

# 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  
Keshia Stubblefield - Vice President  
Tomasina Sampa - Secretary  
Norman Laskie - Director  
Janet Cowart - Director



## HAVE YOU LOGGED IN 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!

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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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## 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.harriscountysos.org>

(713) 221-6000

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

(281) 376-3472

## HOA Updates

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### NOTICE *of* 2020 ANNUAL MEETING *of* Atascocita Forest Community Association

Please take notice that the 2020 Annual Meeting of the Members of Atascocita Forest Community Association (the "Association"), a Texas non-profit corporation, will be held on **February 10, 2020 at 6:30 p.m. at the Atascocita Forest C.A. Pool 17415 Woodland Hills Drive, Humble, Texas 77396**. The meeting will be held for the following purpose:

Election of one (1) Trustee 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 January 17, 2020 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](mailto:pvalentine@cam-texas.com). If your nomination is received timely, your name will be placed on the ballot.

Your input is important to the Association, and we urge you to attend the 2020 Annual Meeting. On the other hand, by a later mailing all members will receive a proxy form for them to use if they cannot attend the meeting. The sole purpose of the proxy is to allow their vote to still count if they are unable to attend the Annual Meeting.

Should you have any questions regarding the Annual Meeting, please do not hesitate to contact CAM at (281) 852-1155. Thank you, in advance, for your continued interest and support of Atascocita Forest Community Association.

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**Community Pool** – Blue Water Recreational Services LLC has been contracted to maintain and clean the pool and pool equipment for the 2020 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** – Bids are being sought and accepted for a drain to be installed in between an area between the play structures to assist with standing water issues. 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 have almost completed the repairing and repainting of the contracted fencing areas, repainting the camera and light poles, removing and galvanizing the diving board and repairing and repainting the canopy post in the pool area. Additional work is being sent out for bid to remove two sections of fencing along the old Park Picnic area and along the Elementary School to assist in the next phases of construction. The section along the school is to be replaced after the buildings are installed and new fencing is to be run on the opposite side to keep the Park area secure.

**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 trash cans are still pending relocation 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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## Landscaping Tips

### February

- Prune trees to raise undercarriage. Plants and shrubs will need to be pruned for rejuvenation.
- Based on soil test, apply lime to the lawn.
- During spring and summer months apply dormant oil to shrubs to reduce insect damage.
- Ornamental grass should be trimmed to avoid them looking messy and unkempt.
- Form and finalize your plans for a Spring Landscaping Project.

### March

- Begin your spring cleanup chores if the weather breaks early.

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## DEATH BY CHOCOLATE COOKIES



These cookies are for serious chocolate lovers! They are jam-packed with 3 different kinds of chocolate. They are thick and soft. Perfect with a glass of milk!

### Ingredients

- 8 oz semi-sweet chocolate, melted
- 2- $\frac{1}{4}$  cups all purpose flour
- $\frac{1}{2}$  cup cocoa powder
- 1 teaspoon baking powder
- $\frac{1}{2}$  teaspoon kosher salt
- 1 cup butter, room temperature
- 1  $\frac{1}{4}$  cups granulated sugar
- 2 eggs
- 1 teaspoon vanilla extract
- 1 cup milk chocolate chips
- 1 cup semi-sweet chocolate chips
- $\frac{1}{2}$  cup white chocolate chips

### Instructions

1. Line a baking sheet with parchment paper and set aside.
2. In a medium microwave-safe bowl, melt 8 oz semi-sweet chocolate in microwave in 30 second increments until melted, stirring every 30 seconds. Set aside to cool slightly.
3. In large bowl whisk together flour, cocoa powder, baking powder and salt. Set aside.
4. In a stand mixer bowl, fitted with paddle attachment cream butter and sugar together for 2 minutes until light and fluffy.
5. Add melted chocolate and stir until combined.
6. Beat in eggs and vanilla until smooth and incorporated.
7. Stir in dry ingredients into chocolate mixture until dough forms.
8. Fold in chocolate chips.
9. Chill dough for one hour.
10. Preheat oven to 350°F
11. Using a cookie scoop or large spoon drop cookie dough onto lined cookie sheet at least 2" apart and bake for 12-13 minutes until edges are set.
12. Allow to cool on baking sheet for 3 minutes and then transfer to wire rack to finish cooling.
13. Store in an airtight container for up to 3 days.

## News from Trail of the Lakes M.U.D.

### Security

The M.U.D. Board is working with Captain Hecker and Chief Zitzmann regarding options concerning the possibility of increasing the District's current 70% deputy coverage contract to 100% coverage contract. Discussion ensued regarding cost-sharing such services with the Community Associations within the boundaries of the District. Ms. Adams then reviewed with the MUD Board on a draft letter to Atascocita Forest C.A., The Forest C.A. and Clayton's Park CA regarding a potential Joint Agreement for the payment of law enforcement services. The Board further discussed concerns with and inquiries received from The Forest CA regarding cost sharing.

