

# Sterling Lakes

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## STERLING LAKES EASTER EGG SCAVENGER HUNT

Congratulations to the winners of the Sterling Lakes Easter Egg Scavenger Hunt! The winners each received a \$25 gift card from Amazon!

\*Aniyah and Saniya Calvert  
\*Mowles Family  
\*Zawistowski Family

Thanks so much also to all that participated to make this a fun event for the community.

Stay healthy and safe!

Sterling Lakes POA

## YEAR OF UNITY

In a time when life has come to a screeching halt, we begin to feel isolated and divided from the rest of our communities and the world as a whole.

Help us make 2020/2021 the #YearOfUnity!! Our goal is to help Texas recover and thrive by reconnecting with the world around us once again!

We have so many international teens from many different countries who are eager and ready to experience life in America and they dream of the host family who will choose to welcome them this fall. What better way to introduce your family to another country and culture without having to travel half way across the globe!

### What is a host family?

- Minimum age requirement of 25. Must be able to pass a background check and have a stable home life.
- Hosts come in all shapes and sizes! Married, single, with / without children .... all kinds of families are welcome!
- With the help of a Local Coordinator, Hosts are able to choose a student who fits with their family's interests and hobbies. They can begin communicating with their student once the placement is finalized in the database!
- Hosts receive monthly contact as well as 24/7 support during their hosting experience!
- Students cover all of their own personal expenses and carry their own medical insurance.
- Students arrive about 10 days prior to school starting and they depart about 7 - 10 days after school ends. Some have signed up to come for a semester (Aug. - Jan.) and most have signed up to come for the full school year (late Aug - late May/early June)

### Hosts provide students with:

- 3 shared meals a day. Students cover lunch if they choose to buy hot lunch at school.
- Students can share a bedroom with a host sibling of the same sex and within 4 years of age from each other. Student must have their own bed.
- The ability to attend American public high school. Hosts would help with transportation to extracurricular activities, within reason and based on availability.
- The love of your family! Students are to be treated as a family member and will share in household chores and daily life with the family.

Help us bounce back from isolation and 2020/2021 the YearOfUnity! If you would like to hear about our student applicants to see if we have a match for you, please contact me directly at 832-455-7881, or email me at [vicki.stsfoundation@yahoo.com](mailto:vicki.stsfoundation@yahoo.com)

## 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 [mevrand@canyongate.com](mailto:mevrand@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
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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## 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)

MarVaughon Bolin (iam.marvaughon@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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## 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](mailto:Callen@pmghouston.com) or (281) 778-2000.

## 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

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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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## Recipe from the Kitchen

Hello, everyone. Chef Marty here with a fantastic dressing or marinade (works best with shrimp in my opinion) recipe that many of you got to sample during last month's Grape Stomper's Wine Dinner. By popular demand, I will now share it with you all! Enjoy...

**Yield: appx 2 cups**

- 2 tablespoon lime zest
- ¼ cup lime juice
- ¼ cup brown sugar, packed
- ¼ cup ginger, peeled and grated
- ½ cup green onion, chopped, white parts and some green
- 1 cup cilantro leaves, packed
- 1 tsp nutmeg, fresh grated
- ¼ cup honey
- 1 teaspoon balsamic vinegar
- 1 teaspoon Tabasco
- ¼ cup olive oil
- 6 ancho chiles, seeded and cut into strips

1. Place the lime zest and juice, brown sugar, ginger, green onions, cilantro, nutmeg, honey, vinegar, and Tabasco in a food processor or blender and process until smooth.

2. With the machine still running, slowly pour in the olive oil through the feed tube in a steady stream. Turn off the machine and stir in the ancho chiles. Transfer dressing into a tightly covered container and refrigerate. Will keep for up to 5 days.

