

SUMMERWOOD LIFE

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Congratulations Winners! October 2010 Yard of the Month

Submitted by: Celine Wilson



**The Blankenship/Sutton Family
of Summerwood Lakes Dr.**

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

**Summerwood Lakes Dr – The Blankenship/Sutton Family
Greenwood Lane South – The Armenta Family**

Both yards were recognized for their Fall decorations and beautiful landscaping.



**The Armenta Family
of Greenwood Lane South**

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

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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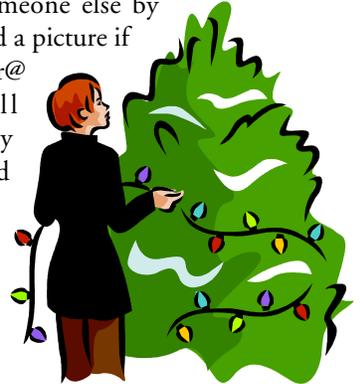
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Decorating Contest

Yard of the Month with a Holiday or Christmas Theme

Please nominate yourself or someone else by emailing the name and address (and a picture if possible) to summerwoodnewsletter@gmail.com The winner will be announced in the January SummerwoodLife Newsletter and will receive a yard of the month sign in their yard along with gift certificate. Deadline for entries is Wednesday, December 8th



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Harris County Deputy Sheriff Richard King Retires

Deputy Richard King, the day shift contract officer who has protected Summerwood for the last several years, was honored by his HCSO colleagues with a retirement party at the Harris County Sheriff's Office on Will Clayton Parkway on October 28, 2010. Present were Deputy King's family, friends, and a multitude of HCSO deputies and employees that have served with him throughout the years.

His work in Summerwood has been much appreciated and he will be greatly missed! An interim replacement is serving Summerwood at present, and a permanent replacement for his position has been posted and will be announced in the near future.



Pictured are Summerwood Crime Watch Committee members Betty Bland, Celine Wilson, Deputy Richard King, Barbara Probandt, and Gerard Probandt



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This photo was taken at a 2010 Summerwood community event and parade as the son of Todd and Patricia Covart saluted in honor of our country and our military. The Covart family lives on Yaupon Holly Lane.

Summerwood Photo Contest

Have you recently taken a great photo of your family enjoying the outdoors in Summerwood? Have you taken a photo of our amenities or perhaps landscaping that you enjoy? We'd love to see your favorite Summerwood photo!

Please email it to: summerwood.newsletter@gmail.com and include your name and address along with a short paragraph about why the photo is your favorite. The winner will have his/her photo in next month's newsletter!

Do You Have Reason to Celebrate?

We want to hear from you!
Email summerwoodnewsletter@gmail.com
to let the community know!

Public Service Article from the Summerwood Crime Watch Committee

*Staying Safe While
Holiday Shopping*

by Barbara Probandt

Never leave anything of value visible in your car...especially a purse, a laptop, packages, electronics of any kind, etc. Smash and grab crimes take only a couple of seconds and predators are cruising the parking lots looking for what you have.

Lock your car and close the windows, even if you're only gone a few moments. When possible, lock all merchandise, purses, or packages in the trunk of your car.

Load your packages before departing each store, and not at the next destination.

It is good to shop with a partner whenever possible. Have your car key in your hand as you approach your car door.

Stay alert to your surroundings and the people around you. Look inside your car and around it as you approach.

Be extra careful with purses and wallets. It is a good idea to keep money, credit cards, wallets, etc., in a pocket. Women, if you do carry a purse, it is good to carry it under your arm.

Avoid carrying large amounts of cash or wearing expensive jewelry.

Avoid anyone who approaches you and asks for assistance in a parking lot.

Plan your trips. Instead of one big shopping trip, try several small ones to cut down on the amount of money you carry, the packages you'll be encumbered with, and to make your shopping less stressful.

After dark, be sure to park in a well-lit area. You might ask a store security person to watch you walk to your car, or walk out with another group of shoppers headed in your direction.

**ABOVE ALL,
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Memorial Hermann Northeast Hospital Official Sponsor of Humble ISD Athletics

Memorial Hermann Northeast Hospital partners with the district's athletic program to provide medical and financial support and services to more than 5,000 student athletes. This collaboration includes providing physicians at the football games, offering annual athletic physicals, Saturday morning injury clinics and continuing education opportunities for the athletic trainers and coaching staff.

Theo Shybut, M.D., an orthopedic surgeon fellowship-trained in sports medicine, is the team physician for Humble ISD with responsibility for Atascocita, Humble and Summer Creek high schools.

