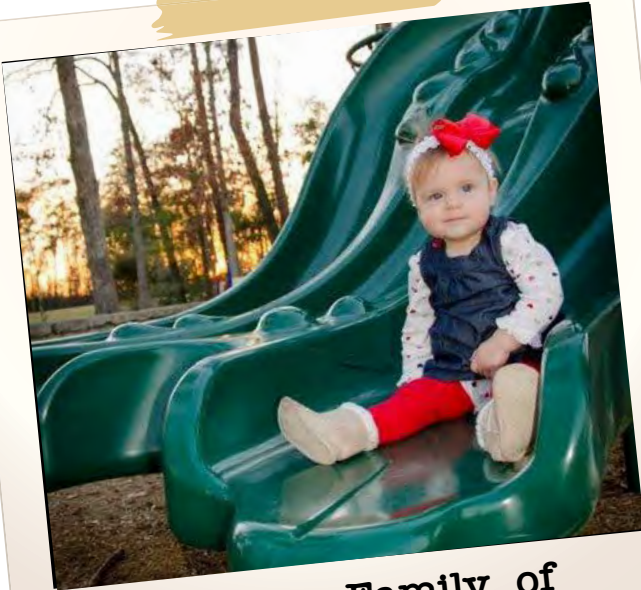


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## Congratulations to Summerwood's April Photos of the Month Winners!



**Schneider Family of  
Silversand Court**

**This photo was taken while the Schneider family enjoyed a beautiful sunset at a Summerwood park/playground close to their home. Their children love to swing and play on the slides and Mom says that they will soon be climbing on all the equipment while she chases them around.**



**The DeLeon Family of  
Popes Creek Lane**

**Yessenia DeLeon entered this sweet picture of her husband and their daughter enjoying a stroll together around Summerwood's Lake Meredith.**

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](mailto: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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Spring is my favorite time of year. It is so nice to see the flowers in bloom and homeowners out and about working in their yards. 2013 continues the strong momentum in our local market. Table 1 shows activity in the Atascocita/Humble area. Table 2 shows specific data for Summerwood.

**Atascocita/Humble** – Represents inventory of homes available on March 7, 2013 and contracts executed between January 1 – March 7, 2013

Status	Up to \$99,999	\$100,000-\$199,999	\$200,000-\$299,999	\$300,000-\$399,999	\$400,000-\$499,999	\$500,000-\$599,999	\$600,000+	Total
Active	36	221	143	52	26	8	9	495
Option Pending	2	33	10	1	1	1	1	49
Pending / PS	38	98	57	15	4	4	1	217
Sold	44	101	39	14	4	3	0	205
Total:	120	453	249	82	35	16	11	966

**Summerwood** - Represents inventory of homes available on March 7, 2013 and contracts executed between January 1 – March 7, 2013

Status	Up to \$99,999	\$100,000-\$199,999	\$200,000-\$299,999	\$300,000-\$399,999	\$400,000-\$499,999	\$500,000-\$599,999	\$600,000+	Total
Active	0	3	5	3	2	0	0	13
Option Pending	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	2
Pending / PS	0	4	5	2	0	0	0	11
Sold	0	6	8	1	0	0	0	15
Total	0	14	19	6	2	0	0	15

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Homes are selling and prices are slowly starting to move up in this area after nearly 4 years of prices being down or flat. If you have been sitting on the sidelines or have been told you may be upside down on your home, give me a call for a confidential analysis (CMA) of your home's value. The time to put your home on the market and sell may be right now.

FYI to Buyer's, prices are starting to move up as inventory of available homes is down. There are numerous companies relocating to the area putting demand on available homes, with some opting to lease until the home that fits their needs comes on the market. That home may be yours. Let me help you evaluate your options if buying or selling is in your future.

"Days on Market" for homes is shrinking. I have been getting multiple offers on many properties as well as homes selling in as few as 6 days. I have sold over 450 homes and I can sell yours too!

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## Summerwood Crime Watch Committee Update!

