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OFFICIAL NEWSLETTER OF THE SUMMERWOOD COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION, INC.

Summerwood Casino Night - A Big Success!

Over 100 residents came out to have fun at our annual Casino Night Event. There were several gaming options, including Black Jack, Roulette, Craps, and Texas Hold 'Em available at our only "ADULT ONLY" event of the year.

Chances to win one of a dozen awesome prizes had folks playing the night away. The lucky winners are listed below.



Casino Night Winners

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ASTROS PACK..... ISAAC V.
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Yard of the Month JULY 2012

The Summerwood Beautification Committee would like to congratulate the July, Summerwood Yard of the Month Winner!

*The Carmean Family
of Yaupon Holly Lane*

The Carmean family will have a "Yard of the Month" sign displayed in their yard for the month of July, and 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 a neighbor, or even your own yard? The nominations should be emailed to summerwoodnewsletter@gmail.com and must be received by the 8th of each month. Please include the name and address of the resident and submit a jpeg photo with your nomination.





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**AUGUST 2ND
NOVEMBER 1ST**

Please RSVP to
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We Hope to See You There!

REMINDER...

The purpose of this event is to bring current resident and new residents together! We want to showcase all the wonderful amenities and offerings Summerwood has for new residents as they embark on a new chapter of their life.

NEW RESIDENTS

Welcome to the neighborhood! Please take a moment to register for a user account on www.SummerwoodLife.com if you have not already done so. Don't forget to RSVP for one of our informative Welcome events!

CURRENT RESIDENTS

Please feel free to RSVP for the welcome events and come meet some of Summerwood's newest homeowners. While the presentation portion of the event will be geared toward new residents, current residents are welcome to attend and maybe learn something new about the community.

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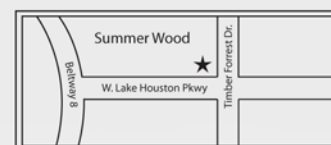
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Summerwood Girl Scout Project

Submitted by Allison Warren, Troop Leader

Summerwood Girl Scout Brownie Troop 9553 and Cadet Troop 9554 worked together on a service project for Waste Management. They were given a recycle dumpster to design and paint. Grace Stewart, with help from Madison Saenz, designed the dumpster and both troops worked to paint it. It was displayed at Discovery Green on Earth Day and was taken to the Humble ISD Fine Arts Festival.



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Crime Watch Committee Update

Submitted by Barbara Probandt

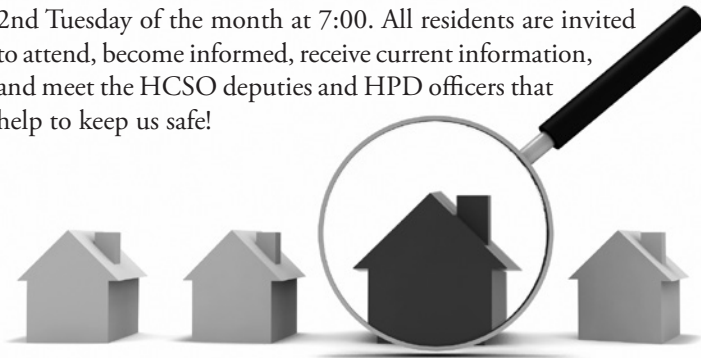
Our beautiful Summerwood community continues to be one of the safest neighborhoods in this city! However, no area of this city or any other city is free from criminal activity of some kind or another. It is the objective of the Crime Watch Committee to provide you with information and strive to raise awareness in ways you can protect your property and personal safety.

After hearing from our HCSO contract deputies and the HPD officers that patrol Summerwood it has been stressed that burglary of motor vehicles (BMVs) are still most prevalent crime in entire area of Houston. One criminal technique to be aware of is car hopping, where two or more thugs work the streets and can hit 15-20 cars in a block. They are often crime rings from outside our area, hit nice communities such as ours in the early hours of the morning, and usually are found to have drug problems. They sell whatever they can find for cash.

WHAT WE CAN DO:

- Keep eyes and ears open
- Lock car doors
- Keep garages locked
- Arm your burglar alarm system and driveway monitors
- Use motion lights, motion sensors and video security

Crime Watch Committee meets at the central clubhouse on the 2nd Tuesday of the month at 7:00. All residents are invited to attend, become informed, receive current information, and meet the HCSO deputies and HPD officers that help to keep us safe!



SUMMERWOOD PHOTO CONTEST

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 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!



This photo was taken during the first week of summer vacation and shows a fun filled carefree day at the East Pool.