The district's athletic trainers are enthusiastic about the benefits of the partnership since Dr. Shybut began attending games. "This partnership truly benefits our community's student athletes, allowing them to compete safely while preventing and minimizing injury and illness," said Amy Walker, head athletic trainer for Humble High School.

"I feel that our athletes are in excellent hands with Dr. Shybut," said Sara Hansen, head athletic trainer for Summer

Creek High School. "His care and concern for our students is surpassed only by his willingness and enthusiasm to assist us in every way possible."

"My hat is off to Dr. Shybut and the entire Memorial Hermann Northeast sports medicine team," added Mike Romig, head athletic trainer for Atascocita High School. "They have done a great job watching the players, giving them thorough evaluations and, if needed, coming up with a treatment plan that will help them get on the road to recovery quickly."

Dr. Shybut shares duties with two primary care physicians affiliated with Memorial Hermann Northeast: Doan Do, M.D., and Ismael Diaz, M.D., who are both board certified in family medicine.

"As an orthopedic surgeon, sports medicine specialist and an athlete myself, I understand how important athletic trainers are to any team," said Dr. Shybut. "Athletic trainers make sure the players are healthy and help them to be the best they can be. Our goal is to provide the same excellence and enthusiasm in healthcare that these athletes exhibit on the playing field."

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SCHS Students Volunteer at Community Events

By Barbara Probandt

Summerwood residents applaud our Summer Creek High School students who not only receive an excellent education at their beautiful new school, but are taught leadership skills and are encouraged to become involved in community activities. Pictured are just some of the many high school students who volunteered to help the Crime Watch Committee and the Activities Committee by working at National Night Out and also the Fall Festival event.

The positions that they filled were vital and contributed to a huge success of both events. Lori Ford, a Summerwood resident and a faculty member at SCHS, sponsored the volunteers that represented the Summer Creek High School ROTC, Teen Leadership, Key Club, and AVID.



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All Aboard The Polar Express At Summerwood Elementary

by Danielle Hecard, Third Grade Teacher

Teachers and students at Summerwood Elementary are eagerly anticipating this holiday season. We have declared a special day in December as Polar Express Day. Dedicating this day to the holiday story, The Polar Express written by Chris Van Allsburg, students and staff will come to school dressed in their cozy pajamas & fuzzy slippers. Students will receive a magical ticket that will be punched as they board our Polar Express train, a train that will take us on an adventurous ride to the North Pole. We will begin our day by listening to a school-wide broadcast of The Polar Express. Our journey will continue with a variety of curriculum based activities and games that are related to The Polar Express. Later in the day, we will enjoy some delicious treats inspired by the story. YUM! Our special day will end with everyone departing The Polar Express train and returning home.

Staff and students of Summerwood Elementary would like to wish you and your family a very joyous Holiday Season!

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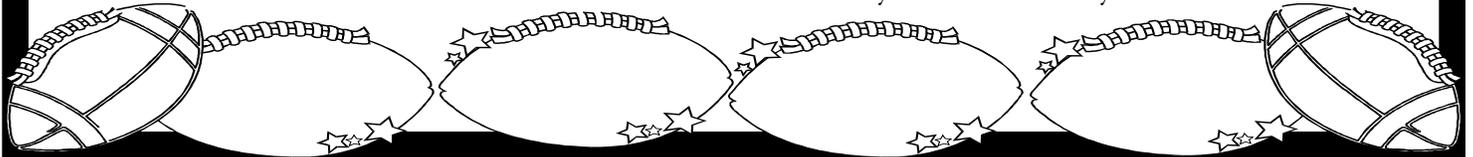
The result would be an astounding \$90 million in cash and cans to help feed the hungry, provide shelter to the homeless and help our neighbors in need.

With all eyes on North Texas this year as they host the Big Game, you can join the Souper Bowl of Caring and help make this vision a reality! For more than 20 years, groups all over the country have joined forces to demonstrate the power of caring. To date, more than \$71 million in cash and cans has been collected and 100% was donated in communities throughout the U.S. Every penny stays local and every collection matters!

Last year, 1,900 schools, churches, businesses and grocery stores in Texas collected more than \$4.5 million for local charities that fight hunger and poverty. The need is growing and we need your help!

JOIN THE TEAM. GET STARTED TODAY!

