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## UPCOMING EVENTS



#### SATURDAY, OCTOBER 5TH 6:00PM - 8:00PM

All residents are invited to participate in National Night Out on Saturday, October 5th! This event will take place on your own street or section. Each street/section gets to pick a theme and choose what time and location to get together. This is a great opportunity for you to meet your fellow neighbors and make new friends!

Then, we want you in our newsletter! To make the cut, please e-mail your National Night Out photos by Monday, October 7th to mevrard@canyongate.com.

If you have any questions about the event, or would like to become a section leader or block captain, please contact Michelle Evrard, Director of Community Events, at mevrard@canyongate.com or (713) 783-6702.



#### SATURDAY, OCTOBER 26TH 2:00PM - 4:00PM

All residents are invited to join in the fun with your fellow ghouls and goblins. Our annual Fall Festival will be located at the SplashPad. There will be carnival games, face painting, balloon animals, DJ, prizes, moonwalks, snacks and tons of fun!

Volunteers needed! If you would like to volunteer to help with the games, or need community service hours for school, please contact mevrard@canyongate.com.

Address: Sterling Lakes SplashPad – 2807

Sterling Lakes Drive, Rosharon



## FALL GARAGE SALE

## SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 9TH 7:00AM - 12:00 NOON

Get ready to clean out your closets for our community-wide garage sale. You won't have to haul your items far; the garage sale will take place in YOUR OWN garage! Rain or shine, be ready to open your garage at 7:00 AM on Saturday, November 9th.

We'll be creating a map of all the garage sales in the community. To be added to the map, please fill out the form at www.canyongate.com/residents/sl or e-mail your address to mevrard@canyongate.com and include a short list of the types of items you are selling (5 items or less). No additions will be accepted after Wednesday, November 6th. The maps will be handed out at the entrance.

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

#### HELPFUL PHONE NUMBERS

HELI FOLLHONE NOMBERS		
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 D	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		
Brazoria County Sheriff's Dept		
Iowa Colony Vol. Fire Dept. (non emergency)		
Emergency Medical Services (non emergency)		
Poison Control		
Alvin ISD Police (Sergeant Ellen Stark)		
Alvin ISD Poice (Dispatch)	(281) 331-2320	
Education		
Alvin ISD		
Bel Nafegar Sanchez Elementary (PreK-5)		
Manvel Junior High (7-8)		
Manvel High School (9-12)	(281) 245-2232	
Higher Education		
Alvin Community College	(281) 756-3500	

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

Please call or e-mail your PMG representative,

#### Sue Edmonds

Principal Management Group of Houston 11000 Corporate Centre Drive, Suite 150 Houston, TX 77041

Direct Office Phone: 832-864-1218 Email: sedmonds@pmghouston.com

Sterling Lakes Board Members

Rachel Gwin	Land Tejas
Linda Houston	Land Tejas
Tim Johnson	Land Tejas
Daniel Carreon	Resident
McLean Barnett	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 Advisory Board Member for fiscal year 2019 is:

Douglas Chumley (douglas@douglaschumley.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

### STERLING LAKES PROPERTY OWNERS ASSOCIATION:

Onsite Management Office (SplashPad Office) (281) 778-2000

Office Hours: Tuesday 11:00am-7:00pm Wednesday thru Saturday 9am - 5pm Closed Sunday and Monday

#### **Fitness Center Hours:**

7 days a week – 5:00am until 11:00pm Please visit or contact this office to register for amenity & gate access.

#### PRINCIPAL MANAGEMENT GROUP/AGENT

(713) 329-7100

Rachel Richmond, CMCA, AMS, Community Director

(713) 329-7103 (D)

Email: sedmonds@pmghouston.com

#### **GUARDHOUSE (PPI)**

(281) 778-2015

#### **POLICE & FIRE**

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 Emergency- 911

### Congratulations to the "Yard of the Month" Winner for September

Special thanks to our sponsor Cornelius Nursery!



