

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

UPCOMING EVENTS

March 28th

It's Time to clean out the garage and make some cash! Residents are welcome to set up garage sales in their driveways and feel free to place garage sale signage up in appropriate locations throughout the neighborhood. Additional signage will be placed on the major intersection areas to attract potential buyers in the area. We kindly ask that garage sale participants remember to pick up all of their garage sale signs after their sale is over in order to keep the neighborhood looking tidy.

The garage sale will be advertised on social media (Facebook and NextDoor) and an ad will be placed in the local newspaper. We encourage residents to post on social media with your address and a picture (or several) of your items if you wish.

April 11th

Atascocita Forest and The Forest HOA's have teamed up together to bring a community event together for our residents. The Easter bunny will be in attendance and available for pictures. There will also be a trackless train, games, cupcakes, music and of course an Easter egg hunt! We look forward to working with them on many more events in the future and wish to see all of you there!

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!

March		
09	Monthly HOA Board Meeting	6:30 p.m.
AFCA Community Pool 17415 Woodland Hills Drive, Humble, TX 77346		
28	Atascocita Forest Community Garage Sale	
30	Monthly MUD Board Meeting	12:00 p.m.
RBAP, PLLC. Office 2929 Allen Parkway, Ste 3450, Houston, TX 77019		
April		
11	Community Easter Egg Hunt with The Forest HOA	2:00-4:00 p.m.
Humble Middle School 11207 Woodland Hills Drive, Humble, TX 77346		
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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.harriscountysoc.org>

(713) 221-6000

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

(281) 376-3472

HOA UPDATES

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 completed the contracted fencing repairs to the park and pool areas. The repairing and repainting of the contracted fencing areas included 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 has been contracted to FenceLine 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. Bids are also being sought for additional Kiddie Cushion to replace some of the lower areas in the playground.

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

March

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

April

- If turf is dry opt for a dethatch/verti-cut lawn..
- Remove all leaves, debris and leaves as part of your spring cleanup completion.
- Check if the window wells, catch basins and other drainages are clean.
- Before Forsythias finishes its bloom you should apply the first round of turf fertilizer that has crabgrass pre-emergent. Do not put any crabgrass pre-emergent on areas where the lawn is thin.
- Mow lawn as required by conditions. Try not to remove more than 1/3 of the grass plant a time.
- Fertilize spring bulbs late in the bloom cycle. If you have tulips fertilize them while blooming and after.
- Reestablish and cultivate bed edges. Apply pre-emergent to beds.
- If the soil is not overly wet you can transfer, plant or divide perennials.
- Plant spring pansies for color.
- Ornamental planting beds can be fertilized for slow release of

fertilizers. Ground covers should also be fertilized as well.

- Start monitoring the grounds for pests.
- On the first Sunday of April reset your automatic timers on outdoor lighting. Check the bulbs and replace them if necessary.
- On the second week of April you can turn on your irrigation system. You should also check if all zones and/or heads are working properly.
- Hardscapes should be checked for damage from the winter weather. Make repairs as necessary.

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Reese's Peanut Butter Cup Pretzel Cookies

These are pretty perfect in the world of cookies. Perfect texture. Perfect thickness. Perfect sweet and salty balance. Are you running to the kitchen to make them yet?!

Ingredients

- 1 1/2 cups flour
- 1 tsp baking powder
- 1/2 tsp kosher salt
- 1/4 tsp baking soda
- 1 stick unsalted butter, at room temperature
- 3/4 cup packed light brown sugar
- 1/2 cup sugar
- 1/4 cup powdered sugar
- 2 large egg yolks
- 1 large egg
- 1 tsp vanilla extract
- 8 oz Reese's peanut butter cups, coarsely chopped (about 11 full sized ones)
- 1/3 cup coarsely chopped pretzels
- fleur de sel or other flaky sea salt

Instructions

Place racks in upper and lower thirds of oven. Preheat oven to 375F. In a large bowl, whisk together flour, baking powder, kosher salt, and baking soda. Set aside.

Beat butter with brown sugar, sugar, and powdered sugar for 3-4 minutes, until light and fluffy. Add egg yolks, egg, and vanilla and beat for an additional 4-5 minutes, scraping down the sides as needed.

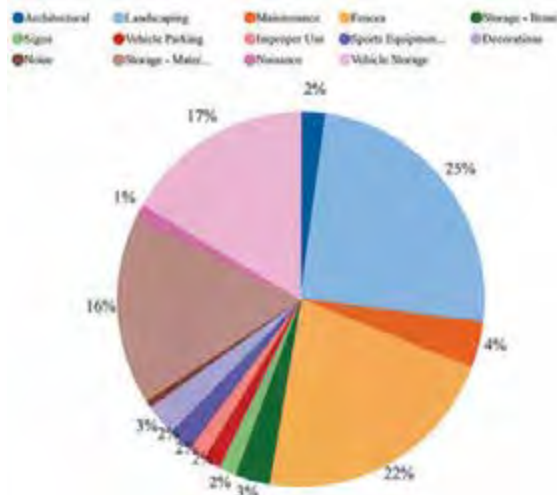
With mixer on low, add dry ingredients, beating just until combined. Use a spatula to fold in pretzels and chopped Reese's peanut butter cups.

Spoon rounded tablespoonfuls of cookie dough onto 2 baking sheets lined with parchment paper. Leave 1 inch between cookies. Sprinkle cookies with sea salt.

Bake cookies for 10-12 minutes, rotating pans halfway through, just until golden brown on the edges. Allow cookies to cool slightly on baking sheets before transferring to wire racks to cool completely.

MONTHLY MEETING STATISTICS

We are 56% collected on HOA dues as of January 31st
 We are down 4% in collections as of the same time last year
 326 Deed Restriction Violations were issued for January
 5 Residents attended the January 2020 Board meeting



Crime Statistics



Monthly Crime Statistics TRAIL OF THE LAKES MUD For December 2019

Categories		
Burglary Habitation: 1	Burglary Vehicle: 4	Theft Habitation: 0
Theft Vehicle: 0	Theft Other: 3	Robbery: 0
Assault: 0	Sexual Assault: 0	Criminal Mischief: 4
Disturbance Family: 0	Disturbance Juvenile: 0	Disturbance Other: 17
Alarms: 33	Suspicious Vehicles: 18	Suspicious Persons: 0
Runaways: 0	Phone Harassment: 0	Other Calls: 143

NEWS FROM TRAIL OF THE LAKES M.U.D.

Security

The M.U.D. Board reviewed the 2020 Constable Agreement and noted that such agreement includes six deputies and one sergeant. Ms. Adams then reminded the Board that it previously discussed adding one additional deputy. The Directors then discussed such change and agreed to the additional deputy. The Board voted unanimously to approve and authorize the execution of the 2020 Constable Agreement, subject to the inclusion of one additional deputy. The Board is also considering an increase in the security fee due to the increased cost for security and delinquent fees. A discussion was held regarding the increased cost for security due to the addition of the one additional deputy, which the Board deferred action on the increase to the security fee until the February 24th Board Meeting.

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 at \$45.00n a piece and 65-gallon at \$60.00 a piece recycling and garbage bins. He then reminded the Board that

Wal-Mart sells bins for \$65.00 with a 10-year warranty.

It was also discussed that only clear bags may be utilized for recyclable materials.

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.

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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