## GINGERBREAD VILLAGE HOLIDAY MARKET 2020

The ladies auxiliary from St. Elizabeth Ann Seton is holding their gingerbread village holiday market again this year! It will be held on October 24, 2020 from 9 A.M. to 4 P.M. It is located at 6646 Addicks Satsuma Rd., Houston, TX, between West Little York and Highway 529. If you have arts, crafts or unique booths that you wish to highlight, vendor applications are being accepted. Please email [gingerbreadvillage@gmail.com](mailto:gingerbreadvillage@gmail.com) to start the application process or to get any questions you may have answered!



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## BICYCLE SAFETY

Bicycling certainly has become a popular exercise option (or for some just to get out of the house) during the Covid Virus. Families and individuals were spotted within the neighborhood and on the walking/jogging/riding trails that surround us. Thus, this is a good time to remind everyone of bicycle safety, not just now...but anytime, such as riding for exercise/recreation, to school/work, etc.

### EXCERPTS FROM THE USAA EDUCATIONAL FOUNDATION

Bicycling is fun, good exercise and good for the environment. You and your family can enjoy years of safe bicycle riding when you understand the risks involved and take steps to prevent accidents and injuries. Covid 19 got a lot of people out walking and others pulling their bikes out of the garage to kill the boredom of being cooped up in the house.

#### 5 Keys to Safe Cycling

1. Wear a bicycle helmet.
2. Be visible.
3. Stay alert.
4. Know and obey traffic laws.
5. Be predictable.

#### Wear a Bicycle Helmet

You should always wear a bicycle helmet. Do not assume you will be safe from injury just because you are going a short distance or riding on an unpaved surface. Many serious bicycle accidents occur on residential streets or bike paths and do not involve vehicles.

#### Inspect Your Bicycle

- Lift the bicycle by its seat and spin the rear wheel. It should spin freely without wobbling, slowing quickly, or touching the brake pads.
- Apply the rear brake smoothly to stop the wheel. The brake pads should touch the wheel rim evenly. When released, the brake should spring back into place.
- Lift your bicycle by the handlebars, and spin the front wheel. It should spin freely without bobbling or touching the brake pads.
- Apply the front brake smoothly to stop the wheel. The brake pads should touch the wheel rim evenly. When released, the brake should

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spring back into place.

- Inspect brake pads. Replace them if they become worn or cracked. They should be at equal distances from the wheel rim.
- Check the spokes on both wheels. Replace broken spokes before riding.
- Check the tire tread. There should be no worn patches.
- Make sure tires are properly inflated.
- Check your handlebars. Stand in front of your bicycle holding the wheel tightly between your knees and try to move the handlebars back and forth or up and down. They should not move.
- Lift the frame near the handlebars and turn the front wheel back and forth. It should swivel freely.
- Make sure brake levers are secure.
- Apply the brakes and try to move the bicycle forward or backward.
- Make sure the ends of the handlebars are protected.
- Make sure the seat is secure and does not move from side to side.
- Clean reflectors and headlight. Make sure they are securely attached.
- Lubricate the chain if needed.
- Take your bicycle for an annual tuneup and safety check to ensure it remains in good condition.

#### On the Road

When riding your bicycle on public streets, you are required by law to follow the same rules as any other vehicle driver. You also have the same rights as drivers of other vehicles.

#### Be Predictable

- Use hand signals to communicate your intentions to other vehicle drivers and bicyclists.
- Communicate verbally (ex: "passing on your left").
- Ride in straight line and avoid sudden swerves.

#### Teach Children Bicycle Safety

Is your child ready to ride? According to The American Academy of Pediatrics (AAP), most children are not ready to ride a two-wheeled bicycle until 5 or 6 years of age. Along with physical skills, your child must demonstrate the mental readiness and self-control for understanding and obeying safety rules.

#### Set Clear Rules

Children – and all bicycle riders – should always wear a bicycle helmet when riding. In addition, you should set age-appropriate limits on when, where, and how children may ride. Be prepared to take away children's riding privileges if they do not follow these rules.

#### Be A Good Example

Practice what you teach about bicycle safety. Be diligent about wearing a bicycle helmet, stopping at stop signs and following other important safety rules. Your children will learn more from your example than from your words. Ultimately you should be able to practice bicycle safety while having fun!



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### 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.

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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