

# SUMMERWOOD LIFE

OFFICIAL NEWSLETTER OF THE SUMMERWOOD COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION, INC.

## July 4th Parade and Pool Party was a blast!

Hopefully you made it out to participate in the Annual Summerwood July 4th Parade and Pool Party. A great time was had by all ages! The kids did a fabulous job of decorating their bikes, wagons, power wheels, strollers and even their dogs! This year, the Harwells of Lady Jane Court, led the parade around Lake Anne in their awesome red X Buggy. There were many great entries in the parade and the judges had a hard time picking winners in each of the categories. All winners were awarded a \$25 gift card to Toys R Us, except Lilly the dog, who won a \$25 gift card to Pet Smart. After the parade, there was more fun to be had at the July 4th Pool Party. Favorite party man, Joey with Party Animals, led some entertaining pool games including Texas sized twister, hula hoop contests, and a water balloon fight with 1200+ water balloons.

If you didn't get to join in the 4th of July celebrations, mark your calendar now so you don't miss out on all the fun next year!

We would like to give a HUGE shout out to Boy Scout Troop #1922 and Cub Scout Pack #922! This event wouldn't have been nearly as successful without you! And to all our service men and women out there....THANK YOU for your service to our country so that we could have such a wonderful day!



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## Update from the Summerwood Pool Committee

Some say that Christmas is “the most wonderful time of the year”. However, to many parents the month of August is – specifically August 20th this year. That is when all the little ones head back to school and parents get a much needed break from all of the summer “vacation”.

Here at the pool committee, August signals a much different time. For starters, the start of school means another pool season is starting to wind down. We want to thank everyone for helping make this year one of our most successful ever! We especially appreciated all of the comments, criticisms, and suggestions from our residents. Your valuable input has helped us focus on implementing items of importance to the residents.

Secondly, August begins our busy planning season at the pool committee. Items such as the green tables with umbrellas that everyone loves or the shade structure at the splash pad were decided during our planning sessions in the fall months. We are already considering everything from wristband color to a potential splash pad at the Central Pool. We would love your input on these ideas as well as any others you might have. The Pool Committee meets the 3rd Thursday of every month at 8:00pm in the Central clubhouse. Summerwood residents are ALWAYS welcome.

Finally, August is the time of year when we look to add members to our volunteer committee. We currently have both one and two-year positions available and would love to have YOU on board. If you have one hour a month available our requirements are as follows: 1. Be a team player. 2. Have a healthy sense of humor. So, if you are a Summerwood resident, who is passionate about our property values and our pool amenities, please reach out to us at: [swpool.committee@gmail.com](mailto:swpool.committee@gmail.com)

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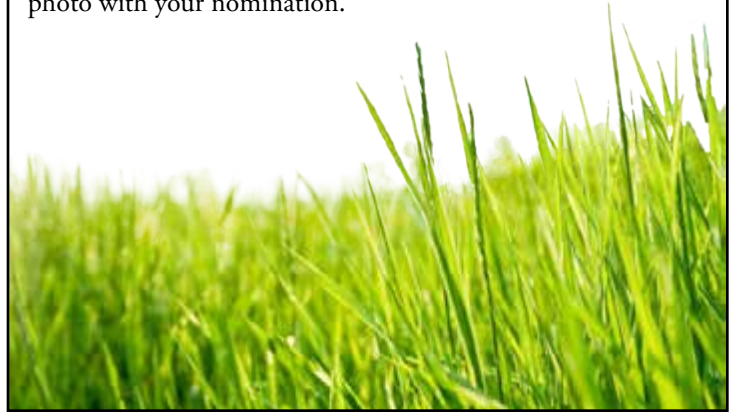
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### THE AUGUST WINNER IS THE OLMOS FAMILY

The Olmos family of Eden Manor Lane enjoys spending their summer at the Summerwood pools. The children love sliding down the slide and having the water dunk on their heads. They swim at the east pool two to three times a week.



