

# Sterling Lakes

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## UPCOMING COMMUNITY EVENTS

### CASINO NIGHT

SATURDAY, MAY 2  
6:00 PM – 8:00 PM



Join us for an adults-only (21 & up) night at the casino at the Sterling Lakes SplashPad. Residents will have fun & games while sampling wine, beer and hors d'oeuvres.

RSVP to Michelle at [mevrard@canyongate.com](mailto:mevrard@canyongate.com) and include wine, beer or non-alcohol preference.

### *Yard of the Month*

April – September 2020



Do you have a neighbor or friend in the community who has an outstanding front yard? Nominate them for the Yard of the Month!

Please forward your nomination to [mevrard@canyongate.com](mailto:mevrard@canyongate.com).

# Sterling Lakes

## 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](http://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

### *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,

### **Courtney Allen**

Principal Management Group of Houston  
11000 Corporate Centre Drive, Suite 150  
Houston, TX 77041  
Direct Office Phone: 832-864-1218  
Email: [Callen@pmghouston.com](mailto:Callen@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.

### **The Advisory Board Member for fiscal year 2020 is:**

Douglas Chumley ([douglas@douglaschumley.com](mailto:douglas@douglaschumley.com))  
Ed Fleming ([revedfleming@gmail.com](mailto:revedfleming@gmail.com))  
James E. Lee, Jr. ([theleegroup@hotmail.com](mailto:theleegroup@hotmail.com))  
Karen Einolf ([keinolf@hotmail.com](mailto:keinolf@hotmail.com))  
MarVaughn Bolin ([iam.marvaughn@gmail.com](mailto:iam.marvaughn@gmail.com))  
Sandra Hollier ([sandrahollier23@gmail.com](mailto:sandrahollier23@gmail.com))

## SPLASHPAD TEXAS HOURS

**Business Office (2nd Floor), PHONE:** (281) 778-2000  
**EMAIL:** [sterlinglakes@entouch.net](mailto: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

Courtney Allen  
832-864-1218 (D)  
Email: Callen@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

## **Have you logged in yet?**



[www.canyongate.com/residents/sl](http://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!

## **SEEKING STERLING LAKES SECTION LEADERS AND BLOCK CAPTAINS**

You can make a difference – so many of our homeowners have talents and gifts that could contribute to the value of our neighborhood. Consider a volunteer position to increase awareness and safety for your biggest investment and community.

For more information on becoming a block captain or section leader, please contact Courtney Allen, PMG General Manager, at Callen@pmghouston.com or (713) 329-7100.

### **Your 2020 Section Leaders & Block Captains Include:**

#### Sterling Lakes East

Section 1 Leader- Open  
Section 2 Leader- Rashard Davis  
Section 3 Leader- OPEN  
Section 4 Leader- OPEN  
Section 5 Leader- OPEN  
Section 6 Leader- OPEN  
Section 7 Leader- OPEN  
Section 8 Leader – OPEN  
Section 9 Leader- Kerri Agnew-Osborne  
Section 10 Leader- Rebecca Barnett  
Section 11 Leader- Amanda Sullivan  
Section 12A Leader- Michele Gunn  
Section 19 Leader- Ed Fleming  
Section 20 Leader- Madguerline Young

#### Sterling Lakes West

Section 1 Leader- Cynthia Williams  
Section 1 Block Captain- OPEN  
Section 2 Leader- Sandra Hollier  
Section 2 Block Captain- Sonny Ok  
Section 3 Leader- OPEN  
Section Block Captain- OPEN  
Section 4 Leader- OPEN  
Section 4 Block Captain- OPEN

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## STREET TREES AND TREE STAKES

It is a good time to review the trees on your property and undertake trimming and maintenance, as necessary. Remember to give special attention to your street trees, those that are situated between the sidewalk and road. As live oaks mature, their branches have a tendency to dip down towards the ground and their canopy needs to be thinned and trimmed. The canopy of street trees needs to be pruned to ensure that the branches do not impede passing traffic. Unused tree stakes should also be removed, as they can become unsightly.

## FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS AND CONTACT INFORMATION:

### 1. Street Light Pole Outages:

- Contact CenterPoint Energy Directly at [centerpointenergy.com/outage](http://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](mailto:sterlinglakes@entouch.net) or the General Manager at [Callen@pmghouston.com](mailto:Callen@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](mailto:sterlinglakes@entouch.net) or the General Manager at [Callen@pmghouston.com](mailto:Callen@pmghouston.com)

### 4. Concerns about traffic/safety issues inside community:

Contact the Onsite office: 281-778-2000 or [sterlinglakes@entouch.net](mailto:sterlinglakes@entouch.net) or General Manager at [Callen@pmghouston.com](mailto:Callen@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](mailto:sterlinglakes@entouch.net); General Manager at [Callen@pmghouston.com](mailto:Callen@pmghouston.com)

