

SUMMERWOOD LIFE

OFFICIAL NEWSLETTER OF THE SUMMERWOOD COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION, INC.



Summerwood's Annual Spring Eggstravaganza!

Club Summerwood
16136 Hunters Lake Way
Saturday, March 19, 2016
10 a.m. – 1 p.m.

Times for the Easter egg hunt are as follows:

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Summerwood is known for its grand entrance and beautiful landscaping, but they have taken a toll lately. South Texas has experienced drought and excessive rain in these last few years, which has made it a challenge for the landscaping. The Beautification Committee, along with the Board of Directors, is addressing these concerns and working toward a long-term solution. However, acts of immaturity can quickly ruin the efforts the community has taken to ensure the neighborhood's appeal, and it adds up quickly in cost.

Soaping the fountains in particular can cause damage to the flowerbeds, but more importantly, what many don't see is the damage to the fountains and the electrical system. This also creates a safety hazard for traffic. The last instance was a well-thought-out plan that our video surveillance system captured. There was damage to the fountains and landscaping, but there was also a danger to the public due to excessive soapy bubbles on the road. HPD and the HFD were both out there for hours trying to ensure everyone's safety by removing the hazard. This is a very time-consuming and dangerous task.

We encourage all residents to talk to their children and young adults living with them about the costs associated with this “harmless fun.” In the end, we residents pay for these damages, which will be seen in an increase in our association fees. Or, even worse, an accident could occur and take a life. As we were taught when we were young, there are consequences for our actions and in due time they will catch up with you.

Please pass this along for the sake of our community and the lives that could be affected.

Summerwood Beautification Committee and the Board of Directors



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MANAGER'S CORNER

With spring fast approaching, many of us are looking forward to projects and improvements to our homes and yards. Before you start on a project, make sure to get your plans approved by our Architectural Review Committee. Remember that all exterior modifications require advance approval.

While it may seem arbitrary from an individual homeowner's standpoint, the Architectural Review Committee looks out for the entire community. Aside from stopping residents from painting pink polka dots on their houses, the committee's job is to make sure that the size and style of the project, the type of building materials being used, and the overall look of the new structure or modification adhere to the association's design requirements. Not only does this keep the community looking cohesive, but it also helps to keep property values up by preventing individual structures from standing out. Of course, it's also important to note that unapproved structures might legally have to be removed at the owner's expense, so save yourself money and headaches by getting approval first.

So when you're ready to start your new project, or if the design of your project changes midway, send your plans to the Architectural Review Committee so they can make sure the plans are in compliance with the association's architectural modification guidelines. If we do find any issues, we'll let you know what they are and try to help you come up with other options. We appreciate all the hard work residents have done to make their homes and this community beautiful. Please follow these guidelines to help us keep this area looking great.





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SUMMERWOOD POOL COMMITTEE

With the new year upon us and pool season right around the corner, the Summerwood Pool Committee has been busy over the last few months. For starters, if you've passed by the east pool recently, you've probably noticed the construction. The east pool is getting a complete makeover for 2016: We are re-plastering the entire pool, re-painting the water features, and refreshing the bathrooms. East is our most popular pool with the residents but was starting to show its age a bit. We hope this makeover will give it a like-new feel as our families enjoy it this summer.

In addition to the work on the east pool, the committee received approval from the HOA for several other projects. At the central location, the kiddie pool water features were re-painted and several mechanical issues were fixed. The board also approved fixing the pavers to ensure the concrete is even. As usual, we also replaced worn-out furniture and tables with new ones. But don't worry—we didn't forget about our splash pad. Even though it's basically new, the

splash pad received some paint touchups to keep it sparkling. Extra lights were also installed to keep it from getting too dark on those warm summer evenings. Additionally, we added security cameras as an added security measure for our residents. We are sure you will notice (and like) the changes.

Finally, we also want to remind everyone that 2016 pool wristbands are in. You may pick them up at the CIA Services office at the central clubhouse or at the main office on 1960. Only homeowners who are current on their dues will be allowed to receive their wristbands. Your Summerwood Pool Committee hopes you enjoyed your winter and are ready for a great 2016 pool season. We are here to serve you and truly appreciate observations, suggestions, and feedback. Our email address is swpool.committee@gmail.com. In addition, we usually meet the third Tuesday of every month at 8 p.m. in the central clubhouse. Summerwood residents are always welcome.



