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SATURDAY, MARCH 23

**SPRING EVENT**

SATURDAY, APRIL 20

**GARAGE SALE**

SATURDAY, MAY 4

**CASINO NIGHT**

SATURDAY, MAY 18

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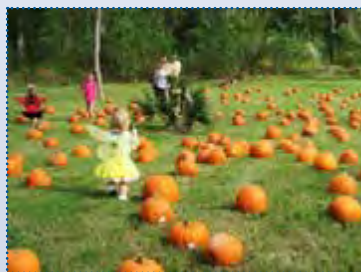
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## Top 10 Ways to Get a Cleaner Inspection Report

1. Confirm gas, water and electricity are turned on and gas pilot lights are burning.
2. Ensure pets won't hinder inspection. Tell Realtor about cats or other animals to be kept inside. NOTE: Kenneling or taking the pets to the spa for the day is recommended.
3. Replace any burned out light bulbs.
4. Test all smoke and carbon monoxide detectors. Replace batteries if needed.
5. Clean or replace dirty HVAC Air Filters. Verify filters fit and are properly secured.
6. Move wood, stored items, high soil lines or debris away from foundations perimeter walls.
7. Unlock or remove locks from any items the inspectors must access: Gates on fences, Attic Access Hatches or Doors, Electric Service Panels, Special Closets, Crawl Space Hatches, for pier-and-beam construction
8. Confirm areas and components are accessible by removing items blocking access to: Electric Service panels, Heating & Air Conditioning Equipment, Water Heaters, Ground-fault Circuit-interrupters (GFCI) receptacles or devices, Attic or Crawl Space Hatches, NOTE: remove items that might restrict movement in attic or crawl space.
9. Trim tree limbs away from the roof covering and trim shrubs away from the exterior walls to allow access.
10. Repair or Replace broken, damaged or missing items: Door knobs, locks & latches, Window locks & Broken glass, Window screens, Anti-siphon devices on exterior faucets, Rain gutters & downspouts, Chimney flue caps.

**Take these actions and your home inspection will go faster and will result in a "cleaner" inspection report. Good news for Seller, Buyer and Realtor alike!**



January 4, 2013 was an exciting day as we awarded the first "Rebekah Snipp Scholarship" to Lauren Martinez. In May 2012, Lauren a graduate of Humble High School was selected to receive the 2012 scholarship. When she visited with me on January 4th, she said that she received our letter in the mail notifying her she had been selected on her Prom day, it made her day. It was awesome to learn more about what Lauren wants to accomplish. She is currently attending the University of Texas in Austin with a goal of becoming an Attorney. It was an honor to present Lauren the scholarship check for \$1,000.00. **2013 seniors attending Humble High, Atascocita High and Summer Creek High school are encouraged to visit [majorleaguehomes.com](http://majorleaguehomes.com) to learn more about how to apply for the 2013 scholarship.**

Thank you for allowing me the opportunity to assist with all your real estate needs, which allows me to give back to the community in many ways. I'm so blessed and appreciative!

Respectfully, Rebekah Snipp

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## Summerwood Welcomes Lakeside Methodist Church

*by Summerwood resident, Brian Harding*

Lakeside United Methodist Church began holding services in their new church building located at the northwest corner of West Lake Houston Parkway and Broncroft Court, on December 2nd. The church began meeting on March 8, 2009, and was officially chartered as a Methodist Church on November 16, 2010. At that time, services were held in Eagle Springs Elementary. Currently, there are 248 members of this growing church, which is led by Pastor Stephen Rhoads.

Pastor Rhoads said, "I grew up worshipping in Atascocita, well before Summerwood existed. As we watched it grow, we noticed that families were moving into the community, but few churches existed in the area. Families had to drive to Kingwood, Humble, and Houston to worship. We believe that you should go where people live and care for them where they are. Our vision is to be a church touching the lives of all ages and backgrounds, ushering them into a growing relationship with Christ."

The current building is the first phase of building on the campus. The projected later phases will include a children and youth ministry addition to the current building, a day school, plus a youth worship space with a lounge and game area.

Like most church youth groups, Lakeside UMC offers weekly Bible study and fellowship activities, as well as multiple retreats for the

young people in Summerwood and the surrounding communities. "What distinguishes our youth group from others that I have experienced is our strong focus on service and missions," noted Pastor Rhoads. "Our youth participate in multiple mission projects in the US and overseas. They serve with other community service groups to provide ministries to children and seniors living throughout our area. We are attempting to give our youth a strong understanding of what it means to proactively serve in Christ's name."

