

SUMMERWOOD LIFE

OFFICIAL NEWSLETTER OF THE SUMMERWOOD COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION, INC.



DON'T MISS IT! SUMMERWOOD'S LARGEST FAMILY EVENT NATIONAL NIGHT OUT

The Summerwood Crime Watch Committee will host the 2015 National Night Out (NNO) event for Summerwood residents on Tuesday, October 6th from 6:00 –8:00 p.m. It will be held at Club Summerwood on Hunter's Lake Way at Timber Forest. NNO is a family oriented event aimed at building neighborhood awareness and crime prevention. This will be a night to meet your Summerwood neighbors and our local law enforcement officers and the evening offers food, fun, prizes, and music for all ages.

The committee's vision of a crime free community is the focus in hosting a community-wide event. Members of the crime watch committee are committed to the safety and security of our community and strive to maintain its spirit and pride. The event will include many entertaining activities for kids and adults alike ...such as bounce houses, a trackless train, a DJ with great music, Precinct 3 Constable Office representatives and Summerwood contract deputies, Houston Police Department officers, an ambulance and fire truck from HFD 105, HPD Mounted Police, food booths where you can purchase a delicious dinner for the family, free popcorn, free snow cones, several free giveaways for the whole family, interesting exhibits, entertainment for all ages, many wonderful door prizes and gift cards from local businesses and patrons... and much more.

Fall Festival

The Summerwood Annual Fall Festival will be held on Saturday, October 17 from 10:00 a.m. until 1:00 p.m. at Club Summerwood located at 16136 Hunters Lake Way (corner of Timber Forest Dr. and Hunters Lake Way). Remember to come dressed in your favorite costume to enter into the costume contest. You'll also be able to take photos in the pumpkin patch. There will be lots of activities from bounce houses, crafts, games, a hay ride, petting zoo, train rides and much more!

We will once again have the Trail of Treats Boulevard to provide the local businesses, including crafters, the opportunity to showcase their business and allow the festival goers to get a jump start on holiday gift items. It's never too early to start shopping! If you'd like to showcase your business sign up on the Summerwoodlife.com website.

Costume contest begins promptly at 12:30 p.m. in front of the DJ Booth.

Pumpkins will require proof of residency. One pumpkin per household.



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2016 Annual Assessments

Every year C.I.A. Services works closely with the Board of Directors, community committees and contractors to review Summerwood's financial needs and obligations. It takes more than 80 man hours to create a comprehensive budget and long term plan for the Association which includes not only monthly costs such as utilities, grounds maintenance, pool, etc. but also includes planning for the future replacement of existing facilities and new additions to the community. The budgeting process includes reviewing all the physical assets of the community and determining when major work or replacement will be necessary and how much we need to save each year to have the funds available. This careful planning made it possible to expand the splash pad, install an access system, begin a 4 year landscape enhancement project, and remodel the restrooms at the Central Clubhouse and plan for upcoming projects without an increase in assessments.

The Board of Directors carefully reviews each item in the budget to ensure that assessments are used for the benefit of the community as a whole. While we are not able to incorporate every recommendation or request, the Board reviews and discussed each item and its impact on the community and the budget.

The Board of Directors has set the 2016 assessment at \$815.00 which is no increase over last year. So what do your assessments pay for? Your assessments are used for landscaping, operating and maintaining the facilities, utilities, maintenance, patrol service, professional services and saving to replace assets and upgrade or add new assets.

Statements have been sent out to each property owner along with a letter detailing how your assessments are used. Assessments are due on January 1st and considered delinquent if not received by January 31st. Late fees and penalties are incurred if not paid by that date. The Association offers several payment options. Residents may pay in full by the due date or use the coupons included with the statement to make 4 payments with the final payment received on or before the delinquent date. Payment Plans are also available upon request.

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Photo of the Month

The photo this month was submitted by Ingrid Bender of Starcreek Lane. Their family loves spending time together enjoying the scenic outdoors and biking around the lakes. The two younger Bender boys are well acquainted with this lovely Lake Ann path.

