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Summerwood's Wetlands

Most residents know that Summerwood has many areas throughout the community that are designated as wetlands. The purpose of the wetland areas is to help mitigate the impacts that may result from the development of Summerwood. But what are these areas, and how do they affect the community? While the full answer is a long and complicated one, the short answer is that these protected areas serve to provide water flow through the community. The water flow plays an important part in the health of Carpenter's Bayou and provides a great variety of birds and wildlife with a place to live. All of the wetlands throughout Summerwood are managed by the Army Corps of Engineers.

While there is a wetland area bordered by Yaupon Holly Lane, Eastern Redbud Lane, and Red Mulberry Lane, the majority of the wetland areas are to the west of Deussen Parkway. The area most residents are most familiar with is along West Lake Houston, between Woodson Park and Hunters Lake Way; however, that is just a small, visible portion. Much of the areas are tucked away behind homes.

How does this impact you as a resident? The most important thing to remember is that nothing can be done by residents or the HOA to change or impede the flow of water through these areas. That includes clearing or removing trees, building dams or berms, dredging or digging, installing any sort of building, or otherwise using these protected areas in any way. Special care should be taken to ensure no trash or lawn clippings are disposed of in the wetlands. No vehicles, including off-road or all-terrain, should ever be used on any reserve or wetland or along the drainage channels in Summerwood.

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Why You Should Never Feed Bread to Ducks



It seems harmless enough, feeding bread to the ducks in your local park: We enjoy it, the ducks get some food, and everyone's happy. Millions of loaves of bread are fed to ducks in lakes like ours every year, but this does them more harm than good. Most bread is essentially junk food to

them (with white being the worst) and can cause a range of problems, including a debilitating disease called Angel Wing.

White bread has essentially no nutritional value—it's packed full of calories and has little else to offer. Continuously feeding it to birds causes them to rely on us for a food source rather than on their natural diet. It's the equivalent of only feeding your children unhealthy foods: They'll eventually get addicted to it and will find it very difficult eating, or wanting to eat, anything else. So, at the very least, feeding ducks bread is giving them a readily accessible unhealthy diet, leaving them ultimately malnourished.

At the far end of the spectrum, there's Angel Wing. This is a disturbing condition that causes a bird's wings to point out laterally, rather than resting against the body, rendering the bird unable to fly in many cases. It's an incurable condition brought about as a result of a high-calorie diet, one extremely high in protein and carbohydrates and low in vitamins D, E, and manganese—the exact diet a bird would get if it primarily ate white bread.

Lakeshore Elementary

The 2016–2017 school is off to a great start! The biggest change we have seen this year is all the growth, and I know that is not just in the school. It is amazing to see all that is developing in the Lakeshore/Summerwood area. I remember not too long ago when West Lake Houston Pkwy. was a two-lane road with no lights, and now look at it!

We are thrilled for this school year, as there are many things going on already, and to see the excitement in the children's eyes each day is so rewarding. We have a new makerspace area in our learning commons, previously known as the library, where kids are learning to code, build robots, and work on their critical thinking skills as they rotate to different areas of discovery. We have been lucky to receive and purchase even more Chromebooks this year, which has allowed our students to work in a Google classroom even more than before. Several rooms are using SeeSaw as a way to communicate with parents about what students are learning in class.

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a variety of clubs so that everyone can find a connection to school outside of the classroom.

Our PTO sponsored a family game night on September 23 that was so much fun. Also, our very successful school fundraiser this year was a Fun Run on October 20!

Thank you to all of our parents and guardians who help us make our goal for each student to succeed. We could not do it without your continued support!

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We will greet old friends and make new ones at the next meeting on Tuesday, October 18, from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. at the Walden Country Club, 18100 Walden Forest Drive, in Humble.

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. Many of the groups continue through the summer months. There are also events during the year that include spouses or significant others. The club is an excellent way to meet new people and make new friends. To learn more about the club, visit our website (www.lakehoustonladiesclub.com), or call Linda at 832-379-3009.

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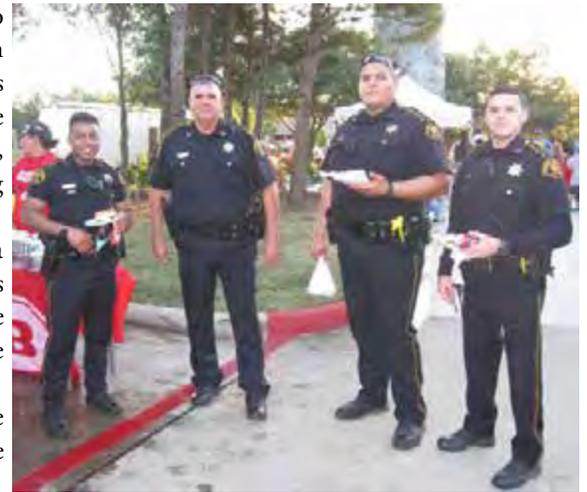
A Community-Wide Event with Fun for All!



