# ATASCOCITA FOREST COMMUNITY GAZET



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

# **AFCA July Yard of the Month**



The AFCA Board is pleased to recognize Alvin Pickney Jr. at 3639 Woodlace Dr. as the August 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

#### Save the Date!

HOA Board Meetings are the 2nd Monday of every month. The next meeting will be September 9th, 2019 at 6:30 p.m. It will be held at the Community Asset Management (CAM) office located at 9802 F.M. 1960 Bypass W., Ste. 210, Humble, TX 77338.

The MUD Board generally meets on the last Monday of the month at noon at the offices of: Radcliffe Bobbitt Adams Polley PLLC 2929 Allen Parkway, Suite 3450 Houston, Texas 77019 The next meeting will be Monday, August 26, 2019 at Noon.

## **Fall E-Waste Collection**

The Trail of the Lakes MUD District is offering a FREE e-recycling and document shredding even to all residents again this Fall. Electronic recyclable items include: personal computers, keyboards, mice, speakers, cords and cables, game consoles, laptops, hard drives, car batteries, fax machines, printers, cell phones, rechargeable batteries, projectors, telephones, toner cartridges, PDAs, and more. Please visit the District's website at https://www. trailofthelakesmud.com/ for a full list of acceptable items, or about recycling materials accepted and general garbage collection.

Saturday, September 28, 2019 10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

Humble Middle School 11207 Will Clayton Parkway, Humble, TX 77346

## **IMPORTANT NUMBERS**

EMERGENCY NUMBERS
EMERGENCY911
Harris County Animal Control281-999-3191
Poison Control
NON-EMERGENCY NUMBERS
Pct 4 Constable Non-Emergency Dispatch 281-376-3472
Atascocita Volunteer Fire Dept
Harris County Precinct 4
Texas No Call List Registration 866-TXN-OCAL
Emergency Roadside Assistance 800-525-5555
SCHOOLS
Humble ISD
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Humble Middle School
Humble High School
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Report Power Outage - Centerpoint713-207-7777
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Centerpoint (Gas)
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Water - SiEnvironmental
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Trash - RR&R of Texas
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# Have You Logged On 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

hours (7am -7 pm) or

- Current Events and Activities
- Documents and Forms (i.e. ACC guidelines, deed restrictions, financials etc.)
  - Event Photos and MORE!

# **Street Light Out?**

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

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

When a resident reports that someone has fun 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 to Contact Info

Harris County Sheriff http://www.harriscountyso.org

(713) 221-6000

Constables Prec. 4 http://www.cd4.hctx.net

(281) 376-3472

**V BOARD MEMBERS** 



The AFCA HOA Board is looking for volunteers to assist and potentially join the Board! Are you looking for a rewarding way to get involved in your community? Do you know want to get to know your neighbors better? Do you want

to take a proactive role in ensuring your property values are preserved for the immediate future and in the long run? Then you might be the one we are looking for!

#### What are the traits of a great Board Member?

**Enjoy volunteering** – Board Members must work without compensation and have the time, patience and enthusiasm needed to solve community issues.

**Are civic-minded** – The best board members get to know their neighbors, enjoy building community, take pride in the place they live and put the community's best interests first.

**Have mettle** – Managing a community is challenging. We need HOA board members with a can-do attitude who refuse to get

discouraged, even when faced with tough decisions and situations.

Exercise fairness – Board members are there to serve their community and demonstrate respect to all community members, regardless of how the feel about an issue personally. Rules must be applied evenly to all community members.

**Take their role seriously** – As a potential Board member, you have a fiduciary responsibility to a large non-profit corporation (the home owners association) that controls valuable community assets.

**Have a mind for business** – Board members need to see the big picture and make sure long-term business decisions that will ultimately increase property values for all residents.

#### What is the time commitment?

Each term is 3 years. While the Board meets officially once a month, it is not uncommon to meet outside the traditional meeting schedule on committees, or in workshop meetings to discuss specific topics. In addition, there is virtually daily contact with the property management company, vendors and other Board members.

