



# TUSCAN LAKES



# AUGUST 2015 IN YOUR BACKYARD

## TUSCAN LAKES APPRECIATION DAY SPONSORED BY JAMES HORNE TEAM

The summer pool season is almost coming to an end, so pack the towels and make your way over to the Tuscan Lakes Appreciation Day Sponsored by the James Horne Team! Join us for this fun-filled event for the whole family featuring grilled hotdogs and today's popular hits.

### THE FUN AND GAMES WILL INCLUDE:

- Bounce House
- Water Slide
- Dunk Tank
- Snow Cones
- Cotton Candy
- Balloon Twisting
- Coloring Contest
- Several Vendors



**Saturday, August 15th**  
**1:00pm-5:00pm**  
**CYPRESS POINT**  
**RECREATION CENTER**

For more information, email the Lifestyle Team at [lifestyledirector@tuscanlakes.com](mailto:lifestyledirector@tuscanlakes.com).



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# WELCOME LIFESTYLE DIRECTOR

## — Star Gilani —



Growing up in Dubai, U.A.E, I was exposed to the Hospitality Industry at a very young age as the entire city is surrounded by art, culture and the love for food. I visited the award winning International Festival every year and was always fascinated by the size and thorough detailing of the event.

Currently, I am a senior at the Conrad N. Hilton College School of Hospitality at the University of Houston and very excited to graduate this December with a degree in Event Management so I can dedicate all of

my time to working and growing within the Lifestyle and Leisure Industry.

Previously, I have had the pleasure of working with some of the best catering and events companies where I developed and polished my planning and customer service skills. With these experiences, I was able to expose myself to large scale music festivals, golf tournaments and large conferences.

Most recently, I had the opportunity to work at the City of Sugar Land where I have resided for the last 10 years! It was a true adventure planning several community events including the Star Spangled Spectacular that was held at the Constellation Field.

When I am not working, I am dancing or exploring new restaurants, and small cities in the United States. I love finding new places to eat and discovering new traditions from various cities.

Star will begin in her role the week of August 17th and is extremely excited to work in the Houston area and to plan high quality events for the residents and their guests at Tuscan Lakes.

In the interim, please feel free to contact Nick Deacon at [lifestyledirector@tuscanlakes.com](mailto:lifestyledirector@tuscanlakes.com) with any questions or concerns!



# FUN AT TUSCAN LAKES

Books, Movies,  
Museums!

Join the  
Tuscan Lakes

PAGE TURNERS BOOK CLUB



BOOKS

Need a break from your ordinary routine? Then, come read with us! Join in a lively literary discussion with the Tuscan Lakes Page Turners Book Club. Group members are required to provide their own copies of the book, and can attend every month, or as often as you like. And, the Tuscan Lakes Book Club is more than just books. The club participates in field trips to the movies and various museums to compliment the book of the month.

### Upcoming Books:

August's Book: *Gift From The Sea* by Ann Morrow Lindburgh

September's Book: *Happiness for Beginners* by Katherine Center

For more information, e-mail Lynn Smith at [jelissa4@gmail.com](mailto:jelissa4@gmail.com).

## THROWBACK MOVIE IN THE PARK

Kick back and relax under the stars with a movie in the park! Bring your lawn chairs, coolers, and enjoy the feature film *Megamind*. The movie begins at sundown, so



get there early to save your spot and enjoy free popcorn.

**Friday, August 7th:**

Megamind, PG

**Where:**

Cypress Point  
Recreation Center

**When:**

8:30 pm



## LIFESTYLE MERIT PROGRAM

**LIFESTYLE MERIT PROGRAM**  
Comes to Tuscan Lakes!

The Lifestyle Merit program is one that encourages youth ages 5- 12 years old in Tuscan Lakes to explore areas that interest them, learn valuable skills, earn rewards, and—as always—have fun!

**How Does the Program Work?** Each month, beginning in March, one Lifestyle Merit Program will be offered by the Lifestyle Director. There will be a total of 10 activities in 2015 where kids will earn a merit badge. Participants completing all 10 programs and earning their associated badges will earn a unique Lifestyle Merit Badge Award at the end of the year ceremony.

**COST:** \$24.00 Per Child

**INCLUDES:** All 10 programs and their associated badges and a drawstring bag to display badges.

**DATES & TIME:** All participants will be emailed event information. Each program will be approximately one hour, and will be announced in the Tuscan Lakes Newsletter, Tuscan Facebook site, and by Tuscan Lakes E-news.

