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July 4th Community Parade

Thank you to all those who participated in this year's ACIA Community Parade! This year we tried a new route circling the Shores neighborhood, enjoyed Snow Cones from Kona Ice, and had our pools open for swimming. It was great to see everyone come out and celebrate together! Trophy winners from the parade are listed below. We hope to see you all next year!



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ACIA Survey

The ACIA Board of Trustees brainstormed ideas that may be of interest to ACIA residents. Please go to aciahomeowners.org and fill out the on line survey or fill out this paper survey and mail it to:

9802 Farm to Market 1960 Bypass Rd W Suite 210 Humble, TX 77338 C/O Toni Wendt

twendtacia@gmail.com

Ple	Please complete by Monday, August 19, 2019.				
1.	Would you favor levying monetary fines against residents that repeat deed violations?				
	Yes	No			
1.	. Would you attend an ACIA sponsored Crawfish Fest?				
	Yes	No			
2.	. Would you attend an ACIA sponsored Chili Cook Off?				
	Yes	No			
3.	. Would you view the Boat Parade from the Marina at Christmas?				
	Yes	No			
4.	. Would you favor an ACIA fireworks display for July 4 celebration?				
	Yes	No			
5.	. Would you attend an ACIA sponsored Labor Day Picnic/Hot Dog Barbecue?				
	Yes	No			
ŝ.	. Would you attend a low cost Bus Day Trip for ACIA residents age 50+ (each participant paying)?				
	Yes	No	Not applicable		
7.	. Would you attend a Food Truck event(any day of week, no cost to ACIA)?				
	Yes	No			
3.	Additional comments:				

The Friends of the Atascocita Library - Used Book Sale

The Friends of the Atascocita Library (FOAL) will hold the Annual Back to School Sale, Saturday, August 10, from 10AM - 5PM at the Atascocita Library, 19520 Pinehurst Trail Dr. Individuals with disabilities may shop from 9AM -10AM. Preview sale for FOAL members is Friday evening from 5PM-7PM, with memberships available at the door. There is a large selection including teaching materials, children's, fiction & nonfiction, hard backs & paperbacks, 25¢ music CD's, 25¢ magazines & much more. Most are priced at \$.50 - \$1.00. Halloween trick -or - treat buckets, donated by HEB will also be for sale. Donations of used books & magazines are welcome anytime during regular library hours. No wheeled carts or strollers due to space limitations. Visit www.hcpl.net for library hours & www. foal.ws for more information, or email contact@foal.ws. All proceeds benefit the Atascocita Library.





Constable Statistics

Burglary Habitation: 0 Disturbance Juvenile: 0 Theft Vehicle: 0 Suspicious Vehicles: 20 Assault: 2 Phone Harassment: 1 Disturbance Family: 2 Theft Habitation: 1 Alarms: 28 Robbery: 1 Runaways: 0 Criminal Mischief: 1 Burglary Vehicle: 0 Disturbance Other: 14 Theft Other: 2 Suspicious Persons: 11 Sexual Assault: 1 Other Calls: 173

Summary of Events...

Alarms

Deputies responded to 28 residential alarms that were cleared as false alarms.

Traffic Enforcement:

Deputies conducted numerous traffic stops and traffic initiatives throughout the contract during the month in the interest of public safety and in an attempt to reduce the risk of motor vehicle accidents.

Contract Checks & Park Checks:

Deputies conducted 151 combined contract, neighborhood, park, and school checks during the month of June.

Criminal Mischief:

19600 Gamble Oak Dr. - Deputy responded to a Criminal Mischief complaint. Investigation revealed unknown suspect(s) damaged the complainant's mailbox causing over \$50.00 worth of damage. Call was cleared report.

Assault:

19300 Pine Cluster Ln. - Deputy responded to an Assault complainant. Investigation revealed two known parties engaged into a verbal argument which escalated to physical contact. Harris County DA's office was contacted an accepted a charge against the suspect. Suspect was arrested and taken into Harris County jail for processing. Arrest report completed.

19700 Wood Walk Ln. - Deputy responded to an Assault complainant. Investigation revealed two known parties engaged

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into a verbal argument which escalated to physical contact. Harris County DA's office was contacted a declined a charge against the suspect. Both parties were separated for the day. Call was cleared report.