By Barbara Probandt

The Summerwood Crime Watch Committee meets on the second Tuesday of each month at the Central Clubhouse at 7:00pm. All residents are invited to join the committee at the upcoming meeting on April 9th. CWC meetings provide up to date ideas and information to further enable residents to protect their personal selves, their personal safety, and protect their property. There is an agenda for each meeting along with occasional guest speakers as well as HPD officers and Summerwood contract deputies, who attend to give information, give reports, meet residents, listen to their concerns, and answer questions.

For those on facebook, please feel free to locate and ask to join the Summerwood Crime Watch facebook group. It is open to all residents of Summerwood. Timely information, thoughts, and concerns are posted by residents regularly. The CWC committee is all about communication and getting information out to residents and this facebook group has been very effective.



Are you aware of the Vacation Watch program? Vacation Watch is an important tool to use in giving you peace of mind while away from home. The HCSO number to call is 281-446-9155. You will be asked to give the dates of your trip and how to reach you if something were to happen. The contract deputies in Summerwood

will be notified as to the days you will be away, the cars that should be in your driveway, comings and goings to be expected at your home, etc... and they will have your cell phone number(s) to call if something seems amiss. Use them! They will check your house daily and is a free service!

Block Captains serve as contacts in the CWC information chain. If you would be interested in serving in this area, contact Barbara Gaston at bagaston@aol.com for further information. Block captains are needed throughout Summerwood. If you are not presently being contacted by a block captain there may be a need for you to step up to fill the position. Pictured here are several of the many active block captains who help residents stay informed and also volunteer in CWC sponsored events.

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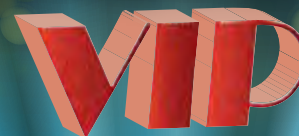
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The Summerwood Beautification Committee looks forward to receiving residential nominations for a beautiful Summerwood yard that you would like to recognize! The nominations should be emailed to [summerwoodnewsletter@gmail.com](mailto:summerwoodnewsletter@gmail.com) 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.

## Wave Your Flag Proudly!

Summerwood Boy Scout Troop 1922 has kicked off their Holiday Flag Display Fundraiser! The Boy Scouts of Troop 1922 are currently assembling flags to put out on Memorial Day, Flag Day, Fourth of July and Labor Day. They will place the flags in your yard before 9:00am and take them down before night fall that same day. They do this all for \$30 per year.

If you have not yet signed up to show your patriotism, fly the flag, and support your local Boy Scout Troop. You are not too late. Call Alice Harmon, Troop Committee Chair at 281-458-0428 with questions or just mail in the completed form below with a check for \$30.

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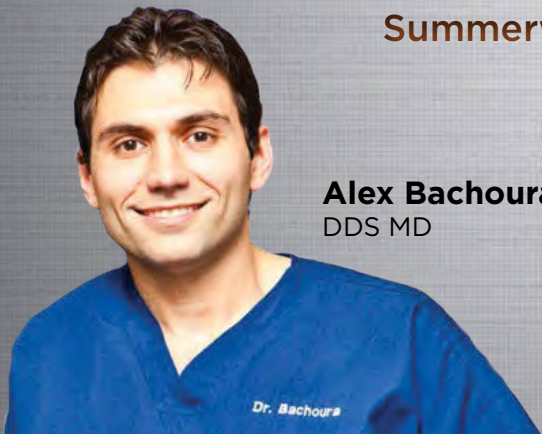
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## **Summerwood Elementary's Spring Carnival Was A Big Success!**

Summerwood Elementary's Spring Carnival was held on March 2nd!

The Summerwood Elementary PTO wants to say a big THANK YOU to all the parents, teachers, staff, local businesses and community members who made this year's spring carnival such a big success! The many who attended enjoyed rides, games, food and an auction while also financially supporting our school.

