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Summerwood Residents Lined West Lake Houston Parkway to Honor Wounded Warriors

On May 14, 2015, hundreds of Summerwood residents brought lawn chairs and posters and waved their American flags as wounded warriors were honored for their service. Local law enforcement escorted the warriors from Bush Intercontinental Airport, down Will Clayton Parkway eastbound, passing slowly through Humble, Atascocita, and Eagle Springs, until turning right on West Lake Houston Parkway. The motorcade then continued through Summerwood, finally arriving at the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints.

Each year, our area is given the opportunity to come out and show the many wounded warriors our appreciation and a bit of our Texas-sized hospitality. These heroes need time away from hospitals, therapy, and the constant reminders of what they lost. Most of them have never received a "welcome home" as they went from the battlefield to the hospital to home, so this is an opportunity for the community to show its support and welcome our brave men and women home.



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FIREWORKS

You may not know that there is a City of Houston ordinance that prohibits fireworks. Because the City of Houston provides emergency services to Summerwood, all of the community must comply with this specific ordinance. We have been advised that the Constables office can and will be issuing citations for firework violations this year. The fines associated to violations can be up to \$1,000 per firework. In addition, the governing documents for the community prohibit fireworks.

There's some real logic in letting the professionals handle fireworks. They do contain dynamite. They do not always go in the direction that you would like them to go. Even the experts always have fire trucks in wait. The other thing you may have noticed over the years is they never hold the fireworks. There's always some kind of stand with a long fuse attached. The person lighting the fuse is always several yards away from the stands holding the fireworks. Maybe those experts have it right. We go to them, they give us a great show, we don't get in any trouble, we don't hurt anyone or ourselves and we have a wonderful time.

Another reason to abide by the deed restrictions is that, while you may be having fun, the noise disturbance from the shooting of fireworks becomes a real problem for many residents in Summerwood who are elderly, have noise sensitive family members, are ill, and or have children and pets who are terrified by them. Please be a good neighbor!

So as Independence Day approaches, remember, FIREWORKS ARE NOT ALLOWED IN SUMMERWOOD and could ultimately be very costly!





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Independence Day PARADE!

Get your ideas ready to participate in the annual Independence Day celebration on Saturday, July 4, from 9 a.m. to 12 p.m. Bring your decorated bikes, scooters, power wheels, strollers, and pets. Participants will loop around Lake Anne and finish at the deck behind the Clubhouse. First, second, and third places will be awarded. Along with the parade, there will be activities that include a bounce house, foam pit, and awesome water slide!



MARK YOUR CALENDAR!

July 4	Independence Day Parade
September 19	Fishing Tournament
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How to Check for Chinch Bugs

By Randy Lemmon

Once it's hot enough in Houston, it's not long before the dreaded chinch bugs come to suck the life out of our St. Augustine turf grass. They especially like to chew up lawns that aren't taken care of very well. In other words, well-watered and well-fertilized lawns are the best way to keep chinch bugs at bay. But what if you suspect you've got chinch bugs?

Unfortunately, in many cases, people make the wrong diagnosis when chinch bugs begin their damage. Quite often, when the first telltale sign pops up in the form of small yellowing spots, people either assume they have a fungal disease or iron deficiency. Then, they spray in vain with a fungicide or put out an iron supplement or fertilizer. And even when people think they have chinch bugs, they sometimes don't treat often enough to break the cycle.

If you start seeing a small yellowing, irregular patch in the lawn, first find out if you've got chinch bugs. You can make that determination with a regular coffee can and a water hose, while you get down on your hands and knees to do a little investigation. On the green-yellow edge of the patch, shove the coffee can (open at both ends, for my Aggie brethren out there) into the soil and fill it with water. If you see flea-like insects floating to the top then you've got chinch bugs. While you're on your hands and knees, push the grass aside and look down near the root systems - near that yellow-green edge of the patch again. See if you can spot those flea-sized bugs with white spots on their sides or the baby ones that are orange with a white ring.

To treat for chinch bugs, you need to apply a liquid insecticide (a synthetic pyrethroid like Bifenthrin, Permethrin, Cypermethrin or Deltamethrin) three times over a 21-day period ... or once every five to seven days ... up to four applications at most. Sadly, most people who try to treat for chinch bugs use a granular insecticide or they only make one application of liquid insecticide.

Randy Lemmon is the host of the GardenLine radio program on Newsradio 740 KTRH. GardenLine is heard exclusively on Newsradio 740 KTRH on weekend mornings.



Crime Watch Committee Selects Darlene Kilburn as New Chairman

The recent chairman of the Summerwood Crime Watch Committee, Michelle "Missy" Steadman, resigned her position because her family will be moving from Summerwood in the near future. The committee appreciates the outstanding job she has done chairing the committee. Missy has been very active in several areas of community life, and for many reasons she will be greatly missed!

Darlene Kilburn has been elected as the new crime watch committee chairman. She grew up in Pasadena and moved to Summerwood three and a half years ago, where she works diligently as a CWC committee member and also serves as an active block captain. Upon being asked about her vision for the coming year, she stated, "I believe that knowing your neighbors is a great deterrent to crime. I love living in beautiful Summerwood, appreciate how neighbors look out for one another, and look forward to working with the residents of Summerwood to keep it a safe place to live. I encourage everyone to get involved by attending our monthly meeting and consider being a block captain. We also need volunteers for National Night Out on Tuesday, Oct. 6. Please feel free to contact me at summerwoodcrimewatch@gmail.com."

