

SUMMERWOOD LIFE

OFFICIAL NEWSLETTER OF THE SUMMERWOOD COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION, INC.

Congratulations Winners! August 2010 Yard of the Month

Submitted by: Celine Wilson



Donald Busker
of Hammond Hills Lane



Reginald Murray
of Greenwood Lakes Lane

The Beautification Committee would like to congratulate the August 2010 Summerwood Yard of the Month Winners!

Donald Busker of 13614 Hammond Hills Lane
Reginald Murray of 13519 Greenwood Lakes Lane

Both Winners will have a "Yard of the Month" sign displayed in their yard for the month of August. Each winner will also

receive a \$50 gift card to Lowe's!

Summerwood is full of homeowners who take pride in their yards! Would you like to nominate one of them? Send us an email at summerwood.newsletter@gmail.com!

We look forward to hearing from you!

The Summerwood Beautification Committee

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May 31 – Aug 22, 2010:

Swim Schedule:

- Tues – Sun : 4:30am – 10:00am adult lap swim only
- Tues – Sun : 10:00am – 9:00pm swim with lifeguards

Pool Closed for Swim Team:

- o Practice: Tues – Fri: (June 1 -2) 4:00pm – 7:30pm
- o Practice: Tues – Fri: (June 3 -25) 7:00am – 10:30am
- o Meet: Saturday, June 5 : 4:30am – 3:00pm

Aug 23 –Sept 26, 2010

Swim Schedule:

- Tues – Sun : 4:30am – 10:00am adult lap swim only
- Tues – Fri : 10:00am – 9:00pm swim at your own risk
- Sat – Sun : 10:00am – 9:00pm swim with lifeguards

Events:

- Sept 6- Open Labor Day: 10am – 9:00pm swim with lifeguards

Sept 27 –Oct 31, 2010

Swim Schedule:

- Tues – Sun : 4:30am – 10:00am adult lap swim only
- Tues – Sun : 10:00am – 9:00pm swim at your own risk

EAST POOL

Closed on Tuess during June - Sept , Open 10am – 9pm, see schedule

May 31 – Aug 22, 2010:

Swim Schedule:

- Wed – Mon : 10:00am – 9:00pm swim with lifeguards

Aug 23 – Sept 26, 2010

Swim Schedule:

- Sat – Sun : 10:00am – 9:00pm swim with lifeguards

Events:

- Sept 6- Open Labor Day: 10am – 9:00pm swim with lifeguards

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Health & Safety

Rethink What You Drink

One of the most successful advertising campaigns in recent history has been focused on bottled water. However, more and more people are questioning whether the water, and the package it comes in, is safe, or at least safer than tap water – and if the convenience is worth the cost and the environmental impact.

In many cases, the source of bottled water is a municipal water supply, the same source that supplies tap water to our homes. In the U.S., a sip of bottled water costs 1,000 times more than a sip of tap water; consumers spend more per gallon for bottled water than for gasoline.



Another concern is that most bottled water comes in polyethylene terephthalate (PET) bottles, which may leach dangerous chemicals into the water when stored in hot or warm temperatures. Bottled water also creates a significant environmental burden – 80% of those convenient single-serving bottles are tossed onto beaches and roadsides, or end up in landfills, where they could be around for a thousand years.

Now, doesn't your tap water sound better?

Household Tips

Five Tips to Stay Cool in the Summer

The temperature can soar in the summer, so here are five ways to keep your home cool and lower your energy costs.

1. Keep the heat out by closing blinds, drapes and shutters on windows facing the sun.
2. As much as possible, turn off incandescent lights and heat-generating appliances. Replace incandescent bulbs with compact fluorescents, as they produce the same light but use a fifth of the energy and heat.
3. Plant trees and shrubs to shade air conditioning units while not blocking air flow. A unit operating in the shade uses less energy.
4. A ceiling fan can make a room feel as much as seven degrees cooler.
5. Since humidity makes a room feel warmer, try to avoid showering, cooking, and using the dishwasher, clothes washer/dryer during mid-day. If you need to do these things, use an exhaust fan to remove the moisture from the air.



