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Women Of Summerwood

Please come join the Women of Summerwood for some evening fun on December 7th at 7:00 PM in the Summerwood Community Center. Pot luck dinner and White Elephant Gift Exchange. For more information please contact Marta Marshall at 281-454-6343 or Cynthia Reece at 281-454-5640.

Submit Information for Publication in the Newsletter

Please help fill our newsletter with news of interest to Summerwood residents. If you have some information that you would like to have published in the newsletter, please e-mail new to articles@PEELinc.com. Articles and/or photos must be received by the 15th of the month for the following month's issue.



Humble Area Assistance Ministries

The holidays are coming and unfortunately not everyone is looking forward to them. Humble Area Assistance Ministries (HAAM) sees over 100 people a day needing help with things that most of us just take for granted. HAAM feeds over 3,000 people per month. These are your neighbor as HAAM just serves the greater Humble area.

With the holidays coming HAAM needs about 50 tons of food and several thousand toys to address the needs of these families. HAAM documents that each family lives in our service area, is low income and that the children receiving the gift reside in the home.

Every year the process of gathering enough food for Thanksgiving and Christmas baskets and toys for over 2,000 children gets more difficult. It would not be possible without the help of generous people and businesses in the area. If you are interested in doing a food drive or would like to set up an "angel tree" for children's gifts please contact HAAM at 281-446-3663 ext.240.

For those of you unfamiliar with HAAM, it is a 501 (C) 3 charitable, interfaith community coalition which was founded in 1989 to help families in crisis. HAAM provides assistance with food, rent, utilities, prescriptions, job placement, school supplies, holiday baskets as well as various educational programs. HAAM gives over \$800,000 worth of social service to our community annually. All services are provided free of charge. We have over 1400 volunteers who donate their time to make all this possible.

If you want to make a family's Christmas a little happier, donate a gift or non perishable food item.

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IMPORTANT NUMBERS

EMERGENCY NUMBERS

Emergency Situations	911
Harris County Sheriff's Dept. (Dispatch)	713-221-6000
Constable - Precinct 3	281-427-4791
Sheldon Road VFD (Dispatch)	281-847-3300
South Lake Houston EMS (Dispatch)	281-459-1277
Dead Animal Pick-Up (Precinct 1)	281-820-5151
Animal Control	281-999-3191
After Hours	281-221-5000

UTILITY SERVICE NUMBERS

Public Utility Commission Consumer Hotline	888-782-8477
Summerwood Technologies	281-225-1000
(Telephone, Cable, Alarm Monitoring)	
Southwestern Bell Telephone	800-464-7928
Entex Gas	713-659-2111
Houston Lighting & Power (HL&P)	713-207-7777
Municipal Utility District (MUD #342)	713-983-3602
24 Hour Service Number	713-983-3604
Garbage Pick-Up (Republic Waste)	281-446-2030
(Pick up on Mon. & Thurs - Garbage must be out by 7 a.m.)	

SUMMERWOOD MARKETING

Summerwood New Home Center	281-225-1111
14111 Summerwood Lakes Drive; Houston, TX 77044	

MANAGEMENT NUMBERS

On-Site Management	281-225-2786
Association Management, Inc.	281-358-9090
(Homeowners Association)	
700 Rockmead, #205; Kingwood, TX 77339	
After Hour Emergency	713-932-1122

SCHOOLS

Summerwood Elementary	281-641-3000
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Cold Christmas Punch

- 1 can concentrated white grape juice
- 1 can concentrated cranberry juice
- 3 liter bottle 7-up

Combine. Garnish with fresh black cherries.

Hot Christmas Punch

- 1 Cup brown sugar
- 3 Cups water
- 1 Tall can pineapple juice
- 1 large jar cranberry juice
- 6 sticks cinnamon, broken
- 3 T whole cloves
- 3/4 tsp. salt

Dissolve sugar in water and pour in large coffee percolator. Add juices. Place cinnamon sticks, cloves, and salt in basket. Percolate.

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RESALE HOMES SOLD IN SUMMERWOOD IN OCTOBER, 2004

STREET	SQ.FT	LIST PRICE	SALE PRICE	\$/SQ.FT	*DOM
Southern Magnolia	2078	\$141,900	\$137,000	65.93	69
Lady Jane	2403	\$159,900	\$166,500	69.29	17
Southern Magnolia	2675	\$169,900	\$168,500	62.99	31

RESALE HOMES PENDING CLOSING IN SUMMERWOOD

STREET	SQ.FT	LIST PRICE	SALE PRICE	\$/SQ.FT	*DOM
Cambridge Eagle	2272	\$154,900	Unknown Until	68.18	14
Summerwood Lakes	3050	\$299,900	Closing	98.33	434
Lady Jane Ct.	2585	\$178,900		69.21	47