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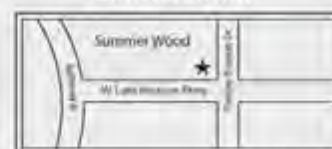
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**Tuesday, August 21**

4:00 pm/Fifth Grade

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**Wednesday, August 22**

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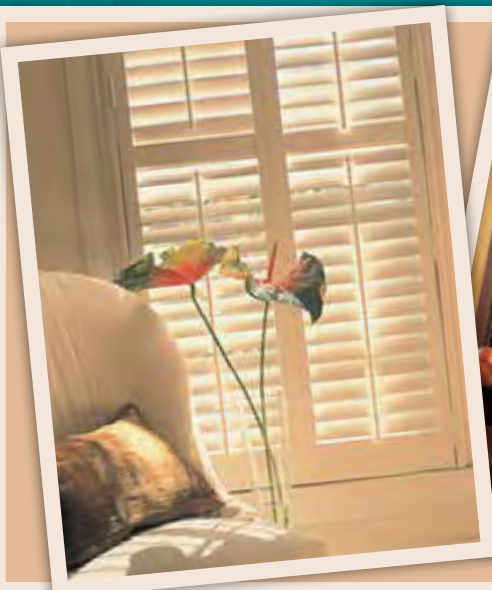
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*By Barbara Probandt*

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16439	11/5/2012	M	01:00PM	02:00PM	Intro to Genealogy
15926	9/11/2012	TU	01:00PM	02:00PM	Health: Dementia 101
16441	9/11/2012	TU	02:30PM	04:00PM	Gardening: Preparing Beds
15921	9/13/2012	TH	01:00PM	03:00PM	TX History: The Alamo
16036	9/18-9/25/2012	TU-2 WKS	03:30PM	04:30PM	Asian Cooking
15927	10/24/2012	W	02:30PM	04:30PM	Health: Tao-Te-Ching
15924	9/19/2012	W	01:00PM	02:00PM	Discussion: Media Bias
16037	9/20/2012	TH	01:30PM	03:00PM	Legal: Estate Planning
16038	9/25/2012	TU	01:30PM	03:00PM	Legal: Probate
16442	10/2/2012	TU	02:30PM	04:00PM	Gardening: Lawn Care
15922	10/8/2012	M	01:00PM	03:00PM	TX History: Goliad Massacre
16160	10/16/2012	TU	02:00PM	03:30PM	US Military in Iraq & Afghanistan
16431	10/17/2012	W	01:00PM	02:00PM	Women's Health & Menopause
16158	10/18/2012	TH	02:00PM	03:30PM	Medical - Diabetes
16440	10/23/2012	TU	12:30PM	03:30PM	Domestic Violence
15925	10/24/2012	W	01:00PM	02:00PM	Discussion: Family Values
16436	10/25/2012	TH	01:30PM	03:00PM	Organ Called Skin
16039	11/1/2012	TH	01:00PM	03:00PM	Calligraphy
16443	11/6/2012	TU	02:30PM	04:00PM	Gardening: Winter Gardening
15923	11/12/2012	M	01:00PM	03:00PM	TX History: San Jacinto
16438	11/14/2012	W	01:30PM	03:00PM	Permanent Makeup

\*Last minute additions to class schedule include:

- Apps for the Smartphone - offered on September 12th
- Discussion: Problems in the High School System -offered on October 3rd
- Discussion: Problems in the College System –offered on October 10th.



## SUMMERWOOD CRIME WATCH COMMITTEE SUGGESTS WAYS TO Keep Your Home Safe While on Vacation

Vacations are fun-filled times away from home, but before you hit the road, take a few precautions so your home isn't enticing to thieves or susceptible to fire and other disasters. Consider implementing these safety tips to keep your home and our community secure.