These five tips will not only keep you cool, but they will also help keep your energy bills down and are environmentally friendly. That is a win-win-win!

Your Favorite Summerwood Photo

Congratulations to this Month's Winner!



Alexander Davydov and his family have been residents of Summerwood since 2003. He is pictured here with his two sons Eddie (left) and Michael (right) as they played in the snow and then stopped for a photo opportunity during one of the heavy snow days that we experienced in our community this past December. Alexander and his family live on Broncroft Court.

Summerwood Photo Contest

Have you recently taken a great photo of your family enjoying the outdoors in Summerwood? Have you taken a photo of our amenities or perhaps landscaping that you enjoy? We'd love to see your favorite Summerwood photo!

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Summerwood Crime Watch Committee

Prepares for National Night Out
by Barbara Probandt

Residents of Summerwood...save the date!!! The Crime Watch Committee is gearing up for National Night Out which has traditionally been the biggest community event of the year. Please put Tuesday, October 5th on your family calendar. The event will be held at the Club Summerwood Building at 16136 Hunters Lake Way from 6:00- 8:30 PM.

The purpose of the NNO event is to bring the community together for a night of fun for all and provide opportunities for residents to support the Neighborhood Watch Program of the Crime Watch Committee. Last year over 600 residents attended the event which included activities for all ages. We enjoyed visits from the HPD Mounted Patrol, Life Flight helicopter, an HFD 105 Pump/Engine, an ambulance, as well as visits from Councilman Mike Sullivan and other area dignitaries. There were bounce houses and train rides free of charge for the children, along with snow cones, desserts, and a popcorn booth. An HEB Pharmacist administered flu and

pneumonia shots for a fee, Wendell Campbell, a local DJ, provided music throughout the evening, boxed dinners were available at a minimal charge, and names were drawn throughout the evening for prizes donated by local patrons.

Crime watch committees are presently being organized and there are many opportunities for you to be a part of this special evening. Committees that have been formed to date are the Entertainment Committee, headed up by David Myrick; Activity Committee, Charles Anderson; Food committee, Laura Spears; Giveaway/Partners Committee, Renee Carr; and the Volunteer committee, Barbara Probandt.

Our CWC meetings are held on the 2nd Tuesday of each month at the Summerwood Central Community Building on Summerwood Lakes Drive at 7:00 PM and we welcome your attendance and participation.



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SUMMERWOOD POOL COMMITTEE

Submitted by Lisa Stout

Your Summerwood Pool Committee meets on the third Thursday of every month in the Central Community Center starting at 7:30...unless we do not have a quorum. In that case we push the meeting to the following Thursday. We start each meeting reviewing and addressing comments and concerns from the residents that come to our attention via message boards, suggestion box, life guards, GHPM (our contractor, Greater Houston Pool Management), and CIA Services. Residents are quite welcome to attend the meeting. We collectively develop solutions to problems and make recommendations to the Summerwood Home Owners Association. CIA Services is tasked with following through on just about every item on the community's to do list and the list is long.

Dear fellow residents, there is one thing that CIA services cannot do but that you can do and that is TALK TO YOUR CHILDREN. Let's face it, kids will be kids and here is an example. During a recent Pool Committee meeting we were in the middle of a conversation about the logistics of Adult Swim, when several teenagers RODE THEIR BIKES OFF THE POOL DECK AND INTO THE DEEP END OF THE CENTRAL POOL. Really? How did they miss the bright blue signs outside the building and around the neighborhood, which advertise, "Pool Committee meeting tonight"? What's wrong with a little good fun and an innocuous prank as it were? Well, it makes our water murky for one thing. But for another, if our water tests positive for contaminants, we have to shut the pool for a day to shock the water, inconvenience about a hundred people, plus incur the extra cost for cleaning. Chlorine water will rust a bicycle chain faster than Lance Armstrong can ride twenty Le Tour de France stages. (That's about 21 days.) So heads up if you find yourself forking out extra money to have your teenager's bike chain



replaced. Since we're on the subject of bicycles, they do not belong on the tennis courts either.

