

OFFICIAL NEWSLETTER OF THE SUMMERWOOD COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION, INC.

# CASINO NIGHT

#### Saturday, May 7, 2016 7:00 p.m. - 10:00 p.m.

Hors d'oeuvres Blackjack Tables Crap Tables Roulette Table Texas Holdem Tables Prize cube ONE PRIZE PER FAMILY. Cash Bar



#### MANAGER'S CORNER Collection of Assessments

Assessments are due on January 1st of each year and are considered delinquent if not received by January 31st. By the end of December 2015, 49% of the 2016 assessments had been collected. By the end of February, a total of 87% were collected. That is a great start and we want the thank everyone that pays timely!

Unfortunately, this means that roughly 13% of the assessments remain past due. While 13% may not seem like a lot, it represents more than \$350,000 in outstanding funds due to the Association. It is extremely important that the assessments are paid on time. Delinquencies cost everyone more money. The Association spends more money with collection efforts and the homeowner is charged additional fees.

The Association's policy provides for a late fee to be assessed with each delinquent statement issued in February and March. Notices of Assessment Liens are filed on delinquent properties in April and an additional fee is assessed. Additionally, any access devices associated with delinquent accounts are suspended and no new devices or pool passes will be issued. Ultimately, the Association's attorney is asked to pursue collection of the delinquent fees which results in a legal expense to the Association as well as the homeowner.

When association members suffer hardships such as job loss or illness, C.I.A. Services and the Summerwood Board of Directors understands that arrangements need to be worked out for paying assessments. If you need to work out a payment plan, please contact our office and we will assist you. The Association has an approved payment plan policy which can be viewed at www.ciaservices.com.



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#### **Considering Exterior Modifications to Your Home or Property?**

Before doing any work that will change the outside appearance of your home, fence, landscaping, walkway, driveway, etc. please be sure to check the Summerwood Architectural Guidelines for information. Then complete and submit the required Home Improvement Request (HIR) for Architectural Committee approval before any work begins.

The Home Improvement Request (HIR) form, as well as the Architectural Guidelines can be found by signing in to www. summerwoodlife.com, clicking on the Document Library tab, and then going to Architectural Review Committee.

#### Wood Fencing Standards Must be Harmonious Within the Neighborhood

All residents are encouraged to maintain, repair, and keep up the best appearance of their fence possible. No one wants to see fencing that is in disrepair and distracts from the beauty of our neighborhood.

Of course, there comes a time when wood fences need to be and should be replaced:

• When replacing a fence it must be of like material and height as originally installed by the builder in order to maintain harmony with surrounding fences.

• Clear Sealant is permitted.

• Paint, Stain, or Tinted Sealant is Prohibited. In order to prevent inconsistent color matches with the fences throughout the community, the application of any paints, stains or tinted sealant is prohibited on any lot fencing. By prohibiting the application of any painted, stained, or tinted product, the fences maintain a more harmonious and consistent appearance throughout the community.

Architectural Guidelines can be found by signing in to www. summerwoodlife.com, clicking on the Document Library tab, and then going to Architectural Review Committee.





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## Lakeshore Elementary Hosts 6TH ANNUAL SPRING CARNIVAL SATURDAY, APRIL 9TH FROM 12 NOON - 4PM



The Lakeshore Elementary PTO, in cooperation with Kids-R-Kids and Summer Creek Baptist Church, is excited to be preparing for their 6th Annual Community Spring Carnival. The proceeds will benefit Lakeshore Elementary students and teachers.

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 Shandie at shandielynn@ hotmail.com at your earliest opportunity. Space is limited.

To receive more information about Sponsorships, donating an item for the auction or having a vendor space, contact Shanavia Portis at Sportis02@bellsouth.net or 404-731-3388.

Please utilize the parking lot at Lone Star College as parking along the residential streets can cause problems. Handicap parking is available at Kids-R-Kids. We hope our families, friends & neighbors can join the fun!



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## Summerwood Elementary Students Helping Others

Empathy is theme commonly heard in the conversations of teachers and staff at Summerwood Elementary. It is a goal to develop empathy, or caring for others, within all students.

There have been many initiatives throughout the school year aimed at developing this trait. On February 4th the 2nd annual Service Fair was held. This was event organized by Summerwood teachers and staff and supported by the school's student council. It was an evening event designed to enable students and families to complete projects or activities that would benefit others. Examples of the projects or activities included: preparing food and/or diaper bags for HAAM, placemats and other decorations for senior living facilities, letters for servicemen and women. This is second year of this event and the hope is that it will continue to grow and showcase the many ways that students can provide service and help others.