### Recycling Bins and Senior Program

Mr. von Meier, From RRRTX, suggested that the Board consider changing the recycling bins to larger bins with lids. Mr. von Meier stated that because recycling materials are not secure in the bins currently used, such material is blown into the streets....Discussion ensued regarding the cost of larger bins and the Board requested quotes for 48-gallon and 65-gallon recycling and garbage bins to review at the December 30th Board Meeting.

Mr. von Meier then reminded the Board the RRRTX offers a Senior Program which offers assistance to disabled senior citizens and disabled veterans with moving their garbage to the curb. Mr. von Meier added that...."they" may contact RRRTX to participate in the program.

### Sidewalks

The M.U.D. Board recently discussed sidewalks with a local resident in the September 30th meeting who has been in contact with County Precinct 4 Commissioner Jack Cagle. The resident has been asking for assistance from the county to construct sidewalks along Woodland Hills Drive from Wells Mark Drive to Will Clayton Parkway. The resident inquired if the District would consider constructing sidewalks along Silver Bend Drive if the Atascocita Forest Community Association were to donate the property to the District. Currently the County has offered to build sidewalks if the cost can be split in half. Ms. Adams informed the resident that while sidewalks were originally included in the master park plan but that the location was not wide enough with the new County traffic improvements for a sidewalk to be American with Disabilities Act compliant.

### Strategic Partnership Agreement ("SPA")

In 2015 Trail of the Lakes MUD entered into a 30 year agreement with the City of Houston, effective October 1, 2015. In this agreement, the sales and use tax was increased from 7.25% to 8.25% within most commercial areas of the District. The District now shares 1% of the sales and use tax with the City in

exchange for not being annexed, except for taxation purposes. The City has asked for an amendment to the SPA Agreement in which the City would go from a 6-12 month timeline to decide if it would potentially want to Annex the District to a 12-18 month timeline. As of the meeting on the 12th, there has been over \$107K collected from January-October for the MUD portion. The MUD held public meeting on November 6th and November 12th to discuss and approve the requested amendment.

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Monthly Contract Status

## TRAIL OF THE LAKES MUD

For November 2019

### Categories

Burglary Habitation: 1	Burglary Vehicle: 4	Theft Habitation: 0
Theft Vehicle: 2	Theft Other: 3	Robbery: 1
Assault: 4	Sexual Assault: 0	Criminal Mischief: 3
Disturbance Family: 14	Disturbance Juvenile: 0	Disturbance Other: 8
Alarms: 33	Suspicious Vehicles: 26	Suspicious Persons: 19
Runaways: 0	Phone Harassment: 0	Other Calls: 173

### Detailed Statistics By Deputy

Unit Number	Contract Calls	District Calls	Reports Taken	Priority Arrests	Field Arrests	Tickets Issued	Recovered Property	Charges Filed	Mileage Driven	Days Worked
150	22	6	13	0	0	49	0	0	2073	20
D27	36	30	13	0	0	17	0	3	624	13
E101	89	48	18	0	1	28	0	0	986	21
E102	62	19	30	1	1	74	58000	2	1015	21
E103	41	30	3	0	0	5	0	1	588	10
E104	78	13	14	0	1	22	0	1	926	20
E106	56	15	8	0	0	21	0	0	799	16
E112	42	9	2	1	0	32	0	2	727	15
TOTAL	426	172	97	2	3	245	58000	9	7739	136

### Summary of Events

**Alarms:** Contract patrol deputies responded to 33 local alarms at various locations within the community. They were handled without incident and were all found to be false alarms.

**SUSPICIOUS PERSON** – Contract Patrol deputies responded to 19 suspicious persons within the community gathering intelligence while identifying potential problems. All persons were cleared without incident.

**SUSPICIOUS VEHICLES** – Contract patrol deputies responded to 26 suspicious vehicles within the community. All these scenes were utilized to gather intelligence and were all cleared without incident after thorough investigations.

**CONTRACT CHECKS** - Contract patrol deputies made 174 Parking Lot, Contract, business, MUD, and Neighborhood Checks within the community. There were no signs of foul play and all facilities appeared to be in good working order.

**TRAFFIC** - Contract patrol deputies made multiple traffic stops, enforcing the traffic laws of the state of Texas, within the contract reducing the possibility of accidents and lessening the chance of repeat offenders in the patrolled areas.

**ACCIDENTS** – Units responded to 18 minor, major and FSGI accidents in the patrol area clearing the roadway and charging the individuals at fault in the wrecks. Safety was restored and traffic was brought back to a normal pace.

