

SUMMERWOOD LIFE

OFFICIAL NEWSLETTER OF THE SUMMERWOOD COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION, INC.

New Residents Enjoy Warm Welcome Reception at Club Summerwood

On May 3rd, Summerwood's newest residents were gathered for the Summerwood New Resident Welcome. There were over 70 new residents in attendance! The evening included a presentation of the numerous amenities in the neighborhood, information about the developer, the property management company, and the HOA. The website was introduced along with many of the activities that take place throughout the year and the variety of groups and committees residents can plug into. Summerwood business partners, ScriptLink, Primrose, and Edward Jones were on hand with some door prizes to round out the fun evening. Newland will continue to host the Welcomes during the course of the year. If you know of a new neighbor make sure they sign into www.SummerwoodLife.com to get registered to attend. If you would like more information, or if you would like to become a partner, please email help@summerwoodlife.com.



Welcome to all our New Residents!

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Making an Exterior Modification to Your Property

Are you considering making an exterior modification to your Summerwood property? If so, these changes must first be approved by the Summerwood Architectural Review Committee, also known as the ARC. The purpose of this process is to keep Summerwood beautiful for the enjoyment of residents, to safeguard the architectural integrity of Summerwood, and to protect property and property values. The ARC works in conjunction with the guidelines set by the management company, the developer, and the Home Owners' Association (HOA).

A copy of the guidelines & deed restrictions can be obtained on the community website www.summerwoodlife.com

- Sign in with your user name and password.
- Click on the Document Library tab on the left hand side.
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Crime Watch Committee Update

By Barbara Probandt

The Crime Watch Committee meets on the second Tuesday of each month (except the month of October) at 7:00 PM at the Central Clubhouse. All residents are invited to attend the meetings and receive up to date information about what is happening in the community. Quite often Harris County Deputies, HPD officers from the Kingwood station, and representatives from Mike Sullivan's Office in Harris County show up to interface with the residents, to speak on current issues,

and participate in the program. Our own Summerwood contract deputies are almost always represented and they give reports, interact and answer questions, and address concerns of residents. The largest annual event sponsored by the Crime Watch Committee is National Night Out. It is a very large Summerwood function that will be held this year on Tuesday night, October 2nd. The event has been quite successful and last year over 800 residents attended, met their neighbors, and

enjoyed the evening. There are large numbers of door prizes given out throughout the evening, along with lively DJ music, jump houses, trains, and many other activities for the kids, a variety of food for purchase, numerous booths... and fun for all ages. Also there are give-a-ways galore compliments of the Crime Watch Committee.

Pictured are several residents involved in the committee as well as law enforcement officers and our Harris County Commissioner, Mike Sullivan, addressing the group at a recent meeting.



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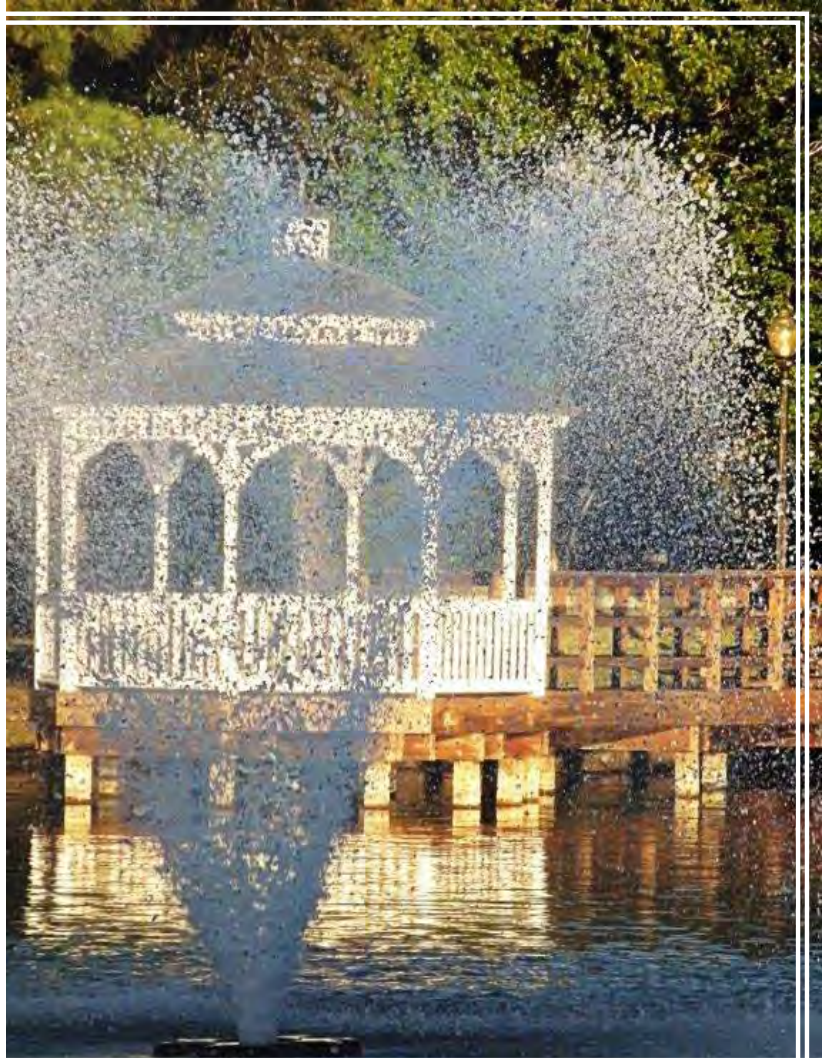
It's a Tie, Folks!