More recently, the school participated in the Jump Rope for Heart event. This is an event held at many schools throughout the country. Jump Rope for Heart provides the vehicle for students to learn more about making choices for healthy living and to support the prevention of heart disease. During the event students jumped rope and created "heart messages" as dedications among many other activities that fit the theme. Over \$5000 was raised for the American Heart Association.

This year and on into the future, teachers and staff will continue to work to instill the vital characteristic of empathy in students.

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## **SLAM LAM 5K in Summerwood**



#### APRIL 9, 2016

Please come out and join us for the second annual SLAM LAM 5K Charity Walk. The event is to raise funds on behalf of longtime Summerwood resident, HOA board member, and Newland employee, Kathi Hawn. Many of you know Kathi as an active resident of Summerwood who was diagnosed with Lymphangioleiomyomatosis (LAM) in 2014. 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 at this time. Until there is a cure, funding for LAM research and awareness is critical.

The SLAM LAM Walk will be held on Saturday, April 9 at 9:00 a.m. with pre-walk festivities to begin at 8:30. The walk will begin and end at Residents Club Central, and a light breakfast will be provided along with a DJ and fun things for families of all ages. 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" that will match net proceeds dollar for dollar, which gives us the opportunity to raise a total of \$80,000!

For more information on the walk or to register for the event please visit www. SLAMLAM5K.com. Registration for adults will be \$35 and children age 12 and under will be \$25. All registration fees will 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 on April 9th and help us SLAM LAM and support our friend, Kathi!







## SUMMERWOOD PHOTO OF THE MONTH

Yusra Abou-Sayed of Boulder Field Lane submitted a photo of her three eldest children playing at the spacious playground near Summerwood's east pool. She loves hanging out in the shaded areas watching them have a great time playing with one another.

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 summerwoodlife@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!





#### **Bragging Rights at Summer Creek High School!**

A new year always represents a fresh start, a revitalization of energy. It gives us the chance to re-establish ourselves and start things on a fresh foot. Summer Creek came into the New Year blazing with accomplishments and many good things happening with our students, sports, and clubs & organizations on campus.

Sports Highlights:

Summer Creek Boys Basketball makes the play-offs

Summer Creek Girls Basketball makes the play-offs and are District Champs

Swimmer, Caleb Liles, finished 12 in the 100 Butterfly at the 2016 UIL Region 4 Meet

Starlettes: The officers took home trophies for 1st place novelty, judge's award, and super sweepstakes. The Starlettes won champions for pom, prop, hip hop, and novelty! They also won a judges award, showmanship, and technique awards. The Starlettes also won 1st runner up Grand Champions overall the entire contest! All 12 soloist scored division 1's and Savannah Husintveld (House-in-a-field) placed in the top 10 of her category.

The Varsity Winter Guard placed 1st overall grand champion at the Marching Auxiliaries Regional Contest on February 19th. They also received a superior rating and the Choreography Award Clubs & Organizations:

The Summer Creek Playhouse put on Legally Blonde the Musical Student Council took home the Sweepstakes Awards for the fourth year in a row. This is an excellent accomplishment and among only a few other sweepstakes given!

Two Art students, Erik Cholico and Major Brown, advanced to the state competition.

Cholico advances with 2 pieces that received the highest score. Brown advances with one piece that received the highest score. Signing Athletes:

- -Isaiah Bean: University of Kansas
- -Paris Harper: Jarvis Christian College
- -Zarrian Holcombe: University of Illinois
- -Chloe Shaver: Jarvis Christian College
- -Danae Daron: Stephen F. Austin State University
- -Broderick Jones: Midwestern State University
- -Mariah Sosa: Hinds Community College

Remember to secure your student a copy of the 2016 Summer Creek Yearbook. Supplies are limited and they are going fast. Go to smart-pay.com to order your copy.





#### Kindergarten Round – Up at Summerwood Elementary

If you have a child who will turn 5 years of age on or before September 1, 2016 it is time to begin thinking about kindergarten. Summerwood Elementary is already thinking about the 2016-2017 school year for these incoming students.

