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Congratulations Winners. September 2010 Yard of the Month

Submitted by: Celine Wilson



Chrys Chitty of Wildwood Springs

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

Ms. Chrys Chitty of Wildwood Springs Mr. Lloyd Batiste of Brighton Park

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



Lloyd Batiste of Brighton Park

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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From Newland Communities:

Townhomes, models debut in summer of grand openings at Summerwood

Low-maintenance townhomes from \$119,950, traditional singlefamily homes from the \$139,990, a new onsite middle school and a coming H-E-B highlight a summer-long series of grand openings in Summerwood.

Summerwood's New Models Include:

- Townhomes by Brighton, showcased in two decorated models. Priced from \$119,950 to \$129,950, these Energy Star-certified townhome plans range from 1,652 to 1,932 square feet and include two-car garages, luxurious master suites with walk-in closets, impressive two-story foyers and covered back patios per plan. One plan offers a downstairs master suite.
- David Weekley's new Barker model represents a collection of cottage-style homes priced from \$139,990 to \$185,990. With over 2,100 square feet, this three-bedroom model has formal living and dining rooms, an open family room and kitchen area, and a children's retreat that can be built as a fourth bedroom.
- Brighton's new Bromley model showcases a collection of plans priced from the \$230,000s to \$260,000s. In the Summerwood Model Home Village, this 3,823-square-foot model has five bedrooms, 3 ½ baths, and a two-story family room with a fireplace. An upstairs gameroom that can be built as a sixth bedroom.
- Westin Homes, the newest Summerwood builder, has just opened a new model in the Model Home Village, showcasing plans ranging from 2,558 to 3,298 square feet and priced from the \$190,000s to \$240,000s.

Other builders with decorated models in the Model Home Village include Lennar, Village, J. Patrick and Partners In Building. The Summerwood Information Center, in a new building opened this spring, is located in a park setting across the street from the models.

Summerwood is looking forward to the August opening of its second onsite school, Woodcreek Middle School, part of the Humble school district. This middle school is located at the front of Summerwood's 1,500-acre master plan, adjacent to a future YMCA campus with which it will share facilities.

A new 88,000-square-foot H-E-B store is planned to open in September in Summerwood, adding to a growing list of onsite shopping and dining opportunities for residents.

For more information on the newest builders and developments in Summerwood, visit www.summerwoodtx.com.



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Back to School Safety Tips

P arents should be aware of these elements regarding their children's safety while traveling to and from, and attending school.

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Transportation

Make sure your children are aware of the potential safety hazards present when boarding and exiting the bus, or when crossing the street at the bus stop location. Children who ride their bikes to school should use hand signals, follow traffic rules, and wear helmets. Teach children who walk to school to always use crosswalks and watch for cars making sudden turns into and out of driveways.

School-Yard Bullying

To protect your child from being bullied, or becoming a perpetrator, help your child understand that acting in abusive ways is unacceptable and harmful to all involved. Help your child to express his or her feelings and emotions with words, not violent or destructive behaviors.

Violence

Because of violent events that can occur at schools, be sure that your child's school has an emergency plan in place, properly monitors all who enter and exit the school grounds, and that they work closely with local police to ensure the safety of everyone at school.

GREEN Your Gift Wrapping

hy waste money on expensive gift wrap and ribbon? Try wrapping gifts with these free or inexpensive ideas that encourage reuse and recycling:

- Reusable shopping bag 99 cents at almost any grocery store.
- Holiday gift bags free, when you reuse last year's holiday bags.
- Homemade gift bags make gift bags from beautiful but inexpensive fabric from the local craft store. Sew up three sides, use pinking shears to give the top edge some flair, then bunch the top and tie with reusable ribbon or twine.
- Kitchen towels Wrap a small gift in a new kitchen towel and tie it with a reusable ribbon you don't even need tape!
- Sunday comics they make free. . .and very colorful . . .gift wrap!
- For gift tags, repurpose last year's holiday cards: cut off the front of the card, thread a ribbon through one corner, and voila!...a beautiful (and free) gift tag.

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

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SUMMERWOOD ACTIVITIES UPDATE

Submitted by Angela Douglas

Fall is here! Things really start getting busy, back to school shopping, new routines, shorter days. Then before you know it the Holidays are upon us. The fall brings a lot of activities for the community as well. September will bring us the Annual Fall Garage Sale and the Annual HOA meeting, where you will be able to vote for two of the resident Board member positions.

