

# SUMMERWOOD LIFE

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## Summerwood Winter Festival 2014



There was so much to see and do at this year's Summerwood Winter Festival! The morning began with Santa reading, "Twas the Night Before Christmas", followed by the children singing "Rudolph the Red-nosed Reindeer" and "Jingle Bells"! As pictures were being taken, the children let Santa know what was on their wish list. The outdoor activities included making reindeer food, face painting by Kristy Vincent of SpaceWalk Houston, balloon art, crafts and Strolling Carolers from the SummerCreek High School Choir! If you ever get a chance to hear the choir you should go, because they sounded awesome!

The camel, carriage and train rides were a big hit for young and old alike, while the petting zoo brought out the kid in all of those who walked through the gate. The bounce houses with their slips and slides put a smile on the faces that stepped inside. The rock wall was a chance to reach for the top and the four-jump trampoline allowed for flips, dips, summersaults and more!

Be sure to frequent the small vendors that were at the event...Summerwood Smiles Dentistry, Primrose of Summerwood, Scentsy-Emily Voeltner, Mary Kay-Erin Burke, Sassy Baby Koo-Wanda McCord, Ms B's Creations-Brenda Smith, Fit Move Go- Micah Teeter, Chloe+Isabel-Rana Azar, Humble Door Company-Louis Jasso, Nolasco Jewelry-Laura Jordan, SJ Creations-Julie Acosta and Usborne Books-Judy Jeffries. The food vendors were Chick Fil A, gumbo and desserts from Ms B's Creations, Space City Kettle Corn and Taco Flores. Thank you vendors!

We also appreciate and want to add a BIG thank you to our Summerwood sponsors for this year: 6 Carr Photography, Bellex Services, CMC Construction, Forefront Emergency Management, HEB, Primrose School of Summerwood, SpaceWalk of Northeast Houston, and Summerwood Smiles Dentistry.

Congratulations to Issac Martinez for being the winner of the \$100 American Express gift card, donated by Newland Communities! I also want to give a huge THANK YOU to all the teenagers that volunteer throughout the year, especially the ROTC from SummerCreek High School. You all are very much appreciated! THANK YOU, THANK YOU, THANK YOU!!!

I wish you all very Happy Holidays and a Happy New Year! See you at the next Summerwood event!

-- Roxanne



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## MANAGER'S CORNER



Looking ahead to the new year is always a fun time. The Board of Directors and C.I.A. Services are excited about 2015 and have several goals and special projects planned.

We have quite a few large projects in the works for the Central Pool area. A new shade structure will soon be added. Also, the Board will be soliciting bids for many other projects, including painting the water features and replacing the drain covers. Two very large projects planned for the Central pool are major restroom renovations and pool tile and coping upgrades.

Additionally, all of the wood decks surrounding the various lakes will be refurbished. The Residents East Pool will also be getting a facelift. The pools are scheduled to be resurfaced and the several components in the pump room are scheduled to be replaced. Over at Club Summerwood, our big project will be an expansion of the existing splash pad. The Board and Summerwood Pool Committee are currently reviewing proposals for enlarging the splash area and adding several new components.

There are too many other things to list in this article but here are some additional plans for the upcoming year.

- Investigate options for SummerwoodLife.com
- Replace bowl fountains
- Paint tennis court light poles
- Refurbish wood decks at the lakes
- Restripe parking lots at all facilities

We expect another great year in Summerwood! The Board of Directors and committees continue every day to make a difference. Many thanks to the community volunteers that work to support these efforts!