Two informational sessions (Kindergarten Round-Up) will be held at Summerwood Elementary. The first will be on Friday, April 22 at 8:30 AM. The second will be offered on Tuesday, April 26 at 2:00 PM. At these sessions you and your child will receive information that includes: the registration process for kindergarten, what a typical kindergarten day looks like, healthcare/immunization records needed, etc.

There will also be a brief time to see the kindergarten wing and view a kindergarten classroom.

Mark your calendar and plan to attend one of these sessions if you will be enrolling a kindergarten student for next school year.

## A public service article

Submitted by Molly Rose of Summerwood Lakes Drive These mated Egyptian Geese were photographed on February 6, at Lake Meredith in Summerwood. These exotic birds have become tame because residents feed them as they grace our neighborhood with their unusual beauty. On February 7, the male was found dead floating on the shore of the lake. He had been shot with a pellet gun. The female was standing in the water beside the male and honking



- a very sad sight. It is against the Summerwood HOA restrictions for people to shoot the birds that live on our ponds. It's difficult to imagine that someone would find pleasure in shooting a bird that won't even fly away when approached.



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#### **A Sense of Community**

The 30th Summer Creek BizCom meeting was held at Summer Creek High School on February 11, 2016. Information about HISD schools, as well as area land and business development, is regularly provided at these meetings. Highlights of the February meeting included:

SCHS Army JROTC- 1st Sgt. Donny O'Bryant

• The SCHS JROTC began in 2009, has 143 cadets and is ranked in the top 5% of all JROTCs in the nation!

• JROTC students Will Harris, Diana Martinez and Justin Greer discussed the community service projects they participate in. These include Wreaths across America and volunteering to work at various community events.

Bob Sullivan, FMC Technologies Corporate Real Estate Director

• FMC currently has approximately 18,500 employees worldwide.

• They own 173 acres of Generation Park, 73 of those acres are now developed and the target for complete property build out for FMC is slated for 2024.

• They have begun moving all of their Houston area facilities to their new site at Generation Park.

• By mid-summer, 1,500 employees should be working at the site. Ian Adler, Director of Marketing, McCord Development/Generation Park

#### Don Gaddy, Summer Creek BizCom Chairman

• A Marriott Courtyard is scheduled to open in 2017.

• McCord Development's headquarters will be housed on a 1,500 acre block.

• Four full-service, dine-in restaurants (not fast foods) have signed letters of intent.

• Lone Star and San Jacinto Colleges are building new facilities in Generation Park.

• The 20-acre lake and walking trail on the property should be completed soon.

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

• Slated to open in April, it will house 14 bowling lanes, 10 theaters, a large arcade, a café, a coffee bar, ice cream and a full concession area.

• Summer Creek High School Project Graduation will be held there on graduation evening.

For more on this event or if interested in attending upcoming Summer Creek BizComs, please see www.lakehouston.org/bizcom, www.youtube.com/MyChamberChannel or call the Chamber at (281) 446-2128.



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Summerwood's very own Robin McHaney, owner of Simply Elegant Interiors of Houston, TX has been awarded "Best of Houzz 2016" for Customer Satisfaction by Houzz, the leading platform for home remodeling and design. This is the second year in a row for this Summerwood based company. The 10-year-old design firm was chosen by the more than 25 million monthly unique users that comprise the Houzz community from among

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The Best of Houzz award is given in two categories: Design and Customer Satisfaction. What speaks of satisfaction more than an enthusiastic reference from a client?

I am totally happy with my experience with Robin McHaney of Simply Elegant Interiors. I sort of knew what I wanted, but I just don't know how to put it together or where to start. Robin McHaney of Simply Elegant Interiors was the right person for me. Our home needed a professional's touch. I had attempted to work with another popular interior design firm in the past, but I didn't like the cumbersome processes, and a minimum project price limit which was beyond my initial budget. I found Simply Elegant through a community referral page. Robin is a professional designer with good rates that my somewhat modest budget could afford. D. White





## SUMMERWOOD

## LAKE HOUSTON LADIES CLUB APRIL MEETING

Lake Houston Ladies Club will have their meeting and luncheon on Tuesday, April 19, 2016 beginning at 10:00 a.m. at the Walden Country Club, 18100 Walden Forest, Humble TX 77346. Jerry Diaz and Hannah's Reef Tropical Band will be back playing their original style of "Texas Beach Music". Come join us on a musical journey to New Orleans, Pensacola, Key West and the Texas Beach scene.