1. REGISTER your school, church or business at tacklehunger.org and designate an organizer for your Souper Bowl of Caring event. You'll receive a free Resource Kit!
2. COLLECT money and/or canned foods anytime January 17-February 6, 2011. Super Bowl Sunday is February 6, 2011.
3. REPORT the amount of your collection to the Souper Bowl of Caring so it can be added to the national tally.
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- 1-31—VICTORIA:** Exhibition: Victoria, Where Texas History Began Museum of the Coastal Bend. www.museumofthecoastalbend.com 361/582-2436
- 1-Jan. 2—GALVESTON:** Festival of Lights at Moody Gardens Features a milelong trail of more than 1 million lights, holiday music, photos with Santa, a giant poinsettia tree and an outdoor ice rink. www.moodygardens.com 800/582-4673
- 1-Jan. 2—HOUSTON:** Dynasty and Divinity: Ife Art in Ancient Nigeria Offers an in-depth look at ancient art from Ife, the ancient city-state of the Yoruba people in present-day Nigeria. The exhibit highlights Ife's early kingdom and the achievements of its artists. Museum of Fine Arts, 1001 Bissonnet. www.mfah.org 713/639-7300
- 1-Jan. 2—HOUSTON:** Secrets of the Silk Road See intriguing Caucasian mummies from Xinjiang, China and more than 150 objects related to the people living alongside the Silk Road through several millennia. Houston Museum of Natural Science. www.hmns.org
- 1-Jan. 8—ORANGE:** The Book of Hours: A Highlight Exhibit Selected medieval Books of Hours from the museum's collections are on display featuring glorious hand-painted illustrations, including imagery related to Christmas. Stark Museum of Art, 712 Green Ave. www.starkmuseum.org 409/886-2787
- 1-Jan. 9—BEAUMONT:** Artwork by Sedrick Huckaby Huckaby's quilt paintings celebrate both his grandmother's craft as well as the artistic legacy of the African-American quilting tradition. Art Museum of Southeast Texas. www.amset.org 409/832-3432
- 1-Feb. 6—BEAUMONT:** Artwork by Kathleen Boudreaux in Cafe Arts Art Museum of Southeast Texas. www.amset.org 409/832-3432
- 2-Jan. 6—NASSAU BAY:** Open Door Series: Winter 2010 Juried Exhibition The Arts Alliance Center at Clear Lake opens its doors to the area's emerging artists for submissions of works

in any medium, of any subject. 2001 NASA Parkway. www.taaccl.org 281/335-7777

- 14-19—GALVESTON:** A Tuna Christmas The Grand 1894 Opera House. www.thegrand.com 800/821-1894
- 14, 16—ORANGE:** Holiday Open House The W.H. Stark House and the Stark Museum of Art offer tours, gallery spotlights, music by the Lone Star Pipe Band and local students, and holiday decor. Hours are 5 to 8 p.m. 610 W. Main Ave. and 712 Green Ave. www.whstarkhouse.org 409/886-2787
- 16—ORANGE:** Cherryholmes Christmas Bluegrass family's performance includes original songs and classics. Lutcher Theater. www.lutcher.org 409/745-5535
- 17—SOUTH PADRE ISLAND:** Annual SPI Christmas Parade Runs down Padre Boulevard from Mars Street to Campeche. Begins at 6 p.m. 956/772-1974
- 18—KEMAH:** The Preludes Ballet This 30-minute revue-style show features singing, dancing and high energy entertainment. Kemah Boardwalk, Kipp Avenue. www.kemahboardwalk.com 281/334-9880
- 18—LAKE JACKSON:** Bird Banding The public is invited to join workers collecting data on birds at the Bird Observatory. www.gcbo.org 979/480-0999
- 18—PASADENA:** Audubon Christmas Bird Count Begins at 6:30 a.m. Armand Bayou Nature Center, 8500 Bay Area Blvd. www.abnc.org 281/474-2551
- 18—SAN BENITO:** Market Days Open-air bazaar features food, live music, crafts, antiques and more. Plaza de San Benito. www.sanbenitochamber.org 956/399-5321
- 19—BAYTOWN:** Live Nativity Scene at Yepez Vineyard Hours are noon to 3 p.m. 12739 F.M. 2354 www.yepezvineyard.com 281/573-4139

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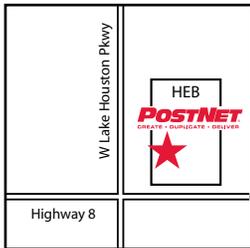




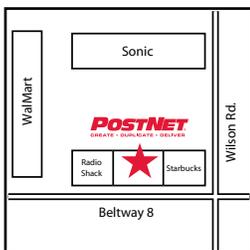
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