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 publish a favorite Summerwood photo!

Please email it to: summerwood.newsletter@gmail.com and include your name and address along with a short paragraph about why the photo is your favorite. The winner will have his/her photo in next month's newsletter!



Summer Creek BizCom Instills a Sense of Community

Find out what is happening in the Summerwood area and interesting information of what is forecast. Come and see what the Summer Creek BizCom is all about!

Over a hundred business, community, and school district leaders attended the recent Summer Creek BizCom Meeting on Thursday September 10, 2015. A YouTube Video of the event and the following speakers can be found at www.youtube.com/MyChamberChannel.

Don Gaddy, the Summer Creek BizCom Chairman, welcomed those in attendance and opened the meeting with prayer. Vivien Bond of Memorial Hermann Northeast and Jenna Dhayer of Lake Houston Family YMCA were recognized as sponsors of the event. Speakers for the meeting included:

- Nolan Correa, Summer Creek High School Principal who spoke about the plans for the 2015-2016 school year
- Coach Brian Ford, Summer Creek HS Head Football Coach and Athletic Director offered projections for the 2015-2016 season
- Kyle Yearry, Summer Creek High School Project Graduation Volunteer Leader provided information regarding the Project Graduation activities for 2015-2016
- Lieutenant Ganey, Pct 3 Constable's Office explained the role of the constable office in the area, the contracts provided to the Summerwood community and the upcoming Summerwood National Night Out event to be held on Tuesday on October 6
- Debbie Karber, Fall Creek Neighborhood Crime Watch Committee also gave information about the Fall Creek National Night Out event plans.
- Peter Licata, TPC Real Estate gave updates on West Lake Village near SummerCreek High School
- Michael Prats, Lake Houston Economic Development Partnership VP spoke on the population growth and commercial development in the Summer Creek area including Generation Park, FMC Technologies, Fidelis Reality and ShowBiz Cinemas

Area business leaders, area residents and school district leaders are invited to attend the next BizCom meeting which will be held

December 10th. If you are interested and wish to find out more about this organization or would like to visit 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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Cat Litter

- Put cat litter on the stain and rub it in.
- Let it sit for a while, then, sweep the cat litter up.
- Repeat at least once.

Peat Moss

- Spread Peat Moss on the stain.
- Roll it over the stain.

Pepsi

- Pour some Pepsi over the stain.
- Scrub the spot vigorously.
- Repeat if necessary.

Simple Green

- Pour lots of Simple Green on the stain.
- Let the spot soak for a few hours.
- Wipe/rinse the area.

Liquid Tide

- Cover the area with liquid tide.
- Pour ¼ cup of water on top of the tide.

- Use an old broom to scrub the area for about 5 minutes.
- Wipe down the area and/or rinse it with a hose.
- Repeat if necessary.

Oil-Removal Product

- Go to local hardware store and ask for a product that will clean up the oil.
- Pour oil cleaner on the ground, rub a little with a rag and let it vaporize.
- Repeat if necessary.

Oxy Clean Laundry Spray

- Spray generously with Oxy Clean laundry spray.
- Let this stand for a few minutes.
- Scrub with a stiff brush.
- Wipe with a paper towel or flush with hose.

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- 10:30 a.m.: Line Dancing (No Class Oct. 5th)

Wednesdays

- 8:15 a.m.: Walk Slim (1-2 mile)
- 9 a.m.: Walk Slim (3 mile)
- 10 a.m.: Zumba

Fridays

- 8:45 a.m.: Walk Slim (1-2 mile)
- 9:30 a.m.: Walk Slim (3 mile)
- 10:30 a.m.: Weight Training

What You Can Do About Brown Patch on Your Summerwood Lawn



If you had Brown Patch circles last fall, you will most assuredly get that again this fall states Gardenline's Randy Lemmon. Brown Patch, a fungal disease caused by *Rhizoctonia solani*, presents a serious threat to most turf grasses each autumn. With the onset of slightly cooler temperatures and fall's

wet conditions, brown patch can be a challenge for most homeowners. Conditions most favorable for brown patch development include (1) the presence of active fungi, (2) vigorous growth of a susceptible grass, (3) daytime temperature

ranging between 75 and 85 F (4) the presence of free moisture on the foliage and (5) night temperatures below 68 degrees F.