RESALE HOMES LISTED FOR SALE IN SUMMERWOOD

STREET	SQ.FT	LIST PRICE	STREET	SQ.FT	LIST PRICE
Cambridge Eagle	2380	\$145,000	Eastern Redbud	2207	\$162,900
Wressell	2345	\$164,900	Cambridge Eagle	2380	\$164,900
Lady Jane	2642	\$179,900	Eastern Redbud	1900	\$169,900
Wadlington	2202	\$169,900	Kings Head	3029	\$184,900
Eastern Redbud	2241	\$174,900	Southern Magnolia	2576	\$205,000
Lady Jane	2627	\$184,950	Kings Head	2869	\$189,900
Lady Jane	2748	\$185,000	Gadshill	3898	\$330,000
Chartley Falls	3086	\$214,000	Summerwood Lakes	2710	\$208,000
Castlecombe	3935	\$249,900	Summerwood Lakes	3524	\$259,000
Wood Stork	3067	\$249,193	Jessica Falls	2796	\$270,379
Blisswood	3324	\$295,100	Tealstone Falls	2975	\$269,900
Jessica Falls	2796	\$305,012	Castlecombe	4476	\$284,900
Chartley Falls	2763	\$339,900	Chartley Falls	3082	\$269,900
Red Mulberry	2386	\$169,900	Brighton Park	2258	\$174,900
Oxham Falls	2263	\$175,000	Eastern Redbud	2115	\$176,000
Yupon Holly	2846	\$182,900	Shasta Leaf	2537	\$186,900
Broncroft	2759	\$188,000	Red Mulberry	2860	\$189,900
Wood Stork	2801	\$235,000	Blisswood	3902	\$259,900
Hartshill	4164	\$282,900	Coopers Hawk	3200	\$324,950
Windy Stream	3902	\$369,000	Chartley Falls	3627	\$419,000
Lampson Manor Ct	3883	\$449,000			

*DOM - Days on the market from listing to pending.

Call 281/812-8261 or 281/812-8260 today for a free market analysis on your home.

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Grief Support Group for Parents

Grief Support Group for Parents - The Loss of a Child meets Tuesday evenings through December 2004; 7:00 p.m. to 8:30 p.m., Edu. Bldg. Room 211-213 @Foundry United Methodist Church, 8350 Jones Road.

Call Pastor Mike Gammill for Information: (713) 937-9388

Business Classifieds

German Housekeeper: 18 yrs experience with excellent Clear Lake references; available every Friday. Please call Christine, 713-453-0677 (recorder) or weekends 936-377-2059.

Personal classifieds (up to 30 words) run at no charge to Summerwood residents. They are a great way to sell things like old furniture, bikes, appliances... (no product lines or services please, just one time sell items). To run a personal classified, email your ad as you'd like it to run to articles@peelinc.com by the 15th of the month for the upcoming month's newsletter.

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Christmas And Pets

by Robert J. Leonpacher, DVM

For the last several Christmas eves I have worked in an Animal Emergency Clinic. Every year a number of pets are seen that have preventable problems. Below are some of the more common problems that I have observed during holiday seasons.

A family goes shopping or to church, and when they return a box of chocolate left on a coffee table has been completely eaten by the family dog. A single Hershey Kiss would not be dangerous to a pet, but any significant quantity of chocolate eaten by a dog can be dangerous.

Both cats and dogs like to chew on Christmas tree ornaments. I have seen dogs that have chewed up the hollow bulbs that hang from trees and cutting their mouths. Cats will chew on paper and plants, swallowing foreign material causing digestive upset. Some house plants are quite toxic to pets.

As cold weather sets in people often change their car's radiator fluid. The antifreeze in radiator fluid is extremely dangerous to pet. When exposed to this sweetish tasting fluid they are in serious danger and need to be treated immediately. These pets are in imminent danger of going into complete kidney failure.

Often during family holiday meals there are a lot of leftovers, and pets are fed high fat foods, spicy foods, or other foods which may cause severe digestive problems. In an effort to be kind to the pet the family makes their pet sick!

Young puppies and cats like to chew on electrical cords. Watch that the pets don't get a hold of the Christmas tree lights! These may be quite attractive to the pet, and may lead to electrocution.

Another safety issue that occurs any time during the year is pets getting into medication. I have seen pets that have gotten into the owner's Valium, heart medications, chewable pet medications, and other drugs and medications. So be sure that you protect your pet from medications just as you would protect a child from accidental drug ingestion.

So remember, it is better to prevent problems than to have a Holiday emergency with your pet.

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Cy-Fair College Perspective

Check out the holiday events at the Center for the Arts

“A Taffeta’s Christmas” continues in the Black Box Theatre through Dec. 12. For music lovers, a holiday concert with a plethora of performers and music styles is set Dec. 3. For tickets or information call 281-290-5201.

