

ATASCOCITA FOREST COMMUNITY GAZETTE



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.

Current Board Members are:

- Troy King - President/Treasurer
- Kesha Stubblefield - Vice President
- Tomasina Sampa - Secretary
- Norman Laskie – Director
- Janet Cowart - Director

December 2019
Community Calendar

02.....	Monthly MUD Meeting	12-3 pm
.....2929 Allen Parkway, Suite 3450, Houston, TX 77019		
07.....	Pearl Harbor Day	
14.....	Holiday in the Park	5-8 pm
.....17415 Woodland Hills Drive, Humble, TX 77346		
16.....	2019 Christmas Decorations	
.....Community Favorite Submission Deadline		
20-22....	2019 Christmas Decorations	7-9 pm
.....Contest		
25.....	Merry Christmas!	
31.....	New Years Eve	

SAVE THE DATE!

HOA Board Meetings are the 2nd Monday of every month. There will not be a meeting in December. The next meeting will be January 13th, 2020 at 6:30 p.m. It will be held at the Community Asset Management (CAM) Office located at 9802 FM 196 Bypass Rd 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, January 27th, 2020 at Noon.



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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

UTILITY NUMBERS

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
Trash - RR&R of Texas.....	866-516-9805
MUD District	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	
Pam Valentine.....	pvalentine@cam-texas.com

ATASCOCITA FOREST COMMUNITY ASSOC.

Email the Board	board@atascocitaforest.org
Website Questions/Problems	website@atascocitaforest.org
Newsletter questions.....	newsletter@atascocitaforest.org

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Janet Cowart - Member.....	janet@atascocitaforest.org

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
- 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 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 to Contact Info

Harris County Sheriff <http://www.harriscountysoc.org>

(713) 221-6000

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

(281) 376-3472

THE NEW COMMUNITY CLUBHOUSE/CENTER

Progress is being made, as many have noticed at the park. The trees at the front of the park have been removed, the stumps are scheduled to be ground and the picnic tables have been relocated to the back of the park in the new picnic area.

The next phase of the project will be to remove some of the fencing around the front portion of the park to all access for the construction to begin. Some of the fencing will also be relocated to ensure that the park itself will be safe and secure.

The next step will be the placement of the 2 buildings; approximately 1400 square feet each will be brought on site. Utilities will then be connected. The interior of the two buildings will provide restrooms, a kitchen, a large meeting room and a few offices.

The next step will be to add much needed additional parking. Once that is complete we will replace any additional necessary fencing and landscaping as needed. Our goal is to have this project completed by summer of 2020.

Once complete, we will be able to hold all HOA meetings right here in the neighborhood year round, potentially even an occasional M.U.D Board meeting when they are held in district, and provide a place for residents to have a space to

rent for parties and family get-togethers.

We are hoping that the addition of this new amenity will help improve community involvement and bring us closer together.

Please visit the official website, www.atascocitaforest.org for all of the latest news. Please make sure you are registered and that all of your contact information is up to date. Periodic surveys are sent out asking for your opinion on what our neighborhood needs are, so please verify your e-mail so that we may get those to you. Our neighborhood is comprised of 1599 homes and so far we have approximately 1300 registered users. The previous survey, which included the questions regarding the desire for a possible community center and more, 256 of you responded and let your voices be heard. We thank you for your time and commitment to your community!

We would also like to say thanks to the very hard work and many, many long volunteer hours done by the HOA board who work diligently to reduce costs across the board. Due to all of this, they were able to do some much needed and major park renovations and start this project for next year ***without raising HOA dues!***

HOA UPDATES



Community Pool – Blue Water Recreational Services LLC has been contracted to maintain and clean the pool and pool equipment for the remainder of the year as well as awarded the contract for next year's maintenance and lifeguard services. The board will be standardizing the hours of operation for the

coming pool year. The pool has officially closed for the season as of Labor Day, September 2nd, 2019 and will reopen at the end of May 2020. The Board has approved the bid based on the guarantee of a higher quality lifeguard in hopes of a more successful pool year.

The Park – A-Z Wright was awarded the bid to provide crushed granite to be brought in for some low lying areas on the park walking trails, particularly in between the two sides of the playground equipment. Bids are still being received and

reviewed for pressure washing of the buildings, play structures, as well as the concrete sidewalks. Daniel & Son Fence Restoration LLC has been contracted to provide fencing repairs to the park and pool areas. They will be repairing and repainting fencing, repainting the camera and light poles, removing and galvanizing the diving board and repairing and repainting the canopy post in the pool area. A complete list of park and pool rules is available at the park entrance and can be viewed on the Atascocita Forest website www.atascocitaforest.org, under Community Amenities.