Symptoms. On warm-season turf grasses, the disease is characterized by at least two different types of symptoms. The most common is a circular pattern of brown grass with a yellowish colored ring ("smoke ring") of wilted grass at the perimeter of the diseased area. The leaves can be easily pulled from the stolons within the "smoke ring" because the fungus destroys the tissue at the base of the leaf sheath. Symptoms first appear as small circular patches of water-soaked, dark grass that soon wilt and turn light brown. Stolons often remain green. As the disease develops, the circular patches enlarge, "smoke rings" become more apparent and new green leaves may emerge in the center of the circular areas. High levels of nitrogen may increase the severity of the disease. Fungal activity generally stops when air temperatures reach 90 degrees F. On cool-season grasses, the disease first appears as dark green, water-soaked circular patches that range from a few inches to several feet in diameter. The affected leaves wilt and turn light brown, but remain upright. A dark, grayish-black ring (smoke ring) of wilted grass often is present around the perimeter of the diseased area in the early morning.

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watering early in the morning to remove dew and allow the grass to dry quickly and, where possible, by removing grass clippings during periods of disease activity. To prevent it in the first place, start with one of the preventive controls listed below NOW, and do it again in 30 days. If and when you see circles pop up, also include a curative control on and around the circles. If you've already got brown patch, the use both a pretentative control and a curative control NOW ... followed by another curative in 30 days and another in 60 days.

Preventive Controls:

- Terrachlor (Granular)
- PCMB Turf Fungicides (Terrachlor-based granules)
- Safe-T Green (granular)
- Systemic Bayleton (granular and liquid)
- Fertilome Liquid Systemic (Banner-based liquid)
- Benomyl (granular or wettable powder)
- Bayleton (normally found adjacent to Greenlight in stores)

Curative/Topical Controls to Halt Disease:

- Myclobutanil (such as F-Stop from Fertilome)
- Fertilome liquid systemic
- Safe-T Green
- Daconil
- Concan Triple Action 20
- Maneb
- Terrachlor (double the dose as a curative)

Randy Lemmon is the host of the GardenLine radio program on Newsradio 740 KTRH.

LAKE HOUSTON **LADIES CLUB**

October Membership Meeting

The Lake Houston Ladies Club will have their meeting and luncheon on Tuesday, October 20, 2015 beginning at 10:00 a.m. at the Walden Country Club, 18100 Walden Forest, Humble, TX 77346. Cheryl Huckaby Crabtree, a comedian and part of the cast of Llano Country Opry, will be performing. Her alter ego, Bucille Snoggrass, will bring us laughter and fun.

Lake Houston Ladies Club is a social organization that welcomes new members from all surrounding areas. Several Interest groups are available which include: Readers' Choice, Bridge, Bunco, Lunch and Look, Tea Time, Movie Group, Supper Club, Mah Jongg, and Girl's Night Out. Please join us. New members are always welcome. Call Linda at 832-379-3009 for more information about the club and for luncheon reservations call by Friday, October 9 before 5:00 p.m.

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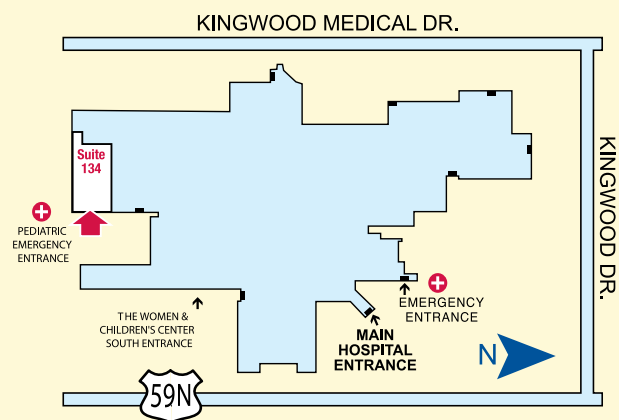
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- 3:00pm: "Arts in the Parks"- 'Get to know' your park by joining us for our weekly craft-ernoon! We will provide all the materials for this fun craft. All ages are welcome! Meet at Heron Plaza.