L.I.F.E. Gets You Ready for the Holidays and More

Cy-Fair College’s Learning, Inspiration, Fellowship, and Enrichment programs are held Wednesdays at 10 a.m. in the Cy-Fair College Branch Library (Room 131.) December programs will include hints for eBay **Dec. 1**, beaded bracelets **Dec. 8** and Hors d’Oeuvres **Dec. 15**. There will be no programs Dec. 22 or Dec. 29 due to the holiday break. Call the library at 281-290-3213 for L.I.F.E. program information or check the library web page online at cy-faircollege.com/library.

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Prepare Your Child For The Holidays

As the holiday season approaches, the kids are excited about vacations, gifts, and playing with friends- things children should concern themselves about. As parents, grandparents, guardians, and caring friends, we should know there are other things to prepare for.

We make sure that are children are dressed for the weather, wear their helmets and knee pads, and eat a healthy diet- but we also have to prepare our children for other realities.

Does your child know what to do if a stranger asks them for help? Does your child know how to reach you in the event of an emergency? Does your child know your full name? Do you have a recent color photo of your child? Do you know all the medications they may be taking? Do you know your child’s friends?

We live in a time where these are just the basics. We can prepare ourselves and our children for the dangers that can be just outside our doors. With just a few basic rules, for both you and your children can better prepare you for an emergency situation.

1. Teach your children that the police are their friends and that they can rely on them if they are in trouble.
2. Set-up a password. A secret word only between you and your child. In the event someone else has to pick them up- your child knows only to go with them if they have the password.
3. Teach your children that strangers should not ask a child for assistance. Adults should ask adults for help.
4. Always accompany your child on door-to-door activities.
5. Know you neighbors and neighborhood. Regularly check for registered offenders in your area.
6. Rethink the signs on your lawns and vehicles that give strangers too much information. (Their name, team name, team number, sport, school, address, and vehicle information all in a glance.)
7. You should not put your child’s name on their clothes where it is visible. Children feel more comfortable around others that already know their name.
8. Teach your children that no one should ever touch any part of their body that a bathing suit would cover.
9. Never leave your child alone in a public place, stroller, or car for even a minute.
10. Always accompany your child to the restroom in public places.

These are just a few of the basics. Too often we hear terrible stories that break our hearts. We need to start preparing our children for some of the realities that are just outside our doors. We also need to prepare them from some invaders in our homes, namely the Internet. Know where your children are going. Put a computer in a place that you as an adult can easily see where they are and what information they are giving out. Use the tools that are out there that filter out the garbage you don’t want your children to see.

For additional safety information, links to the Amber Alert, for links to registered Texas Offenders, or if you would like a free pair of shoe labels, visit www.myfamilycd.com/houston.



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Best wishes for you this holiday season! What a wonderful time of the year. I want to take this opportunity to say thank you for your business and for allowing me to assist you with all your real estate needs. I wish you and your family a joyous and happy holiday.

Home warranty protection is very important and something I recommend for all my clients. Whether you are buying or selling, home warranties provide protection from the cost and hassle of system and appliance repairs in your home. The service is easy to use and a great value!

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Helpful Hints

Holiday Gifts That Keep on Giving

Are you stumped at what to get those friends and family members who have everything? This year explore the idea of giving a charitable gift in their name. Most organizations will mail a card to the recipient to let them know of the gift you purchased in their name. The following organizations are good places to explore for this type of gift.



Alternative Gifts International- Send gifts of hope and new life to those in poverty through 33 sponsored national and international relief and development projects. Sponsorship areas include hunger relief, education, child survival, environmental issues and more. www.altgifts.org

Heifer Project International- Purchase a heifer to provide hungry families with ways to feed themselves and become self-reliant. Children receive milk and cheese while the family gains a productive agricultural animal. www.heifer.org

Habitat for Humanity- Purchase paint, shingles and more to fund the expense of building a home for a family in need. www.habitat.org

World Vision Gifts- Hundreds of gifts are available to assist people worldwide in need of health care, nutrition, education and development. www.wvisiongift.org

Health & Safety

Headache Help

Ninety percent of all headaches derive from excessive muscle tension in the scalp and neck. The following suggestions can help relieve your headache.

- ✓ Take medicine right away. Pain relievers work best if taken when you first feel pain.
- ✓ Lie down and relax in a quiet place.
- ✓ Put a warm pad on the back of your neck.
- ✓ Limit cheese, chocolate and citrus fruit intake because they contain "amines" which can cause blood vessels to swell in some people and result in head pain.
- ✓ If the pain continues, opt for a massage to reduce muscle strain and stress.



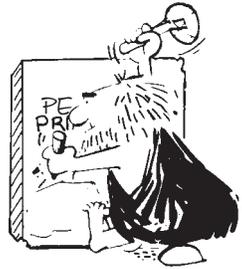
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