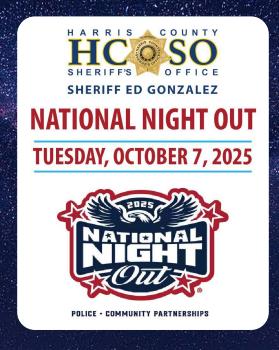
Woodwind Lakes

NEWSLETTER

SEPTEMBER 2025

Help strengthen neighborhood spirit and police-community partnerships.

Join with your neighbors and celebrate the 2025 National Night Out.



Two ways you can participate

We will have a guest speaker from the Harris County Sheriff's Department on Tuesday, October 7, from 6:00PM-7:00PM at the Pavilion Pool (7523 Allegro Drive).

The National Night Out program promotes neighborhood alliances to strengthen our communities and preserve the quality of life. Through National Night Out, we can strengthen our communities by helping to educate our families, friends and neighbors on crime prevention.

Getting to know your neighbors is an important step in guaranteeing safety in your communities, so neighborhoods are encouraged to host "block parties" – turn on your lights and gather outside with your neighbors.

See you there!

The Women's Club **Meet & Greet Season Kick-Off**

Tuesday, September 16, 2025 at 10:00am 9134 Brahms Lane - Home of Merrell Greene Non-members are welcome to join in the festivities! Come eat, drink and be merry!!!

For more information, please contact:

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Wearing funny-looking glasses is strictly optional!



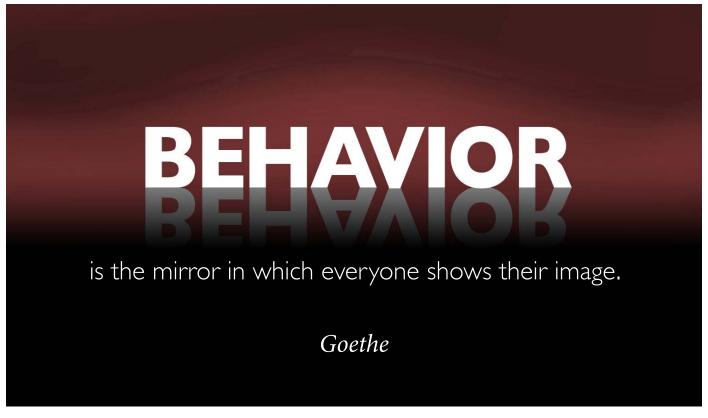
If you want to make a difference in the community and are interested in becoming an HOA Board member, click here:

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For a list of HOA Board Member duties, click here:







The crawl of shame: Roaches on the run

Tsually when you're number one in something, you feel darned good. It brings a sense of pride. Over the years Houston has claimed that spot in several areas. In 2021 Houston was named #1 for being the most diverse city in the United States. According to a study by Penske Truck Rental in 2024, Houston was ranked as the #1 moving destination. Everyone knows The Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo holds the title for having the world's largest rodeo. There is another #1 spot it holds I am sure it's not thrilled about. A study by Pest Gnome, a company that specializes in connecting people to exterminators, declared Houston the city with the most cockroaches—a title few would dispute.

Cockroaches love heat and humidity—and there's no denying Houston offers ideal conditions for them. Globally there are 4,500 species but only 69 of them live in the United States. Texas has about 30 species but in Houston, there are 4 prevalent species—American, German, Oriental and Brown-banded cockroaches.

Our "MegaGodzilla" roaches

The largest one you are likely to see in and around your home is the American cockroach growing up to two inches long. They are also known as water bugs or palmetto bugs. They are reddishbrown in color and can fly. The German roach is smaller, brown, and has two dark stripes. They have wings but they don't fly. They are the most prolific breeders. It only takes 100 days (about three and a half months) to produce a new generation. They are usually found near food and water sources and

spend their entire lives inside. The

Oriental roach is dark brown

or black and grow
to about 1.25
inches long. Like
the German roach,
they have wings but don't
fly. They prefer cooler,
ground-level sites such as
basements, crawl spaces and
wet areas. The brown-banded

roach likes warmer and drier areas and you're likely to see them in appliances. They can grow to 1.5 inches long and have antennae that are as long as their body. As their name implies, adults have distinctive brown bands. Younger ones are black with two white bands on the body and white-tipped antennae. American, Oriental and Brownbanded roaches live mostly outdoors but will move indoors in search of food and water.

Cockroaches aren't just an annoyance; they are a health hazard. They carry bacteria that can cause salmonella, staphylococcus and streptococcus. Cockroaches have been known to play a role as carriers of intestinal diseases, such as dysentery, diarrhea, cholera and typhoid fever according to the World Health Organization. In an article in the Journal of Allergy, Asthma & Immunology Research, cockroaches are one of the most common sources of indoor allergens.

