearly shows its face and body size, color and markings.
- As soon as you realize that your pet is missing, post the photo with a description of your pet, your contact information, as well as approximately how long the pet has been missing, the

last area it was seen, etc. to social media, such as the Atascocita Forest Neighbors group, Atascocita Forest Neighborhood group, the Atascocita Forest NextDoor.com page (if you are a user), and the HKA Lost & Found Pets Facebook group. You may also issue an alert from the Atascocita Forest website (<https://www.atascocitaforest.org/p/Alerts>), which will be sent via e-mail to all registered users on the site. Please note, however, that you cannot include a photo with an alert message, so please be sure to carefully describe your pet and include your contact information.

- Let your neighbors know that your pet is missing and ask them to keep an eye out.

- Alert local veterinarian offices and animal shelters that your pet is missing and provide a description and photo of your pet (see list below)

If you see or find a loose pet:

- If the pet does not seem inclined to come to you of its own free will, do not attempt to catch or restrain a loose animal, both for your own safety and for the safety of the animal. Your attempts to catch or restrain it may frighten the pet and cause it to run further away from home or run into oncoming traffic.

- If you can, take a photo of the animal (even from a distance) and post it to social media; include the location and

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approximate time that you saw the pet, as well as which direction it was heading (if applicable). If you cannot get a photo, then simply include as detailed a description as possible with your posts. You may also issue an alert through the neighborhood website.

- If you are able to catch the animal, look for a tag or other identification on its collar for owner's contact information.

- Take the animal to a nearby vet to have it scanned for a microchip.

- You may contact Harris County Animal Control, but please note they only have a few response officers to service the entire county. They generally prioritize calls involving obviously aggressive or dangerous animals. Also, animals taken in by animal control are usually put on a 3-day hold, meaning that if the owner is not located within that time frame then the pet will be euthanized.

## Contacts & Information

### Suggested Social Media Outlets & Websites

- Facebook.com: Atascocita Forest Neighbors group
- Facebook.com: Atascocita Forest Neighborhood group
- Facebook.com: HKA Lost & Found Pets group – this is a large group for the Humble, Kingwood & Atascocita areas with

high visibility to thousands of members

- NextDoor.com: Atascocita Forest
- [www.AtascocitaForest.org](http://www.AtascocitaForest.org)>Alerts ([www.atascocitaforest.org/p/Alerts](http://www.atascocitaforest.org/p/Alerts)) – sends an e-mail message to all registered users of the Atascocita Forest website

- [www.lostmydoggie.com](http://www.lostmydoggie.com) – create a free lost pet poster and contact local vets & animal shelters

- [www.pawboost.com](http://www.pawboost.com) - create a free lost pet poster, share to Facebook, contact the Rescue Squad™ by e-mail (which is a group of volunteers, rescue owners, shelter employees, veterinarians, and pet lovers just like you.)

### Animal Control Agencies:

- City of Humble Animal Control: <https://cityofhumble.com/animalservices.html> or via phone at 281-446-2327

Please note that Humble Animal Control only services areas within Humble city limits and therefore will not respond to calls within Atascocita Forest; however, animals may venture into Humble city limits and end up at their shelter. Shelter location: 240 Dennis St., 77338

- Harris County Veterinary Public Health (Animal Control): <http://publichealth.harriscountytexas.gov/About/Organization/VPH> or via phone (281) 999-3191 Shelter Location: 612 Canino Rd, Houston, TX 77076

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(281) 852-1155 fax (281) 852-9111

1. Please provide the information requested below, and attach this sheet to your plans.
2. Please provide a sketch of the location of the proposed work on a photocopy of the plat of your property. Scaled architect's, engineer's or contractor's drawings may be used as an alternative if lot lines, easements and building set-back lines are shown. Sketches are not required for re-roof or re-paint. However, re-roofing submissions require shingle weight and color to be specified; re-painting submissions must be accompanied by "paint chip" samples.
3. If you desire a copy of the approved plans, please submit an extra set for review. The principal copy of all submitted plans will be retained by the Committee.
4. Your plans will be reviewed as soon as possible. The Committee is required to act on the plans within 30 days, but the review process rarely takes that long