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<i>July 4</i>	Independence Day Parade
<i>September 19</i>	Fishing Tournament
<i>October 10</i>	Fall Festival
<i>November 7</i>	Fall Garage Sale
<i>December 5</i>	Winter Festival



*Dates subject to change.*

*Check [www.summerwoodlife.com](http://www.summerwoodlife.com) for more information.*

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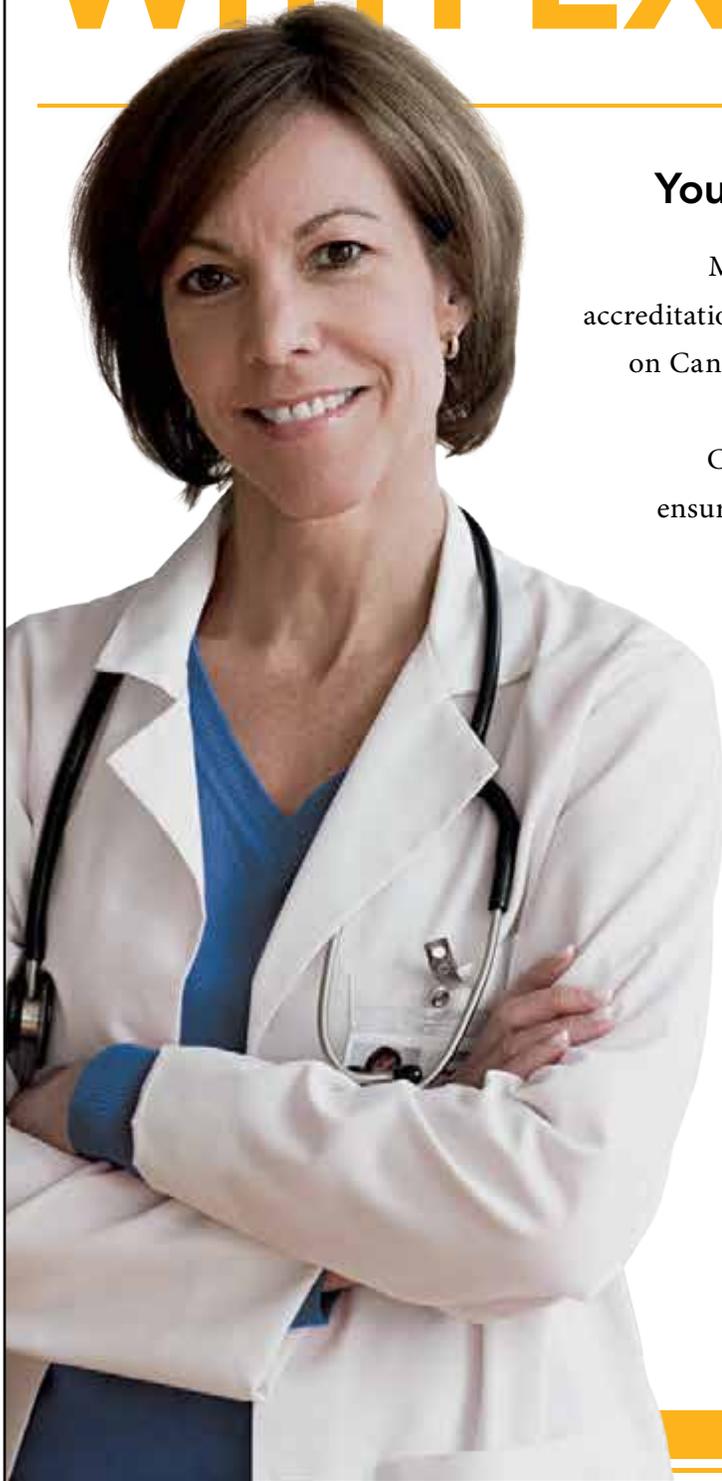
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## LADIES BUNCO

Summerwood ladies are invited to join the monthly Bunco game night on the 1st Tuesday of the month at 7:00 PM at the central clubhouse. Don't know how to play? No worry! You can learn to play the game in just a few minutes. Come and visit with Summerwood neighbors and make lasting friends.