Photo submitted by Barbara Probandt

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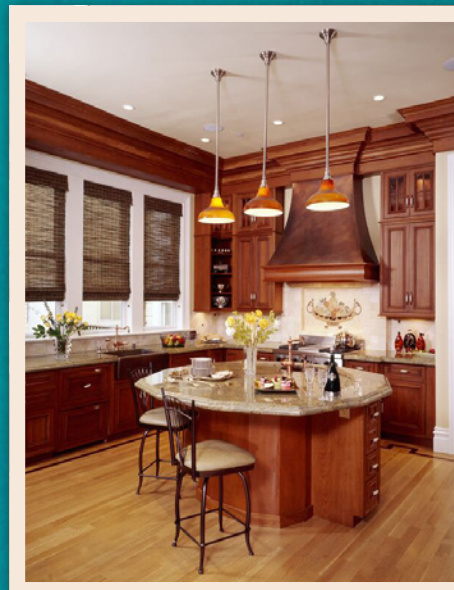
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Adult Lifelong Learning Classes

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Beginning in the fall of this year, ALL classes will be offered for the first time at the new Lone Star College off-site center on West Lake Houston Parkway in the Lakeshore subdivision. The program is for senior adults who are 50 years of age or older. The initial fee to enroll in the ALL program is \$20 a year per membership year which is September 1 – August 31, and after that any of the classes at this campus are available and free of charge. Instructors in the program as well as the classroom assistants and the Advisory Committee are made up completely of volunteers.

An open house for adults 50 and older is scheduled for Tuesday, August 14th from 2:00- 4:00 and all interested senior adults are invited to come, visit the facility, and enroll in the program at that time.

For more details and information on this program you may contact Barbara Probandt, Summerwood area ALL advisory representative, at protexan@entouch.net or you may contact Pat Chandler, LSC Continuing Education Dept, Patricia.L.Chandler@lonestar.edu

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SOME COMMON REQUESTS FOR ITEMS REQUIRING APPROVAL ARE:

- Exterior painting-Change of color
- Roof replacement or installation involving change of color or quality (minimum of 25 yr warranty)
- Installation of pools or spas
- Installation or replacement of patio covers, screens, windows, etc.
- Construction or replacement of decks or patios
- Construction and placement of all storage buildings and play yards
- Installation or replacement of siding
- Front yard accessories and landscaping changes
- Alteration to the type, style, or size of fencing that was put in by the builder.
- Changes of any type to the original driveway, sidewalks, etc.

Please note that this list is not inclusive of all items requiring ARC approval.

Please review your deed restrictions and guidelines for complete information regarding requirements for above listed items as well as any other construction or repairs. A copy of the guidelines and deed restrictions can be obtained on www.ciaservices.com and the community website www.summerwoodlife.com.

To access information at www.summerwoodlife.com:

- Sign in with your user name and password.
- Click on the Document Library tab on the left hand side.
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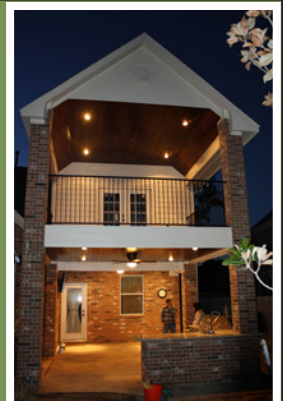


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<i>Spring Yard Sale</i> <i>April 21</i> <i>Club Summerwood</i>	<i>NNO</i> <i>October 2</i> <i>Club Summerwood</i>
<i>Casino Night</i> <i>May 18</i> <i>TBD</i>	<i>Fall Festival</i> <i>October 20</i> <i>Club Summerwood</i>
	<i>Fall Garage Sale</i> <i>November 3</i>
<i>July 4th</i> <i>Independence Day Parade & Picnic</i> <i>Club Summerwood</i>	<i>Winter Festival</i> <i>December 1</i> <i>Club Summerwood</i>

***All Dates and locations are subject to change.
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Tennis Anyone?

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- 1. Tennis shoes must be worn on the courts.
- 2. Limit play to 3 sets if others are waiting
- 3. Glass containers, animals, skates or vehicles of any kind are not allowed inside the fenced area.
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- Keep trash in appropriate containers with lids closed
- Put containers and trash out the morning of collection by 7:00 AM in the trash bins that have been provided to you.
- Put containers out of the way of streets and driveways.
- Return trash can(s) from street and store them out of public view the same day after pickup until the next collection day.

OTHER NOTES FROM REPUBLIC WASTE:

If your collection days fall on a holiday, trash will be collected on the next regularly scheduled collection day. Scheduled holidays include Christmas Day, New Year's Day, and Thanksgiving Day. Heavy trash shall be placed within five feet of the curbside and will be picked up on the 4th Wednesday of each month. Heavy trash consists of appliances, hot water heaters, mattresses, and heavy or large volumes of yard waste. All branches and tree limbs must be cut into four (4') lengths and tied into small bundles that can be lifted and handled by a single person. Bundles should be no larger than eighteen inches (18') in diameter and weigh no more than approximately forty (40) pounds.