Our lifeguards provide information about weather, pool temperatures and friendly reminders such as please, no cut-offs—bathing suits only in the pools. They do this via new communication boards hanging inside the gates of the pools. Also you may note that Adult Swim is just that, a time for all kids under the age of 18 to take a little break while the adults have a chance to swim sans Marco Polo games and cannon balls. Adult Swim commences at the top of the hour. We have debated on how to handle adult swim, including what to call it, because Adult Swim has important safety implications. There seems to be some confusion over this policy. Unless your little one is physically in your arms, the guards ask that the child take a ten minute break out of the pool. We understand that adult swim can feel like a long ten minutes to parents of little children and we thank you for your cooperation.

We hope you are enjoying your summer and our pools. Be safe and happy swimming.

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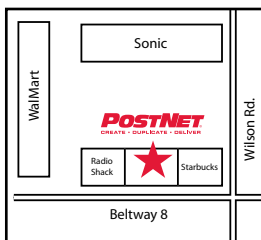
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- Turn off your electricity at the circuit breaker if you evacuate and expect flood water to approach your home.
- Unplug sensitive electrical appliances, such as TV and computers.
- Maintain line clearance from trees and weak limbs.
- What should you do following a major storm or hurricane?
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- Do not connect generators directly to wiring in a house or building without having a licensed electrician disconnect the wiring from CenterPoint Energy's service. It can create a safety hazard for CenterPoint Energy's lineman.
- Never run generators indoors or in a garage. Gasoline-powered generators can produce carbon monoxide, and the odorless fumes can be deadly.
- What should you do if your electrical outlets are covered with water or you have damage to weatherhead or other electrical facilities?
- Contact a licensed electrician before turning on the main circuit breaker.
- Check your weatherhead, which connects the overhead power line to your home or business. Any weatherhead problems will need to be repaired by your electrician prior to CNP restoring service. (Your electrician should obtain all permits required prior to you contacting CNP for a work order.)
- Any submerged appliances or equipment will need to dry for at least one week and be checked by a qualified repair person prior to being turned on.
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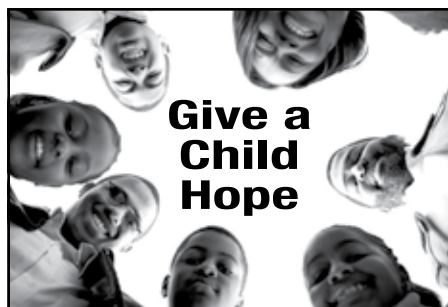
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Are you ready for a road trip? People in the United States will take millions of trips this year — many of them traveling by car. The most popular treks are trips to the beach, visits to friends and family, and scenic drives. A scenic drive means there's something to see while you're driving, like an ocean, mountains, or a beautiful valley.

But sometimes when you're on the road, there isn't a whole lot to look at. For those times, you'll need to keep yourself busy. Here are some ideas:

- Bring a small map or road atlas. Use stickers to track your family's progress.
- Create a trip box that includes stickers, pipe cleaners, pens, paper, and anything else you want to have on hand.
- Draw. You can draw what's outside your window or make a game out of it by drawing a picture of someone that you know and making everyone guess who it is.
- Start writing in a trip journal and keep track of what you do each day on your vacation. Add photos later.
- Read aloud — a scary story or a mystery are great choices.

- Make up your own story and draw the illustrations to go with it.
- Listen to a book on tape or CD.
- Listen to music.
- Sing silly songs that you might be too old for, like "Old MacDonald," "B-I-N-G-O," and "She'll Be Coming 'Round the Mountain" — or even Christmas songs if you're in the mood. For added fun, make up your own silly songs with your family's help.
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- Play the license plate game by trying to spot as many different states as you can.
- Play "20 Questions."
- Play travel games, such as checkers, that have magnetic pieces that won't slip off the board.
- Play the "My Favorite" game by picking your top five songs, books, ice cream flavors, sports heroes, etc.
- Have a spelling bee or trivia contest. Bring index cards to write down words or questions.
- Don't fight with your brother or sister!