The Summerwood Crime Watch Committee wishes to thank all the residents who came out October 4 and participated in our National Night Out (NNO) event again this year. We had more than 900 residents in attendance. This event gave residents a chance to come together to visit with neighbors, meet our Precinct 3 Constable officers and contract deputies, greet the HPD officers who patrol our neighborhood, interact with and ask questions of the Crime Watch Committee, and enjoy an evening of fun and gifts.

We appreciate and thank the many area sponsors, exhibitors, Houston-area dignitaries, law enforcement officers, and committee workers. A special thanks goes out to the sponsors whose logos were displayed on our banner, as well as to the Summer Creek High School JROTC volunteers, who were a key part of making the evening run smoothly!

We also want to specifically thank Darlene Kilburn, chairman of the Crime Watch Committee, and the many other chairmen who worked diligently to make the evening a success.



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Photo of the Month



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Summer Creek High School Choir



Recently the Summer Creek High School Choir took forty students to compete in the first round of All-State Choir auditions. The students competed against several school districts in the area for the coveted spots.

Last year twelve students were selected in the first round. This year twenty-four students were selected! And, nine of those students were in the top ten of their rooms. Mrs. Robison is extremely proud of all of the students' hard work and dedication to honing their craft. These students will be competing again at the end of October in order to be chosen to be in the Region 33 Mixed Choir and for a chance to continue in the All-State process.

- Congratulations to:
- Isabel Alvarado #1 (11)
 - Fidel Avalos (10)
 - Anabel Avila #2 (10)
 - Chamberlin Bee (12)
 - Noble Dunn (12)

- William Dunn (10)
- Nataly Gonzalez (10)
- Mikah Goodwine #10 (9)
- Gavin Haines #1 (10)
- Jonnelle Haskin (12)
- Hennesie Laureano #4 (10)
- November Lee (10)
- Kaylie Lyle (10)
- Kailee McDonald #7 (11)
- Kristen McLemore (12)
- Mya Mitchell (12)
- Jacob Morales (10)
- Steven Padua #4 (11)
- Ernesto Santamaria #5 (12)
- Bryce Taylor (12)
- Andrea Toledo #6 (12)
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Amanda Robison,
Choir Director at Summer Creek High School

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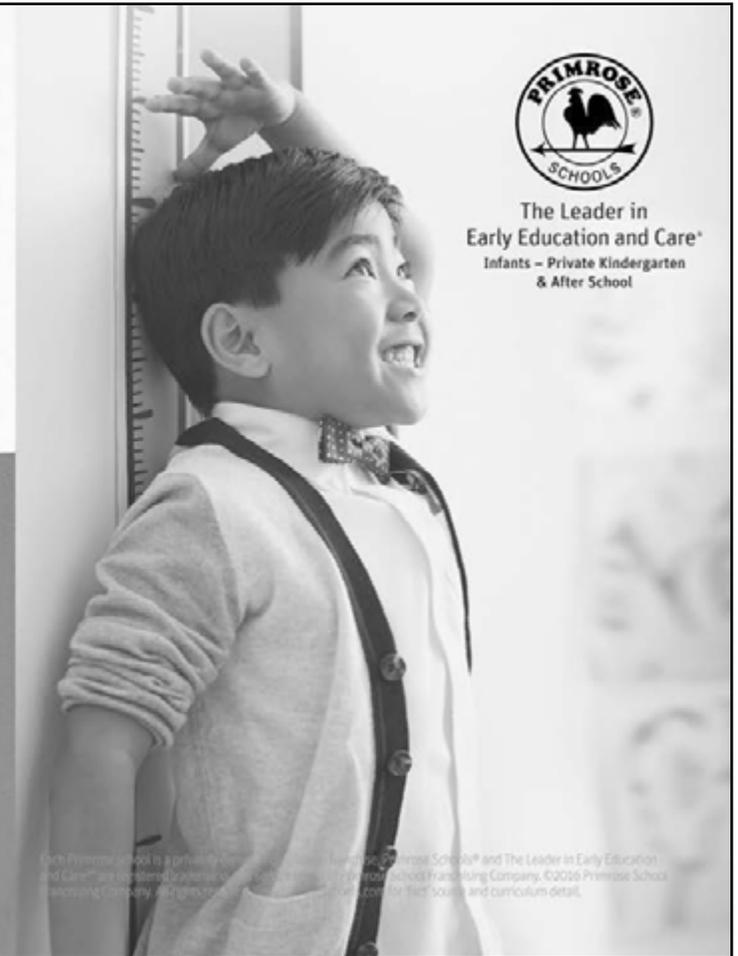
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Homecoming at Summer Creek

By Hannah Louviere, senior

Many students and teachers will agree that Homecoming week is the most eventful and exciting week of the year at a Texas high school. During that week, dress-up days, pep rallies, and football dominated the conversations and schedules of everyone buzzing around the Summer Creek campus.