To nominate a yard, please e-mail the address and a picture, if possible, to **mevrard@canyongate.com** 

## 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!



## **Top 10 Rules for Bike Safety**

Be safe. Follow the top ten rules of the road:

- 1. Wear Your Helmet
- 2. Obey Traffic Rules
- 3. Keep to the Right
- 4. Shoulder Check
  - 5. Turn Carefully
- 6. Be Careful Near Parked Cars
- 7. Watch Out for Moving Cars
  - 8. Watch for Pedestrians
    - 9. Be Seen
- 10. Stay Away from Busy Streets





### The Plastic Plight

By Cheryl Conley, TWRC Wildlife Center

I'm deviating from my usual articles about local wildlife and addressing an issue that should be important to all of us. It's the plastic pollution of our oceans. Why should we be concerned? Plastic is killing our wildlife. Fish, seabirds, seals, sea turtles and marine mammals ingest plastics causing suffocation, drowning or starvation or they become entangled in it.

Plastic was invented in 1907 and was considered a major breakthrough. Although not widely used in the beginning, now it's everywhere we look. After all, it's durable and lightweight, but it's deadly to marine animals. Are you old enough to remember when milk was delivered in glass bottles? Remember when sodas were only available in glass bottles? Remember paper straws? Today when you order a drink in a restaurant, you get a plastic straw. Do you remember the introduction of plastic bags in grocery stores? Groceries were once put in paper bags, then we were asked if we wanted paper or plastic and now it's plastic only. Grocery stores have row after row of products in plastic containers replacing what were once glass.

It is estimated that 92,000 tons of plastic end up in our oceans every week. To help you understand how much that is, it's 184,000,000 pounds! But where does all that trash come from? One would think that it's coming from ships throwing their trash overboard. That accounts for only 20% of the problem. The other 80% comes from land-based activities. Ninety percent of all plastic trash that ends up in the oceans gets there by ten rivers that carry it there (none are in the United States). All of these rivers run through densely populated areas that don't have adequate waste collection or recycling programs. Additionally, there's very little public awareness that plastic is even a problem in these areas. Trash being blown away from landfills is also a problem. Plastic is lightweight so it doesn't take much for the wind to blow it around.

The trash collects around storm drains and ends up in our oceans. And then there's the general public that still thinks it's okay to throw trash out of cars or wherever they feel like disposing of it.

There are several garbage patches floating in our oceans. Rotating ocean currents called "gyres" creates them and currently there are five of them in the ocean. One of them is called the Great Pacific Garbage Patch and is located in the North Pacific Gyre between Hawaii and California. It is the world's largest collection of floating trash. The debris is spread across the surface of the water and goes all the way to the ocean floor. The latest estimate puts the size of this patch at twice the size of Texas! Eight percent of the debris is made up of plastic bags, bottles and other consumer products.

So what can be done about the problem? Obviously, there are many situations that we have no control over but we can do our part. We can be responsible stewards of our environment and we can teach others to be as well. Here's how you can help:

- Participate in Adopt-a-Beach programs through the General Land Office in Austin. For more information, go to www.glo.texas. gov/adopt-a-beach/.
  - Use reusable bags when you grocery shop.
- Go straw-free. They are now even selling re-usable straws that you can carry with you. Some even fold up.
- Balloons are a big no-no. If you know someone planning an event with a balloon release, educate them on the dangers to our wildlife.
  - Tell your dry cleaner that you don't need a plastic bag.
  - Cut up the plastic rings from sodas and beer.
  - Recycle.

TWRC Wildlife Center is a 501(c)(3) organization in Houston. Since 1979, TWRC Wildlife Center has been committed to providing quality emergency care and rehabilitation for injured, ill and orphaned wildlife brought to us by the public. Through education, and engaging the public in wildlife-care programs, TWRC is making a difference for urban wildlife threatened by loss of habitat.



# STERLING LAKES EVENT CALENDAR 2019

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 <a href="mevrard@canyongate.com">mevrard@canyongate.com</a> if you would like to volunteer for any of our events! Events are subject to change.







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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 sedmonds@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

sedmonds@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 <a href="mailto:sedmonds@pmghouston.com">sedmonds@pmghouston.com</a>

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 sedmonds@pmghouston.com

If Security related contact the Guard House at 281-778-2015