Lakeside also offers opportunities for adults to serve their communities. "We offer quarterly mission project opportunities, including building wheelchair ramps, helping families with home repairs and painting," said Pastor Rhoads. "In 2013, we have four mission trips planned, including working with an orphanage in Zambia, building a school for families in need living in Belize, and two trips where youth will build wheelchair ramps and provide home repairs. We also host a monthly food drive for HAAM (Humble Area Assistance Ministry) and plan to host multiple blood drives."

Lakeside UMC offers two services on Sundays, at 9:00 am and 10:30 am. Contemporary worship is offered at the 10:30 service, while the 9:00 service will be shaped based on the people and families that join the church. Both services offer music. "Give us a try! You will be welcomed. You will experience God."

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## BATTLE OVER MORTGAGE INTEREST DEDUCTION STILL TO COME

### MORTGAGE FORGIVENESS DEBT RELIEF EXTENDED THROUGH 2013

For huge numbers of financially distressed owners of homes with underwater mortgages, this was the biggest issue in the entire fiscal cliff debate. The mortgage debt relief provisions in the tax code, first enacted in 2007, expired at midnight Dec. 31.

Had Congress not acted, the tax code would have reverted to its pre-2007 treatment of mortgage principal reductions or cancellations by lenders, whether through loan modifications, short sales, deeds-in-lieu or foreclosures: All principal balances written off would be treated as ordinary income to the homeowners who received them.

For illustration, if a lender wrote off \$100,000 of debt to facilitate a short sale, the seller would be taxed on that \$100,000 at regular marginal rates, just as if he or she had earned it as salary.

A return to taxation of principal reductions would have disrupted short sales -- a growing segment of the home real estate market -- in 2013, and almost certainly would have encouraged more distressed owners to opt for foreclosure and bankruptcy.

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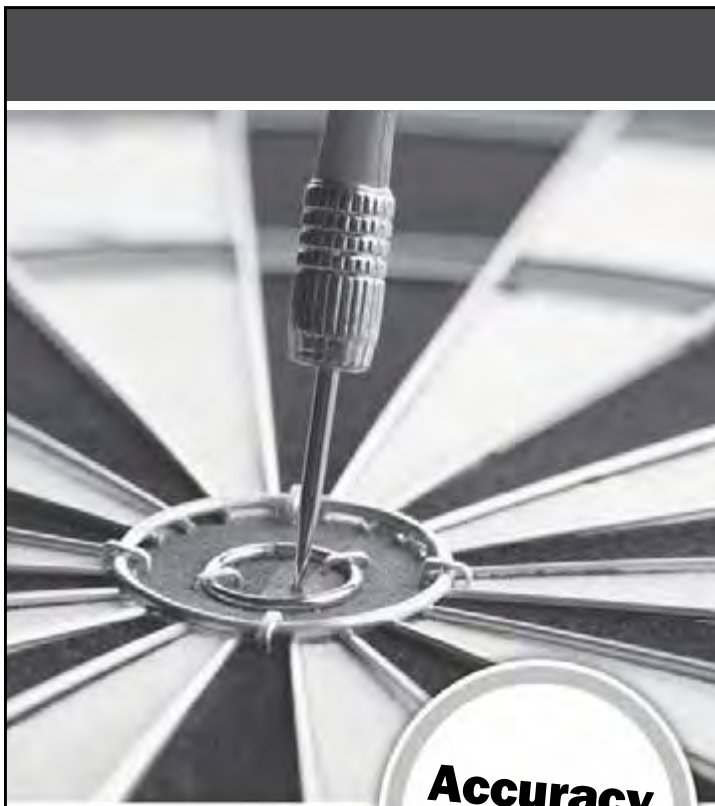
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## **Crime Watch Meeting Featured the Harris County iWatch Program**

*By Barbara Probandt*

The first 2013 meeting of the Summerwood Crime Watch Committee was held on January 8th. A large number of Summerwood residents attended the meeting and received Harris County Sheriff's Office and Houston Police Department reports of the last several weeks' activities. Even though there can be much craziness and criminal activity during a holiday season, Summerwood residents were blessed with another overall very quiet few weeks.

The program for the meeting was the introduction and overview of the new Harris County iWatch program presented by Sgt. Larry Franks. Sgt. Franks works in the Burglary and Theft Division of HCSO and administers this innovative program. The program allows citizens the right NOT to remain silent! The app for this program can be accessed on your smart phone and also on your desktop and on Facebook. It puts the community in contact with police officers and offers the ability to remain anonymous if one so desires. In the last 6 months this department has received over 1500 tips from citizens that have resulted in countless arrests.

