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OFFICIAL NEWSLETTER OF THE SUMMERWOOD COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION, INC.

SUMMERWOOD'S Annual Casino Night

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It's time for Summerwood's Annual Casino Night! Mark your calendar for Saturday, March 15 from 8:00 p.m. until 11:00 p.m., location will be Club Summerwood.

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MANAGEMENT CORNER

WHAT IS A COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION?

Some residents think homeowners associations exist just to tell them what to do—or not do. Actually, the association is more like a housing management or service-delivery organization that provides three types of services to all residents—owners and renters alike.

- **Community services-** In Summerwood, examples of these include managing service contracts and maintaining the community video system and intranet, holding community-wide meetings, and scheduling recreational and social functions.

- **Governance services-** such as ensuring that residents are complying with the association's governing documents, that the association is adhering to local, state, and federal statutes (like fair housing laws), enforcing community rules and policies, administering design review policies, and recruiting new volunteer leaders.

- **Business services-** includes operating the common property efficiently, bidding maintenance work competitively, investing reserve funds wisely, developing long-range plans, and equitably and efficiently collecting assessments.

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Summerwood Arbor Day Invitation

Texas will be celebrating Arbor Day on Friday April 25th, 2014 and Summerwood would like to play a role in the beautification of our great state. The Summerwood Beautification Committee (SBC) would like to extend an invitation to all residents to purchase saplings to plant in their yards and pick them up at the central clubhouse on Saturday, April 26th between 9:00 and 4:00.

The SBC and The Spencer Company have chosen Sycamore saplings as the tree for this Arbor Day.

If you would like to participate in Arbor Day but don't have enough room in your yard, we want to encourage you to still be part of this awarding day. You may still purchase a sapling and the beautification committee and/or Spencer will plant it within the community in an appropriate location. Plus you will be acknowledged in the next newsletter for your dedication to making Summerwood beautiful.

If you'd like a sapling but won't be able to pick up the day of the event, please let CIA Service know with your pre-order that either someone else will be picking it up for you or if you need to make arrangements with SBC.

Summerwood is blessed to have many young residents in scouts that want to help in this event. We are honored to have Brownie Troop #9670 and Girl Scout Cadette Troop #9654 present on Saturday April 26th, to help distribute the saplings and provide information on proper and safe planting.

Thank you from the Beautification Committee.



Sycamores are beautiful majestic deciduous trees native to bottomland sites in the eastern two-thirds of Texas. They are valued for their large maple-like leaves and massive, platy white, tan, and brown trunks. Sycamores prefer deep, rich and moist soils, although they will tolerate a wide variety of other soil conditions.

Height: approximately 4 - 5 feet

Cost: \$6 per sapling or 2 for \$10

Payment: Check, money order or cash made out to CIA Services

Pre-Sales are recommended but walk ups with cash or check will be allowed the day of the event as long as trees are available.

Summerwood Beautification Committee 2014 Arbor Day Event

Name: _____

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Thank You!

BETTY BLAND

Betty Bland has served for the last year and four months as chairperson of the Summerwood Crime Watch Committee. She is now leaving that position to be able devote more time to her family and in the many other areas in which she is involved. The CWC committee wishes to sincerely express appreciation... not only for her long time membership and support of the committee, but especially for her excellent leadership in guiding our committee during her term as chairperson.

The Crime Watch Committee is currently seeking a chairman. We encourage any crime watch committee member who might be interested in chairing this important committee to contact Barbara Probandt at protexan@entouch.net for information.

New Summerwood Clubhouse Rental Policies

The HOA Board of Directors recently adopted several exciting new policies regarding clubhouse rentals.

* Both Residents Club Central and Club Summerwood will now be available for rental by residents for commercial usage. The new policy will allow limited commercial usage within the discretion of the Association. Types of rentals included would be a reasonable number of rentals annually per resident for parties associated with most home based businesses, small business meetings and professional gatherings.

*The hourly fee to rent Residents Club Central has been reduced from \$40 to \$30 per hour.

*The minimum rental period required for Residents Club Central has been reduced from 4 hours to 3 hours.

All of the fees associated with private rentals are detailed on the rental agreements; Residents Club Central can be found on both www.ciaservices.com and www.summerwoodlife.com. Please contact our office Contact our office at 713-981-9000 or customer@ciaservices.com if you are interested in scheduling a party.

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Summerwood Youth team up with Beautification Committee for Spring Planting!

A group of Summerwood youth gathered together for a service project by helping the Beautification Committee with a spring planting. They met after school and planted in 4 different areas in Summerwood where the flower beds needed improvement. This spring, the Beautification Committee is starting to update our flower beds that have lost plants over the years. You may have already noticed our improvements along Summerwood Lakes Drive and Hunters Lake Way. Soon you will see signs posted where the beautification has been hard at work.

