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## Yard of the Month Contest Update!

Now that spring has arrived, the Summerwood Beautification Committee will be resuming the Yard of the Month Contest and we look forward to your nominations. The nominations should be emailed to summerwoodnewsletter@gmail.com and must be received by the 8th of each month. Please submit a jpeg photo with your nomination if at all possible as this will give you a chance to portray the best possible view of the yard.

## Summerwood Pool Committee Spring Update

Do you have Your WRISTBAND?

Bathing suit? Check....Towel? Check.....Sunscreen? Check.....Wristband?....Wristband?....

WRISTBANDS ARE AVAILABLE FOR PICK UP for all Summerwood residents, who are in current standing with HOA dues. Pick up times are Wednesdays from 9am – 12 noon and Saturdays from 12 noon to 3pm in the Central Clubhouse office. Residents may also pick up wristbands from the CIA Services office Tuesday and Thursdays between the hours of 4pm and 7pm. You will need a driver's license with your Summerwood address or photo ID and proof of residence to pick up your wristband.

All residents over the age of 5 must have current season wristbands to enter the pool area. Guests do not need wristbands but must be accompanied and signed in by a resident. Up to four guests per day per household are allowed.

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## Sheriff Garcia Speaks to Community By Barbara Probandt

An area wide Crime Prevention Forum was held on Tuesday evening, March 8th at Summer Creek High School. The event was sponsored by the Summer Creek Community and Business Association that serves the attendance area zoned to the school. The Summerwood Crime Watch Committee promoted and supported this event. Many residents from Summerwood, Fall Creek, Lakeshore, Park Lakes, Summer Creek Ranch, and Waters Edge attended and represented their crime



watch committees, and a large

group of business owners showed their support for the forum by attending the event, as well. Summerwood HEB provided refreshments for the evening.

Harris County Sheriff Adrian Garcia spoke first and then moderated the crime awareness presentations for the evening. This was Sheriff Garcia's first community meeting of 2011. He presented valuable information as did several of the Harris County Sheriff Majors and Deputies. Presentations centered on crime prevention in the area, the various departments within the HCSO that provide us services, and information on the Nuisance and Graffiti Abatement Programs. Several representatives of the Houston Police Department were also in attendance and they work consistently with the HCSO to provide services to our community.

The program was structured around topics that were of interest to residents and businessmen of our area, after which the session was opened up to a question and answer period from the audience.



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#### Summerwood Pool Committee - (Continued from Cover Page)

Q.) Is there a WRISTBAND "GRACE PERIOD"? A.) Yes and No. There has never been a formal grace period for wristbands and there has been some confusion about this issue. As of May 7th the 2011 wristbands are needed to access the Central and East pools. The Central Pool opened for Swim At Your Own Risk Swimming March 1, 2011. So for argument's sake, the "Grace Period" ends MAY 7th, 2011. We thank all Summerwood residents for your cooperation. The wristband policy is a means of protecting our aquatic assets.

Your Summerwood Pool Committee (SPC) normally meets the third Thursday of each month in the Central Clubhouse boardroom at 7:30pm. We welcome residents to attend and bring up pool related issues. The SPC tries to respond to emails through the Summerwood website. However, it is not always possible to do so in a timely manner. Your SPC is an advisory board consisting of seven volunteer Summerwood residents. You may also send us an email to swpool. committee@gmail.com. Any urgent pool matters should be brought to the attention of CIA Services at 281-852-1700.

Central Pool opened March 1 for Swim at Your Own Risk Tuesday - Sundays from 4:30am to 9pm. GHPM lifeguards will begin working on weekends starting April 30th.

Please note that the Summerwood Stingrays Swim team will start practice the last week of April at the Central Pool. Go Stingrays! Practice will run from 4:00pm – 7:30pm Tuesday – Friday through the month of May. Only Summerwood Stingray team members may be inside the Central gates during practice. During Stingrays practice, Summerwood residents may use the East pool. Barring any unanticipated circumstance, we plan to close both pools on Mondays for cleaning for the month of May. In June we will resume the regular cleaning schedule: Central will be closed on Mondays and East will close Tuesdays. You may view the entire Summerwood Pool schedule on line at Summerwoodlife.com.

Please pick up your wristband if you haven't already!

We hope to see you Saturday, May 7th for SPLASH DAY, the official opening of the 2011 Swim season!

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## ాండి Health & Safety ాండి Tiny Batteries are a Threat to Tots

It's a given that curious babies put everything they touch in their mouths. And today, there's a growing threat to your little ones from small, round button-cell (lithium) batteries found in common household items. These batteries power remote controls and musical greeting cards, and are also found in children's products such as vibrating teethers and books with sound effects.