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SUMMERWOOD CRIME WATCH COMMITTEE

WHAT ARE THE DUTIES OF A BLOCK CAPTAIN?

The most important person in any crime-watch group is the block captain. This person is key in keeping the residents on his/her block involved in crime-prevention efforts, relaying information about current criminal activity in the neighborhood, and forwarding important highlights of the monthly CWC meetings and information from the constables. A block captain's responsibilities include:

- Acting as a liaison between block residents and the crime-watch committee, sharing important crime related information and monthly updates
- Compiling a current list of names, addresses, email addresses, and telephone numbers of block participants.
- Visiting and inviting new residents to join the neighborhood watch program and notifying them of meetings.
- Attending the neighborhood watch meetings.

The committee needs many, many new block captains throughout our neighborhood. The good news is that it is not a time-consuming job at all. A block captain is needed for every street in Summerwood, but if you have not been contacted by a block captain on your street, the sad fact is that you probably do not have one. If you are interested in becoming a block captain for your block or street, please contact our block captain chairperson, Barbara Gaston (bagaston@aol.com), who will provide you with information about how to register for the background check and how to contact those on your street. Block captains are the basis of our communication system and are important to the success of the committee.

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The photo this month was submitted by Molly Rose of Summerwood Lakes Drive. Molly walks the lakes almost daily. She writes, "This is the second year the black/white-ring-necked ducks and redhead ducks have wintered on the ponds in Summerwood. Last year there were about forty of them. This year that number has doubled. They are an enchanting sight in the morning as we walk our dog."

Have you recently taken a great photo of your family enjoying the outdoors in Summerwood? Maybe you've taken a photo of one of our amenities or a particular landscaped area that you enjoy? We'd love to publish a favorite Summerwood photo!

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SLAM LAM 5K IN SUMMERWOOD

APRIL 9, 2016



Newland Communities, the developer of Summerwood, is hosting the second annual SLAM LAM 5K charity walk to raise funds on behalf of a longtime Summerwood resident and Newland

employee, Kathi Hawn. Many of you know Kathi as an active resident of Summerwood who was diagnosed with Lymphangioleiomyomatosis (LAM) in 2014. The SLAM LAM Walk will be held on Saturday, April 9, at 9 a.m. with pre-walk festivities to begin at 8:30. The walk will begin and end at Residents Club Central. There will be a light breakfast provided, as well as a DJ and fun things for families of all ages.

LAM is a rare, progressive, fatal lung disease that affects almost exclusively women, usually during their childbearing years. LAM literally takes your breath away, and there is no known cure. The LAM Foundation is the global leader in LAM education and the fight to find a cure. LAM-Foundation-funded research has resulted in the first ever LAM drug, which is a treatment for some patients with moderate to severe LAM. However, until there is a cure, funding for LAM research and awareness is critical.

All proceeds from this event will benefit the LAM Foundation. With your help, our first walk last year raised over \$35,000, and our goal this year is to raise \$40,000. This year we qualified for a challenge grant, which will match net proceeds dollar for dollar, giving us the opportunity to raise a total of \$80,000!

Please consider sponsoring the SLAM LAM 5K. There are numerous items needed to make the SLAM LAM 5K a successful event. Your sponsorship/donation can be sent to the LAM Foundation at www.SLAMLAM5K.com. The deadline for sponsorship commitments is Friday, March 11. Remember that your sponsorship will be doubled through the challenge grant.

For more information on the walk or to register for the event, please visit www.SLAMLAM5K.com. Through March 18, registration for children twelve and under will be \$15, and registration for those over twelve (adults) will be \$25. After March 18, registration for children twelve and under will be \$25, and registration for those over twelve will be \$35. Registration fees will also be matched through the challenge grant, and 100% of the registration fees will go to the LAM Foundation. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to email the SLAM LAM team at slamlam5k@gmail.com.

Plan to join us April 9 to help us SLAM LAM and support our friend Kathi!