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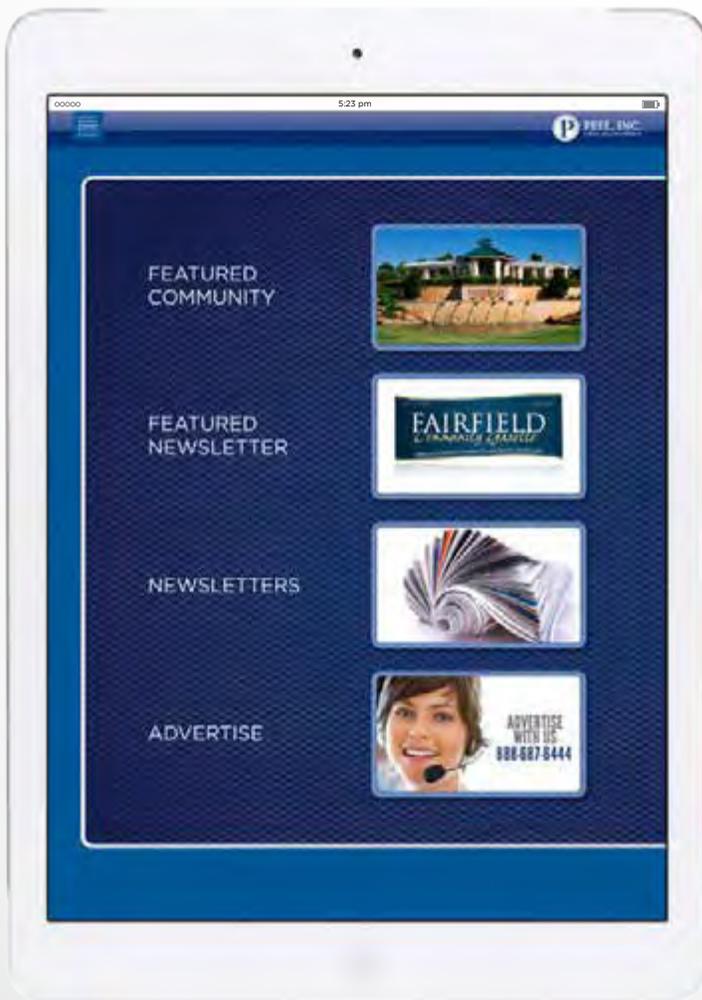
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We are repeating the article again this month because it is very important that we take the time to make our alarm company aware of this change. It is equally important that residents begin using this number when reporting concerns to law enforcement.

The Harris County Precinct 3 Constable Office was recently awarded the contracts to patrol Summerwood, thus replacing the Harris County Sheriff Office contracts. In addition, the number of contract deputies for Summerwood has been increased from three to four, allowing for basically 24/7 coverage in the community.

Changing from the Harris County Sheriff Department Deputies to the Precinct 3 Constable Deputies was not a decision that the Summerwood Board of Directors and MUDs 342, 344, and 361 Directors took lightly. They spoke with HCSO at length regarding concerns about response times, communication and dispatch issues. They also met with representatives from the Constable's Office several

times to determine if their office could improve service to residents. Precinct 3 Constable Office has in-house dispatchers dedicated to calls from residents in their contract patrol areas and they also actively work to establish communication with HPD (that also patrols Summerwood) to assist with emergency calls in Summerwood.

The Precinct 3 Constable's Office promises to work to foster a partnership with residents to build a line of open communication and an increased visible presence in the community. They have given assurance that residents can expect prompt dispatching and shorter response times for calls. Precinct 3 Constables can be reached at 281-427-4791! You are urged to update your alarm company to change the law enforcement contact number for your security alarm calls to the above number. All 911 emergency calls will continue to be directed to Houston's emergency dispatch center. Alarm permits will continue to be issued through the City of Houston.

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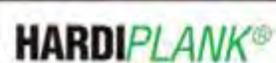
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*Just as we're focused on personal achievements, the beginning of a New Year provides us the opportunity to get the exterior of our homes FIT as well. These improvements don't have to be expensive or too difficult. It's amazing the positive impact a few projects can have on your home. Following are a few ideas to get you started.*

### **Your Homes Roofline**

*If you have tall pine trees around your property you likely have a roof topped in pine needles and gutters overflowing with gunk. This is a good opportunity to use that 20' ladder you purchased. If you're like me however and don't feel too comfortable that high there are many local service providers that will do this dirty work for you.*

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