#### How do I volunteer?

Once you are sure you meet all the qualifications and time available to commit, please attend the next monthly meeting and express interest. We will be discussing potential candidates and meeting each candidate individually to discuss potentially filling a vacancy on the board.

# 2019 Hurricane Season Information

Hurricane season starts soon, please take steps to ensure your safety. Please visit the below links and start preparing now in case of an emergency.

2018 Harris County Hurricane Guide: https://www.hcfcd.org/media/2730/hurricaneguide\_052018.pdf

Would you need help in a disaster? Register for Assistance online or by phone with The State of Texas Emergency Assistance Register (STEAR), which provides residents an opportunity to register in the event of a disaster.

https://stear.dps.texas.gov/Services/STEAR/Login.aspx

Call 2-1-1 – A trained telephone operator will be able to take your information in minutes.

Hurricane evacuation routes: http://ftp.dot.state.tx.us/pub/txdot-info/trv/evacuation/houston.pdf Weather.gov https://www.weather.gov/media/hgx/HurricaneGuide2018.pdf

FEMA Hurricane Information https://www.ready.gov/hurricanes

FEMA how to prepare for a Hurricane: https://www.fema.gov/media-library-data/1494007144395-b0e215ae1ba6ac1b556f084e190e5862/FEMA\_2017\_Hurricane\_HTP\_FINAL.pdf

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E103	75	37	9	0	1	17	0	1	1067	16
E104	73	11	15	0	0	10	0	7	760	18
E106	9	10	5	0	0	0	0	0	100	3
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# **Summary of Events**

**Alarms:** Deputies responded to 33 alarms that were cleared as false alarms. Contract Checks: Deputies conducted 209 combined contract, MUD, and park checks during the month. Deputies conducted 25 vacation watches during the month.

#### **Traffic Enforcement:**

Deputy 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.

17200 Shrub Oak Dr. – Deputies conducted a traffics stop for a traffic violation. Investigation revealed driver was in possession of Heroin. Driver was arrested and booked into the Harris County

3700 Wells Mark Dr. – Deputies conducted a traffic stop for a traffic offense. Investigation revealed the driver had an outstanding warrant from another county. Driver was arrested and booked into the Harris County jail.

#### Burglary of a Habitation:

17500 Huntersglen Cir. – Deputies were dispatched to the listed location in reference to a burglary of a habitation. Investigation revealed unknown suspect made forced entry into the residence, stole items and fled undetected.

17400 Glenhew Rd. – Deputies were dispatched to the listed location in reference to a burglary of a habitation. Investigation revealed unknown suspect made forced entry into the residence, stole items and fled undetected.

3900 Wintergreen Dr. – Deputies were dispatched to the listed location in reference to a burglary of a habitation. Investigation revealed unknown suspect made forced entry into the residence, stole items and fled undetected.

#### **Burglary of a Motor Vehicle:**

3800 Cyril Dr. - Deputies were dispatched to the listed location

in reference to a burglary of a motor vehicle. Investigation revealed unknown suspect made unlawful entry into an unlocked vehicle, stole items and fled undetected.

4600 Still Springs Dr. – Deputies were dispatched to the listed location in reference to a burglary of a motor vehicle. Investigation revealed unknown suspect made unlawful entry into an unlocked vehicle, stole items and fled undetected.

4100 Blue Forest Dr. – Deputies were dispatched to the listed location in reference to a burglary of a motor vehicle. Investigation revealed unknown suspect made unlawful entry into an unlocked vehicle, stole items and fled undetected.

#### **Stolen/Recovered Vehicles:**

17500 Crestline Rd. – Deputies were dispatched to the listed location in reference to a stolen vehicle. Investigation revealed unknown suspect stole complainant's vehicle and fled undetected. Call cleared report.

16500 Blue Great Forest Dr. – Deputies conducted a traffic stop on a stolen vehicle. Charges were declined, vehicle was recovered and towed.

#### Family Assault/Disturbances:

16000 Quiet Trail Dr. – Deputies were dispatched to the listed location in reference to a family disturbance. Investigation revealed known family members were involved in a verbal altercation that escalated into a physical disturbance and ended without injury.