Family Disturbance:

19300 Pinewood Bluff Ln. - Deputy responded to a family disturbance call. Investigation revealed two known family members engaged into a verbal altercation with no physical contact. Call was cleared report.

Disturbance/Other:

8600 Pineshores Dr. - Deputy responded to a disturbance other call. Investigation revealed known individual was highly intoxicated within public's view and was found to be a danger to himself or others. Suspect was arrested and taken into Harris County Jail for public intoxication. Call was cleared arrest report.

Telephone Harassment:

8100 Pinewood Mist Ln. - Deputy responded to a Telephone Harassment complainant. Investigation revealed that a known person constantly harasses the complainant through cell phone and on social media. Harris County DA's was contacted and declined charges at this time. Call was cleared report.

Aggravated Robbery:

19800 Sundance Dr. - Deputy responded to an Aggravated Robbery complainant. Investigation revealed unknown suspect(s) stole complainant's lawn equipment and brandish a firearm in the process. The suspects were identified and charges are pending. Call cleared report.

Theft Habitation:

20200 Atascocita Lake Dr. - Deputy responded to a theft of a residence type complainant. Investigation revealed unknown suspect stole complainant's valuables while they were doing construction to his home. Investigation pending suspect's identity. Call was cleared report.

Theft/ Other:

20100 Pinehurst Dr. - Deputy responded to a complainant of a theft of a business call. Investigation revealed unknown suspect made unlawful entry and entered the complainant's business without permission and stole over \$18,000.00 worth of equipment. Investigation pending suspect's identity. Call was cleared report.

19600 Wood Walk Ln. - Deputy responded to a theft other complainant. Investigation revealed unknown suspect stole several items from complainant's backyard and fled the scene undetected. Call was cleared report.

Other:

8500 Pines Place Dr. - Deputy responded to a Driving While Intoxicated call Investigation revealed suspect was operating a motor vehicle on a public roadway while intoxicated. Harris County DA's office was contacted an accepted a charge against the suspect. Suspect was arrested and transported to the Harris County jail for processing. Arrest report completed.

19800 Bent Pine Dr. - Deputy responded to a meet the citizen call. Investigation revealed complainant was receiving numerous phone calls from a possible scam. Complainant requested a report for documentation. Call was cleared report.

19600 Atascocita Pines Dr. - Deputy responded to a meet the citizen call. Investigation revealed a known party wanted to report another family member for possible child neglect. Child Protective Services was contacted and case was referred to them for further investigation. Call was cleared report.

20200 Atascocita Lake Dr. - Deputy responded to a warrant service call. Investigation revealed suspect had an open felony warrant. Suspect was arrested and transported to Harris County Jail for processing. Call was cleared report.

7700 Pine Cup Dr. - Deputy responded to an Accident/FSGI complaint. Investigation revealed suspect vehicle struck another motor vehicle causing damage and fled the scene. Deputies patrolled the area, located the suspect and suspect vehicle. The Harris County DA's office was contacted an accepted a charge against the suspect. Suspect was arrested and transported to Harris County jail for processing. Arrest report completed.



Tawny Crazy Ants

The tawny crazy ant, also known in Texas as the Rasberry crazy ant, was originally discovered by pest management professional Tom Rasberry (hence the name) in Harris County in 2002. Since then, the ants have been distributed to other parts of the state via people, plants, materials, and other things and are currently confirmed in 40 Texas counties.



Distribution map of Texas counties with confirmed presence of tawny crazy ants (in red).

Tawny crazy ants are about 1/8" and orangish-brown in color. With a good hand lens or microscope, you can see 12 segmented antennae, 1 node, and a circle of hairs at the tip of the abdomen. These ants can

be confused with other ants, so if you are unsure of what you have check with your local Extension office.

Tawny crazy ants have a cyclical population level throughout the year with populations peaking in late summer, decreasing in the fall and then beginning to build again in the spring. Tawny crazy ants are capable of biting, but do NOT sting like fire ants. They are mostly nuisance pests, but can reach extraordinary population levels (in the millions) and can become a problem if they get into electrical equipment. Tawny crazy ants do not have nests or mounds like fire ants; they tend to nest under things- rocks, landscape timbers, flowerpots, etc.