Call on friends for help. If you're going to be away a week or more, ask a trusted friend to check on your house every day or two—or better yet, housesit—while you're gone. Not only will they make sure nothing happens to your home, but you might also ask them to bring in your mail and newspapers, water plants or even feed Fluffy.

Set your lights on a timer. Leaving your house unlit for days on end is a sure sign to burglars that it's empty, but so is keeping the lights on 24-7. A good way to handle the lights on/off conundrum is to set them on a timer that's scheduled to simulate your regular routine. Of course, if the lights seem a bit too simulated, that can be another telltale sign, so it's a good idea to set the timers in individual rooms on staggered schedules to make the light coming from your home seem more natural.

Don't advertise your vacation. Resist the urge to brag about your upcoming vacation on social networking sites. Nothing is more inviting to a bad guy than knowing your home will be sitting empty for a week. This is particularly true for your children who may not recognize that their small circle of cyber-friends is electronically linked to the whole world.

Stop your mail and newspaper. Nothing screams "nobody's home!" like a pile of newspapers strewn about your doorstep or an overflowing mailbox. So, if you can't get a friend or neighbor to collect them for you, it's best to have your mail and paper stopped if you're going to be out of town for awhile.

Don't leave the spare house key lying around. That fake rock where you keep the extra house key isn't as discrete as you think. Whether you keep a spare under your welcome mat, above the door frame or in a hide-a-key contraption, chances are it will take the nefarious types five minutes flat to find it and gain easy entry to your house. So take it with you, let a friend hold onto it, or put it in a safe place inside your house, even if you're worried about losing your other keys. Because when it comes down to it, calling a locksmith is less traumatic than calling the police.

Make a last-minute checklist. Are all the windows and doors locked? Stove and oven turned off? How about all the faucets? Are the electronics unplugged and valuables secured? Take five minutes before you leave to ensure your house is vacation-ready. Another run-through of the house may seem unnecessary if you did it earlier in the day, but knowing you've left your house as safe as possible will help you kick back and have a great vacation.

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### KIDS NEED TO KNOW:

- Neighborhood boundaries and whose homes they may visit.
- Whom to call and where to go in an emergency.
- Their full name, address and telephone number.
- To keep doors locked and not open the door if they are home alone.
- Not to approach a vehicle or accept a ride from anyone without your permission.
- To avoid pools and other bodies of water without adult supervision.
- Their curfew, and to call you if they will be late.

### PARENTS ALSO SHOULD REMEMBER TO:

- Supervise children at malls, movies, arcades and parks.
- Choose and screen babysitters with care.
- Investigate day care centers and recreational camps thoroughly before enrolling your children.
- Always listen to your children.

For more information, visit The National Center for Missing & Exploited Children's website at [www.ncmec.org](http://www.ncmec.org).



## Gratitude is the key

### UNLOCKING THE DOORS TO TREASURES IN OUR CHILDREN

*By Sugandha Jain*

Gratitude is an instant mood converter. Gratefulness is the knife that melds impatience to patience, fear to love and anxiety to peace. Enveloped by the clouds of thankfulness, we can soar high in the air of optimism. Our aura is immediately cleansed when we fill our thoughts with praise. Relationships glow under the varnish of a positive expression in mutual affection.

We only have to look around us to realize how blessed we are. Being mindful of the generosity of people, beauty in our surroundings and the uniqueness of our own spirits can help us appreciate our fortunate existence.

Opening ourselves to receiving divine grace that is already a part of our lives makes us acknowledge our own sacredness. We appreciate our oneness with the universe and what we feel as a result, is gratitude on being a part of the whole. We feel love, we feel complete.

Modeling gratefulness with our families can help children open their hearts to the love and light in everything they do. Daily writing in their Gratitude Journal can gradually shift children's consciousness to a higher dimension.

Constantly reminding children to see the lessons presented by events instead of sulking on challenges can be an exercise in life-long learning. When we encourage children to make choices, evaluate them and re-choose options that help them feel grateful, we show them how to be free.