Aquatic Advisors Manage Summerwood Pools

It's that time again! At Aquatic Advisors, we take pride in keeping each community pool we manage safe, clean, and fun. We offer a broad range of services, including swimming lessons, lifeguards for your pool parties, American Red Cross certifications, and much more.

Our swim-lesson program is level-based and starts beginners as young as three years old for group or private classes. Each level passed is rewarded with a color-coded bracelet to keep your child motivated. Mommy and Me classes and adult swim lessons are also offered. Registration is now open and can be found at www.swimmingseanimals.com.

GuardHouston is our lifeguard branch that certifies and trains some of the best lifeguards in town. All lifeguards are American Red Cross certified in lifeguard training and CPR / first aid. GuardHouston then trains each lifeguard in facility management, customer service, and pool policies. We are now hiring for the summer, and applications can be found at www.GuardHouston.com.

Residents should also call us to have pool parties scheduled at the community pools. We require one lifeguard for every twenty party attendees (swimmers and non-swimmers) during pool-hour parties. There is a four-guard minimum for parties outside of pool hours that are held at the Summerwood east pool and a three-guard minimum for parties outside of pool hours that are held at the central pool. Pricing, registration forms, party policies, and rules are available at www.aquaticadvisors.net/party.

Aquatic Advisors is looking forward to a great summer! We love to hear your feedback and comments, so feel free to contact us any time. All pool-related information can be found on our website at www.aquaticadvisors.net. Or, give us a call at 713-609-9489.

Rachael Morant

Director of Commercial Operations

LOCAL TROOPS VISIT HOUSTON FOOD BANK



On Wednesday, February 3, Summerwood Girl Scout troops visited the Houston Food Bank. These 25 Daisy, Brownie, and Junior Girl Scouts participated in the Backpack Buddy program and made 977 backpacks for kids in need. That's 5,862 meals!

This program helps children in our area have food over the weekends. Many children only eat when at school during the week. Each Friday, teachers discreetly place a bag of food into identified children's backpacks. This food is enough for six full meals.

Daisy Troop 118175 members: Sadie Almaguer, Annabelle Benoit, Jordyn Bollom, Taylor Fisk, Avery Goba, Jada Grant, Riah Belle Hopper, Makenzie Labani, Gabriela Lau, and Emma Grace Miller.

Brownie Troop 118008 members; Jasmine Banamar, Kaitlyn Bollom, Brooklyn Cervin, Celia Davis, Lily Hawthorne, Reagan Junck, Sydney Naudin, Sara Sajjadian, and Sydney Terrance.

Brownie Troop 9642 members: Sophia Lau, Addison Lopez, Chloe Muniz, and Lamiya Taiyabi.

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Summer Creek BizCom Meetings Promote a Sense of Community

Are you interested in learning more about development in the Summer Creek / Beltway 8 area? You are invited to attend the Summer Creek BizCom, which meets quarterly at Summer Creek High School. The most recent meeting was held on February 11 and featured the following speakers:

Nolan Correa, Summer Creek High School Principal, *Recent developments and accomplishments at Summer Creek High School*

Bob Sullivan, FMC Technologies Corporate Real Estate Director, *New neighbors move to their Generation Park offices*

Ian Adler, Director of Marketing, McCord Development/ Generation Park, *Exciting new announcements*

Doug Earle, Houston Golf Association, *Upcoming Shell Houston Open and the first tee golf program for youth*

Rob Warnes, Show Biz Cinema, Director of Operations, *Grand-opening information*

Updates and announcements:

- Kyle Yeary, SCHS Project Graduation to be held at Show Biz Cinema
- Erica Johnston, Leadercast, Friday, May 6, to be held at Second

Baptist Church

- John Toomey, SCHS All Sports Booster Club VP and June 6 Golf Tournament Coordinator

- Don Gaddy, from the office of the late Precinct 1 Commissioner, El Franco Lee, and Fidelis Property Management

Nolan Correa, Closing thoughts and optional networking session:

Upcoming Summer Creek BizCom meetings will be held:

- 11 a.m., Thursday, 6/9/16
- 11 a.m., Thursday, 9/8/16
- 11 a.m., Thursday, 12/8/16

For more information about upcoming Summer Creek BizCom meetings, please visit www.lakehouston.org/bizcom or www.youtube.com/MyChamberChannel, or call the chamber at 281-446-2128.

