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EXCITING ANNOUNCEMENT

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Welcome to our NEWSletter- brought to you by the Summerwood Communications Committee and Peel, Inc.

In the past, you received Summerwood quarterly newsletters that were published and mailed by using our HOA funds. Now, our community has teamed up with Peel, Inc. to give you this great monthly newsletter, at no charge to the HOA, or to YOU!

Here's how it works: The folks at Peel solicit companies to advertise in their newsletters. Those advertisers pay for the cost of printing and mailing the newsletters, and get their ad sent to every home in Summerwood. Each month the Communications Committee will submit articles about the HOA, Newland Communities, our Committees, Events, etc. We hope to provide you with interesting and informative articles that celebrate our way of living in Summerwood!

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**Summerwood Communications
Committee**

SUMMERWOOD TO OPEN

New Model Home Village

The new Model Home Village and Information Center opening this spring in Summerwood signals a very active year ahead for the community.

Opening in early March at its new location on Hunters Lake Way, the Model Home Village will initially showcase new decorated models by Lennar, Village Builders, Partners In Building, and J. Patrick Homes. Brighton Homes, the newest member of the Summerwood homebuilder team, has also started construction of its new model in the village.

The Summerwood Information Center will also be relocated to a cul-de-sac island in front of the model homes. While the information center will continue to offer the same welcoming and informative environment, there will be a new emphasis on the Information Center staff spending more time in the community, interacting with home shoppers and residents in the model homes and amenities, as well as at special events.

"Summerwood was one of the first communities in the Houston area to introduce the concept of a Model Home Village, with all builders and price ranges grouped close together for convenient one-stop shopping," said Jennifer Taylor, vice president of marketing for Newland Communities. "We are very excited to open our second Model Home Village to showcase our new lineup of homebuilders, and their latest floor plans and designs."

The opening of the Model Home Village and Information Center is the first of several exciting developments planned for Summerwood in 2010, Taylor said.

"In the coming weeks, we plan to announce two additional builders who will be adding more variety to the new-home offerings in Summerwood," she said. "Summerwood is building some very positive momentum as the year begins, with the announcement of the new H-E-B grocery store to be built near the front of the community, and the progress on the construction of the new onsite Woodcreek Middle School."

Both the school and the H-E-B store are planned to be open by August.

Summerwood also has a new website, www.SummerwoodTX.com, where residents and home buyers can get the latest community information.

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Community Activities 2010

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 INDEPENDENCE DAY CELEBRATION JULY 3RD
 END OF SUMMER BASH AUGUST 21ST
 FALL GARAGE SALE SEPT. 4TH
 ANNUAL MEETING SEPT. 23RD
 NNO OCT. 5TH
 FALL FESTIVAL OCT. 16TH
 WINTER FESTIVAL DEC. 4TH
 KIDS CRAFT DAY DEC. 11TH

****All dates subject to change.****

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CRIME WATCH NEWS

The Summerwood Crime Watch Committee was formed by a group of concerned residents of our community and the group meets on the second Tuesday of the month at Community Central. Some would ask what a neighborhood watch program is and what they do. Neighborhood Watch is a crime prevention program that enlists the active participation of residents in cooperation with law enforcement to reduce crime, solve problems, and improve the quality of life. With the combined efforts of our local MUD's, our HOA, and county officials, we are fortunate to have three contracted officers who patrol our community. Equally important, these officers are partners who help in the fight against crime in Summerwood. They work closely with the CWC and are actively involved in our events and our meetings. We have also forged partnerships with other law enforcement agencies such as HPD. Since some residents live within the patrol district of HPD, our HCSO contract deputies share a squad car that is equipped with both county and city dispatch radios. This allows them to be more involved and proactive in deterring crime. At least one of our officers tries to be present at each of our meetings, but the CWC has direct contact with these officers as well. It truly is a partnership.

At a recent meeting, not only were our deputies represented, but members of the Harris County Auto Theft division were on-hand to give us some tips for auto safety. They say:

1. **Take Your Keys.** One out of every five vehicles stolen had the keys in it.
2. **Lock Your Car.** Approximately half of all vehicles stolen were left unlocked.
3. **Never Hide a Second Set of Keys in Your Car.** Extra keys can easily be found if a thief takes time to look.
4. **Park in Well-Lighted Areas.**
5. **Park in Attended Lots.** Auto thieves do not like witnesses and prefer unattended parking lots.
6. **If You Park in an Attended Lot,** Leave Only the Ignition/Door Key. If your trunk and glove box use the same key as the door, have one of them changed. Don't give the attendant easy access to your glove box and trunk. Upon returning, check the tires, spare and battery to insure they are the same as those you had when you parked.
7. **Never Leave Your Car Running,** Even if You'll Only Be Gone for a Minute. Vehicles are commonly stolen at convenience stores, gas stations, ATM's, etc. Many vehicles are also stolen on cold

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POOL COMMITTEE NOTES....

