

Sterling Lakes

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UPCOMING EVENTS

Fall Garage Sale

**SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 9
7:00 AM – 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.



Holiday Yard Decoration Contest

DECEMBER 8 – 15

The Holiday Yard Decoration Contest has been implemented to recognize and show appreciation to individual property owners for an outstanding job of decorating their homes during the holidays for everyone to enjoy.

No formal registration is required. Participants need to only keep their holiday lights on every night between 6:00 PM and 10:00 PM during the week of Sunday, December 8 through Sunday, December 15.

First, second and third place winners will be chosen. The three winners will receive a prize, and recognition in the newsletter and website.

If you would like to nominate a home, please contact Michelle at mevrard@canyongate.com or (713) 783-6702.



Cookies with Santa & Toy Drive

**SATURDAY, DECEMBER 14
1:30 PM – 3:30 PM**

Take your photo with Jolly St. Nick as we welcome in the Holiday Season! Located at the SplashPad, we'll be serving holiday treats and entertainment for children young & old! Don't forget your camera!

We're hosting a Toy Drive!

If you'd like to contribute, please bring a NEW UNWRAPPED toy to the SplashPad.



If you would like to volunteer, or need community service hours for school, please contact: 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 Police (Dispatch) (281) 331-2320

Education

Alvin ISD (281) 388-1130
Bel Nafegar Sanchez Elementary (PreK-5).....(713) 814-7000
Manvel Junior High (7-8)..... (281) 245-3700
Manvel High School (9-12)..... (281) 245-2232

Higher Education

Alvin Community College.....(281) 756-3500

The Association doesn't verify, endorse, or approve any products, information or opinions mentioned at Association sponsored functions or contained in this community newsletter.

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

Sue Edmonds
832-864-1218 (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

2020 Assessment Payments

Each year, assessments are due on January 1 but did you know that you could make payments, in advance? Any payment made will be credited to your account and reduce the total amount that is owed on January 1, 2020.

If you would like to take advantage of this option, you can send a check to:

Sterling Lakes POA
C/O Principal Management Group
P.O. Box 3157
Houston, TX 77253-3157

Be sure to include your account number in the memo line of your check.

* Please note the assessment fee has not been set at this time.

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 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 sedmonds@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 sedmonds@pmghouston.com

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

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!

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HELP KEEP OUR
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THREE BILLION LOST

By Cheryl Conley, TWRC Wildlife Center



Recently, the journal Science published a study showing that we have lost more than 1 in 4 birds from the United States and Canada since 1970. That's 3 billion! The study was conducted by scientists at the Cornell Lab of Ornithology along with six other institutions. "Birds are excellent indicators of environmental health. Severe declines in common birds,

like those shown in this study, tell us something is wrong and underscores the need to become better stewards of the planet," said Dr. Nicole Michel, senior quantitative ecologist with Audubon.

The study doesn't address why we're losing birds in such great numbers but as with many wildlife species, habitat loss has to be at the top of the list. Other reasons are as follows:

- The use of pesticides – it is estimated that the United States uses 20% of all pesticides used globally every year. That's a staggering 1.2 billion pounds. Pesticides are used for agricultural purposes, forest and rangeland management and golf courses. They are also used in and around our homes.

- Climate change – Audubon conducted a study of 588 bird species and discovered that more than half are in trouble. Three hundred fourteen bird species will lose more than half of their climatic range by 2080. To read the full report, go to <https://climate.audubon.org>.

- Cats – According to a study by the Smithsonian Conservatory Biology Institute, over 2.4 billion birds are killed by cats, both pets and feral, in the U.S. every year.

- Collisions - windows, wind turbines, and other structures. According to the American Bird Conservancy, up to one billion birds die every year in the US when they hit windows and other structures. The Smithsonian estimates that wind turbines account for up to 328,000 bird deaths annually.

So what can we do to be better stewards of the environment? Use organic pesticides. Keep your pet cats indoors. In some cities and communities it is illegal to let your pet cat roam free outside. Use decals or tape on your windows to prevent bird collisions. These are just a few of the many things we can do to help our environment. Let's all learn to live in harmony with the animals we share our world with.