**VACATION WATCHES** - Contract patrol deputies conducted 17 vacation watches during the month.

### Burglary of a Habitation:

16600 Block of Shrub Oak Drive – An unknown person gained entry into the back door of the complainant's residence and took some property without the home owner's consent.

### Burglary of a Motor Vehicle:

16800 Block of Shrub Oak Drive - An unknown person gained entry into the complainant's vehicle by breaking out the passenger side rear window and took some property without the owner's consent while it was parked in front of their residence.

### Theft - Vehicle:

No calls reported in the Atascocita Forest neighborhood sections.

### Theft - Other:

No calls reported in the Atascocita Forest neighborhood sections.

### Robbery:

16400 Block of Apple Hollow Court – A known person assaulted the

complainant and then took her vehicle without consent. The Harris County District Attorney's Office accepted charges against the suspect for robbery. A to-be warrant was filed for the person's arrest.

### Assault:

3800 Block of Beckett Ridge Drive – Four unknown suspects assaulted the complainant while he was walking home from school. Case remains open pending further investigation.

### Criminal Mischief:

17600 Block of Favor Bend Drive – An unknown person damaged the complainant's vehicle by damaging the driver side door lock and ignition in the attempt of stealing the vehicle without the owner's consent.

16600 Block of Shrub Oak Drive – A known person caused damage to the complainant's residence by kicking open the door. There were no charges filed in this case due to the suspect living at the residence and the incident being a civil matter.

### Family Disturbance:

16600 Block of Capewood Drive – Known family members were involved in a verbal altercation that turned physical. The suspect was issued a citation for the assault.

16600 Block of Shrub Oak Drive - Known persons were involved in a verbal altercation that turned physical. The suspect was taken into custody and charged with family assault strangulation.

16600 Block of Shrub Oak Drive - Known family members were involved in a verbal altercation that turned physical. No charges were filed.

4100 Block of Wood Arbor Court – Two known parties were involved in a verbal altercation. There were no threats of violence made by either party during the argument.

3600 Block of Trace Court – known family members were involved in a verbal altercation due to the complainant being upset that his parents were getting a divorce. There was no threats of violence made by either party during the argument.

### Disturbance Other:

No calls reported in the Atascocita Forest neighborhood sections.

### Other Calls:

3600 Block of Liles Lane – A possible known person forged the complainant's signature and then cashed three checks without the owner's consent. The case remains open pending further investigation.

3600 Block of Wintergreen Drive - An unknown person used the complainant's credit card information to make three unauthorized transactions.

3900 Block of Black Cricket Court – Complainant wanted to file a report documenting an incident involving her ex-husband being threatened over social media accounts and the fact that she didn't feel as if her son would be safe with his father due to people were threatening to harm him.

3800 Block of Liles Lane – Deputy on-viewed a stickered vehicle that was parked illegally on the public roadway with expired registration and flat tires. The vehicle was towed to an approved Harris County storage facility.

17200 Woodland Hills Drive – A known defendant was stopped on traffic due to speeding and was found to be in possession of marijuana. The defendant was placed on the misdemeanor marijuana diversion program and released from the scene.

16700 Quiet Trail Drive – A known male had discharged his weapon one time at a raccoon while trying to protect his dog. Report has generated to document the incident.

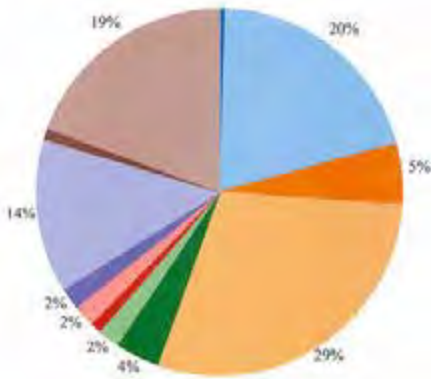
16600 Shrub Oak Drive – A known complainant was wanting to file a report to document a civil dispute between him and his girlfriend. Investigation revealed that the complainant's girlfriend had taken some of his property when she moved out of the residence.

17300 Shrub Oak Drive – An unknown suspect failed to drive in a single marked lane and drove their vehicle into the complainant's yard causing minor damage and then fled the scene without providing any of their personal information.

## MONTHLY MEETING STATISTICS

We are 93% collected on HOA dues as of December 31st  
 We are up 2% in collections as of the same time last year  
 207 Deed Restriction Violations were issued for January  
 2 Residents attended the December 2019 Board meeting

- Architectural
- Landscaping
- Maintenance
- Fences
- Storage - Items
- Signs
- Vehicle Parking
- Improper Use
- Sports Equipment...
- Storage - Mater...
- Nuisance
- Vehicle Storage



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