With all the recent cold weather it may be hard to imagine that anyone could possibly want to discuss pool maintenance and swimming lessons, much less until ten or eleven o'clock on a given Thursday evening. However, this is what your Summerwood Pool Committee has been doing. Yes Virginia, there is a Summerwood Pool Committee--- a motley crew of seven voting members who are passionate about sparkling water, attractive and functional pool features (including pool decks free of duck eggs) and pool safety. And, whether or not Punxsutawney Phil sees his shadow this February, "Swim at Your Own Risk" will commence at Central Pool March 1, 2010.

This season the Central Pool will take delivery of new furniture matching the old; some of which was lost due to wear and some which has walked away. Thus, we will be installing new "dusk to dawn" security lighting to protect our investment and amenities. We will also be closing the pools at 9:00 PM this season as the incidences of vandalism have been shown to occur past that time.

The Pool Committee's primary purpose is to make recommendations to the HOA (Home Owners Association) regarding our aquatic

amenities. The committee formed in the middle of last season when residents spoke up to say our pools are a tremendous asset and need more oversight. Whether talking about wrist band allocation, restrooms or the baby pool that needs resurfacing, improvements are needed. One recommendation the Pool Committee made this year was to seek pool management bids. We are currently in the second round of the bidding process with four finalists. We are also looking for our pool management company to offer professionally managed, Red Cross certified swim lessons. The Pool Management Company for 2010-2011 will be announced sometime next month.

More information will be coming soon about the 2010 Pool Schedule. Parents, be on the lookout for the return of our Summerwood Stingrays! Swim Team registration starts April 5th in the Central Pool Clubhouse. Please see their Website: www.summerwoodstingrays.com. Go Stingrays! In the meantime, have a suggestion? Please drop us a line on the Summerwood Pool Committee message board or drop a note in the suggestion box at one of the pools. Thanks and happy swimming.

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mornings when the owner leaves the vehicle running to warm up. Leaving your key in an unattended motor vehicle is a crime in Texas punishable by a fine of up to \$200.

8. **Completely Close Car Windows When Parking.** Don't make it any easier for the thief to enter your vehicle.
9. **Don't Leave Valuables in Plain View.** Don't make your car a more desirable target for thieves by leaving valuables in plain sight

These are great ideas to use not only when out and about town, but when at home as well. We did see a spike in overnight crime in our community, most of which involved burglaries of vehicles... usually ones left open or with valuables in plain sight. With all the combined efforts, I am relieved to report that arrests have been made. Nonetheless, we must be vigilant and proactive. If you have not seen your block captain, you may not have one. The CWC is continually and actively recruiting block captains and members and we encourage anyone interested to attend an upcoming meeting, to email the CWC chairman at david.myrick@sbcglobal.net, or to log on to summerwoodlife.com and join the Crime Watch group. We are only as strong and effective as our members.

Respectfully submitted,

David Myrick, Summerwood CWC - Chairman

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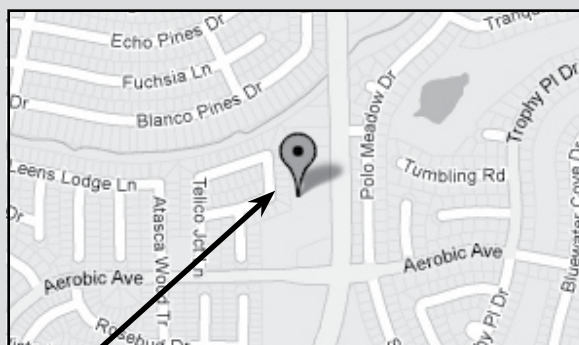


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accomplishment, but you are also teaching your children the importance of bettering his/her community and giving of themselves. Volunteering can be an enjoyable way to spend an afternoon with friends and

family. The easiest way to begin and maximize your enjoyment is to use your passions to guide you in your volunteer choices.

If you take a look at your hobbies and interest and allow them to guide your volunteer opportunities, you will find that the volunteer opportunities will fuel your creativity and passion. For example, if you like to paint, even if you don't think that you are a professional, the community can always use your help with event decorations and props. Or if creative writing is more your style, then the communications committee or website could use your expertise. What about graphic design, cooking, sewing, woodworking, swimming and exercise? All of these hobbies can be put to good use in your very own community making it a better place for everyone to live. Summerwood is all about living, living in harmony with nature and others.

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Registration is held at the Resident's Central Clubhouse and is scheduled for Monday, April 5th from 5:30 – 8:30 p.m. and Saturday, April 10th from 9:00 a.m. to noon.

