

OFFICIAL NEWSLETTER OF THE SUMMERWOOD COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION, INC.

Congratulations Winners! July 2010 Yard of the Month

Submitted by: Celine Wilson



Rhonda & Dan Williamson of Castlecombe

The Beautification Committee would like to congratulate the July 2010 Summerwood Yard of the Month Winners!

Rhonda and Dan Williamson of Castlecombe Matt McCall of Albany Springs

Both Winners will have a "Yard of the Month" sign displayed in their yard for the month of July. Each winner will also receive a \$50 gift card to Lowe's!



Matt McCall of Albany Springs

Last month, the newsletter inadvertently posted the opposite name under each photo. We apologize for the error. Congratulations again to Jan Simpson and Charlie Bollom!

Summerwood is full of homeowners who take pride in their yards! Would you like to nominate one of them? Send us an email at summerwood.newsletter@gmail.com! We look forward to hearing from you! - *The Summerwood Beautification Committee*

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June 25 - Aug 22, 2010:

Swim Schedule:

- Tues Sun: 4:30am 10:00am adult lap swim only
- Tues Sun: 10:00am 9:00pm swim with lifeguards

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• July 3 – "4th of July Celebration" – check announcement! lifeguards

Pool Closed for Swim Team:

- Practice: Tues Fri: (June 1 -2) 4:00pm 7:30pm
- Practice: Tues Fri: (June 3 -25) 7:00am 10:30am
- Meet: Saturday, June 5: 4:30am 3:00pm

Aug 23 -Sept 26, 2010

Swim Schedule:

- Tues Sun: 4:30am 10:00am adult lap swim only
- Tues Fri: 10:00am 9:00pm swim at your own risk
- Sat Sun: 10:00am 9:00pm swim with lifeguards

Events

• Sept 6- Open Labor Day: 10:00am – 9:00pm swim w/ lifeguards

Sept 27 -Oct 31, 2010

Swim Schedule:

- Tues Sun: 4:30am 10:00am adult lap swim only
- Tues Sun: 10:00am 9:00pm swim at your own risk

EAST POOL

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June 25 - Aug 22, 2010:

Swim Schedule:

• Wed – Mon : 10:00am – 9:00pm swim with lifeguards

Events

• July 3 – "4th of July Celebration" – check announcement! Swim with lifeguards

Aug 23 - Sept 26, 2010

Swim Schedule:

• Sat – Sun: 10:00am – 9:00pm swim with lifeguards *Events:*

• Sept 6- Open Labor Day: 10:00am – 9:00pm swim w/ lifeguards



DOWNED BY HURRICANE IKE,

Summerwood Tree Gets New Life

With its silent invitation to sit and relax, a rustic bench next to the Summerwood Information Center offers little clue of its turbulent origin.

Two years ago, the bench had an earlier life – as a 70-year-old red oak tree in Summerwood, a heavily wooded community northeast of downtown Houston, offering new homes and townhomes priced from the \$110,000s to \$400,000s.

Then came Hurricane Ike, which hit the Texas Gulf Coast in September, 2008.

The third-costliest storm in U.S. history, Ike inundated Galveston, an island city 50 miles from downtown Houston, and left much of the greater Houston area without power for up to two weeks.

Ike also felled thousands of trees, including this red oak in Summerwood, which came down very near its current location.

As luck would have it, that location was the future site of the new Summerwood Information Center, which would have a park and walking trail between it and the community's new model home village, soon to rise across the street.

In a classic case of turning lemons into lemonade, Newland Communities' Joe Forrester, then project manager for Summerwood, came up with the idea of turning the downed oak tree into a bench for the future park.

"We have always worked hard to preserve as many trees as possible in Summerwood, so when Ike downed trees beyond our control, we decided the next best thing would be to allow the tree to contribute in another way,"

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Your Favorite Summerwood Photo

Congratulations to this Month's Winner!



Marc feeding the ducks- submitted by Daniel Hatchett Email your favorite photo to: summerwood.newsletter@gmail.com.

Downed by Hurricane Ike - (Continued from Pg 3)

said Forrester.

Forrester worked with Billy Williamson, field manager for landscape contractor Shooter & Lindsey, to save the red oak while the surrounding area was cleared.