The Fall Garage Sale will be held on Saturday September 18th, 8am-12pm.

(Rain date 9/25/10 8am-12pm)

- We will be having the H.A.A.M. (Humble Area Assistance Ministries) truck at the Resident's Club Central again for any donations you would like to make after the sale. The truck will be in the parking lot from 11am-1pm or until their truck is full. If you do not see the truck, please be kind and DO NOT leave your items at the club house.
- Maps will be available again this year. If you would like your address listed on the map please log onto www.SummerwoodLife. com and follow the link on the homepage to submit your information.



• If you would like to come to a central location, Brandi Muse with Primrose Summerwood has been kind enough to offer her parking lot again. Please indicate on your registration if you will be located at Primrose.

As always if you have any questions about the garage sale check out the FAQ page on www.SummerwoodLife.com or feel free to email help@summerwoodlife.com.

September also brings us the Annual HOA meeting. This year there will be two resident Board member positions up for election. Please be on the lookout for your proxies in the mail coming in September, and don't forget to vote! Candidate bios are available online at www.SummerwoodLife.com, community news section.





THE SUMMERWOOD CRIME WATCH COMMITTEE

Promotes Safety and Security in our Community!

The Summerwood Crime Watch Committee meets on the second Tuesday of each month at the Central Community Center at 7 p.m. Our goal is to provide better communication with our neighbors and pass on information dealing with security issues that arise from time to time in Summerwood. If you are not being contacted by a block captain with this type of information, perhaps there is not a block captain volunteer on your block. Are you willing to help? Come and find out what we are all about and join us at our next meeting, We invite you to join us this month on Tuesday, September 14th!

There are many ways that you can be proactive in protecting your personal property!

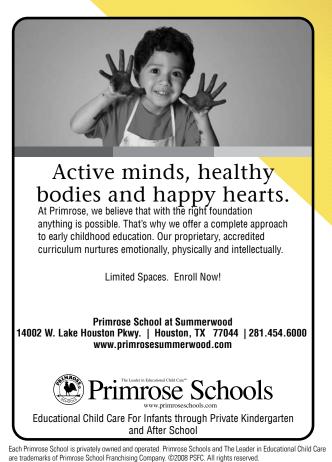
- Always leave your porch lights, driveway light, and back door light ON at night so that you do not create a dark place where criminals can hide and do their work. Creating a safer environment around our home is certainly worth the extra dollars it may cost to leave lights burning at night!
- Park your automobiles in your garage if possible, but for cars left on the driveway, do remember to lock your vehicle EVERYTIME

you must leave it outside, especially at night.

- Don't leave valuables, especially electronics, wallets or purses, in your vehicle ANYWHERE, even if you are going to be out of your car for a short time.
- Be aware of your surroundings...if a barking dog wakes you, look around inside and out (checking outside through your windows is better than walking outside and into a dangerous situation)
- Change the screws that hold your strike plate to longer screws (where the door lock sets into the door frame)
- Use the security system installed in your home when you are away from home and at night while sleeping.
- Get to know your neighbors and build a network of defense.
- Always report suspicious activity to the sheriff/police, to your block captain, to your neighbors, etc.
- Do not open your door to solicitors, EVER! Certainly, please do not buy from them. But do talk to them through your door or

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Summerwood Crime - (Cont. from Page 6)

window and inform them that soliciting is prohibited in Summerwood. Then call the non-emergency number 713-221-6000, and report the solicitor, giving an accurate description. Many solicitors in Summerwood have been found to have criminal backgrounds and/or warrants out for them. We do not want to encourage this activity in our neighborhood.

Come and visit a crime watch meeting! Join us in our effort to provide information to residents that will raise our level of concern and help to keep our neighborhood safe!

- By Barbara Probandt

Business Classifieds

LESS THAN A PENNY: You can run a business classified in the Summerwood Life and reach all of Summerwood for only a penny per home. Call 512-263-9181 for details.



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YOUR FAVORITE SUMMERWOOD PHOTO

Congratulations to this Month's Winner!



My name is Brandi and this is a picture of my daughter Alexis Voisin hugging a donkey that was at the Fall Festival. We truly enjoy all the activities that the Summerwood Community has to offer. My husband Kevin and I were relocated here from Louisiana in 2008. The Summerwood neighbors have made us feel right at home.