3900 Oak Trace Dr. – Deputies were dispatched to the listed location in reference to a family disturbance. Investigation revealed known family members were involved in a verbal altercation that escalated into a physical disturbance and ended without injury.

16000 Quiet Trail Dr. – Deputies were dispatched to the listed location in reference to a family disturbance. Investigation revealed (Continued on Page 5)

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3900 Wells Mark Dr. – Deputies were dispatched to the listed location in reference to a family disturbance. Investigation revealed known family members were involved in a verbal altercation that escalated into a physical disturbance and ended without injury.

3900 Black Cricket Ct. – Deputies were dispatched to the listed location in reference to a family disturbance. Investigation revealed known family members were involved in a verbal altercation that escalated into a physical disturbance and ended without injury.

#### **Criminal Mischief:**

3600 Wintergreen Dr. – Deputies were dispatched to the listed location in reference to a criminal mischief. Investigation revealed unknown suspect caused damage to complainant's property and fled undetected. Call cleared report.

#### Theft:

No calls reported in the Atascocita Forest neighborhood sections. **Other Calls:** 

16500 Woodland Hills Dr. – Deputies were dispatched to listed location in reference to an FSGI. Investigation revealed unknown suspect caused an accident and fled the scene without giving information.

16000 Peach Orchard Dr. - Deputies were dispatched to the listed

location in reference to fraudulent use of ID. Investigation revealed unknown suspect used complainant's personal identification to obtain credit.

3700 Wells Mark Dr. – Deputies were dispatched to the listed location in reference to fraudulent use of ID. Investigation revealed unknown suspect used complainant's personal identification to obtain credit.

3700 Apple Hollow Ln. – Deputies were dispatched to the listed location in reference to fraudulent use of ID. Investigation revealed unknown suspect used complainant's personal identification to obtain credit.

4100 Blue Forest Dr. – Deputies were dispatched to the listed location in reference to a lost property. Investigation revealed reportee had lost his wallet and wanted to report it.

3700 Wells Mark Dr. – Deputies were dispatched to the listed location in reference to a runaway report. Investigation revealed known juvenile left home without permission.

16400 Pear Ridge Pl. – Deputies were dispatched to the listed location in reference to an aggravated assault call. Investigation revealed unknown suspect shot complainant causing bodily injury. Case still under investigation.

3700 Wells Mark Dr. – Deputies were dispatched to the listed location in reference to a suspicious activity. Reportee wanted to document suspicious activity that his neighbor was doing.



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# Landscaping Tips

#### September

- The fourth batch of fertilizer should be applied on the first week.
- Selective herbicides can be applied again to the turf for unwanted weeds.
  - Install fall annual color by mid-September
  - Prune and shear plants for the last time this season.

#### October

- The fourth batch of fertilizer should be applied on the first week.
  - Continue with the regular mowing schedule.
- Start your fall clean up by removing all leaf, plant debris and diseased plant parts.
- Perennials and other plants that need insulation during winter need new mulch to be installed.
- Water landscapes plants well until the ground is frozen.
- Dig and store tender perennials, tubers and summer bulbs.
  - Divide perennials and reduce unwanted plants in bed.
- Prune back roses. Cover root flares or trunks with mulch.
  - Drain pipes and blow out irrigation systems.
- Spring flowering bulbs can be installed by the end of the month.
  - Spray anti-desiccant on plants.
  - Fertilize trees and shrubs by using balanced fertilizers.
  - Turn water off to exterior features by the second week.
  - Inspect outdoor lights, replace and repair if necessary.
  - If you have a pond, it needs to be cleaned out.

# **Coming Soon!**

We are looking into adding some new articles in the newsletter. Please feel free to e-mail newsletter@atascocitaforest.org on any of the below and we will do our best to include it. Several suggestions are as follows:

**Questions and Answers section:** This is your chance to ask questions regarding the neighborhood and potentially have them answered. Please keep in mind this cannot include questions regarding specific deed restrictions violation letters. We will do our best to answer any questions possible.