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

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## EARTH DAY 2020 Celebrating 50 Years

*Cheryl Conley, TWRC Wildlife Center*



April 22nd marks the 50th anniversary of Earth Day, an annual event to demonstrate support for our environment. Earth Day was founded by Gaylord Nelson, a U.S. Senator from Wisconsin, when in 1969 he witnessed the destruction caused by a massive oil spill in Santa Barbara, California. He came up with the idea of a “national teach-in on the environment” and presented it to the media. Congressman Pete McCloskey was persuaded to serve as co-chair. A Harvard student named Denis Hayes was named the national coordinator and with a staff of 85, it was promoted across the country. The date of April 22nd was chosen because it falls between spring break and final exams.

The first Earth Day was very successful. Over 20 million Americans demonstrated, gathered in parks and auditoriums and held rallies to demonstrate for a healthy environment. It was indeed the beginning of a movement and by the end of 1970, the United States Environmental Protection Agency was created and the Clean Air, Clean Water and Endangered Species Acts were passed.

Between 1970 and 1989, Earth Day celebrations and activities grew and in 1990, again under the direction of Denis Hayes, the concept was introduced globally. More than 200 million people in 141 countries celebrated Earth Day. Today, it is the single-largest

day of action in the world with 193 countries participating.

There are many ways you can help our planet. Plant a tree, pick up trash, start a compost bin, switch to earth-friendly cleaning products, start recycling, carpool, stop using plastic products, just to name a few. Celebrate the beauty of our world by taking a walk in the park.

Although Earth Day is celebrated only one day every year, our earth needs protecting every day. Make saving the planet a part of your lifestyle.

Cities and communities across the globe are celebrating with Earth Day events. Check to see what your city is doing.

TWRC Wildlife Center’s contribution to our environment is by rehabilitating injured, orphaned and displaced wildlife with the goal of returning healthy animals back to the wild. If you’d like to find out how you can help, contact [berri.moffett@twrcwildlifecenter.org](mailto:berri.moffett@twrcwildlifecenter.org).

## Earth Day 2020 Houston Arboretum & Nature Center



Come enjoy the outdoors at our annual Earth Day Celebration! This is an extra special year as it is the 50th anniversary of Earth Day across the globe. This family-friendly event is free and open to the public.

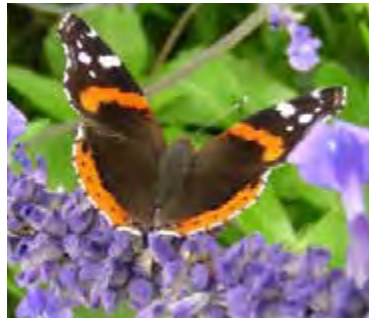
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## Pollinators

There are many animal pollinators with most of those being insects. Probably the most well-known of pollinator insects are bees and more specifically, honey bees. Honey bees are pollinators, but only make up a small portion of the bee population around the world. Most bees are solitary and nest in the ground. Solitary bees are not aggressive and many are stingless, so people should not be afraid of them.



Butterflies and moths are also important pollinators. Unfortunately, due to habitat destruction and other factors, their populations are on the decline. If you want to provide habitat for butterflies and moths, you need to ensure to fulfill the requirements of all life stages. Host plants are needed for egg laying and caterpillar feeding; nectar plants are needed for adult feeding; and overwintering sites are needed for various stages.



Flies are an often overlooked pollinator. With their poor reputation for carrying diseases, many people consider flies to be pests. Flies can be beneficial by fitting into food webs, breaking down waste material, feeding on other insects (some species), and pollinating plants (including some food crops such as apples and peppers).



Ideas to help conserve pollinators:

- Plant native plants that provide nectar blooms spring, summer, and fall
  - o Provide a variety of colors
  - o Provide a variety of flower/ bloom shapes
  - o Provide multiple levels of plants (groundcover, shrubs, trees, etc.)
  - o Plant in clumps of the same plant to make it easier for pollinators to find
- Reduce turf and replace with flowering plants
- Plant native bunch grasses to provide food and shelter for insects
- Allow fallen leaves to remain on property to provide shelter
- Create areas of bare soil for ground nesting bees (choose sunny areas that will provide dry soil)
- Use IPM (integrated pest management) to reduce pesticide use
- Provide water in a SAFE manner for insects
  - o Use shallow dishes with rocks, stones, sand, or some substrate to allow insects to drink without drowning

*For more information or help with identification, contact Wizzie Brown, Texas AgriLife Extension Service Program Specialist at 512.854.9600. Check out my blog at [www.urban-ipm.blogspot.com](http://www.urban-ipm.blogspot.com)*

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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 \*

\* Required

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**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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