

News For The Residents of Summerwood

# Summerwood

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## Have You Googled Lately?

*Submitted by Laurie Scott*



Google is best known of course for its search engine (with 65% of the market no one is even close), and perhaps you're also a user of gmail, Google's free email service, but did you know that Google also offers everything from photo editing to telephone services for free? ***The list is too long to cover everything here, but here are a few highlights you might be interested in:***

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## Houston Dog Park Association

*Submitted by Tiffany Moore*

The Houston Dog Park Association is seeking candidates for the Treasurer position on our 5 seat Board of Directors. We are a small 501c3 NFP consisting of volunteers who are passionate about dog parks and responsible dog ownership. HDPA has been incorporated for over 10 years and was the main catalyst that got dog parks started in Houston, beginning with Millie Bush Park in 2002. We have been inactive the last few years and are currently reviving the organization to advocate for dog parks more actively. We each spend a few hours a week working to educate about dog parks, responsible dog ownership, advocating for dog parks that need improvement, and promoting the need for more dog parks.

We have a book keeper volunteer that is a CPA. The ideal candidate would be able to attend one monthly meeting of the Board at 7 pm on the 3rd Wednesday of the month. You will also attend the quarterly Membership meetings held at 3 pm on the third Sunday of the month that begins each quarter. The next one is in January.

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### Dog Park - (Continued from Cover Page)

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Please submit your resume and experience for consideration. Please include a paragraph telling us why you would be a good candidate.

We are seeking an experienced NFP Treasurer to plan and manage the small yearly budget for HDPA and oversee the book keeper as well as maintaining and advising on HDPA's tax and nonprofit status and filings. Someone with training or knowledge of NFP budget and issues or direct NFP experience is preferred.

### Google - (Continued from Cover Page)

Google encourages its employees to take a certain amount of time to work on projects they find interesting, which is where a lot of Google's products come from. You can bet there will be more to come in the next year.

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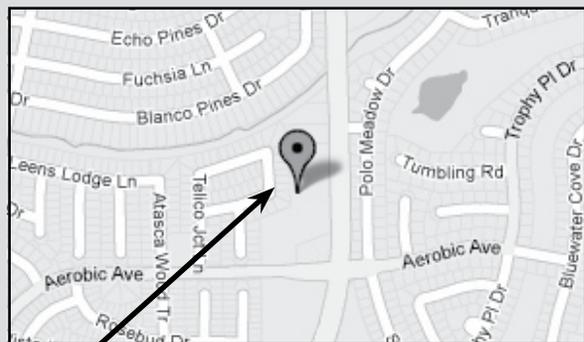


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*Baylor College of Medicine*

### DON'T LOSE SLEEP OVER NIGHTTIME BED WETTING

Giving children control over bed wetting helps them overcome not only the nighttime nuisance but also the stigma of it, say doctors at Baylor College of Medicine.

“Because studies have yet to identify the cause of nighttime bed wetting, no one treatment is guaranteed to work for everyone. Nevertheless, the course of action with which the child is most comfortable tends to produce the best outcome,” said Dr. Edmond T. Gonzales, Jr., professor of urology at BCM. “With parents’ support, giving children an active role in treatment builds confidence.”

Some of the treatment options include prescription medications. One commonly used medicine makes the body react as if dehydrated so the kidneys retain liquids overnight. Another treatment involves an alarm system worn in pajamas that sounds when it becomes wet.

More commonly, doctors suggest parents limit the amount of liquids children drink in the evening and schedule a bathroom break before bed. Gonzales said family doctors can help rule out any major health problems that could be contributing to bed wetting before discussing the many options.

### CELL PHONE USAGE MAY SEND WRONG MESSAGE

If you roll your eyes when people are chatting away on their cell phones in a public place, you're not alone. According to an expert at Baylor College of Medicine, public cell phone use may show disrespect and impede social interaction.

“Depending on the situation, cell phone use can be problematic,” said Dr. Catherine Barber, assistant professor in the Menninger department of psychiatry and behavioral sciences at BCM. Talking on your cell phone at social events conveys that other people's time is not as important as yours. Loud cell phone talk can intrude on others' privacy and need for quiet, and it can even make people feel uncomfortable.

Romero suggests talking quietly if you must use the phone, or excusing yourself to take a call and making it brief. She suggests not accepting non-urgent calls. It's important to be mindful and respectful of others around you, said Romero. If someone around you is disturbing you with their cell phone conversation, Romero suggests gently approaching them and asking them to reduce their volume. It's important to convey that you are not angry. If they refuse, remove yourself from the situation.

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## Meet Lisa

*Submitted by Tracy Eilers, Executive Director, Adoption Coalition of Texas*

Lisa is a 13-year-old girly girl. She loves to be pampered and is a people person. She is very outgoing, energetic, loving, and kind. She counts singing and dancing among her favorite things and loves to keep busy. Lisa looks to learn from all her experiences and move forward with her life. She is a joy to be around, is funny, sweet, and grateful for all that she's been given.

She's hoping there will be more things to be thankful for, like being adopted into a loving family. More than anything, she's ready to stop hoping for a family and to start loving one. For more information about adoption, please call Adoption Coalition of Texas at 512-301-2825. For more information about Lisa, email [gracelindgren@adopttexas.org](mailto:gracelindgren@adopttexas.org)

*The Adoption Coalition of Texas is a nonprofit organization (operating under the Austin Community Foundation), created in 2003 to focus on finding forever families for children languishing in the foster care system. Adoption Coalition of Texas partner agencies include Arrow Child and Family Ministries, Child Protective Services, Lutheran Social Services of the South, Marywood Children and Family Services, and Pathways Youth and Family Services.*



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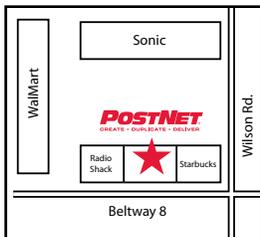
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- 1½ tsp. seasoned salt
- 1 C nuts, finely chopped

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I came across *Beautiful Creatures* by Kami Garcia and Margaret Stohl on the Amazon Editor's Picks of the top 100 books of 2009... with what appeared to be an intriguing plot and a gorgeous book cover, I thought I couldn't go wrong.