Thank you to both the Voisin family and the Freeh family for their submissions this month to the newsletter photo contest! Both pictures represent Summerwood very well! One picture portrays a sweet family enjoying one of the sponsored activities and the other captures the beautiful lakes and fountains that we all enjoy!

The Voisin family lives on Jadestone Terrace Lane. Pictured is Brandi Voisin and her two daughters at the Summerwood Spring Eggstravaganza. The Voisin family loves participating in Summerwood activities!

The Freeh family lives on Kings Head Drive. The picture of the fountain was submitted by Janet Freeh who typically walks around Lake Meredith 3 to 4 times a week. The fountains and the gazebo are the favorite spots of her walk. She loves watching the rainbows that are created as the sun shines through the water spray, reminding her that the simple things in life bring much pleasure.

Have you recently taken a great photo of your family enjoying the outdoors in Summerwood? Maybe you have 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!





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If you are interested in attending ALL classes in the fall and would like more information you are encouraged to attend the open house. The fee for enrolling is \$20 and will entitle you to take any and all Adult Lifelong learning classes at this campus during the 2012-1013 school year. For more information you can contact Barbara Probandt at protexan@entouch.net.



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SUMMERWOOD LAKES' GEESE & DUCK SANCTUARIES

By Jeanie Walker

We live on Lake Anne and absolutely believe that we live in a little bit of heaven. For 6 years, we have loved talking to everyone walking by on the sidewalk, watching kids grow up, sharing our faith, and enjoying the birds, ducks and geese living on the lake. They have become our "pets" and it has become our daily routine to feed and watch the animal habits of our adopted friends. Of course, we are not the only ones who "take ownership" of these ducks and geese. Susan, Linda, and Vickie are just a few of the people who care for these animals. Another couple of people who take great pride in the birds in our "bird sanctuary" are Dietrich and Judy. A couple of months ago a beautiful brown and white goose (looked like the resident "king of Lake Anne") was dumped here and since it was unable to fly, he made this his home. Shortly after he arrived, he was almost killed by a dog or other wild animal, but survived it. A couple of weeks after that we noticed that he was limping, but he seemed to be doing OK. He was even making friends with some of the ducks; of course not with the resident "king" and his new little honey (new white goose of less than a

year). Oh...by the way, that goose couple had some eggs that did not make it to the hatching stage, but I saw that they were "making some new babies yesterday. Those are going to be some gorgeous babies. We can hardly wait for that arrival. Dietrich named the new brown/white goose "George" and George would come when he called him. We all fed Dietrich's George and I fed him every day from a bowl. He did not like bread like the other ducks, and would only eat cracked corn that we all bought for him. He was so gentle; we could pet him. Well, about 2 weeks ago, George disappeared and has not been seen since. No one knows anything about his disappearance and we all are just sick about it, especially Dietrich.

Our plea to everyone is to be nice to the ducks and geese. I know that there are a LOT of people who do not like the ducks and geese, because they make many messes on the sidewalks. WE DO want them to stay and we ask that you tell your children not to chase the ducklings down to catch them. We ask you not to

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Summerwood Lakes' Geese & Duck Sanctuaries - (Continued from Page 10)

get angry at them when they will not eat your sweet cereal, etc. (I wish that I had their dietary habits of only eating what is GOOD for me). We especially ask that you do not take the beautiful ones from our lakes. We feel that George was kidnapped to a private lake or worse....killed. (We saw one white goose shot last year close to our house. We called the police, but the killers were gone by the time the police got here).

I know that I am preaching to the choir and that most likely, George was taken or killed by someone other than who is reading this newsletter. BUT, PLEASE be on the lookout for people who abuse our ducks and geese and let them know that the animals belong to OUR lakes' sanctuaries (that is yours and mine).



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