Although these small batteries are a choking hazard, they present a much greater danger if ingested. The batteries produce a chemical reaction with the moist lining of the child's gastrointestinal tract, and can result in serious burns and injuries, or even death.

Child safety groups are working to make parents and caregivers aware of this threat, emphasizing the importance of keeping batteries out of the reach of children. Consumer protection groups are petitioning manufacturers to make battery compartments more secure, and to put warning labels on product packaging.

At home, store these batteries in a secure place and do not to dispose of them in a trash can where a curious child could retrieve them. Seek immediate medical treatment for a child if you know (or even suspect) that a battery has been swallowed – lasting damage can occur within a few short hours.

## Need a Job? Network!

🗢 🗢 🗢 Helpful Hints 👟

here are three easy steps to getting noticed in today's digitally dominated job market—network, network, network. Here's how:

**Use Social Networks.** If you aren't already on business-focused social media sites like LinkedIn, set up a profile.

Make an impact by using video. Capture a potential employer's attention by



recording a short, introductory video of yourself, upload it to YouTube, and include the link on your resume. **Be prepared to pitch yourself in 15 seconds.** When you are networking, resist the urge to give a ten-minute introduction about yourself. Instead, prepare a fifteen-second "elevator pitch" that focuses on your career high points and important skills.

**Be a mover and a shaker.** Force yourself to get outside your comfort zone. Introduce yourself to new people and find out as much as you can about them. The more you move around from group to group, the more connections you will be able to make. *Courtesy of RISMedia, publisher of Real Estate Magazine.* 

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It's Magic! Lakeshore

Lakeshore Elementary By Cassie Pfeifer, Lakeshore Student Council Sponsor

Lakeshore Elementary 5th grade students recently participated in the 2nd Annual LSE Manners Banquet. This special event allowed students to practice their table etiquette during a "magic" themed lunch. Administrators, teachers, and students truly had a "magical" experience!





## **SUMMERWOOD**

## Deputy Aaron Gardiner

The Harris County Sheriff Office has announced the assignment of Deputy Aaron Gardiner to serve as the new daytime contract officer for Summerwood. He replaces the contract of Deputy Richard King who retired recently. Deputy Gardiner is hard at work learning the layout of the community and meeting the residents.

The Summerwood HOA joins with MUDs 342, 344, and 361 to provide and maintain the contracts for the HCSO deputies that serve the Summerwood community.

We appreciate the HOA and the MUDs for the many services they render and we welcome Deputy Gardiner to our community!

Stork Report

Kevin and Brandi Voisin, and big sister Alexis, of Jadestone Terrace proudly announce the arrival of Daphne Marie Voisin. This beautiful little princess was born Thursday, February 24th.



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Make a Splas With the Summerwdod Stingrays!

The Summerwood Stingrays is a summer-league swim team comprised of children ages four to eighteen. Opened to families residing in Summerwood area and surrounding communities including Lakeside Terrace, Lake Shore, Summer Lake Ranch and Water's Edge, summer swim league is a parent run organization.

Conceived to foster competitive swimming, good sportsmanship, and the development of teamwork, the Stingrays are excited about launching the 2011 swim season.

#### Our registration for the new season will be held at the Clubhouse Central on:

- Thursday, April 14 5:30pm 8:30pm
- Saturday, April 16 9:00am 12:00pm

The Stingrays are pleased to announce that John Dissinger, Head Swimming & Diving Coach at Summer Creek High School, will be coaching the team again this season. "It's great to participate in the development of a competitive swimming program in Summerwood. My experience with these 160+ swimmers and their parents has been rewarding, and I'm looking forward to another winning season." - John Dissinger

More information about the Stingrays, including registration paperwork and meet schedules, can be found by visiting www. summerwoodstingrays.com.







Meet Treyvon

Every day across Texas, thousands of children like 11 year old Treyvon wonder where today will lead them. Having been removed from their families due to abuse and or neglect, these children are looking for stable, loving family relationships that will allow them to feel safe and secure. Often these children are moved from one foster home to another as they experience difficulty adjusting to new rules, roles and expectations they have never experienced before and are ill prepared to meet. They face a never ending stream of changes in care givers, schools, caseworkers and foster siblings that often results in a sense of hopelessness and a lack of investment in relationships because they have found that caring leads to loss.