Community Clubhouse – Two buildings have been approved for purchase to for use as a future Community Clubhouse. A deposit has been made to secure the buildings along with the first payment. The picnic tables have been relocated to the back section of the park and a picnic section has been designated. The trash cans are still pending relocation from JDog Junk removal along with the Doggy Doo station that is currently located in the former picnic area. Bids are being requested to extend the parking into the current picnic area, landscaping needs, utility needs, to remodel the modular buildings as needed for community appeal and functionality, etc.

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2020 ASSESSMENTS

The Atascocita Forest Community Association Board of Directors has determined the Association budget for 2020 and has set the 2020 assessment rates for Atascocita Forest at \$390.00 per year, no change from the prior year. The Park Neighborhood Assessment rate was set at \$390.00, no change from the prior year. A copy of the 2020 budget can be found online at www.atascocitaforest.org.

Assessments are billed annually and are due January 1st and become delinquent after January 31st. You should receive your account statement in the mail by or before November 1st. You may elect to take advantage of four payment options. You may pay in full via check by the January 1st due date, E-check online payment via www.mystreetsmart.com, you may set up automatic bill payment through your bank, or you may pay via credit card via Visa, Mastercard, American Express, or Discover but please note there is a \$14.95 fee for this option.

Payments received after January 31st will be subject to a \$39.00 late fee. Interest will accrue on any unpaid balance each month. Accounts remaining delinquent after March 1st will be subject to additional collection action, including deactivation of all access devices associated with the delinquent property and a demand letter will be sent via certified mail with an additional collection charge added to your account. Accounts who have received a collection letter and who remain delinquent on or after April 1st will be assigned to the Association's attorney for collection.

Should you have any questions about your account statement, do not hesitate to contact Pam Valentine at our management company, Community Asset Management (CAM) at pvalentine@cam-texas.com or 281-852-1155. Their office is open Monday to Friday from 8:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. for your convenience.

We are looking forward to another successful year for 2020. With your input and help, we feel we will have another great year!

Sincerely,

Your Board of Directors

CREAM CHEESE SNICKERDOODLES

*Super soft Cream Cheese Snickerdoodles!
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Ingredients

1 cup unsalted butter softened to room temp
4 oz cream cheese softened to room temp
1 3/4 cup sugar, 2 large eggs
1 teaspoon vanilla extract,
3 1/4 cups all-purpose flour
1 teaspoon cornstarch,
1 1/2 teaspoon cream of tartar
1/2 teaspoon baking soda, 3/4 teaspoon salt
1/2 teaspoon ground cinnamon

Topping

1/3 cup granulated sugar
1 Tablespoon ground cinnamon

Instructions

1. Combine butter and cream cheese in the bowl of a stand mixer (or in a large bowl and use an electric mixer) and beat until creamy.
2. Add sugar and beat until light and creamy and well-combined.
3. Add eggs and vanilla extract. Stir well.
4. In a separate bowl, stir together flour, cornstarch, cream of tartar, baking soda, salt, and cinnamon.
5. Gradually add flour mixture to butter mixture until completely combined. Cover bowl with plastic wrap and transfer to refrigerator to chill for at least 30 minutes.
6. Once dough has nearly finished chilling, preheat your oven to 350F and line a baking sheet with parchment paper. Prepare your topping by stirring together sugar and cinnamon until well-mixed.
7. Remove chilled dough from refrigerator and scoop by 1 1/2 Tablespoon-sized portions. Roll into a smooth ball between your palms and roll through cinnamon/sugar topping mixture until completely coated.
8. Place on prepared cookie sheet at least 2" apart and bake on 350F for 10-13 minutes.
9. Cookies may still seem very soft in the center when finished baking, allow to cool completely on cookie sheet

CUT OFF FOR NOMINATION TO HOA BOARD

Please be aware January 13, 2020 is the final day for nominations on the following:

Election of one (1) Trustees for a three (3) year term.

If you would like to run for an open Trustee position, please submit your name to the Association, and your name will be placed on the ballot at the 2020 Annual Meeting. For your name to be on the ballot at the annual meeting, all nominations must be received by Monday, January 13, 2019 by 5:30 p.m. You may (1) mail to: Atascocita Forest Community Association

c/o Community Asset Management ("CAM"), 9802 FM 1960 Bypass-W, Suite 210, Humble, Texas 77338, or (2) email to pvalentine@cam-texas.com. If your nomination is received timely, your name will be placed on the ballot.

Please be sure to include a short biography on yourself and why you are interested in the position as this will be included in the information sent out with the voting ballots and available at the annual meeting.

HOLIDAY LIGHT CONTEST

The Atascocita Forest Christmas Decorations Contest and the Community Favorite Decorations Contest will take place starting the week of December 16th. Entries can be made at www.atascocitaforest.org where homeowners can fill out an application and include a picture of their glowing masterpiece of a home. Entries will be accepted from November 25 through December 16. NOTE: You must enter your house in order to be considered for the competition!

If you don't enter, you can't win! Please make sure you are also reminding your neighbors! The Atascocita Forest neighborhood Board members will begin judging from December 20th-22nd, with a winner being announced on the Atascocita Forest website after December 23rd.