Practice kicks off with Rookie Camp (a requirement for all first-time team members) on April 20. The regular practice season begins April 27th and ends June 19th.

The Stingrays are pleased to announce that John Dissinger, Head Swimming & Diving Coach at Summer Creek High School, will be coaching the team again this season.

"It's great to participate in the development of a competitive swimming program in Summerwood. My experience with these 160+ swimmers and their parents has been rewarding, and I'm looking forward to another winning season."

More information about the Stingrays, including registration paperwork and meet schedules, can be found by visiting www.summerwoodstingrays.com.

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SUMMERWOOD

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Broccoli Casserole

Ingredients

- 1 package frozen broccoli
- 1 cup cooked rice
- ½ cup chopped celery
- ½ cup chopped onion
- 1 small jar Cheese Whiz
- 1 can cream of chicken soup
- 1 can cream of mushroom soup

Directions

Place rice in greased casserole dish.

Saute onions and celery. Cook broccoli until crispy tender. Combine vegetables, soups, and cheese. Pour over rice. Bake at 375° until bubbly.

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At the end of the evening cash prizes are awarded for the person who wins the most games, loses the most games, rolls the most buncos, or rolls the most wipeouts. We promise you a lively evening and an opportunity to meet many new friends. For more information, you can contact Barbara Probandt at protexan@entouch.net.



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YOUR CHILD SHOULD SEE A DOCTOR IF SHE/HE HAS:

- A family history of unexplained, sudden death in a young person (under age 40)—including drowning suddenly
- Fainting (syncope) or seizure during exercise, excitement, or following a startle
- Consistent or unusual chest pain and/or shortness of breath during exercise

These may be signs of a serious heart condition that must be immediately addressed by a physician.

About 716,000 people in the US are affected by SADS conditions right now—and they may not know it. These conditions include

Long QT Syndrome, Hypertrophic Cardiomyopathy (HCM), Brugada Syndrome, and others. These conditions are hereditary and, therefore, more than one family member will be at risk. It is extremely important that all family members be tested once one family member is diagnosed.

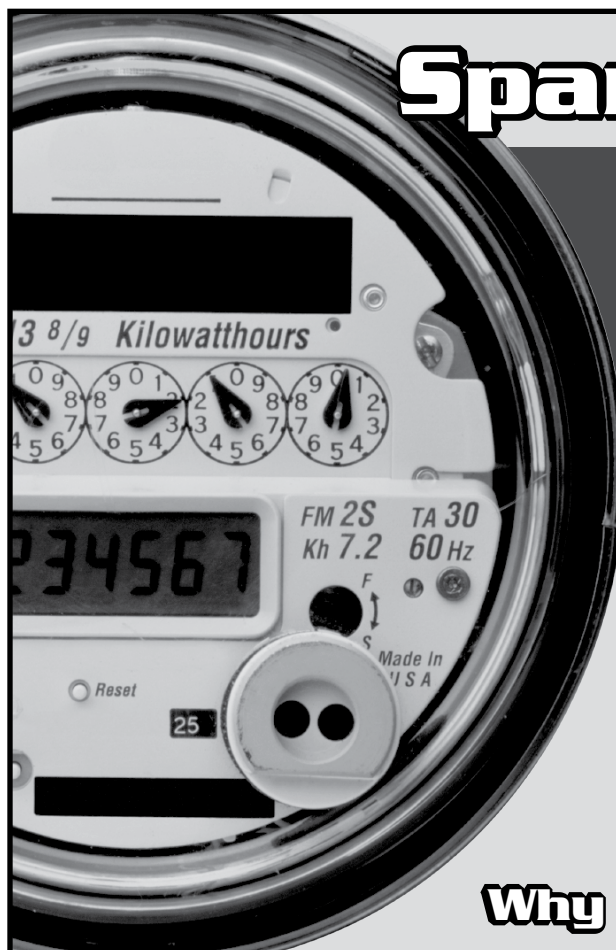
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1. Every child should have a risk assessment history at regular intervals: preschool, before/during middle school, before/during high school and before participation in organized sports.

The Sudden Arrhythmia Death Syndrome (SADS) Foundation offers a simple, comprehensive risk assessment form "Pediatric Sudden Cardiac Death Risk Assessment Form" that you can download from our web site (www.sads.org).

2. Every school should have an emergency plan in place which includes a plan for cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR). An automated external defibrillator (AED) in schools is vital. Getting to a person within 3 to 5 minutes is especially important.

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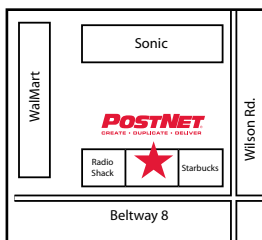
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