Together, we find that our interactions with each other have always been complete; the missing link in the puzzle in seeking out and seeding in the Om of smile- the symbol of thankfulness.

*Sugandha Jain is a Master Registered Texas Trainer and Director of Accreditation at a local preschool.*

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# Back To School Checklist

Ensuring a  
Healthy Return  
to the Classroom  
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As a parent, there's no doubt that back-to-school season requires a lot of effort to get your kids all set for the challenges of the classroom. But it's also an important time to consider your child's health, says Daniel Howard, M.D., a pediatrician with The Austin Diagnostic Clinic (ADC).

"From making sure all of the proper vaccinations have been administered on schedule, to getting their kids back on 'school year' sleep schedules, health is obviously a huge consideration for parents with school-age children," Dr. Howard says.

- **Vaccinations 101.** Children should receive a variety of vaccinations and booster shots to prevent them from getting many serious and highly contagious diseases.
- **Hearing and vision tests.** Consider getting your child's hearing and vision tested before they begin school to prevent learning challenges in the classroom.
- **Health information.** Parents should be prepared to provide schools with a list of emergency contact information that includes telephone numbers for parents, close family, pediatrician, and dentist.
- **Diet and sleep.** Healthy eating is a critical part of a child's physical and mental development and can help curb the risk of childhood obesity. Sleep is also essential—kids should get between eight to 11 hours per day, depending on their age.

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## Immunizations: Not Just for Kids

By: Concentra Urgent Care

Although most toddlers in the United States have received all recommended vaccines, many adults and adolescents have not. These missed vaccinations increase their risk for infection, hospitalization, death, and disease spread, and they contribute to the estimated \$10 billion that is spent annually on vaccine preventable diseases in the United States.

Evidence shows that currently approved vaccines are safe and effective. However, coverage rates for persons of all ages vary nationwide. Reasons cited include lack of health insurance, unfamiliarity with vaccine recommendations, limited access at physicians' offices, or the perceived cost of vaccines.

What you need to know is that obtaining recommended vaccines in a timely manner can prevent disease. The Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices (ACIP) recommends the immunization schedule to the right for generally healthy adults and adolescents.

For more information about immunizations and where to get them, contact your health care provider, your Concentra health specialist, or visit the CDC's Web Site at: [www.cdc.gov/vaccines](http://www.cdc.gov/vaccines).

*\*Specific recommendations for individuals may vary depending on age, prior immunization history and the presence of other existing conditions; please see the Centers for Disease Control (CDC) Web site at: <http://www.cdc.gov/vaccines/recs/schedules/default.htm>*

### IMMUNIZATION SCHEDULE RECOMMENDATIONS

#### INFLUENZA:

Yearly, especially if at risk

#### MENINGOCOCCAL:

One dose, age 11-12 or 13-18 if not previously immunized

#### TETANUS-DIPHTHERIA/TETANUS

One dose, age 11-12, then booster

#### DIPHTHERIA-PERTUSSIS:

every 10 years

#### HUMAN PAPILLOMA VIRUS

Three doses, age 11-26 (females only):

#### MEASLES - MUMPS - RUBELLA:

If born after 1956, one or two doses if never immunized up to age 65

#### PNEUMOCOCCAL:

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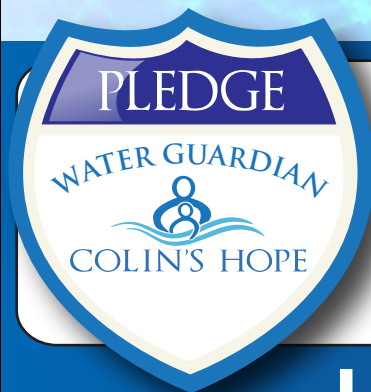
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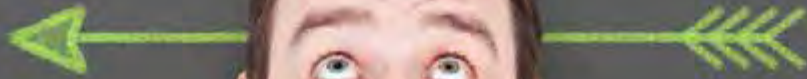
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