TWRC Wildlife Center is a 40-year-old non-profit organization located in Houston. Over 5,000 ill, injured, or orphaned animals are brought to us every year in need of medical care. Be sure to follow us on Facebook and refer to our website for helpful wildlife information—www.twrcwildlifecenter.org.

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Walk Safe Rules / Reglas de Seguridad al Caminar

Remember:

Always walk with a parent or friend.

Walk on the sidewalk. If there is no sidewalk, walk facing traffic.

Be Seen! Wear bright clothes in the day. Carry a light and wear reflective clothes at night.



Crossing the Street:

Stop at curb or street edge. Look left, right and left again. Cross when there are no cars coming.

Cross at crosswalk or corner.

Keep looking for traffic as you are crossing.

Walk; don't run, when crossing the street.

Say no if it's not your turn to go. If a driver waves for you to go, don't go unless you are certain all cars have stopped in all the lanes before you cross.

Pay Attention:

Pay attention. No cell phone, texting or music.

Watch for cars backing or pulling out of drive-ways or alleys.

Make eye contact with drivers. Are they paying attention to you?

Watch for vehicles turning right at stop signs and red lights, even when you have the walk signal.

Recuerda:

Siempre camina con tus padres o amigos

Camina en la banqueta. Si no hay banqueta, camina de frente al tráfico.

¡Se Visible! - Usa ropa colorida durante el día. Usa una luz y ropa reflectiva drante la noche

Cruzando la Calle:

Para en la esquina de la acera o en la orilla de la calle. Voltea a la izquierda, a la derecha y otra vez a la izquierda. Cruza cuando no vengan carros.

Cruza en el paso peatonal o en las esquinas.

Siempre ve en la dirección del tráfico que viene cuando cruzas.

Camina. No corras al cruzar la calle.

No sigas si no es tu turno. Si el conductor te señala para que continúes, no sigas a menos que estés completamente seguro que todos los carros han parado en todas las líneas y direcciones antes de que cruces.

Pon Atención:

Pon atención. No hables, escribas o leas mensajes desde el teléfono celular, ni escuches música cuando hay tráfico a tu alrededor.

Fíjate de que algún carro no vengan en reversa o estén saliendo de sus cocheras, de los accesos a ellas o de los callejones.

Has contacto visual con los conductores. ¿Te están poniendo atención?

Fíjate por vehículos que voltean a la derecha en los altos o semáforos en rojo, aún tu teniendo la señal de camina.

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Introducing | townSq

Say hello to TownSq!

Associa is excited to announce the launch of TownSq- a new all-in-one mobile app designated to help you connect, collaborate and stay up-to-date on any device

Meet your neighbors, manage your account and access the resources you need for a better community living.

FREE exclusively to Associa communities, download the app and register now to:

- Easily communicate with neighbors, community managers, and board members
- Manage your account and pay online
- Get up-to-date community news and events
- Request and review status of service inquiries
- Participate in community polls
- Reserve common areas and amenities
- And more

Ready to join TownSq?

Your account is already set up and ready to use.

1. **Register** using your **Account ID** and **Zip Code**
<https://app.townsq.io/associa/signup>
2. **Login**
<https://app.townsq.io/login>
3. **Download** the app and start experiencing community your way!

Note: If you have more than one account you will be able to link them and have only one login.

Welcome

Before you can register we need to identify your account. Please enter your account number & zip code.

Account number *

Zip/Postal code *

continue

ONCE LOGGED IN, YOU WILL INSTANTLY BE ABLE TO CUSTOMIZE YOUR COMMUNICATION SETTINGS TO START RECEIVING NOTIFICATIONS – WHEN AND HOW YOU WANT!

Questions? Contact your community management team for details.

Sincerely,

Your Community Management Team



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832-864-1200

www.associaonline.com

***About TownSq** – TownSq is the global solution for better community living. Designed as the single source of truth for managing communities, TownSq delivers the most complete, mobile community experience by helping you connect, collaborate and stay informed on everything happening in your community – from daily management and ongoing maintenance to community programs and events. Our communities use TownSq to empower their managers, members and residents to experience community their way. Visit www.townsq.io to learn more.*

STERLING LAKES EVENT CALENDAR 2019

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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