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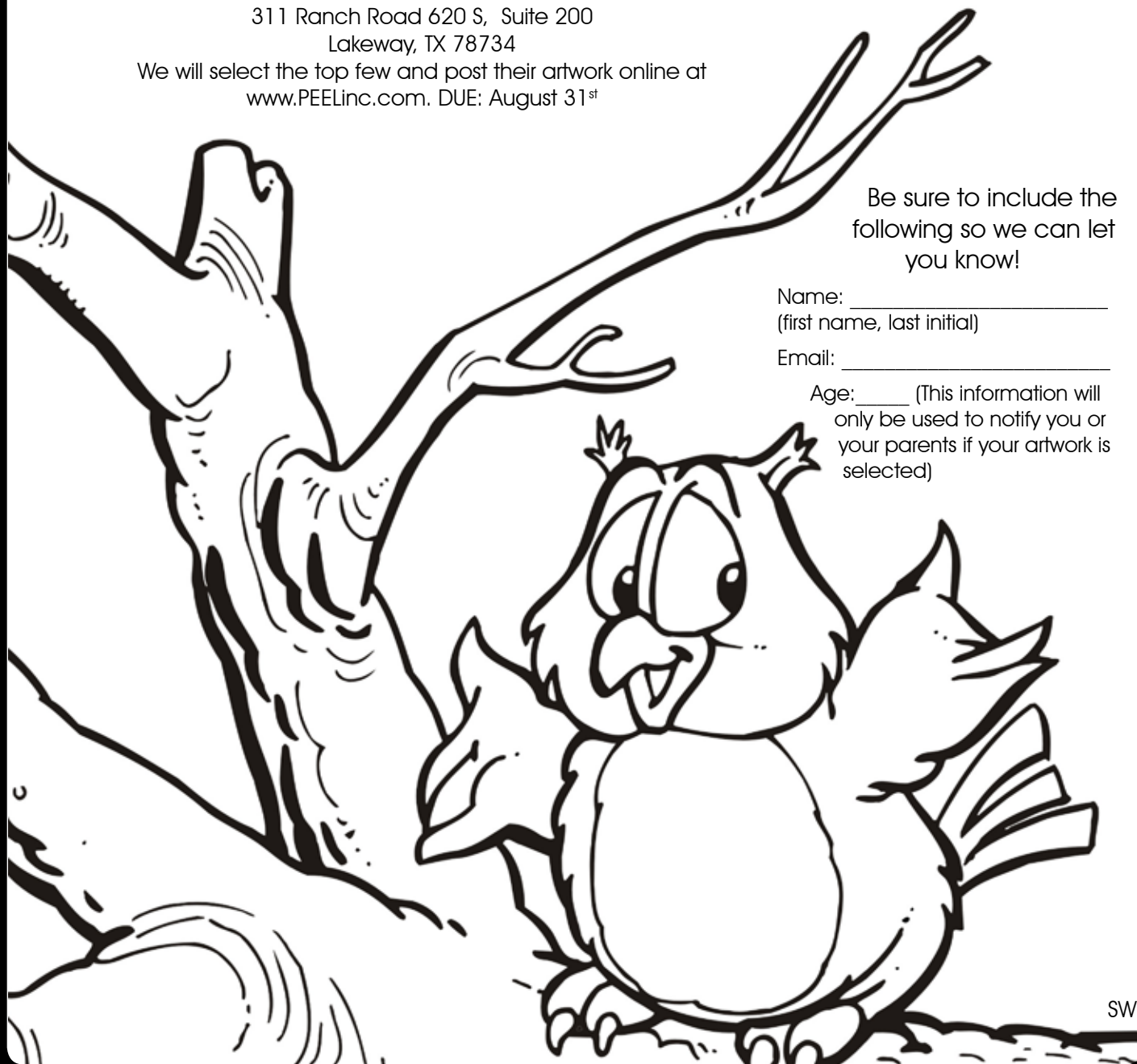
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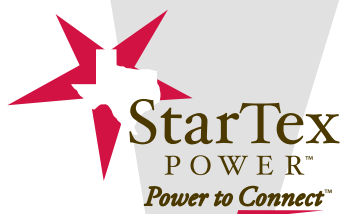


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