A special THANK YOU goes to our Gold Star Sponsors: HEB in Summerwood, Space Walk Inflatables of Northeast Houston, Chick-Fil-A of Fall Creek, Camden Woodson Park Apartments, Primrose at Summerwood, Gatsby's Hair Studio, Entouch, Summerwood Self-Storage and Gustafson Dental!



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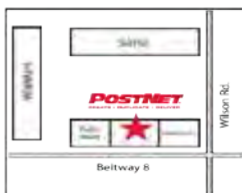


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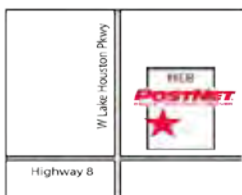
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The sale is from 12:00 noon until 3:00 pm. Everyone is invited to come and shop for all your soon to be favorite books. Proceeds go towards youth mission trips.



## Summerwood Elementary Science Lab News

*By Kristin Bryan, Science Lab Teacher K-5th*

Our school year has been filled with exciting learning, exploration, discovery, and fun in our SWE Science Lab. The students enjoy visiting the science lab every few weeks to investigate topics related to what they are studying in their science classrooms. Our students experience different activities in all areas of science including Physical, Earth, and Life Sciences while interweaving Process Skills.

We began our school year with a new slithery science lab pet. Our campus was introduced to a baby Corn Snake that desperately wanted a name. Students were given the challenge to "Name our Science Lab Snake" and after hundreds of entries were tallied it was decided that "Scales" was the perfect name for our new friend. When students visit the science lab they always want to know how Scales is doing and they are offered the opportunity to pet him at the end of class if they choose to do so. We are able to track Scales' growth through his "Diary of a Not So Wimpy Snake" display in the hallway. Since August Scales has shed his skin five times and has grown almost 10 inches!

Humble ISD began a gardening project last year for all elementary campuses and it is going strong! Each grade level has a gardening bed to plant a fall and spring crop. We have planted beets, broccoli, cabbage, radish, carrots, and snap peas and this spring we are planting tulips, cucumbers, squash, potatoes, kohlrabi and tomatoes. Our students worked as a team to make sure that they have a successful crop to donate to HAAM so families in our community can enjoy fresh vegetables.

While we develop our gardening skills we have a special group of 4th grade meteorologists called, Weather Watchers. Each week these students research the weather for our area as well as other parts of the country. They bring us the latest weather news each Monday on SWE-TV so we are well prepared for our ever changing weather here in Houston.

March brings an exciting time in science at SWE. First, students from Kindergarten through fifth grade will compete in our campus Science Fair on March 20 in hopes of moving on to the district Science Fair on April 20. Then the 5th grade students involved in Ecobots will compete in the Humble ISD Ecobot Challenge on Saturday, March 23 to test their robotics and computer programming skills. You can always stay up to date with the latest and greatest Summerwood Science information by visiting my teacher webpage at <http://www.humble.k12.tx.us//Domain/1583>.





## The Lake Houston area's first single-incision robotic surgery performed at Memorial Hermann Northeast



Dr. Jose Ortega, M.D.

A surgeon affiliated with Memorial Hermann Northeast Hospital has successfully performed the Lake Houston area's first gallbladder removal through a single small incision in the bellybutton using the *da Vinci*® Si Surgical System. Because it's performed through the navel, the procedure leaves virtually no visible scar.

"This is quite an advancement over traditional surgery," said surgeon Jose Ortega, M.D., "We were able to remove the patient's gallbladder safely through one tiny incision."

Memorial Hermann Northeast was the first Lake Houston-area hospital to offer this version of the *da Vinci*® Si robot with the single-site system. The innovation allows procedures to be made using a single incision rather than the three to five previously required by traditional robotic-assisted procedures.

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Project Graduation is a non-profit, 501(c) (3) tax-exempt organization. We do not receive any funding from the school or the Humble ISD budget. We rely only on fundraising and sponsorships from community businesses. Once sponsorship has been submitted, we will provide our tax ID number.

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The 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.