The committee members look forward to working with Darlene in continuing to provide safety awareness to residents and communicate crime information and prevention ideas that enable them to protect their personal property and safety.



SUMMERWOOD
Photo of the Month
July 2015



Chris Carter of Azalea Walk Lane submitted a patriotic photo of American flags that his neighbors displayed on their street for Memorial Day. Summerwood Boy Scout Troop 1922 places the 3 x 5 ft. flags on certain national holidays for a minimal fee at residential homes in our community. For more information, or to sign up, please visit the troop's website at <http://summerwood1922.mytroop.us>



DRAINAGE!

Summerwood residents please spread the word!! In order to maintain good drainage in the neighborhood, grass clippings and yard waste should NOT be put down street drains or in the drainage canal. Some people think that it is ok to blow grass clippings from sidewalks and streets into the sewer drains. This is not good! It will cause costly blockages. It is also imperative that our drainage canals remain free of debris.



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Do You Call the Constable Deputies or 911? *Good Question!*

Call the constable dispatch at 281-427-4791 for any/all crime related occurrences in Summerwood. This includes crimes in progress, emergency crime issues, non-emergencies, etc. Just know that our Summerwood contract deputies patrol Summerwood 24/7 and can respond quickly.

Call 911 for medical emergencies and you are welcome to call them for crimes in progress if you wish! Just know that all 911 calls are routed to the Houston Police Department and they will respond from the Kingwood station.

SummerCreek BizCom Meets at SCHS RESIDENTS ARE INVITED!

Since 2009, there has been a group of business, community, and school leaders that have met on a quarterly basis at Summer Creek High with the goal of helping this area have a growing sense of community. The first gathering of this group, which is now known as the Summer Creek BizCom was in May of that year. Our Mission Statement is, "We Seek to Build Positive Community Spirit by Promoting Involvement, Safety, Security, and Economic Development in the Summer Creek area."

The Speakers at the June 11, 2015 meeting included:

- Brett Crawford, Summer Creek High School Assistant Principal School year in review, National Merit Scholar and plans for 2015-2016
- Patrick Kimball, FMC Technologies Corporate Public Relations Manager - What FMC Technologies is doing to introduce their employees to this area
- Bob Houlgrave, FMC Technologies Project Manager for the Generation Park Campus - Update on FMC building phase one
- John Flournoy, McCord Development VP of Sales and Leasing Generation Park announcements
- Macaire Davies, North Belt Elementary Principal Student activity update and plans for the future
- Brian Kuterbach, ShowBiz Cinemas Expansion plans for the Houston market
- Mary Jean McArthur, Fidelis Realty Partners Presentation and updated sitemap for West Lake Marketplace

If you would like to know more about this organization or attend one of the upcoming quarterly meetings, please see www.lakehouston.org/bizcom or do a Google Search for Summer Creek BizCom.

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Cicadas have 2-5 year life cycles and appear in Texas in mid to late summer. Females insert egg clusters into branches of trees using their saw-like ovipositor

(egg laying structure). Eggs hatch after about 6 weeks and small nymphs drop to the ground where they burrow into the soil. Nymphs feed on sap of tree roots with their piercing-sucking mouthparts. After becoming fully developed, nymphs emerge from the ground at night and climb onto nearby objects such as tree trunk, plants, fences, etc. Adult cicadas emerge from the last nymphal stage leaving behind the exuviae (cast skin). Adults can live 5-6 weeks.

Male cicadas are well known for their “song”. They rest on a tree and produce a whining sound to attract females. The sound is produced by two vibrating membranes on the side of the abdomen. Females do not “sing”. Adults feed on juices from tender twigs, but usually do not cause lasting harm to the plant from feeding.

For more information or help with identification, contact Wizzie Brown, Texas AgriLife Extension Service Program Specialist at 512.854.9600. Check out my blog at www.urban-ipm.blogspot.com

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SUMMER FUN ... WATER SAFETY

I think it's safe to state that we're happy all the torrential downpours have stopped. Clear skies and warm water means fun in the sun. Like most, I love to spend my summers on the beach, in the boat, or relaxing in the backyard swimming pool. Unfortunately too many kids drown each year. "Child drowning" is a term we'd all like to see go away.

Make Water Safety Your Priority

Last year they reported that 15 kids had drowned in Texas through May. Sadly enough, that # is up to 16 in 2015. If we don't take incredible care to protect our youth that number will have doubled by time you receive this in July. Statistically, this number will continue to increase through August. The best thing a parent can do to help your family stay safe is to enroll the kids in swim lessons. Many swim instructors register at the Red Cross Training Support Center at 1-800-RED-CROSS or email them at support@redcrosstraining.org for more information.

Here are some quick tips to improve your child's safety:

- *Swim in designated areas that are supervised by lifeguards*
- *Always swim with a buddy, never alone.*
- *Never leave a child unattended near water and do not trust your child's safety to another child.*
- *Have young and inexperienced children wear life jackets around water*
- *Establish rules for the kids and stick to them*

I think we can all agree that nothing is more precious than our children. By working together we can make a real difference.

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