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

PROPERTY ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_

MAILING ADDRESS (if different) \_\_\_\_\_

HOME TELEPHONE: \_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_ SEC: \_\_\_\_ BLK: \_\_\_\_ LOT: \_\_\_\_

EMAIL ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_

MODIFICATION FOR WHICH APPROVAL IS REQUESTED:

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\_\_\_\_\_

NAME OF CONTRACTOR (if any): \_\_\_\_\_

PHONE: \_\_\_\_\_ ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_

PROPOSED CONSTRUCTION START DATE: \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_

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PROPOSED COMPLETION DATE: \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_

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## Mosquitoes



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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](http://www.urban-ipm.blogspot.com)

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*TEAM WORK...Whoever said "Many hands make light work" really understood a team work concept. Each member of my team (including you) will have specific duties towards our common goal to ensure the strength and endurance needed to get this transaction closed.*



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## Atascocita Forest Satisfaction Survey

1. How long have you been a member of the Atascocita Forest Community?

<input type="checkbox"/>	0-2 years	<input type="checkbox"/>	3-5 years
<input type="checkbox"/>	6-10 years	<input type="checkbox"/>	11-15 years
<input type="checkbox"/>	16-20- years	<input type="checkbox"/>	25+ years

2. Which of the following events have you attended or participated in?

<input type="checkbox"/>	Food Truck Fridays	<input type="checkbox"/>	Yard of the Month
<input type="checkbox"/>	Farmer's Market	<input type="checkbox"/>	National Night Out
<input type="checkbox"/>	Community Garage Sales	<input type="checkbox"/>	Truck or Treat/Fall Festival
<input type="checkbox"/>	Annual Pool Party	<input type="checkbox"/>	Annual Decorating Contest

3. Overall, how would you rate the quality of each of the following activities?

	Very Satisfied	Satisfied	Neither Satisfied or Dissatisfied	Dissatisfied	Very Dissatisfied	N/A
Annual HOA Meeting						
Monthly Board Meetings						
Newsletters						
Website Information						
Special Events						

4. How satisfied with Community Asset Management products and services in the following areas?

	Very Satisfied	Satisfied	Neither Satisfied or Dissatisfied	Dissatisfied	Very Dissatisfied	N/A
Customer Service						
Billing Information						
Accuracy in other information						
Responsiveness to general concerns						
Responsiveness to website/technical issues						
Comments						

5. If you have contacted the Community Asset Management office or the Board, what was the reason?

Reporting a maintenance issue in the neighborhood	Information regarding upcoming meetings or events
Problem on the website	Information on Deed Restriction Violation
Question regarding billing	Records Request
Other (Please Specify)	

6. How many times did you contact someone before your situation was resolved?

1	4
2	5 or more
3	

7. Rate your satisfaction with the support personnel regarding the following features:

	Very Satisfied	Satisfied	Neither Satisfied or Dissatisfied	Dissatisfied	Very Dissatisfied	N/A
Ability to answer your questions						
Managing your needs/requests						
Professionalism						
Courtesy						
Friendliness						
Willingness to help						
Overall performance						

8. How satisfied are you in the following areas:

	Very Satisfied	Satisfied	Neither Satisfied or Dissatisfied	Dissatisfied	Very Dissatisfied	N/A
Landscaping						
Neighborhood Security						
Signage/Monuments						
Tennis Courts						
Park/Playground						
Walking Trails						
Picnic Area						
Community Pool						
Recent Pool Upgrades						
Splash Pad						



9. How often do you use the following amenities?

	Daily	A few times a week	About once a week	A few times a month	Once a month	Less than once a month	Never
Swimming Pool							
Splash Pad							
Playground Equipment							
Walking Trails							
Picnic/Barbeque Area							
Tennis Courts							

10. Please rate how important the following possible additions to the community are to you with one (1) being the most important to eight (8) being the least important.

	Additional Parking at the pool
	A community clubhouse
	Additional Security
	Walking Trails
	Basketball Court
	Updated Splash Pad
	Covered seating in the park
	Bathrooms in the park
	Water Fountains in the park
	Fruit trees in the park

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