**REGISTRATION:** Email Robin Mitchel, at [lifestyledirector@tuscanlakes.com](mailto:lifestyledirector@tuscanlakes.com) to sign up.

2015 PROGRAM		
March: Gardening	June: Safety & First Aid	October: Yoga
April: Community Cares	July: Culinary	November: Camping
May: Kayaking	August: Geo-Caching	December: Painting
	September: Archery	



### KIDS JOIN US FOR THE UPCOMING MERIT PROGRAMS.

**August 8th: Geocaching 1:30pm**

**Cypress Point Recreation Center**

Make sure your kids are signed up for the Merit Program today!

To sign up: Email Tuscan Lakes Lifestyle Director,

at [lifestyledirector@tuscanlakes.com](mailto:lifestyledirector@tuscanlakes.com).



# Back to School Notes

## CLEAR CREEK ISD SCHOOL NOTES

1st Day of Classes

August 24th

## DICKINSON ISD SCHOOL NOTES

1st Day of Classes

August 24th

# TEXAS TAX FREE WEEKEND

August 7-9, 2015



As in previous years, the law exempts most clothing, footwear, school supplies and backpacks priced under \$100 from sales and use taxes, which could save shoppers about \$8 on every \$100 they spend.

Dates for the sales tax holiday are set by the Legislature.

## HOA FRIENDLY REMINDERS Home Improvements

A homeowner desiring to make any change, modification or addition to his or her yard, driveway, patio, garage, fencing or home exterior must fill out an application to be reviewed by the Architectural Review Committee. Examples of additions include in-ground pools, playscapes, basketball goals and yard art. Please call First Service Residential at 713-932-1122 in order to obtain an architectural review application form for Tuscan Lakes. The form can be emailed to [rebecca.henke@fsresidential.com](mailto:rebecca.henke@fsresidential.com) or mailed to Tuscan Lakes CAI, c/o FirstService Residential, 5295 Hollister St., Houston, TX. 77040-6205.

### Regular Maintenance

Please keep in mind that regular maintenance of your home, yard, fence, etc. is required per your community's governing documents and appreciated by all your fellow homeowners. Neglect of any of these items could result in fine(s). NOTE: Approved fence stain for Tuscan Lakes has changed to: Sherwin Williams SuperDeck, Cedar Solid, Exterior Waterborne Deck Stain of the SD7 Series. For any other home maintenance issues or questions please consult your community documents or call your Community Manager.

## HAVE FUN IN THE SUN AT CYPRESS POINT POOL!

Pool season is here and admittance to the pool requires the same pool access card from last year. So, get ready to grab your pool card, pack your pool bag and enjoy!

### 2015 Tuscan Lakes Pool Schedule

#### June 7th - August 23rd

Monday: Closed • Tuesday - Sunday: 10:00 am – 9:00 pm

#### August 24th -September 27th

Monday-Friday: Closed • Saturday & Sunday: 10:00 am – 9:00 pm

*\*Will be open on Monday, September 7th for Labor Day from 10:00 am – 9:00 pm*

Don't have your pool access card? If you have not received your pool card or have misplaced them, email [contactus.tx@fsresidential.com](mailto:contactus.tx@fsresidential.com).

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## UPCOMING EVENTS IN TUSCAN LAKES

**Friday, August 7th:** Movie Night in the Park, 8:30pm

**Saturday, August 8th:** Lifestyle Merit Program (Geocaching), 1:30pm

**Saturday, August 15th:** Tuscan Lakes Appreciation Day Sponsored by James Horne Team, 1:00pm-5:00pm

## Nature Sightings

What type of wildlife have you seen in Tuscan Lakes? Share your story at [lifestyledirector@tuscanlakes.com](mailto:lifestyledirector@tuscanlakes.com).



American Woodcock

### AMERICAN WOODCOCK

American Woodcocks are plump, short-legged shorebirds with very long, straight bills. Their large heads, short necks, and short tails give them a bulbous look on the ground and in flight. The wings are broad and rounded compared to most other shorebirds.

They are well camouflaged in light brown, black, buff, and gray-brown tones. This along with their low-profile behavior makes them hard to find. They spend most of their time hidden in fields and on the forest floor, where they probe for earthworms. The exception is in springtime at dawn or dusk, when the males show off for females by giving loud, nasal peent calls and performing dazzling aerial displays.

The American Woodcocks are a migratory bird and can generally be found throughout the eastern half of Texas in the winter, which is non-breeding season for them.

Source: [http://www.allaboutbirds.org/guide/american\\_woodcock/](http://www.allaboutbirds.org/guide/american_woodcock/)



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