

Sterling Lakes

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YARD OF THE MONTH

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.



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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

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
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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/AGENT

(713) 329-7100

Courtney Allen 281-778-2000 (D)

Email: 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)

Ed Fleming (revedfleming@gmail.com)

James E. Lee, Jr. (theleegroup@hotmail.com)

Karen Einolf (keinolf@hotmail.com)

MarVaughn Bolin (iam.marvaughn@gmail.com)

Sandra Hollier (sandrahollier23@gmail.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
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(713) 329-7100

Courtney Allen
832-864-1218 (D)
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GUARDBOUSE (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

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 12B Leader- OPEN

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

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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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 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 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 or the General Manager at Callen@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 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; General Manager at Callen@pmghouston.com

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

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Dreams Have no Travel Limitations!

Our foreign exchange students have the dream to study in the US, and they HOPE that they can come this fall. Let's keep their dreams alive and show them they are welcome and wanted if it becomes possible for the come.

Now more than ever, is the perfect time to sign up to host an exchange student. Students from around the world are still holding onto their dreams of spending a year in the USA! Help make that dream come true today. It is true we cannot predict the future, but these students are hoping to be able to come in August. It would make them very happy to know someone here WANTED them.

Each of our students is fluent in English, comes with their own spending money and health insurance. Most importantly, they come with a dream to spend a year in the US so they can experience life as an American teenager!

STS Foundation accepts all of host families – from single parents, newly marrieds, empty nesters and same sex couples. In order to host, you would need to meet the following qualifications:

- Host must be 25 years or older
- Pass a background check
- Provide food for 3 meals daily

- Ensure reliable transportation to and from school (bus is ok)
- A bed for your student
- A safe and loving home

STS Foundation is a 501(c)(3) organization that places foreign exchange students with American host families. For more information about hosting, please contact me at 832-455-7881 PM me or email at vicki.stsfoundation@yahoo.com.



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Crape Myrtle Bark Scale

Crape myrtles are a popular landscape tree in parts of Texas, prized for their beauty. While this tree has been relatively maintenance free for years, that is no longer the case now that crape myrtle bark scale (CMBS) has been found in Texas.

Crape myrtle bark scales are small, wingless insects, pinkish in color and covered with a white, velvety covering. When you look at the bark of an infested tree, look for round to oval shaped white velvety insects. If you puncture one with a toothpick, it will exude a pink substance.



When inspecting crape myrtles for CMBS, look along trunks, limbs, as well as smaller twigs and branches found towards the top of the tree. You'll want to look for scale insects and sooty mold. Sooty mold is a black colored fungus that grows on honeydew; honeydew is an excretion from scale insects (and other small, soft-bodied insects such as aphids and mealybugs).

Heavily infested crape myrtles have CMBS that produce copious amounts of honeydew on the tree and surrounding area which leads to growth of sooty mold, turning landscape plants black. Infested crape myrtles produce fewer and smaller blooms which may be difficult to tell unless you have an uninfested tree to compare.

Only male crape myrtle bark scales fly. Others are dispersed by wind, birds, other insects, or landscape maintenance equipment to nearby areas. Long-distance transport occurs via infested material. Once CMBS are in an area, they can move onto to nearby trees.

Control options are varied for CMBS. There are lady bugs that eat CMBS, but this may take time for control as the ladybug population is tied to the population of insects they feed upon. Ensure that if you buy and plant crape myrtles, that you inspect them and not plant any infested trees, or you select a different species of tree or shrub for the landscape.

Pesticide treatment for crape myrtle bark scale can be done with either a contact spray or a systemic. Studies from TAMU discovered that contact sprays should be used when pest numbers are peaking (crawler/ nymph numbers peak mid-April through May), and two treatments should be done with the second treatment taking place 2 weeks after the initial treatment. Insecticides with bifenthrin as the active ingredient tend to work best.

Systemic treatments should be applied earlier, when the leaves are budding out. Systemics such as imidacloprid and dinotefuran are best used as a soil treatment in March so that they are taken up by the tree and in place for the crawler population in April-May. These products should be used when trees are NOT in bloom to protect pollinators.

For a video on how to treat crape myrtles for CMBS, you should go to this link:

<https://citybugs.tamu.edu/2018/08/28/how-to-treat-your-crapemyrtle-for-bark-scale/>

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

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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.

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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



Associa® Houston Community Management Services, Inc
832-864-1200
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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.



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