The Harris County iWatch program is a virtual crime watch program that is only monitored during business hours. Residents can use it most effectively to report suspicious activity one might observe over the course of time such as suspicion of abuse, possible drug activity, suspected harmful behavior, and other concerns that raise your level of concern but are not an immediate emergency. For an emergency call 911!

If you see something suspicious, use this free smart phone app- iWatch Harris County.com- to send an anonymous crime tip. You can find more information about the program at <http://www.iwatchharriscounty.com/home.php>

The next CWC meeting will be held Tuesday, February 12th at 7:00 PM.



## 3rd Annual Community Spring Carnival To Be Held at Lakeshore Elementary

The Lakeshore Elementary PTO, in cooperation with Kids-R-Kids and Summercreek Baptist Church, is preparing for their 3rd Annual Community Spring Carnival on Saturday, March 23rd from 12 noon – 4pm.

This family event welcomes the whole community with carnival games & rides for all ages, inflatables, favorite foods, vendor booths, plus a fantastic silent auction and raffle. They expect 3,000+ attendees. The proceeds will benefit Lakeshore Elementary students and teachers, as well as “Helping a Hero” – a non-profit organization dedicated to assisting wounded soldiers.

The carnival committee is currently seeking corporate sponsorships and donations. If you own or work for a business that may be able to provide a financial boost for the event, or perhaps have an exciting item/service to auction, please consider donating! Like previous years, they will also offer individuals and small businesses the opportunity to set up vendor booths to sell their goods or promote their services.

To get more information about sponsorship or having a vendor booth, contact Karen Bradshaw at 281-459-3738 or [scottbradshaw@att.net](mailto:scottbradshaw@att.net). To donate an item for auction, contact Nikki Brown at [nikkinbrown@gmail.com](mailto:nikkinbrown@gmail.com).



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Which volunteer option is the right choice for you? Are you a born leader with fierce decision making skills? Consider a position on the Board of Directors. Was your home or vehicle recently broken into? Become involved in our strong and active Crime Watch/ Block Captain Committee. Do you have a green thumb? Then the yard of the month/beautification committee is for you!

Whatever your motivation, there's a place just for you. Find out how you can help and make yourself at home! The following committees are currently seeking members:

**Pool** - This committee works with the Board to ensure that the Summerwood aquatic facilities are well maintained. The Pool Committee will make recommendations for upgrades to the pools and pool related items. The Pool Committee has been a valuable tool and has overseen multiple projects over the last few years.

**Sports** - This committee works with the Board on matters concerning the fitness center, tennis courts, and sports fields. The Sports Committee is currently wrapping up a very nice fitness center upgrade.

**Block Captains** - These individuals maintain strong communication between the residents and law enforcement. The Block Captains are responsible for maintaining a communications database of neighbors within a specified range. Communication and organization skills are necessary to ensure success.

For further information on how you can volunteer, contact CIA Services at 281-852-1700



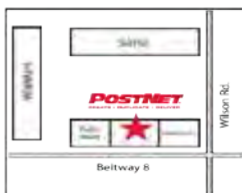


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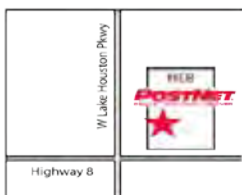
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The \$7.4 million, 30,000-square-foot center is designed to take the stress out of scheduling appointments for routine health needs by offering families convenient options such as walk-in access, and extended evening and weekend hours. For non-routine and more urgent needs, the center will include a 24-hour, seven-day a week, state-of-the-art emergency department staffed by Memorial Hermann Northeast's board-certified emergency medicine physicians and emergency-trained nurses. Patients in need of higher levels of care would be transferred to Memorial Hermann Northeast, Memorial Hermann Texas Medical Center, or Children's Memorial Hermann Hospital.

The doctors and nurses who will staff the Convenient Care Center's Emergency Center are the same professionals providing high-quality care at the Memorial Hermann Northeast Hospital Emergency Center in Humble. The center also will be able to call on the region's top medical specialists and highly specialized services at Memorial Hermann-Texas Medical Center and Children's Memorial Hermann Hospital.



## Lake Houston

## *Ladies Club*

### FEBRUARY MEETING

Lake Houston Ladies Club will have their monthly meeting and luncheon on Tuesday, February 19, 2013 beginning at 10:00 a.m. at the Walden Country Club, 18100 Walden Forest in Humble, TX 77346. Karen Kilby, local author and speaker, will be giving a presentation on *Wired That Way...* personality materials.