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Financial Focus - Student Loans Crushing College Grads

Submitted by Rich Keith

Today's college grads are facing the "real world" with an extra scoop of debt. Two-thirds of students graduating from college or graduate school have student loans – about \$25,000 on average. That's a 25% increase over the past 10 years. In fact, today's twentysomething holds an average debt of \$45,000, including everything from student loans to mortgages and credit cards. Unfortunately, unemployment for those aged 18-29 is 12.4%, well above the national rate of 8.2%.

Don't feel as if you have to be the savior. Six in 10 boomers report giving financial help (outside of college tuition) to a child or grandchild in the past five years. Of those, \$59,000 was the average amount of aid. If this sounds like you, ask yourself: Do I really have the resources? Am I saving enough for retirement? Try to share more financial wisdom and less cash with your adult offspring. The more you save for your own future means less possibility that you'll need their help later on.



Without going into too much detail, share the family financial picture with your children once they hit the mid-teen years. They need to know the family income is X and it takes Y amount to cover the mortgage and bills. Once they see X minus Y in action they will be surprised at how much it actually costs to run a household.

This may have a side benefit of limiting how much and how often your children ask you for money and gifts.

Children who have a basic understanding of money, especially the corrosive effects of debt, have a better chance of becoming financially independent later in life. They will be more resistant to the credit card offers sure to come to them in their freshman year at college. And they will more ready to partner with their parents as the family manages their college finances with them.

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Tech-Etiquette: Is there an App for Civility?

Submitted by Darcy Folsom

In today's age of apps and gadgets, it's likely that you or someone you know has benefitted handily from the ubiquitous smartphone in today's digitally-dependent society. If the question were posed to our current generation, "What item would you never want to be without?" it is fair to say that most individuals living in 21st century America would answer: "My phone!" Without our phones, it is certain that many of us would be lost. We would be unable to text, tweet, phone, email, face time, and even friend or like another individual. Would we really? Is American society becoming so dependent upon these technological devices that we are challenged to even recognize our our humanity within? How many young men and women know the value of the age-old adage "Never leave home without a smile?" Is who we were created to be, in such competition with what we hold in our hand, that we have forgotten the simple value of kindness - shared in a smile, of gratification - by greeting another with a genuine handshake? Is it technology that propels our lives, or are we doing our best to prepare our lives to propel the technology that supports them?

Regardless of how many apps and buttons and gadgets, and even insurance, we carry on our smartphones, could it be that we have something even better when it comes to insuring our ability to connect with the people we like? Or to be-Friend those to whom we're attracted, or bring restitution to those un-Friended? Today's digitally-dependent generation has a challenge before them that

none before have known. That is, being able to successfully pair technology with common courtesy. Remembering what our grandmothers taught us about the civilities of life (carried in our hip pockets) may apply more today, than any app could ever provide. But pairing the art of civility with the current age of technology requires practice. The 21st century can only get better as those old-fashioned manners make their way from our pockets to the person next to us. After all, the words we speak are far more significant than the technology that transmits them. Why not polish a few points of etiquette this summer and complement your savvy skills on your smartphone? By doing so, you and your smartphone may just move from merely getting the message delivered, to doing so with principles that shape our character and improve our attitudes about both our electronic devices, and the lives of those who use them.

TIP #1 - When you take a call in the presence of another person, you are communicating, "You are secondary; the caller is more important than you are." If you are expecting a call, let your companion know in advance, and excuse yourself before taking the call, limiting the call to under one minute. Never use a cell phone on a date, unless there is an emergency.

TIP #2 - If you find it necessary to use your smartphone while driving, make it a habit to get into your car, buckle up, and prepare your hand's free device to activate the call BEFORE starting your engine.

TIP #3 - Allow your personality, not your PDA to impress others. Avoid using novelty

ringtones, and choose the vibrate option as much as possible.

TIP #4 - Remove your earpiece when not on the phone. Always keep your phone in a pocket or a purse, rather than laying it on the table next to you.

TIP #5 - When in a public place, refrain from using your ear buds to listen to your favorite playlist. Instead, be prepared to greet those who are near you, looking oncoming passersby in the eye, with a smile and "Hello!" This is not only courteous, but it is also a way to remain sure about your surroundings.

As you travel to the lake or the seaside with friends, consider the value that a few manners may add to the dynamics of your summer relationships. Ask the question - is there something more fundamental than a fancy app, or gadget insurance to satisfy our lack? What have we already been given as a way to connect with the people we like, and those we want to be-Friend? Rather than search your smartphone for the latest apps, ask your companion's permission to practice with them, as you begin to apply these principles of Tech-Etiquette. These courtesies will both benefit the words we speak and the actions we offer, as we engage those around us with the very acts of courtesy we desire for others to share with us. Practicing the art of civility alongside the technology that propels our lives, I believe we will see our digitally-dependent generation become the one to re-engage our culture with civility and the accomplished principles of common courtesy.

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