Mondays (September 7, 14, 21, 28)

- 10:00am: "Discovery Hike"- Hone your observation skills as you hike the trails of Sheldon Lake State Park. Together we will discover the diverse variety of flora and fauna that call the park home. Meet at the Pond Center.

Tuesdays (September 8, 15, 22, 29)

- 2:00pm: "Adaptation Investigators"- This interactive program reveals how skulls and pelts contain information about how an animal survives. Meet at the Pond Center.

Wednesdays (September 2, 9, 16, 23, 30)

- 9:00am: "Story and a Stroll"- Bring your little ones out to the park for a quick story and a 1 mile stroll through the park to see what we can find!

Fridays: (September 4, 11, 18, 25)

- 11:00am: "Photography Walk"- Bring your preferred camera type... DSLR, phone, or tablet to the park! Discover the beautiful plants and animals of Sheldon behind a lens. No expertise required. Perfect for all ages and abilities.

Saturdays (September 5, 12, 19, 26)

- 11:00am- "Junior Ranger"- Learn something new each week about the wildlife at the park. We will also introduce you to the Junior Ranger program.
- 2:00pm- "Arts in the Parks"- 'Get to know' your park by joining us for our weekly craft-ernoon! We will provide all the materials for this fun craft. All ages are welcome! Meet at Heron Plaza.

Special Events:

- Saturday, September 19th at 8:00am: "Bird Walk"- Explore the trails at Sheldon Lake State Park and search for some of the birds of Texas. Bring your own binoculars or borrow a pair of ours!
- Saturday, October 17th from 4:00pm-9:00pm: "Halloween in the Park"- Make sure to add this event to your calendar! We will have bat watching, moth black lighting, live snakes, crafts, spooky trail, and much more!



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Fall is a great time of year. With a blistering summer behind us, we look forward to cooler weather and some of the most cherished holidays of the year. Fall can also represent an increased number of activities and commitments. Here are some ideas to make the most of your Fall Season.

1) Step away from the electronics - Often we worry about how much time our kids spend on their phones, iPads, etc. Adults can often use some of that advice too. Stepping away from technology can be a great way to remember that there are other meaningful things we can do each day.

2) Give Thanks - Take time each day to ponder the things you're thankful for. It's so easy to get worn down by the all the responsibilities we have. Remembering the blessings in our lives is a great way to recharge and reset our priorities. Want to take it up another level? Write these thoughts in a journal.

3) Take a walk - Who doesn't love the idea of taking a walk on the beach or a hike (at least a short one) in the mountains? Often a walk through the neighborhood, on the trails, or even a parking lot at work can help us get our energy going and allow us to get the most out of our days.

4) Do Yoga - The health benefits are countless. If you can't find the time for a class, practice the breathing at home. It's amazing the impact that several deep breaths can have on our ability to relax more fully.

5) Write to a friend/family member - Yes, pen and paper. There are few things that can compete with the power of a handwritten note. In a day of texting, social media "likes" and emoticon gestures, recipients of hand written notes will recognize the significance of your friendship. The time it takes you to write can serve as an opportunity to reflect on how much you really care about the recipient.

6) Take your own Coffee Break - There's something powerful about coffee breaks. Whether you choose coffee, tea, or a glass of water, the key to taking a successful break is truly pausing from work and enjoying a few minutes of well nothing. Just BE.

7) Perform an Act of Kindness - Life experience has convinced me that small acts of kindness are more rewarding and fulfilling than any self-indulging activity. Just think of something nice you can do and do it. It's that simple.

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