

Good Neighbors Create Good Communities

My family has lived in the ACIA community for many years, and during those years, I have noticed many changes, some good, some not so good. One of the great features of our communities is the tranquility; I usually ride my bicycle through the various ACIA communities during the week enjoying this tranquil atmosphere. Lately, however, I have noticed an increase in trashcans left in view of the street, boats and trailers in the driveways or on the streets, in a few cases derelict cars in the driveways, and more unkempt yards than before. I view these as temporary anomalies, but what about visitors, guests to the communities and potential neighbors; how do they view these conditions as they drive through our communities? One of the biggest investments for most property owners is their homes, and we have within our control important tools for keeping and improving this investment. For some, deed restrictions are viewed as a nuisance, a hindrance to the enjoyment of their property. For others, deed restrictions are viewed as an important factor in attracting potential homebuyers, stabilizing and improving our home values. We should remember some of the factors that attracted us to the ACIA communities, great schools, tranquil atmosphere, well-maintained and inviting properties and the intangible of increasing home values. Sometimes, there are conditions that affect our property and the properties in our communities that are outside of our control, correction of the conditions mentioned above are totally within our control. It is very important that we all do our part to keep property values up and neighborhood stress low. Before you put the boat, trailer, or derelict car in the driveway or on the street, before you leave your trashcans in view, think about your neighbors. One of the ways we can all do our part is by knowing and following the deed restrictions. The conditions I have mentioned earlier can contribute to a reduction in property values, they detract from the appeal of our communities and they are violations of our deed restrictions.

If you are unsure of the deed restrictions, please consult the Atascocita Community Improvement Association's website.

Let us be good neighbors, let us keep our communities great places to live.