Despite these challenges, these children can be resilient. They bring strengths to their situation that can help to overcome the obvious challenges they face. Take Treyvon, for example. He is anything but an average child! In fact, he is an extremely bright child, who excels in all subjects at school. His future is hopeful as he desires to become an architect, engineer or author. Treyvon is a well rounded child who enjoys outdoor activities like football, swimming and riding horses. Like most boys his age, he loves to eat, with his favorite foods being pepperoni pizza and spaghetti with meatballs. Trevon needs a structured family that will provide him the love, encouragement and discipline that he needs while understanding the challenges he faces in adapting to a world much different from his early life experiences. He has a great mind that needs stimulation and direction to help him accomplish



his goals. Adopting a child like Treyvon

from the foster care system is not difficult or expensive. Perhaps you and your family would be a good place for Treyvon to learn and grow.

For more information, please contact Stephanie Berka, Wendy's Wonderful Kids Recruiter, Adoption Coalition of Texas at 512-450-8750 or email at stephanieberka@adopttexas.org

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## Spring Landscaping & Gardening Tips

Here in Houston it's time to start planning for the soon to come spring garden activities. For those of you who need a little guidance on what your landscape needs will be and some helpful hints to properly prepare we have outlined some of the most commonly asked questions. The following suggestions can help yield the desired results for you and your neighbors.

Before the weather starts to warm up have a plan to keep your landscape properly watered, this is very important. Those of you that have an automatic irrigation system can take advantage of this time to check it and make sure all repairs have been made prior to the extreme conditions we will face in the summer. Remember to set your irrigation controller to water between the hours of 2:00am and 6:30am. For those of you that do not have the benefit of an automatic irrigation system you will need to come up with a way to water with hoses and portable sprinklers. We suggest trying to use more than one sprinkler at a time if possible, this will save you some time. Set a schedule that will allow you to water in the early evening, when the sun is starting to set. Even though the best time to water is early in the morning this watering time may fit better in your daily schedule while still allowing you to help prevent the loss of water due to evaporation. Also make sure your hoses are in good condition and have no leaks. Don't over water and make sure your sprinklers are adjusted; this will help conserve water. The most important thing to consider is to evaluate the needs of your landscape and water accordingly.

Another item that many people have questions about is the type of fertilizer they should use and when to apply it. In our opinion, the most beneficial formulation for a spring lawn fertilizer with a post emergent, to take care of broadleaf weeds, would be the Scott's 29-3-4 blend with Atrizene. Another formulation we would recommend that is a well balanced lawn fertilizer without any post emergent would be a 15-5-10 blend. Both of these fertilizers will promote a healthy green lawn. There are also special formulated fertilizers for your hibiscus, azaleas, camellias, bougainvilleas and other plant material that have special needs. All or most of these fertilizers can be found at your local lawn and garden centers as well as the Home Depot. Fertilizer needs to be applied at the rate recommended on the label, using the recommended spreader. Please remember one thing, (Continued on Page 11)



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#### Spring Landscaping - (Continued from Page 10)

"more is not better", especially when comes to fertilizers blended to control weeds with herbicides. Fertilizers should be applied during the first two weeks in March. After the fertilizer is applied make sure to wash down or sweep off concrete walks and driveways, this will help prevent discoloration caused from iron.

If you have any perennial plant material, such as ornamental grasses, groundcover or other such plants, cut back these plants to a one inch stub after the last chance of freezing temperatures. Other plants that have been damaged from the cold weather may need to be trimmed instead of cut back. The trimming required for these plants may be minor; this will be up to you. Crepe myrtles will also need to be trimmed not cut back. When trimming your crepe myrtles remove any rubbing branches and deadwood then trim only the tips that are no larger than approximately <sup>1</sup>/<sub>4</sub> of an inch.

We recommend mulching all beds and tree wells, doing this protects your plant's root system as well as adds a rich clean look to your landscaped beds. Apply the mulch after you have completed all of your trimming and cutting back any of your perennials. Try not to apply more than two inches of mulch at one time.

Spring is a great time to start enjoying your lawn and all of your hard work; however this is just the beginning of our growing season and all of the work it takes to have a beautifully landscaped yard.

Enjoy your spring garden work!

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#### ATHLETICS AND SPORTS MEDICINE

Dr. Shybut has extensive experience in providing sports medicine team and event coverage for a variety of organizations including the Houston Texans, Houston Astros and Houston Rockets. He is the team physician for Humble ISD with responsibility for Atascocita High School, Humble High School and Summer Creek High School.

Dr. Shybut's interest in athletics and sports medicine also stems from his personal pursuits. He competed as a college athlete at Harvard, rowing for the freshman and varsity lightweight crews. Following his intercollegiate rowing career, he became an avid runner, having completed six marathons, including the Boston and New York marathons. Dr. Shybut remains professionally connected as a member of the American Orthopaedic Society for Sports Medicine, the American Academy of Orthopaedic Surgeons and the Arthroscopy Association of North America.

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