Categories:

Best Overall (best overall design & installation, including lights and non-lighted décor)

Best Lights (best light display and installation)

Most Creative, Most Colorful, Most Elaborate

Judges will award \$50 to Best Overall winner and the Community Favorite and \$25 to the additional winners. The winners will be determined by volunteer judges from our very own community.

For the Community Favorite category, please submit at least 1, but no more than 3 good quality photos of your home's exterior decorations via the form NO LATER THAN Monday, December 16 on the website www.atascocitaforest.org/p/Decorations-Contest-Community-Favorit. If you are unable to take good quality photos, check the box requesting photos to be taken of your home. A board member (probably Kesha) will come by your home and take photos to use. The photos will be added to a survey on the official Atascocita Forest HOA website, as well as on the neighborhood Facebook group and our NextDoor site. Residents will vote on their favorite home and the winner will be announced.

Are you looking for a new holiday tradition to establish? Atascocita Forest is looking for volunteers to judge the contest. This could be a fun activity for families and for those who enjoy getting out in the neighborhood and viewing the holiday cheer. If you are interested in being a judge, please email volunteers@atascocitaforest.org with the subject of "holiday lighting" so that we can get you signed up! The more the merrier!

2019 TRUNK OR TREAT



The Atascocita Forest HOA was very glad to be able to host the community Trunk or Treat this year continuing the annual tradition as it has for several years now.

Though the weather was extremely cold it was very nice to see so many children come out.

Approximately 150 children came through and got treats from the residents who came out with their vehicles and the

HOA set up a table to pass out goodies as well. There was hot chocolate and coffee as well to help keep thirsty visitors warm.

Special Thanks to Dorothee Salas, Christina Laskie, Rebecca King, Janet Cowart, Kesha Stubblefield and the Atascocita Forest Patrol for helping keep the traditional alive.



LANDSCAPING TIPS

December

- Clean remaining leaves in the landscape.
- Remove fall annual flowers after they have declined.

January

- Clean up any debris left behind by winter storms.

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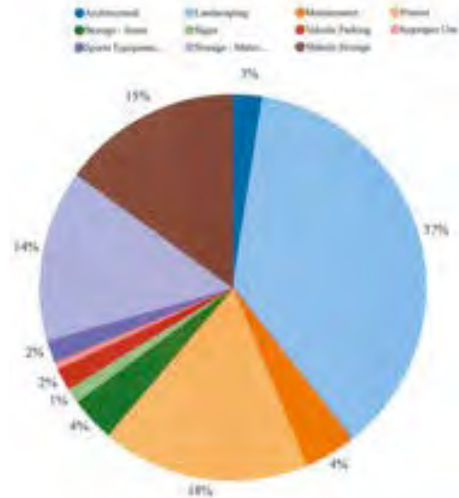
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MONTHLY MEETING STATISTICS

We are 92% collected on HOA dues as of October 31st
 We are up 1% in collections as of the same time last year
 250 Deed Restriction Violations were issued for October
 2 Residents attended the November 2019 Board meeting



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The Atascocita Forest HOA Presents

Holiday in the Park

At The Atascocita Forest Community Park

- Live Music
- Train Rides
- Meet Santa
- Singing
- Games
- Brass ensemble
- Contests
- Tree Lighting

December 14th
5pm-8pm

A free event for the entire family to enjoy!
 17415 Woodland Hills Dr, Humble, TX 77346

For tickets visit <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/the-atascocita-forest-holiday-in-the-park-tickets-6011704881>



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Monthly Contract Stats

TRAIL OF THE LAKES MUD

For September 2019

Categories

Burglary Habitation: 2	Burglary Vehicle: 6	Theft Habitation: 1
Theft Vehicle: 3	Theft Other: 4	Robbery: 0
Assault: 2	Sexual Assault: 2	Criminal Mischief: 3
Disturbance Family: 5	Disturbance Juvenile: 1	Disturbance Other: 21
Alarms: 32	Suspicious Vehicles: 12	Suspicious Persons: 16
Runaways: 1	Phone Harrassment: 0	Other Calls: 229

Detailed Statistics By Deputy

Unit Number	Contract Calls	District Calls	Reports Taken	Felony Arrests	Misd Arrests	Tickets Issued	Recovered Property	Charges Filed	Mileage Driven	Days Worked
150	24	5	6	0	0	13	0	0	1752	17
E101	100	41	15	0	1	19	0	1	1071	18
E102	69	13	23	0	2	59	8	0	996	20
E103	71	50	8	0	1	8	0	2	863	15
E104	83	14	18	0	0	10	0	0	757	20
E106	66	23	14	0	1	20	0	1	54789	18
E112	65	16	9	0	1	14	0	1	1007	18
TOTAL	478	162	93	0	6	143	8	5	61235	126

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