Best Regards,

Don Gaddy

Summer Creek BizCom Chairman

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REDSTONE RAVENS Youth Football Team Announces Spring Camp Dates

If you've passed by Summerwood Elementary in the evening during the summer and fall, you've probably asked yourself "Who is that football team practicing on the fields?" The answer is the area's top powerhouse team in youth football: the Redstone Ravens.

The Ravens are a charter member of the Youth Football Federation and have been practicing at Summerwood Elementary for almost a decade. They are a tackle-football and cheer organization open to boys and girls ages 4 to 12. The football teams are broken up into four different age groups: freshmen (ages 4 to 6), sophomores (ages 7 and 8), JV (ages 9 and 10), and varsity (ages 11 and 12). The cheerleading squads are usually grouped into two categories: ages 4 to 8 and ages 9 to 12.

2015 was the best year ever for the Redstone Ravens organization! The cheerleaders won multiple trophies at their cheer competition and over the years have placed several alumni on various middle-school cheerleading squads around the area. The football teams also shined, taking home multiple Super Bowl trophies in the city's premier youth football league. In 2015, the Ravens were one of only two teams in the entire league that advanced to the conference

championship game on all four levels. The varsity squad closed out the seasons with a winning record and as conference runner-ups. The freshmen were conference champs and Super Bowl runner-ups, finishing with a 9-2 record. Both the sophomores and JV finished their seasons as undefeated Super Bowl champions with 11-0 marks. Both of those squads went on to play in a couple of post-season tournaments, with each team winning an all-star tournament near Dallas. In addition, the JV squad won the Pearland Invitational to finish their season 17-0!

In anticipation of the upcoming season, the Ravens will be hosting several football and cheerleading camps over the next couple months and would like to invite anyone interested to attend. The camps will be held at Summerwood Elementary from 9 to 11 a.m. on March 12, April 9, and May 14. The camps are free to attend. Parents, this would be a great (and inexpensive) opportunity to give your son or daughter some exposure to the organization to decide whether they are interested in participating this fall. You can register online at www.redstoneravens.com.

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The Lake Houston Ladies Club is a social organization that meets from September to May on the third Tuesday of the month at the Walden Country Club. The club welcomes new members from all surrounding areas. Several interest groups are available, including readers' choice, bridge, Bunco, teatime, lunch and look, movie group, supper club, mah jongg, and girls' night out.

Reservations need to be made by Friday, March 4. For more information about the club and for luncheon reservations go to www.lakehoustonladiesclub.com or call Linda at 832-379-3009.



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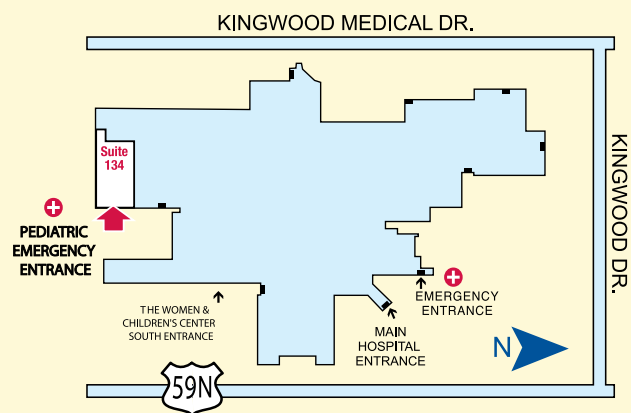


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Whether you're looking to sell your home or just want to make some home improvements, we want to help you get the most out of your hard earned dollar. Below are a few of my personal tips that will be sure to impress:

Landscaping

The Power of Flowers - Weed free flowerbeds and colorful flowers wins buyers hearts

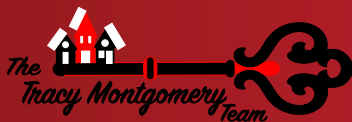
Trimmed lawns, trees, and bushes - Send a positive message to buyers and neighbors; a well-cared for yard represents a well-cared for home.

Interior

Walls - A fresh coat of paint can do wonders for a home. Conservative/neutral paints are the best option if you are planning on selling and most often give a home an open feeling.

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.

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