This is Ryan and Ashley Taylor in front of Lake Ryan in Summerwood. Dressed up for Easter on a beautiful spring day, it was a perfect place to snap a photo. We have been residents of Summerwood since 2003. Jason & Rachel Taylor



COMMUNITY HIGHLIGHT

The New Fountains at the Sakes!

Summerwood residents are enjoying the beautiful new lighted fountains on Lake Meredith and Lake Anne. Thank you to the Home Owners Association for upgrading these beautiful water displays for our community!

- Submitted by Barbara Probandt

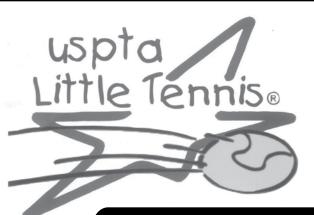


Summerwood Photo Contest

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!

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!





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SUMMER CREEK HIGH SCHOOL AREA COMMUNITY AND BUSINESS ASSOCIATION

...Promoting a Better Quality of Life in our Community!

A little over a year ago a group of area residents and representatives from area businesses organized an association under the leadership of Don Gaddy, a Summerwood businessman, and Trey Kraemer, principal of the Summer Creek High School. The association recognizes the potential for much growth in this area in the next few years and works, with support from the Lake Houston Area Chamber of Commerce, with these objectives in mind:

- o Promote safety and security of the area,
- o Encourage growth and development of the businesses and the communities in the area
- o Promote community spirit and pride
- o Challenge the businesses and residents to be involved in their neighborhoods
- o Develop communication channels...good ways to spread the word about what is going on in the area
- o Support area events such as football games, NNO, school functions, community activities, fundraisers, etc.

For instance this association will be welcoming and supporting the grand opening of the new HEB store scheduled for September 15th, and also will be publicizing the Summerwood National Night Out event which will take place at Club Summerwood (Hunter's Lake Way at Timber Forest) on Tuesday, October 5th from 5:30- 8:00 PM. National Night Out is sponsored by the Summerwood Crime Watch Committee.

The name of the organization is derived from the areas that are zoned to the Summer Creek High School, including the communities of Fall Creek, Summerwood, Lakeshore, Water's Edge and all areas in between that are zoned to the school. The purpose of the association is to promote a great quality of life for residents, thriving economic development in the area, along with safety and security in the communities for businesses and residents. Don Gaddy, a local businessman and community supporter, is chairman of the organization. Feel free to contact him if you are interested in finding out more about the association and have an area business that you would like to promote or you are a resident who is interested in taking a leadership role in some aspect of the Summerwood community. His email address is don.gaddy@ edwardjones.com

- by Barbara Probandt

DIRTY HANDS At Summerwood Clementary!

Summerwood Elementary teachers are looking forward to getting their hands dirty in the name of science! Thanks to funding and donated materials from Waste Management, Summerwood Elementary will begin a gardening project during the 2010-2011 school year. Teachers from each grade level attended two days of training in July to learn how to construct and maintain gardens. They also learned about environmental awareness. A large part of the training focused on incorporating math and science skills with gardening at each grade level to allow for as much student involvement as possible. The teachers are looking forward to planning lessons and activities so the students receive hands-on experience with the themed gardens. Gardens will be devoted to attracting butterflies and humming birds and we may even have a pizza garden! All the kindergarten students will grow tulips. We expect this to be a rewarding venture for everyone!

- Submitted by: Camie Tew, 1st Grade Teacher



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PACK A LUNCH With a Lesson in Nutrition

Parents may urge their children to pack their lunch to lighten their own load during the busy school year but it also helps teach kids important lessons about nutrition and responsibility, said a Baylor College of Medicine (www.bcm.edu) expert.

"Allowing children to pack their own lunch provides a great opportunity for children to take on more responsibility as they get older," said Dr. Teresia O'Connor, assistant professor of pediatrics - nutrition at the USDA/ARS Children's Nutrition Research Center (http://www.bcm.edu/cnrc/) at BCM and Texas Children's Hospital (www.texaschildrens.org). "It is also a great occasion to talk to your child about a balanced diet and teach about healthy balanced meals."