**Restaurant Reviews:** Do you have a review of a favorite local restaurant in our area or would you like to see a review on one? Have you been to a local restaurant and done a review or would you like for us to have someone try it out? Let us know the name of the business and the location and we will try to have your review added or have it reviewed.

**Special Announcements:** Do you have something special you want the neighborhood to know about? Let us know about special events in the area or anything you would like the neighborhood to know about and we will try to include it!

# **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.

The pool will be open through September 2nd and closed on Mondays, except for Labor Day, which it will be open as the last day of the season.

**The Park** – 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. The playground has been completed on July 30th.

ASI Security and Sales was contracted to update the security system and cameras in the pool and park areas. All work has been completed.

Labyrinth Designs was contracted to create new signage for the Walking Trails, Picnic area, Tennis Courts, Park, Handicap Parking, etc. All signs have been delivered and are awaiting installation.

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 at all amenities.

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

**Community Clubhouse** – Two modular buildings have been approved for purchase to for use as a future Community Clubhouse. A deposit has been made to secure the buildings and bids will soon be requested for the additional needs to extend the parking into the current picnic area, relocation of the picnic area along with new barbeque pits, landscaping needs, utility needs, etc. There are no new updates at the moment.







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As kids head back to school, it's important to provide them with the necessary resources to succeed. As a parent, you can take steps to put your kids on the path toward a successful school year.

To help your children put the best foot forward, consider these suggestions from The Salvation Army, which operates hundreds of low-cost after-school programs for kids of all ages in low-income neighborhoods across the country and understands the importance of setting children up for success all year.

Get back into a routine. During the summer months, family routines tend to slide, especially morning rituals and bedtime habits. A few weeks before school starts, begin transitioning your way back to a normal school schedule. A gentle progression toward earlier bed and wake-up times is easier on kids physically and mentally. Try adjusting by 15 minutes each day until you reach the optimal schedule for your family. Remember that routines aren't just about the clock, though. If there are certain steps that are part of the school year routine, such as packing lunches and laying out clothes for the next day before bed, make those part of your transition plan, too.

**Set a good example.** Kids learn important behavioral lessons by watching the adults in their lives. The back-to-school season provides many opportunities to demonstrate compassion and social responsibility. For example, giving back to an organization like The Salvation Army helps provide funding for programs that support the educational needs of children who otherwise may not have access to the same resources.

**Research resources for homework help.** Discovering your child is struggling in school can be overwhelming. You'll want to be able to pull in help as quickly as possible, so it's a good idea to research resources in your area that can help provide support outside the classroom. Your school likely has some options available, but it's a good idea to also look into tutoring programs and other community services that encourage literacy and study skills as well as provide one-on-one assistance with homework and school assignments.

*Get organized.* The first few weeks of school typically bring plenty of change and adjustment. You can help manage the stress by creating

some structure. Use a wall calendar to keep track of school start and dismissal times, bus pick-up and drop-off times, after school activities and other appointments. Review lunch menus and plan ahead so you're not finding out at bedtime that you need to pack a home lunch in the morning. Stock up on breakfast foods and make time to catch up on laundry before school begins so hunger and wayward socks don't derail your mornings.

Explore extra-curricular programs. With the new school year comes numerous ways to enrich your kids' social and cognitive development. Extra-curricular activities let kids continue practicing skills even after the school bell rings, but in a fun environment so they may not even realize they're still learning and cultivating healthy, safe relationships with friends. In addition to sports and clubs, a wide array of music and art education activities may be available that focus on everything from choir, band and dancing to drawing, writing and acting.

**Set goals.** Begin the school year by encouraging your children to take ownership and pride in their learning. Talk about goals like reading a certain number of books each month or earning grades that reflect

their highest potential. Get kids motivated by designing goal boards or charts that can serve as daily reminders and track their progress. For larger goals, consider setting milestones so they can celebrate progress along the way and stay motivated for a big finish.

Learn more about educational and giving opportunities in your community at SalvationArmyUSA. org.



