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SUMMERWOOD FALL FESTIVAL!

The Fall Festival, held on Saturday, October 20th at Club Summerwood, was a wonderful Summerwood event with fun for all ages! Featured activities included shopping on the Boulevard of Businesses, hay rides, a trackless train, a pony carousel, bounce houses, a hair station, games, many photo ops, a costume contest for various age groups and many door prizes that were given out throughout the afternoon. Residents who registered were also invited to take a pumpkin from the pumpkin patch home! A special thank you goes out to the volunteers from Summer Creek High School's Future Women of America and the ROTC! These high school students assisted with the pumpkin carving, hair painting, crafts and many of the other activities... and their assistance was much appreciated!



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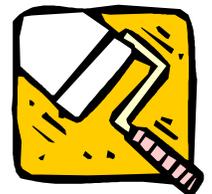
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Now Taking Listings!

Our local market has experienced a big year in real estate, with home sales picking up and inventory on the market falling. If you are thinking of listing your home for sale I would appreciate an opportunity to speak with you about marketing it for sale. Even though Buyer showings experience a slowdown in December, interest picks up after the holiday season. Those that list in January are front and center for the Buyers to see when they come back into the market after the holidays. Make an appointment today to speak about listing your home for sale. I am a full service Realtor with a full service marketing plan and tools to get your home sold. I have personally sold over 60 homes this year as of 11/8/2012.

Summerwood Overall Home Sale Statistics and Price Ranges:

HOME BUYING DEMAND OF THE MARKET

Represents contracts closed in Summerwood January 1 – October 31, 2012 and is expressed as the sold price range of the home as recorded by HAR MLS.

HOME BUYING DEMAND OF THE MARKET	SOLD HOMES
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Welcome to our new Summerwood Neighbors!



A New Resident Welcome was held on Thursday, November 1 at Club Summerwood. The Summerwood HOA, Newland, and CIA Services welcomed the new residents and gave the homeowners information about Summerwood and the opportunities, activities, amenities, and committees available to them.



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Thank You!!!

to all my clients for an amazing year in 2012! I hope everyone has a wonderful Christmas and Happy New Year. If you are thinking of Selling or Buying a home in 2013 please dont hesitate to call me for a free consultation.

Away from home during the holidays? Here are a few tips to deter thieves

- Maintaining the illusion of everyday activity is the first defense against intruders. Use inexpensive automatic timers to turn on lights, the radio and even the television. Remember to stagger on-and-off times at realistic intervals.
- Sliding patio doors and garage doors are particularly vulnerable to thieves. Secure sliding doors with a steel rod. A simple padlock on the track of your garage door will help thwart attempts to force it open.
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The Story of Moe the Muscovy

By Summerwood Resident Louise Morris, a Proclaimed Duck Whisper



I know that many of the Summerwood residents don't think too highly of the Muscovy ducks that live in our lakes. Many may feel they are less than attractive, ugly even. But let me tell you about Moe, one of the ducks you may see, who we love dearly and find absolutely beautiful!

This past May, as I was picking up my son Stephen from High School, we found a little yellow duckling wandering around the front of the school. It was so tiny and of course, once we saw that there was no other ducks around we couldn't just leave it there. So, we had to rescue it and bring it home. One the way home we decided on calling it Moe since it had a brown strip of feathers (fluff) on top of its head that resembled a mohawk.

Since my son and I were under the impression that once you touch a baby duckling (or other baby animal) the other mothers and other ducks won't accept it, Stephen convinced me that we had to keep him. Moe took an instant liking to Stephen and the feelings were definitely reciprocated. We soon called Stephen "Moe's mother" because Moe would follow him around and cry rather loudly whenever Stephen was not in sight. We soon found out just how messy baby ducks can be! He would step in his food, splash and play in his water, and poop everywhere! What had we gotten ourselves into? It was about this time that I figured I had better gather as much information as I could about how to raise a duck.

From the research, here are some things I think all Summerwood residents should know.

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It is a myth that once a human touches a baby duckling the mother or other ducks won't accept it. In fact what we should have done is simply taken Moe to one of our neighborhood lakes and left him near a mother with babies about the same age and size. Ducks imprint on humans very quickly, within a few days. This is what had happened with Moe and Stephen.