I was wrong. This young adult book is about a small town and a teenage boy, Ethan, who is stuck in it. The town is pretty stereotypical—nothing changes, people are narrow minded and everyone knows everyone else's business.

It seems that ever since his mom's death, Ethan's dreams are filled with a strange girl whom he is trying to save but is unsuccessful. In comes Lena, the girl whom Ethan has been dreaming about and who is a supernatural being, along with her hermit uncle and bizarre family.

During the Civil War, a curse was cast, which will directly affect Lena on her sixteenth birthday. The countdown begins as Ethan and

Lena together try to save Lena's future. Does Ethan save Lena? I won't divulge the end, but I will say that all of the effort is fruitless (not necessarily the outcome, mind you, but the effort, like the continual skipping of school to research a book that they think will have the answers they need to reverse the curse. Not the best example for our young adult audience).

Even with curses, sci-fi details and an introduction to the vocabulary of the supernatural (Caster, Natural, Witches, Spells...), the book is full of fluff and is a complete disappointment. This book doesn't even compare to the *Twilight* series.

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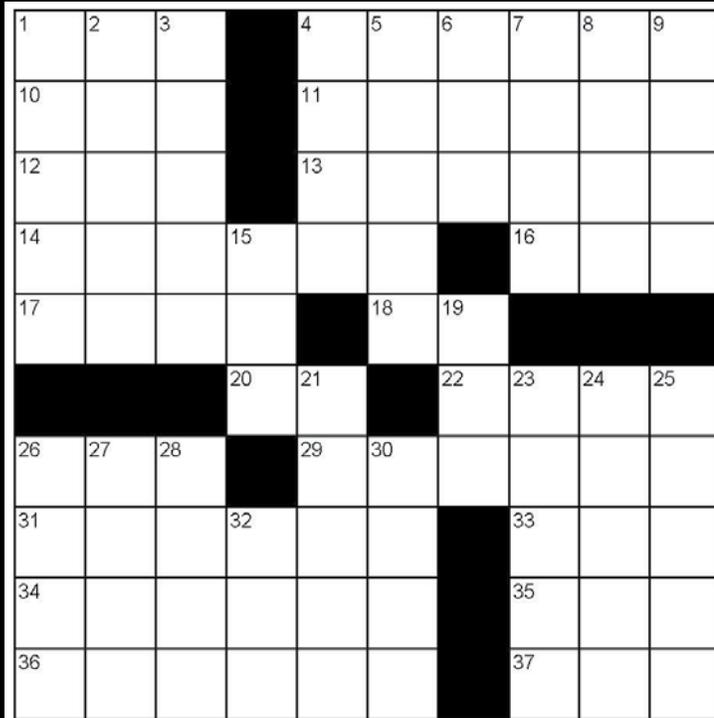
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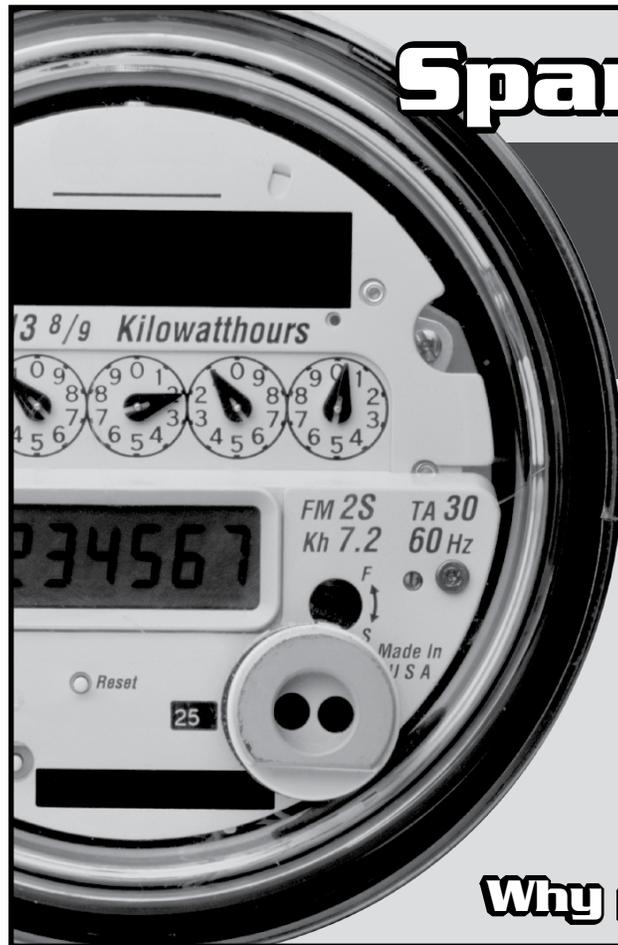
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22. Object
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31. Wild beast
33. Digital audio tape
34. Movie "Total \_\_\_" withdraw
35. Genius
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37. Type of partnership

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<b>Avg Days on Mkt</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>80</b>	<b>83</b>	<b>113</b>	<b>96</b>	<b>120</b>



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**Is your realtor providing this information to potential buyers? Are they even aware of it?**

***Make sure your realtor knows the neighborhood so you don't miss out on potential sales.***

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