Most homeowners I know have a professional pest control company treat their homes, both inside and outside, on a regular basis but you can help reduce the cockroach population by limiting their access to water, food and shelter.

Cheryl Conley Lake Creek Preserve Board of Directors

According to www.healthline.com, here are some things you can do.

- · Seal entry points such as cracks in floors and walls
- Fix leaky pipes

They sure seem this big!

- · Keep typically damp areas dry
- Use cockroach traps and bait
- Tightly cover all trash containers
- Store food in airtight containers (including food in cabinets)
- · Clean dirty dishes immediately after use

- Clean pet food bowl (don't leave pet food out)
- Sweep up food crumbs from tables, counters, stovetop, and floors
- · Wipe up spills immediately
- · Vacuum and mop floors regularly
- Clean (at least annually) around and under furniture that is rarely moved
- Clear out clutter from storage closets, shelves, and drawers

Cockroaches are squatters and may act like they own the place but show them the door. With a little diligence, you can evict these six-legged squatters and reclaim your home—one squeaky-clean corner at a time.

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BLOOD DRIVE

MONDAY, OCTOBER 20

The Gulf Coast Regional Blood Center mobile donation coach will be in the Family Pool parking lot, 9015 Woodwind Lakes Drive @ Ensemble Drive.

4:00 pm to 8:00 pm



Donors will receive a FREE T-shirt and coupon for a FREE pint at St. Arnold's Brewery [Must be 21+].

It's easy to sign up for an appointment by clicking on this link: https://www.commitforlife.org/donor/schedules/drive_schedule/390746

Or use the QR code above with your camera phone. (Appointments preferred. Walk-ins welcome.)

If you have any questions, please contact Marianne West: mariannewest@outlook.com.

GULF COAST REGIONAL BLOOD CENTER

For five decades, Gulf Coast Regional Blood Center has been at the heart of saving and sustaining lives in our community. With a commitment to innovation, quality, and care, we've expanded our reach and capabilities to meet the evolving needs of hospitals,

patients, and donors alike.

Driven by our mission and the generosity of donors, we continue to build a future where we are committed to making a difference one donation at a time. Together, we are not just providing blood—we are creating a lifeline for our community.



If you've never given blood before, here's information on what to expect and how to prepare: https://www.giveblood.org/donate/prepare-for-your-donation/#





Neighbors!

It is the time of year to think about Christmas poinsettias. As in the past, we will make red poinsettias available for sale at \$15 each. And the cost remains at \$15 each — no tax or shipping or handling costs will be added! They will arrive in 6" pots, covered in red foil, with a large sleeve to make them easy to carry. They make terrific indoor decorations for yourself, your friends and family, and as gifts to co-workers.

Please let me know — ellenmichaels@earthlink.net — how many you are interested in purchasing this year. You do not have to commit at this time unless you want

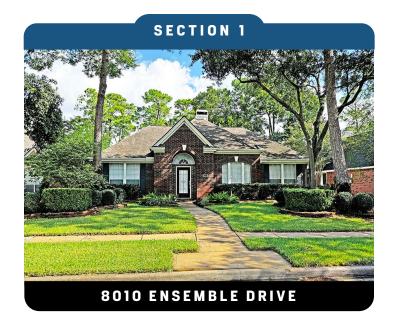


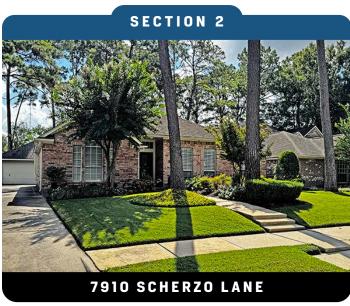
to. We just need to get an idea of how many we should order from Reach Unlimited. The deadline for placing our final order is in October.

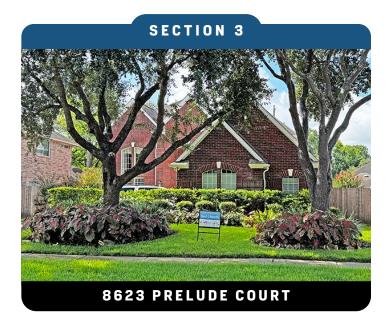
You will pay for the flowers when you pick them up at the Family Pool (9015 Woodwind Lakes Drive) on Friday, December 5th, between 3:00pm and 6:30pm. Don't worry — I will send confirmation and reminders once the orders are made.

I'm delighted to make these available again. They always look so good and last well throughout the Christmas season. I look forward to hearing from you soon.

September Yard of the Month Winners









Congratulations! And thanks for keeping our community looking its best!