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**Saturday, May 4 - Casino Night**

**Saturday, May 18 - Birds of Prey**

**Thursday, July 4 - July 4th Parade**

**Tuesday, Oct 1 - National Night Out**

**Saturday, Oct 26 - Fall Festival**

**Saturday, Nov 2 - Garage Sale**

**Saturday, Dec 7 - Winter Festival**

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# THE TRACY MONTGOMERY TEAM CONTINUES TO GROW

*We would like to welcome our new Assistant, Margie Riley to our team.*



Margie has been a Kingwood resident for 14 years where she relocated from Southern California in 1999. While living in Kingwood she gained experience working in Commercial Property Management as well as Commercial Real Estate. We are thrilled to have Margie join Tracy Montgomery and her team. Her experience will serve our customers well.

## WE NEED YOUR HOME

A National Housing Survey conducted in February 2013 revealed that Americans are feeling really good about the housing market. The study found that homeowners and renters expect home prices to rise. The result has been a dramatically changing real estate market. Renters want to buy and many homeowners are taking advantage of the trend; selling at highs not seen since July 2008. Still, home inventory is low as demand continues to rise. "We need your home" as buyers are lining up.

## HOW LONG WILL INTEREST RATES STAY THIS LOW?

For good reason, more and more consumers are concerned interest rates will continue to rise in the coming months. Goldman and Sachs February Mortgage Analyst predicts a steady increase in 30-year mortgage rates over the next 18 months. In the first two months of 2013, 30-year mortgage interest rate rose from 3.3% to 3.6%.



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## SAFE KIDS SAFETY TIPS

*By Concentra Urgent Care*

Accidental injury is the number one killer of America's children, taking more lives than disease, violence, and suicide. Prevention is the cure. It's estimated that by taking these and other simple precautions, almost all (90%) of these accidental injuries can be avoided.

- Childproof your home. Look at every room as your child would. Ask yourself what looks interesting and what can be reached. Get down on your hands and knees, and check for small things children can choke on.
- Use the back burners on stoves, and turn pot handles to the back. Keep children away from the stove or microwave when cooking, and don't serve hot food or drinks to them.
- Keep knives, glasses, and scissors where young kids can't reach them.
- Cover electrical outlets that are not in use.
- Keep guns locked, unloaded, and where kids can't reach them.
- Take precautions to avoid fire in the home.
- Install smoke alarms on every level of your home and in every sleeping area. Test them once a month.
- Plan several ways to escape from each room if a fire starts. Practice the fire escape plan with your family. Identify a safe place to meet outside.
- Lock up matches, lighters, and gasoline.
- Keep space heaters where kids can't reach them and away from curtains, beds, and papers.
- Never put electrical cords under rugs
- Always supervise children while they are in the bathroom, and follow other important bathroom safety guidelines.
- Keep the hot water heater at low-medium or less than 120° Farenheit. Mix hot and cold water in the bathtub, and test it on your forearm before putting children into the tub. Never leave the room while they are bathing.
- Keep toilet lids closed and locked, and doors to bathrooms and utility rooms closed when not in use. Put razors, curling irons, and hair dryers out of reach.
- Avoid exposing children to potential poisons. Lock up potential poisons out of children's reach, including cleaning supplies, pet food, medicine, vitamins, beer, wine, and liquor.
- Read labels and follow directions when giving medicine to children.
- Know which houseplants are poisonous and keep them where children can't reach them.
- Install carbon monoxide detectors in every sleeping area and test them every month.
- Make sure heating systems are vented outside and checked every year.
- Prevent serious falls.
- Keep furniture away from windows. Install guards or stops on windows that are not emergency exits.
- Install safety gates at the top and the bottom of stairs.
- Never use baby walkers.
- Keep emergency numbers by every telephone. Call 911 if a child is choking, collapses, can't breathe, or is having a seizure. If you suspect a child has been poisoned, call 1-800-222-1222.
- Keep first aid supplies on hand.

For more information about preventing child injury, you can visit the Safe Kids USA Web site at: <http://www.usa.safekids.org>

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