They sent the massive log, over 24 inches in circumference, to a lumber mill where the top third was shaved off to create the seating surface of the bench. Williamson used the removed wood to create the bench's feet, then emblazoned each end with the Summerwood logo. Finally, the bench was stained and sealed so that it would be preserved for decades to come, under the many towering trees that still stand all around.

Today, home shoppers and residents alike stop to sit on the bench or cast an admiring glance at its craftsmanship as they visit the Summerwood Information Center and Model Home Village. Some say trees have souls, and if they do, this red oak must be pretty happy with its new incarnation as a place to rest.

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the streets looking for something of value that is easy to obtain.

Deputy Snyder has been with HCSO for 13 years. She is originally from Houston and attended Aldine High School. Some of her hobbies are scuba diving, riding horses, and traveling. When asked what she likes best about her job she responded that she enjoys helping the community by getting crooks off of the street and putting them in jail whenever she has the opportunity.

Summerwood residents...you can help our contract deputies to keep criminal incidents to a minimum by being proactive in protecting your personal property. Do call in anything you feel is suspicious activity or call if you see a solicitor or a suspicious person in the neighborhood. To report matters of concern call the Harris County Sheriff's Office non-emergency number at 713-221-6000 and then press option 1 to contact the dispatcher. Ask that the information be passed on to the contract deputy on duty in Summerwood. Of course if you see a crime in progress call 911.

Deputy Snyder reminds parents that now that school is out for the summer to know where their children are at night and keep

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News from Your Summerwood

Pool Committee

Summer is in high season here in Summerwood! The Pool Committee has been hard at work to ensure that this summer is our best swim season yet.

We hope residents are enjoying the beautiful new furniture and increased seating, as well as the addition of more umbrellas for shading. Benches and hooks have also been added to our restrooms to add to changing convenience. New message boards have been installed at each pool, and are updated daily with pool and weather conditions, as well as any other pertinent information. Please be sure to check them when you enter the pool for updates.

Thanks to the many residents that pre-registered for their 2010 wristbands! The Pool Committee strived to find a way to make the distribution of wristbands a smoother, easier process for residents, and our feedback has been fantastic! Our Pool Kick-Off Event was a huge success, and we look forward to working with the community to continue to improve all processes involved with our pools.

Please remember that residents must wear their 2010 wristbands to enter and use our pool facilities. All residents over the age of 5 are required to wear their wristbands. Each household is allowed to

sign in up to 4 guests. We urge residents to comply with our pool rules and to remember that they are in place for our own community protection and to maintain the integrity of our amenities.

We're happy to report that our Splash Pad has been up and running smoothly this summer. It's a great place to meet up with neighbors and cool off, or enjoy the playground nearby. If you haven't visited the Splash Pad yet this season, be sure to check it out!

As always, the Pool Committee wants your feedback! Please be sure to check out our link on Summerwood Life, or attend one of our meetings, held the 3rd Thursday of each month at 7 p.m. Our Suggestion Boxes are also found at each pool for residents to share their feedback and suggestions to us.

Enjoy a safe and happy summer!

- SUBMITTED BY JENNIFER COENEN



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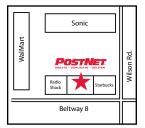
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- Summerwood Communications Committee



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Children who drown do not scream, splash, or struggle. They silently slip beneath the water, even with adults & lifeguards present.

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GIRL SCOUTS EARTH SAVER MESSAGE

The United States is the world's largest consumer of bottled water, purchasing 37 billion bottles in 2005. Bottled water produces up to 1.5 million tons of plastic waste per year. As much as 40 percent of bottled water comes from the tap. According to Food and Water Watch, "plastic requires up to 47 million gallons of oil per year to produce. Producing plastic bottles uses energy and emits toxic chemicals." While the plastic used to bottle beverages is of high quality and in demand by recyclers, over 86 percent of plastic bottles are simply thrown away. Plastic waste is now at such high volume that vast amounts of current-bound plastic trash is now spinning endlessly in the world's major oceans. This represents a great risk to marine life, killing birds and fish which mistake our garbage for food. Thanks to its slow decay rate, the vast majority of all plastics ever produced still exist somewhere. Breaking down these plastics can take thousands of years.