We are asking residents if you have suggestions of areas within our community that need plant improvement to e-mail the committee. Please include the location of the bed with cross streets and if possible a photo. We also welcome new members to come join the planting!



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The Summerwood Stingrays are a summer-league swim team comprised of children ages four to eighteen who reside in Summerwood, Lakeside Terrace, Lake Shore, Summer Lake Ranch and Water's Edge.

Conceived to foster competitive swimming, good sportsmanship, and the development of teamwork, the Stingrays are excited about launching the 2014 swim season.

Registration will be held at Lakeside United Methodist Church on Thursday, March 27 from 5 pm – 8 pm and on Saturday, April 12 from 2pm – 5pm.

Registration fees are \$135 for the first swimmer, \$110 for the second and \$95 for the third. 15-18 yr olds will be free.

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This family event welcomes the whole community! Some of the attractions include large inflatables, a bungee jumper, rock wall, mechanical bull, petting zoo, many carnival games, favorite foods, vendor booths, plus a fantastic silent auction and raffle!

If you have a hot ride or a cool car you want to show off in the school's very own car show, please contact Jamie: Jbird@pcscg.com at your earliest opportunity – space is limited.

The proceeds will benefit both Lakeshore Elementary students and teachers, as well as "Helping a Hero" – a non-profit organization dedicated to assisting wounded soldiers.

To get more information about Sponsorship or having a vendor space, contact Carrie Labani at clabani@gmail.com or 832-373-7562. To donate an item for auction, contact Odette Baumanis at odettebaumanis@gmail.com.

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The GHM team is working hard to hire and train Lifeguards and Pool Managers. This is an excellent opportunity for young adults who live in the Summerwood community! We are always looking for hard-working individuals within the community to fulfill our summer staff needs. We are also actively hiring swim instructors that are looking to have a positive, exciting and skill-building job this summer. They learn important skills such as job responsibility, risk management, customer service and key leadership skills. Opportunities are also available to any adult (especially teachers!) that may also be looking for a rewarding summer job. Applications for employment can be found on our employment website, www.BeALifeguard.com.

What's Going On at Lone Star College – Atascocita Center?

The Academy for Lifelong Learning (ALL) will be offering classes which start at various times through May. This learning community for active adults aged 50 and over offers FREE classes with a \$20 membership in areas such as arts and crafts, computers, gardening, genealogy, health and wellness, history, nature and the environment, photography and safety. Call 832/775-0800 for more information.

Need help with your taxes? Free federal income tax preparation by the AARP Tax-Aide Service (the nation's largest free volunteer-run tax counseling and preparation service) is available on Fridays, February 7 – April 11 from 10am until 2pm in Room 224. No age or income restrictions. The Center will be closed on Friday, March 14. Call 832/775-0800 for more information.

Did you know that the LSC-Atascocita Center library resources are available to the community? In addition to over 40,000 eBooks and databases, the Atascocita Center library holds a leisure reading collection, DVDs, audiobooks, and items from any Harris County, Lone Star College, or Montgomery County library can be sent here and returned here. Librarians are on call to help with email, resumes, word documents, and more. Harris County Public library cards are required to check out materials and to log in to computers. Feel free to contact our library at 832-775-0816.

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Whether you're looking to sell your home or just want to make some home improvements, we want to help you get the most out of your hard earned dollar. If you are looking to sell please call the Tracy Montgomery Team before spending any money. You might be surprised at the little money it often takes to get provide a buyer with a great showing.

Following are some tips that will be sure to impress:

Landscaping

"Flower power" - Weed free flowerbeds and colorful flowers wins buyers hearts.

Neatly trimmed lawns, trees, and bushes send a positive message to buyers and neighbors; a well-cared for yard represents a well-cared for home.

Roof - keep it clean of debris and tree limbs. A new roof can set you back thousands. Preserve it the best you can today to save money in the future.

Interior

Walls - a fresh coat of paint can do wonders for a home. If you're looking to sell, conservative/neutral paints are the best option and most often give a home an open and airy feel.

Lighting - with so many low energy options the task of finding bright bulbs that don't give off unnatural lighting is often easier said than done. Most of the large box stores will allow you to take back lights you don't like. Buy a few varieties, find the one you like, and take the rest back. Once you find the right "bright" light you'll find your home to be more cheerful and inviting.

Faucets - dripping faucets will do more than run up your water bill. They can result in expensive hard water damage and rust.

Smell - companies spend thousands of dollars to ensure their establishments give off just the right smell for their customers. Would it surprise you to learn that some coffee shops install odor control systems to make sure you get the "right" coffee smell when you walk in the front door? What smell message does your home give?

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