Parents should offer a little guidance initially, however. Younger children and parents should pack lunches together, and as the child gets older, he or she can take on more of the responsibility. This way, parents can teach their children what constitutes a healthy lunch. Later, parents can check in with them, learn the child's preferences and help make sure that everything is available from the grocery store.

No matter who packs the school lunch, O'Connor recommends that it include a serving of fruit and a serving of vegetables. Veggies can include carrot sticks, celery or some other cut up vegetable as well as sliced tomato or lettuce on a sandwich. Sandwiches can be made on whole wheat bread to get the whole grains recommended on Mypyramid.gov, a resource of the USDA (www.usda.gov). Lowfat or skim milk or water makes a great drink option. Fruit is a good way to satisfy a sweet tooth, but a healthy lunch can still include occasional cookies or other sweets, O'Connor said.

"Sweet snacks have a place in a balanced healthy diet but the key is moderation," O'Connor said. "If the child gets a sweet at lunch, give them different choices for their after school snack or after dinner. Think about what the child ate throughout the whole day." The same rules apply if your child decides to buy lunch at school. They should select foods from a variety of food groups, including fruits and vegetables.





TIPS FOR TRAVELING WITH OLDER ADULTS

Preparation is key when planning for any type of trip. However, when traveling with older adults, be sure to take extra precautions to ensure safe travels, said an expert at Baylor College of Medicine (www.bcm.edu).

"Planning is everything, and one needs to plan for every possible accommodation to an elder's needs," said Dr. Robert Roush, associate professor of medicine-geriatrics (http://www.bcm.edu/medicine/ geriatrics/?pmid=7761) at the Huffington Center on Aging (http:// www.bcm.edu/hcoa/index.cfm) at BCM.

The first priority should be medications an elderly traveler may need on the trip, whether prescription or over-the-counter. Be sure that there is enough medication for the length of the trip, and don't pack medications in checked bags, just in case luggage gets lost. If the trip is outside of the country, consider any types of vaccinations recommended by the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention http://wwwnc.cdc.gov/travel/content/vaccinations.aspx well ahead of one's departure, said Roush. Have emergency contact information for English-speaking doctors in the country of destination.

Next, consider how to accommodate an older adult in different modes of transportation. For example, if the trip involves a long car ride, be sure that there are frequent stops for the older adult to stretch and take bathroom breaks. That's good advice for younger travel companions, too. If traveling on an airplane, book seats that provide additional leg room, and notify the airline in advance if walkers or wheelchairs are needed.

Older adults should take frequent walks in the aisles of the airplane every two to three hours. And for especially long plane trips like those to Australia, the far East, Europe or even Latin America, talk to your doctor to see if you have any risks for DVT, deep vein thrombosis. Usually, taking a full aspirin, walking down the aisle and stretching are sufficient to prevent DVT. On a cruise ship, notify the cruise line about any special needs.

If staying at a hotel, check to see if grab bars are available in the bathrooms, and if there are no elevators, try to book a room on the first floor.

OTHER GENERAL TIPS FOR TRAVEL INCLUDE:

- Prepare a list of all medications and medical history, including allergies
- Pack comfortable clothing, especially shoes
- Check the weather forecast ahead of time and pack accordingly
- Be aware of time zone changes as that can affect sleep patterns
- Drink plenty of water
- Pace yourself and have fun!





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Recipe of the Month Apple Cake

- 3 cups flour
- 1 tablespoon baking powder
- 4 eggs, beaten
- 1/4 cup orange juice
- 1 tablespoon vanilla

• 2 cups sugar

• 1 teaspoon salt

• 1 cup vegetable oil

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- 3 medium apples, peeled & thinly sliced
- 1/4 Cup plus 1 tablespoon sugar
- 1 tablespoon plus 2 teaspoons cinnamon

Combine first 3 ingredients, tossing well. Set aside.

Combine flour, 2 cups sugar, baking powder, and salt in a large mixing bowl. Combine next 4 ingredients; add to flour mixture, mixing well. Pour 1/3 of batter into a greased and floured 10 inch tube pan. Top with half of the thinly sliced apples, leaving a 1/2" margin around center and sides. Repeat layering, ending with batter on top. Bake at 350° for 1 hour or until a wooden pick comes out clean. Cool in pan 10-15 minutes; then remove from pan. Let cool completely. Sprinkle with powdered sugar, if desired.

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