Homecoming week began with Disney Day on Monday, where students and faculty dressed in Disney-themed costumes to boost the excitement leading up to Friday. Tuesday was Tacky Tourist Day, and on Wednesday people dressed alike for Twin Day. On Thursday students showed their support for their graduation class by wearing their class t-shirts for Class T-Shirt Day. On Friday (Maroon-Out Day), plenty of maroon, mums, and garters filled the hallways.

That Friday night, Summer Creek's varsity football team played Baytown Sterling and won the Homecoming game. The Homecoming dance was the following Saturday evening.

ABC 13 featured Summer Creek High School on their Friday Fly-Over segment. They broadcast Summer Creek students on the football field and followed those clips with interviews of the Student Council officers about how they give back to the community through their organization.

"You don't realize how much one action can do until you have everyone on board doing it with you and changing the lives of hundreds of people," said Caroline Narro, Student Council vice president.



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Dr. Elizabeth Fagen, Superintendent, Humble ISD, spoke about her background and plans for progress by building relationships within Humble ISD.

Brian Ford, Summer Creek HS head football coach, gave an update on the Bulldog football season.

Michael Holt, Summer Creek HS band director, gave an update on Summer Creek High School Band.

Dr. Paul Lyle, Pastor, Summer Creek Baptist Church, invited the community to a tailgate party at Turner Stadium on October 14.

Updates and announcements:

Kim Brode, Director of Community Relations for Congressman Poe, reported about improvements he's been making since being diagnosed with leukemia. She also shared a one-minute clip of his return speech to Congress.

David Escobar, Dir., Community Relations, Sheriff Ron Hickman's Office, spoke about National Night on October 4 and the town hall meeting with Sheriff Hickman on September 21.

Dr. Katherine Persson, Lone Star College president, announced

that the Lone Star College Campus at Generation Park will have its groundbreaking on October 14. The campus will be a Process Technology Center housed on 8.3 acres.

Jerri Monbaron, Humble ISD Education Foundation, spoke about the Education Foundation Golf Tournament, which will be held at Oakhurst Golf Club on Friday, November 11.

Dru Gutierrez, Office of Commissioner Gene L. Locke, Harris County Precinct One, stated that the new traffic lights along W. Lake Houston Parkway are a TxDot Project and should be turned on by mid-October.

The next Summer Creek BizCom meeting will be Thursday, December 8, at 11 a.m.

For information about BizCom meetings, visit www.lakehouston.org/bizcom-groups or contact Summer Creek BizCom Staff Liaison Johnston Farrow at 281-446-2128.

Don Gaddy, Summer Creek BizCom Chairman

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Many people in the area found themselves wanting to help aid the refugee effort in some way, but they didn't know how to go about it. Others feared that helping with refugees would be time consuming or expensive. The festival was organized to address these issues and assist people with finding opportunities. It also provided refugee aid on a level for them to feel comfortable with.

The festival consisted of two parts: an interactive fair and a speaking symposium. At the fair, individuals could visit the booths of local churches and organizations. These organizations distributed handouts, explained the services they offer, and welcomed those interested in becoming volunteers.

The second half of the festival was the speaking symposium. Attendees had the opportunity to listen to speakers talk more specifically about refugee aid. Haley Smith spoke of Lifting Hands International, about her time spent volunteering in the Greek refugee camps. Joe Saceric, from YMCA International, outlined ways that his organization helps incoming refugees. Finally, Steve Quach, a local resident, shared his personal refugee experience.

Lorie Comacho, co-organizer of the event, said that they encountered many obstacles while preparing for this event but that "every time a solution would . . . present itself, even at the last minute, a divine hand was definitely guiding our path." They were also very grateful to have the support of the Harris County Sheriff's Office, with Sargent Hamlet providing uniformed security for the event.

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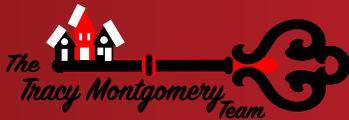
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