For more information on this particular ant species go to http://urbanentomology.tamu.edu/ants/rasberry.html

Treatment Options

- Removing harborage areas-fallen limbs, rocks, leaf litter, etc. These ants will nest under pretty much anything on the ground, so you may want to remove anything that is not necessary.
- Alter moisture conditions (crazy ants prefer moist, humid conditions)- reduce watering, repair any water leaks, and improve drainage
- Eliminate honeydew producers from area. Crazy ants tend honeydew producers such as aphids, whiteflies, hoppers, (Continued on Page 7)



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• Use pesticide sprays to treat infested areas- under rocks, along landscape edging, etc. Pesticide sprays can also be used to create a barrier around the outside of the home. Piles of dead ants may build up in treated areas. If this occurs, remove dead ants to keep the pesticide barrier maintained.



• Hire a pest management professional (PMP). PMPs have access to pesticides that are unavailable to homeowners for tawny crazy ant treatment and they also have experience dealing with pest problems regularly.

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.urbanipm.blogspot.com

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House Flies

While many see house flies as a nuisance, they are capable of spreading diseases such as dysentery or food poisoning. Due to the locations house flies frequent- garbage, manure, and carrionthey can pick up bacteria and other disease organisms which can transfer to other areas where they may land such as dishes, food, or countertops. House flies regurgitate onto food to liquefy it before eating and they can further contaminate items by defecating upon surfaces.

The common house fly has two wings and is dull gray with black stripes on the thorax (the section where the wings are attached). Adult flies can only eat liquid foods and have sponging mouthparts

specialized to help them feed.



Eggs are usually laid on decaying matter such as animal fecal material, grass clippings, or garbage. Around 100-150 eggs are laid by the female. Depending upon temperature (warmer temperatures speed things up); eggs may hatch within 8 hours to 2 days.

Maggots, the immature stage of a fly, are small, white, carrot-

shaped, and legless. There are 3 larval molts then mature larvae seek a dry location for pupation. Pupae are reddish brown and somewhat oval in shape.

During the summer, house flies may live up to 2.5 weeks while during cooler times of the year they may live up to 3 months.

The key to fly management is sanitation, or cleaning. Eliminate breeding sites by picking up animal waste one to two times per week; empty garbage cans regularly; clean garbage cans at least once a month with soapy water. Keep garbage cans located away from doors that lead into the home and make sure they have tight fitting lids.

Other items that can help reduce fly problems include keeping window screens in good repair; making sure doors and windows

have a tight seal and weather stripping is in good condition; and using fly swatters or sticky fly paper to get rid of adult flies.



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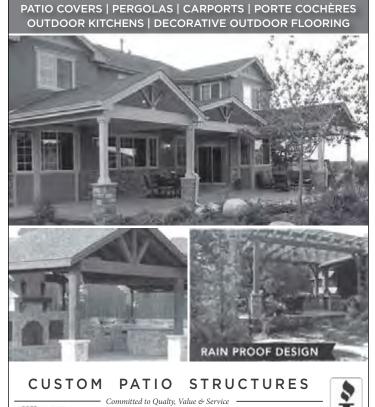
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Recipe from the Kitchen

Hello, everyone. Chef Marty here with a fantastic dressing or marinade (works best with shrimp in my opinion) recipe that many of you got to sample during last month's Grape Stomper's Wine Dinner. By popular demand, I will now share it with you all! Enjoy...

Yield: appx 2 cups

- 2 tablespoon lime zest
- ¼ cup lime juice
- 1/4 cup brown sugar, packed
- 1/4 cup ginger, peeled and grated
- ½ cup green onion, chopped, white parts and some green
- 1 cup cilantro leaves, packed
- 1 tsp nutmeg, fresh grated
- ¼ cup honey
- 1 teaspoon balsamic vinegar
- 1 teaspoon Tabasco
- ¼ cup olive oil
- 6 ancho chiles, seeded and cut into strips
- 1. Place the lime zest and juice, brown sugar, ginger, green onions, cilantro, nutmeg, honey, vinegar, and Tabasco in a food processor or blender and process until smooth.
- 2. With the machine still running, slowly pour in the olive oil through the feed tube in a steady stream. Turn off the machine and stir in the ancho chiles. Transfer dressing into a tightly covered container and refrigerate. Will keep for up to 5 days.







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