The most important thing that I learned was how bad bread, cereal, and crackers are for ducks and their health. I know we all grew up feeding ducks our old, stale bread, however, there is no nutritional value in it for them. When ducks are fed human foods their organs become engorged and fatty and they quickly die from malnutrition, heart disease, liver problems and other health complications.

So what should you be feeding the ducks? I feed Moe Flock Raiser which I buy at the feed store. You can also feed the ducks cracked corn, oats, barley or even defrosted frozen peas. The cracked corn is the best bet since they love it and it is sold in HEB for very little cost.

Raising Moe has been very interesting especially through the adolescent molting period - when we found out he was a SHE. It has taken us quite a while to transition her from living in our home and backyard to living with other ducks. I have some funny videos to prove it. But, Moe is now relocated to Lake Meredith and we have "duck picnics" with her almost every day. Perhaps you have seen us sitting at the lake petting, talking and feeding our beautiful girl, Moe.

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Saturday, April 20 - Garage Sale
Saturday, May 4 - Casino Night
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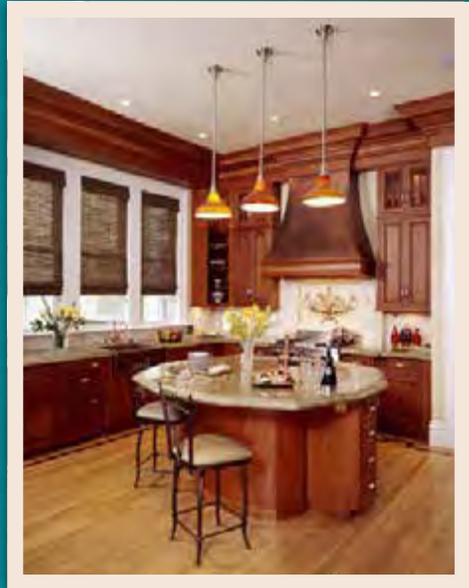


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The winner will have a "Yard of the Month" sign displayed in their yard for the month of January and will also receive a \$50 gift card to Lowes!

So, You Want to Save the World?

by Summerwood Resident Brian Harding

In these days of high priced energy and concerns about our environment, one way we can all help is to recycle as much of the 1,609 pounds of trash each American generates each year as possible. Almost a ton of garbage for each person? Yep. Scary, isn't it? All that trash has to go someplace, and the vast majority of it is filling up huge holes in the ground instead of being recycled.

Here are some recycling facts that might give you a little bit encouragement to fill up that recycling bin with as much recyclable material as you can:

- Recycling one aluminum can saves enough energy to run a TV for three hours -- or the equivalent of a half a gallon of gasoline.
- An aluminum can that is thrown away will still be a can 500 years from now.
- We use over 80,000,000,000 aluminum soda cans every year.
- Because it is extremely energy intensive to mine and refine aluminum, at one time, aluminum was more valuable than gold.
- To produce each week's Sunday newspapers, 500,000 trees must be cut down. If every American recycled just one-tenth of their newspapers, we would save about 25,000,000 trees a year.
- Approximately 1 billion trees worth of paper are thrown away every year in the U.S.
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- The 17 trees saved (above) can absorb a total of 250 pounds of carbon dioxide from the air each year. Burning that same ton of paper would create 1500 pounds of carbon dioxide.
- Americans use 2,500,000 plastic bottles every hour. Most of them are thrown away.
- Plastic bags and other plastic garbage thrown into the ocean kill as many as 1,000,000 sea creatures every year.
- Recycling plastic saves twice as much energy as burning it in an incinerator.
- The energy saved from recycling one glass bottle can run a 100-watt light bulb for four hours or a compact fluorescent bulb for 20 hours. It also causes 20% less air pollution and 50% less water pollution than when a new bottle is made from raw materials.
- Mining and transporting raw materials for glass produces about 385 pounds of waste for every ton of glass that is made. If recycled glass is substituted for half of the raw materials, the waste is cut by more than 80%.
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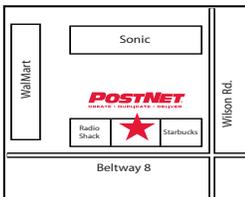


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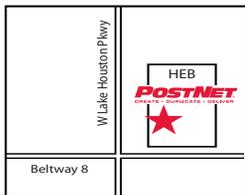
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As an added incentive, Summerwood participates in Recycle Bank, a program that gives incentives to people who use their recycling bin. Each bin has an RFID chip, and every time your bin is picked up, a computer on the truck logs that information in a computer. Each load of recycling is weighed and given a point value, and those points are distributed to all those who had their recycling bin picked up. Those points can be used to redeem coupons and gift certificates to more than 400 companies that support RecycleBank.com. Who doesn't want free stuff for doing something we should all be doing anyway?