Houston Ladies Club is a social organization that welcomes new members from all surrounding areas. Several interest groups are available which include: Readers Choice, Bridge, Bunco, Lunch and Look, Movie Group, and Supper Club. Please join us and call Carol at 832-671-4475 for reservations by February 15, 2013 before 5:00 p.m. You may call Hestor at 281-852-1442 for more information about the club.

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## McCord Development, Inc Announces 173-Acre Sale to FMC Technologies at Generation Park

Ryan McCord, President of McCord Development, Inc., announced the first major land sale at Generation Park, the company's 4,000-acre master planned development on the northeast corner of Beltway 8 / Sam Houston Tollway adjacent to Summerwood.

FMC Technologies, Inc., (NYSE:FTI) a leading global provider of technology solutions for the energy industry, purchased 173 acres in Generation Park West. The parcel has prime beltway frontage and ample room for a variety of uses for the company.

"We couldn't be more pleased with FMC Technologies' decision to purchase at Generation Park," says McCord. "They put in extensive due diligence during this process and when they were done they came to the same conclusions we did when we first envisioned the park – it's a location with great access to people, transportation hubs, and a superior quality of life." Generation Park is ideally located in the new growth corridor of North America's most thriving market, Houston, Texas.

"When we evaluated strategic locations in Houston, it became clear that Generation Park was best suited to meet our projected needs," said Bob Potter, President of FMC Technologies, Inc.

CBRE's Sanford Criner and Elliott Hirshfeld represented FMC Technologies. "The vision of greatness that the owners of Generation Park have demonstrated in their planning is rare if not unique in Houston," said Criner. "This has the potential to be the most important new commercial development in the city in at least thirty years."

With a completed Master Plan, Foreign Trade Zone Status, and secured entitlements, Generation Park is shovel-ready at a time when Houston's economy is stronger than ever.

"FMC Technologies is the perfect match for Generation Park," said McCord. "They are innovative, growing and are looking for new ways to deliver value. Our shared goal is to make Generation Park a strategic advantage for them."

McCord Development is in discussions with several other Fortune 500 companies that are interested in parcels in Phase 1. Phase 1 includes frontage corporate office locations on the east and west sides of Beltway 8, as well as industrial, medical, and rail-served areas in the largest new foreign trade zone in Harris County. "With the amount of activity we are currently having, 2013 is going to be a very exciting year at Generation Park," said McCord.

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## Headaches

*Submitted by Dr. Jeff Echols*

I've been treating headaches for over 25 years and I believe they are very misunderstood by the general public.

It's only human nature to have a reason for why something is occurring, so when people get a headache they usually try to determine the reason for their headache. Some of the reasons I hear are quite amusing. "My husband gives me a headache, ... my boss, ...my kids." "I sit at a computer all day and THAT is the reason I have a headache." Sometimes people think that headaches are just normal and everyone gets them. I can assure you that headaches are not normal. Headaches are a sign that there is something wrong. Just like all symptoms are signs that something is wrong.

Headaches can be caused by a lot of different things. They can be caused by exotic and dangerous things like a brain tumor, but more often they are caused by common things. The most common reason is pressure on the nerves of the neck that radiate back into the head. When the bones of the spine are misaligned it will put pressure on the delicate nerves that exit the spine. This will in turn cause the muscles of the neck and shoulders to become

tight and develop knots in them. You can actually reach up and feel the knots in your muscles. These knots are not normal and are a sign of spinal misalignment and soft tissue damage. Once the spinal misalignments are corrected the muscles relax more and the headaches are gone. Just for fun, I sometimes ask a headache patient when was the last they had a headache, once they have had their spine corrected. They will usually say something like "Gosh I haven't had a headache in months". I will ask them if they got divorced and they will look at me funny and say "NO, why?" You said your husband was the cause of your headaches! "Oh I guess I was wrong!"

So headaches are not normal, but are very common. They're usually caused by nerve pressure built up in the neck which causes tight muscles in the neck and shoulders. They can usually be corrected with gentle chiropractic therapy. You should get this checked even if the headaches are mild because if the bones of the spine are misaligned it will cause arthritic changes to form in the bones of the spine which will limit your ability to move and bend as well as other difficulties. Be proactive about your health.



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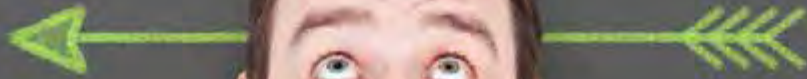
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