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, Tea Time, Lunch and Look, Movie Group, Supper Club, Mah Jongg, and Girl's Night Out. Please join us. New members are always welcome. Reservations need to be made by Friday, April 8, 2016 by 5:00 pm. For luncheon reservations go to: http://www.lakehoustonladiesclub.com/ For more information about the club call Linda at 832-379-3009.



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The cause of the allergy is either the exterior pathogen (allergen) or the internal constitution (body type). Traditional Chinese Medicine treat patient's constitution, rebalance the body, change the internal environment by improving the circulation of Qi and blood, therefore to control, reduce and cure the allergy.

Several Chinese patterns of disharmony may be involved in cases of allergies. In all cases, however, wind is often part of the diagnosis. In seasonal allergies, such as hay fever, the most common diagnosis is related to wind and dampness. Individual's body constitution and condition at the time play a big role in the treatment plan.

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Sometimes, honey bee colonies can be found in wall voids, chimneys, attics or sheds. If bees are in a wall void, DO NOT block their entrance; this makes them search for another way to exit and could lead bees into the structure. To keep bees from entering a home, seal any holes found in walls where pipes enter the home, cracks in window framing, knotholes, weep holes, or cracks between wood and brick junctures.

While many enjoy having honey bees around, some people are severely allergic to their venom. This, along with other situations, such as bees located near sensitive areas (such as playgrounds) may require removal or even extermination of the bees.

People should NOT try remove or exterminate bees on their own. Beekeepers and pest control companies have equipment to carry out these jobs in a safe manner. The city or county does not provide bee removal services.

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*Gain a New Perspective* - See "your" world with fresh eyes as you share experiences with and learn from someone from across the globe.

*Make a Difference* - Your support of diversity and cultural awareness extend to your family, schools and throughout the community.

Spending a year in the U.S. changes the lives of not only Ayusa's international exchange students but also their host families and communities. Our students have the opportunity to experience life as an American teenager, perfect their English speaking skills, and grow into young adults ready to leave their mark on the world. They also give back with their enthusiasm, dedication, and involvement. Their energy and perspective are contagious and their presence along promotes a sense of global unity.

Here's just some of the student's waiting for a host family this year Charline, The Netherlands, 17, Female

Top three interests: Diving, Family Activities, Tennis

GONZALO, Spain, 16, Male

Top three interests: Computers or Technology, Skiing or Snowboarding, Travel

Shu-Ruei, Taiwan, 15, Female

Top three interests: Music, Photography, Running or Jogging

Mathilde, France, 15, Female

Top three interests: Family Activities, Reading, Swimming

Henrik. Germany, 15, Male

Top three interests: Bike Riding, Music, Soccer

Koshin, Japan, 16, Male

Top three interests: Baseball, Sports, Swimming

Ayusa is a non-profit organization founded in 1981 to promote global learning and leadership through foreign exchange, study abroad, and leadership programs for high school students from the U.S. and around the world.

For more information about hosting a high school foreign exchange student, please contact your local representative Vicki Odom at 832.455.7881 or vodom@ayusa.org or Ayusa at 1.888.552.9872 or by visiting the website at www.ayusa.org.

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## **Expecting Out of Town Guests?**

Many of you have friends and family that use your guestroom. Here are a few tips on making them feel welcome in your home.

Consider buying or cutting some fresh flowers and put them on the dresser. This will help brighten the room and make your guests feel welcome. You could also lay out a couple good books or a magazine. Most people will enjoy flipping through a home magazine or a celebrity magazine. This will make an excellent addition on the nightstand next to a bedside lamp. It isn't uncommon for one of your guests to be a night owl. When you have a bedside lamp in the room, the early riser can sleep while their spouse can stay up all night finishing their favorite book. Don't forget to leave a couple extra pillows. Nothing says comfort like a soft pile of plush pillows on a big bed. This will make the bed look nice and inviting. And last but not least, leave a universal charger in the room. One of the worst things to forget is a charger for a cell phone, laptop or tablet. We all forget things when we travel and this could save your guest a trip to the local convenient store. Universal chargers aren't very expensive and it can keep all their devices charged up and ready to go.

You don't have a guest room? Is it time to buy a bigger house? Feel free to call the Tracy Montgomery team if you want to see homes in the area. We can help you every step of the way and would love to help you with the listing or buying process.