You want to save the world? Start recycling. The forests, oceans, and all the living creatures of the world will thank you for it.

Summerwood Elementary Carnival Coming Soon

Spring Carnival planning is already in full swing at Summerwood Elementary! The carnival will be held March 2, 2013. If you are a local business owner who is interested in reaching out to our community by supporting our school, please contact Aimee Williams at aimboat@gmail.com or Mary Impelman at impelman@entouch.net. We are looking for any sort of participation including sponsorship, in-kind donations, reduced cost or fee for service provision of carnival games, rides, entertainment or attractions (i.e. bounce houses, mobile gaming setups, etc).



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Lake Houston Ladies' Club December Meeting

Lake Houston Ladies Club will have their monthly meeting on Tuesday, December 18, 2012 beginning at 10:00 a.m. at the Walden Country Club, 18100 Walden Forest, Humble, TX 77346. Brooks Christian Ragtime Piano will be providing entertainment.

Lake Houston Ladies Club is a social organization that welcomes new members from all surrounding areas. Please call Carol at 832-671-4475 for reservations by Friday, December 14, by 5:00 p.m. Call Hestor at 281-852-1442 for more information about the club. Come and join us!



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Open Letter from the New Principal at Woodcreek Middle School

It is an honor and a privilege to be able to write this letter to the Woodcreek community as the Principal of such an outstanding school. Having spent the last 20+ years in education in Cy Fair ISD and now Humble ISD, I am honored to be able to serve our community and provide positive learning experiences for our students.

The transition to principal at WMS has been seamless because of the outstanding leadership of Mr. Hurst (current SCHS principal), the current WMS administration and the outstanding faculty and staff at Woodcreek. Although we have a change at the top, the philosophy at WMS will not change – we will always be on a “Quest for Excellence”.

As the newest secondary school in Humble ISD, our students have been provided with every opportunity to be successful. The technology in our school is 2nd to none and the training our teachers have gone through to engage with all students should increase the RIGOR in the classroom therefore put our students on the pathway to college readiness.

While the State of Texas has transitioned into the STAAR test, WMS and Humble ISD are fully supportive of our role in being held accountable for the education of EVERY student. We highly encourage all parents to get involved in the learning of their child and communicate with all teachers if there are ever any concerns or praise for the work being done in the classroom. Please follow your child’s grades via the Home Access Center and communicate through e-mails and phone calls to their teachers.

As a career educator and former coach, I understand the value of extracurricular activities (athletics, band, choir, dance, orchestra and/or Theater) in the lives of all students. It is critical that we involve as many positive role models in the lives of our children as they choose their path in life. Please encourage your child to find a group, organization, club or activity that will help build their self-confidence and self-esteem.

Lastly, my heartfelt thanks goes out to the entire WMS community for their amazing support of our Meet the Lions and Open House in September. Your support of our school, our staff and your children was very obvious as we continue to create a place where children want to come to school every day.

Our focus at WMS is very simple:

*RIGOR in the classroom (challenge students)

*Relationships (positive interactions with students, parents and community)

*Raving Fans (everyone that encounters WMS with be a Raving Fan, not just a satisfied customer)

It’s going to be a great school year.

Brent McDonald, Principal at WMS

Protect Our Summerwood Lakes Please Catch and Release!

By Barbara Probandt

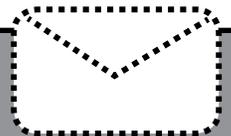
Summerwood residents are invited to enjoy fishing in either of the two larger lakes in Summerwood that are located on each side of West Lake Houston Parkway at Summerwood Lakes Drive. Sound like fun? The lake by the central community building is Lake Anne, and the lake across from it on which the gazebo is located is Lake Meredith, and both are designated for catch and release fishing! Have fun fishing there, but please remember to release the fish from your tackle as gently as possible and place them back in the water, hopefully before the fish experiences serious exhaustion or injury.

Please Note: The two smaller lakes near the waterfalls at the beltway entrance of Summerwood are part of the protected wetlands and residents are not to disturb this area in any way including fishing there or feeding the wildlife.



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