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National Night Out 2012 Was a Big Success!

The Summerwood Crime Watch Committee wishes to express thanks to the Summer Creek High School student volunteers for their service to this Summerwood community event! Also they would like to thank the many area sponsors, the exhibitors, the Houston area dignitaries, the law enforcement officers that work to keep us safe, our committee workers, and the large number of residents who turned out in support of the annual NNO event!

The Summerwood Crime Watch Committee meets on the 2nd Tuesday of each month at 7:00 PM at the central clubhouse on Summerwood Lakes Drive. All residents are invited to attend!



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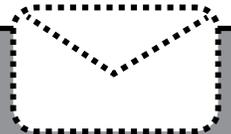
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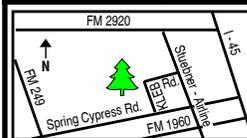
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Is your home for sale? The sweet aroma of fresh baked items when a potential buyer opens the door is refreshing. Baking a pie, cake or cookies can give your home that good down home feel to those looking to buy. Leaving some cookies out for guests to sample is a nice gesture as well. Many times home buyers are looking with their children and a cookie can make the home viewing experience better for them and their parents. Just a thought if you are so inclined. Here is the recipe of one outstanding pie!

Kentucky Derby Pie

Time: 1 hour

1 pie crust, unbaked

1/2 cup flour

1 cup sugar

2 eggs, beaten

1/2 cup unsalted butter, melted and cooled slightly

3 ounces bourbon

1 teaspoon vanilla

1/2 teaspoon salt

1 cup dark chocolate pieces or bar, chopped

1 cup pecans or walnuts, chopped

1. Pre-heat oven to 375 degrees F.

2. Line 9 or 10 inch pie plate with unbaked pie crust and form edges.

3. In a medium mixing bowl, whisk together sugar, flour, eggs, butter, bourbon, vanilla, and salt.

4. Stir in chocolate and pecans or walnuts until they are well incorporated.

5. Pour filling into prepared pie crust.

6. Bake for 35-40 minutes or until a toothpick inserted in the filling comes out clean.

7. Allow to cool slightly before cutting.

Now Taking Listings!

It may be November but homes sales are still happening. Buyers are in the market and the inventory of listed homes is shrinking. 2012 has been a busy year in home sales; as of October 7, 2012 I personally have closed over 55 homes. Give me a call if you, a friend, co-worker, or family member are thinking about putting a home on the market or are interested in purchasing a home. I appreciate the opportunity to earn your business.

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Water Restrictions – No longer In Effect!

The three Municipal Utility Districts in Summerwood have recently released the voluntary water restrictions that were in effect during the dry summer months. They wish to thank the residents and the Home Owners' Association for helping to conserve water pumped from our well supply by cooperating with this directive.



Community Garage Sale

Saturday, November 3
 (Rain out date Saturday, Nov 10)
8:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

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Summerwood Crime Watch Committee Thank You to David Myrick!

David Myrick will step down at the end of October as the chairman of the Crime Watch Committee after being instrumental in organizing this committee six years ago. He will remain active with the committee but desires to devote more time to family activities where he, his wife, and their three active sons are involved in many sports, school organizations, and extracurricular events.

In 2005 there were several incidents involving car break-ins and other small thefts in Summerwood. With this string of incidents, the HOA board and several residents called a meeting to discuss crime in the area and to discuss what our community could do about it. Before that meeting ended, the group decided to form the Summerwood Crime Watch Committee, and David was elected as the chairman, a position he has held since that time. In the beginning, there were just a few dedicated individuals who worked on the committee, but how that has changed over the past six years. As our community has grown, so has the committee.

The CWC serves as an information pipeline to help raise awareness of crime in the area and focuses on ways to help residents protect their personal selves and their property. David Myrick says that the main goals of the Summerwood Crime Watch Committee are centered

on communication between neighbors and police authorities, and to have all of our neighborhoods covered by block captains. He encourages residents who do not have a block captain to step forward and become a block captain for their street or section. According to Myrick, block captains are actually the most critical part of a strong neighborhood watch program.

One of the greatest achievements of the CWC under Myrick's leadership is the partnership between the HOA and the three local MUD boards with the Harris County Sheriff's office. Through this partnership, our community participates in the contract deputy program, which greatly benefits Summerwood. We have three contract HCSO officers who patrol our neighborhood in addition to officers from HPD who also serve and protect.

Myrick has worked hard to bring the CWC to where it stands today, but in his words "all of my effort would be nothing if it weren't for the countless volunteers who work to make Summerwood the great place it is! As our community continues to grow, the need for involved residents will increase. I have tried to involve as many residents as possible during the years I've served as the chairman of

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the CWC.”

The major event of this committee is the annual National Night Out event in October. This event began in Summerwood as a small, street based event where residents were encouraged to host their own block party. Through Myrick’s leadership it has grown into one of the largest events in our community where attendance this year reached nearly 1,000 attendees.”

The Crime Watch Committee thanks you, David Myrick, for your many years of excellent service to our community!



A is for Apple

The kindergarten students at Summerwood Elementary enjoyed studying the life cycle of an apple tree during the first weeks of school. They observed and compared the size, shape, color, and textures of an apple. The students practiced using all of the “Senses” they talked about during the first few days of school. Every kindergarten student brought an apple from home to help them explore the many attributes of apples. At the end of the unit all of the apples were used to make homemade apple sauce in the classroom! It was DELICIOUS!

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

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Congressman Poe spoke about the difficulties of getting programs passed in either house of government because presently there is a Republican controlled House of Representatives and a Democratic controlled Senate. Views on the economy are polarized and negotiations break down.

Poe, a Republican representative active in policy making, expressed his thoughts on the economy, taxation, health care, and energy. You can learn more about Congressman Poe by logging on to this website: <http://poe.house.gov>

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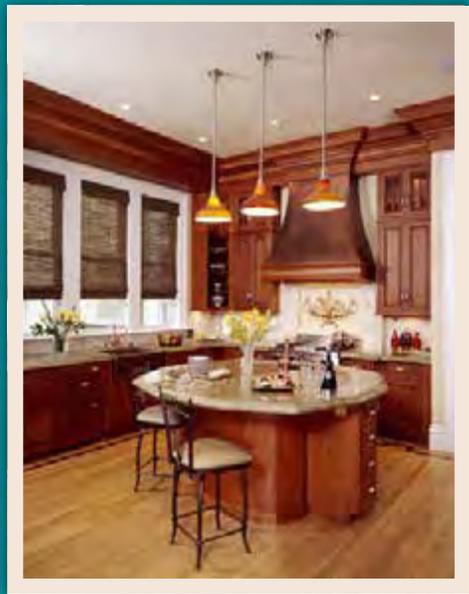
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Three board of director terms expired in September of 2012: David Harris, Barbara Probandt, and Tony Torr. The HOA wishes to thank Mr. Harris and Mr. Torr for their time, hard work, and service to the community during their term. However, neither chose to run for the office again due to work related obligations and a busy schedule.

There are seven Board of Director positions on the Summerwood HOA board. Two of the BOD members represent Newland, our developer, and are Cindy Deaton and Cindy Keefe. The remaining five directors are residents of the community. Celine Wilson and John Bland are continuing their term as director. Barbara Probandt was re-elected to another term as a director, and Judy Endris and Marc Sanders were elected to fill the remaining two positions.

There was a question and answer session at the end of the meeting with good discussion and Summerwood residents received much information.



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