There's a simple alternative to bottled water: buy a stainless steel thermos, or a reusable water bottle and use it. If you don't like the way your local tap water tastes, inexpensive carbon filters will turn most tap water sparkling fresh at a fraction of bottled water's cost. This message is brought to you buy Alexandria Morgan, Isabel Mujica and Nicole Riso, Girl Scouts of San Jacinto Council, Houston, Texas

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Summertime activity, whether on the playing field, running, boating, or just enjoying the great outdoors, must be balanced with measures that aid the body's cooling mechanisms and prevent heat-related illness. Know the symptoms of heat disorders and overexposure to the sun, and be ready to give first aid treatment.

Heat Cramps- are strong muscle contractions and usually affect the abdomen and legs. The condition usually improves with rest, water and cooler conditions.

Heat Exhaustion- caused by heat and dehydration but the effects are more serious than cramps. Symptoms may include paleness, dizziness or fainting, nausea or vomiting, and an increase in body temperature. Rest, water and cool compresses (ice water on the back of the neck, etc) can help. For more sever heat exhaustion, IV fluids may be required.

Heat Stroke- The most serious of the heat related conditions. Heat stroke is most commonly brought on by strenuous exercise in hot conditions. However, it can also affect non-active individuals if the temperature is high enough. Visual signs include flushed, red look to the skin, the person often stops sweating**. This is one key sign that an individual is in an over heated condition. Also, a person with heat stroke might become delirious, unconscious, or have seizures. Lowering the body temperature and getting fluids into the person as quickly as possible is imperative.

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- Submitted by Valerie Salinas

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How's Your Memory?

I run into this bit of confusion almost every day – people deleting files to give them more "memory". Deleting files may give you more hard drive space, but it won't give you more memory.

Let's start with the hard drive. The hard drive in your computer is your filing cabinet. This is where Windows and all your programs are installed. ALSO, this is where ALL your documents, music, photos and movies are stored. Your hard drive is your storage in the same way that you may have music CD's or DVD's stored on a shelf, or your important papers in a filing cabinet. Getting a bigger hard drive simply gives you more storage. A Terabyte hard drive can hold the equivalent of 1,000 copies of the Encyclopedia Britannica. No one listen's to all their music at the same time, or looks at all their photos or movies at the same time – we take what we want from "storage" and use the particular item at the time we want to. That takes us to memory.

Memory is made up of small chips inside your computer. They work kind of like an old calculator. Turn off the power and it goes blank. Turn on the power and you start filling it all over again. Memory is what your computer uses when it's actually working on something. The processor inside your computer (probably by AMD or Intel) is what actually does the thinking. Because memory chips are MUCH faster than your hard drive, the computer pulls what it needs at the time into memory FROM the

Let me put it into non-computer terms. You have a wall in your office filled with filing cabinets filled with papers; this is your hard drive. You have a desk that you work at that's 3 feet wide and 2 feet deep; this is your memory. YOU are doing the thinking and working with the papers; this is your processor. What happens when you have more papers to work with than desk space? You start shuffling papers around, maybe putting them into stacks and

hard drive.

moving stacks around – this slows getting your actual task done. If you had a bigger desk, you wouldn't waste time shuffling papers. This is where more memory comes into play.

So deleting files from your hard drive doesn't speed up your computer any more than throwing away papers in your filing cabinet helps you get the task at your desk done.

When your computer wants to use more memory than it actually has, it does what we do when we get more information than we can remember – write it down! We use paper; the computer uses the hard drive. To "add" to its memory, the computer uses unused space on the hard drive to "extend" its memory. The problem with this is writing to the hard drive is MUCH slower, your computer slows down. The solution, close programs that are running you don't need OR buy more memory. The good news? Memory is cheap! Sites like www.crucial.com will peek inside your computer, tell you what you have inside and what you can upgrade with. The Windows Task Manager will tell you how much of your memory you're using. If you're using 80% or more, you'll be noticing a dramatic decrease in speed. Installing memory isn't hard in most computers, but if you're not comfortable call a professional.

Goodbye Windows 2,000! On July 13th, 2010, all versions of Windows 2000 and Windows XP RUNNING SERVICE PACK 2 will reach the end of support. Microsoft will no longer be updating

Windows 2000, it's time to move that machine up to XP. If you're still running Service Pack 2 in XP, you need to download Service Pack 3 to continue getting updates. Go to http://www.update.microsoft.com/microsoftupdate to get Service Pack 3, or consider upgrading

to Windows 7. Windows XP with Service Pack 3 will continue to be supported by Microsoft through April 8, 2014.

- Submitted by Laurie Scott







Deam Team Tears a

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