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Summerwood Spring Eggstravaganza

A little rain couldn't dampen the spirits of the Summerwood residents attending the Annual Spring Eggstravaganza! There were thousands of pre-stuffed Easter eggs awaiting the children when they arrived. Along with the Easter Bunny leading the egg hunt, there were various activities to entertain all! Door prizes donated from the participating vendors, a ferris wheel, games, a petting zoo and rock wall. And of course plenty of food for all taste buds! Those food vendors included Hasta la Pasta, Nothing Bundt Cakes, Panera Bread and Taco Flores. The vendors that brought activities for the kiddos included Holy Trinity Episcopal School, St. Mary Magdalene Catholic School, and Super Cuts. Thank you MUDPIE Company of Kingwood for participating with us as well!

A special THANK YOU goes out to Ms. Lanetia H. Valcin, First Sergeant, US Army Retired, Associate Instructor for the Summer Creek High School ROTC program, for the dedicated volunteers that assisted at the bounce houses, popcorn and snow cone machines! Their service is invaluable!

Thank you Summerwood Residents for braving the weather and enjoying the morning with your neighbors!



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Summerwood Pool Season Almost Here!

As the school year winds down and the temperature begins to climb, it can only mean one thing – pool season has arrived! Your pool committee has been hard at work over the winter months making additions and improvements to all aquatic facilities in the hopes of increasing your enjoyment this summer.

We started by mending and refurbishing some of the lounge chairs at both pools. We then removed the ugly “swamp” from under the East slide by paving the area. After that, a new shower area was installed at Central. To top it off, we re-surfaced the baby pool at East. Those improvements, along with the repainted water features at both East and Central, should give our pools a fresh look for the summer.

If you have not picked up your 2013 black and yellow wristbands -- you need to do that. While you are there, don't forget to also pickup your four navy and white guest wristbands. Beginning this year, all guests will be required to wear wristbands in an effort to combat unauthorized use of the pools. Simply go to summerwoodlife.com and look under the 2013 Pool Information tab to find out everything from wristband pickup times and locations to pool hours and rules. Please remember that beginning May 4th the lifeguards will be enforcing the wristband policy.

Your Summerwood Pool Committee hopes everyone has a refreshing, safe, and fun pool season. Please report any problems to the GHM life guards, to CIA Services or to your Summerwood Pool Committee at swpool.committee@gmail.com depending on the urgency of the concern. Please note that your pool committee is comprised of seven volunteer residents so there can sometimes be a delay in response time. The Pool Committee is here to serve you and we truly appreciate observations, suggestions, and feedback. We usually meet the 3rd Thursday of every month at 8:00pm in the Central clubhouse. Summerwood residents are ALWAYS welcome.



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Happy Mother's Day!

May is full of special days, events and it kicks off summer vacation for many of you. Congratulations to all the area high school seniors on reaching the milestone of graduation. It's an exciting time to focus on what road you will travel down next in this great journey of life. Happy Mother's Day to all the moms! Such special ladies that help keep everything together for their families. THANK YOU for all you do. As you enjoy the many Memorial Day festivities, BBQ's and events that help kick off the summer vacation time; take a moment to thank some of our military personnel and their families. Many military personnel paid the ultimate price with their lives protecting our freedom. Freedom comes with a price, and it's not free.

With summertime comes pool time, Yeah! Many of us are preparing our pools for a fun filled season. It can be challenging to keep your pool looking great. If you own a pool the month of May brings hotter temperatures and with all the sunshine requires more maintenance on the water in your pool. Make sure you have the proper chemical mix of chlorine and muriatic acid to balance PH or your system is charged on a saltwater pool plus muriatic acid. If you are having problems with green algae buildup in your pool we have found a product that removes this better than anything on the market. Algae eats phosphorus to survive and removing phosphorus from your pool kills the algae. Add a product called "Phosfree" or any of the phosphorus eliminating products to your skimmer weekly to get crystal clear water with no green. This is a much better alternative to insecticides that do not work and poison the pool. Since finding this product we have had less maintenance, less chlorine use and water that is clean and clear. Thank you to some of my past clients that recommended this product to me. If you're in the market for a pool service person to help you maintain your pool, Luke Slade has been assisting me with client's pools as well as my own personal pool. He does a great job. Luke can be reached at 281-728-7750. Text or call Luke to schedule a time to visit in person.

If you are in the market for a pool remember to interview at least 3 pool companies to find the one that is right for you. Cheapest is not always best in the pool industry. Using a quality pool company that uses quality vendors with continuous oversight will make you a very happy pool owner in the long run.

Now is a great time to have an A/C service on your system. It's amazing how many people including myself, that have good intentions of making the call to schedule the service check, but don't ever get around to it. Preventative maintenance is so important, especially since many of the homes are 5 years or older. Not only can it help extend the life of your A/C system, it can also help reduce utility bills. Remember to keep your filters clean as well. Ben Franklin once said, "An ounce of prevention is worth a pound of cure." If you are in need of an A/C Service, call Quality Comfort Air and ask for the Owner, Robert Parsons at 832-663-5373. He services our home as well as many of our clients. Quality service people are a very valuable commodity in the real estate business.

The market continues to be strong. Buyer activity is strong and home inventory is low. We continue to see multiple offer situations in several price points. I appreciate the opportunity to earn your business. Thank you, to all of you that continue to refer your friends, family and co-workers to me. Referrals are the biggest compliment I can receive. They are also the bloodline of my business.

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Summerwood Crime Watch Committee

Meets Second Tuesday of Each Month!

Summerwood residents are invited to attend the May meeting of the Summerwood Crime Watch Committee. The meeting will be held at 7:00 PM on Tuesday, May 14th at the central clubhouse. If you have never attended a meeting then you might wonder what goes on at a crime watch meeting. The meetings are quite informative ...Come and check it out!

The CWC receives reports about concerns in the neighborhood from residents that attend, from the HCSO contract deputies, and also from the HPD officers that patrol our neighborhood. The officers also provide a question and answer time as needed.

Summerwood may well be one of the most beautiful and one of the most secure communities in the Houston area, but we are not without concerns. One of the objectives of the committee is to keep Summerwood residents informed and help all of us find ways to protect ourselves and our personal property.

YARD OF THE MONTH

Summerwood is full of homeowners who take pride in their yards! Would you like to nominate one of them?

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 also please submit a jpeg photo with your nomination. We look forward to hearing from you!

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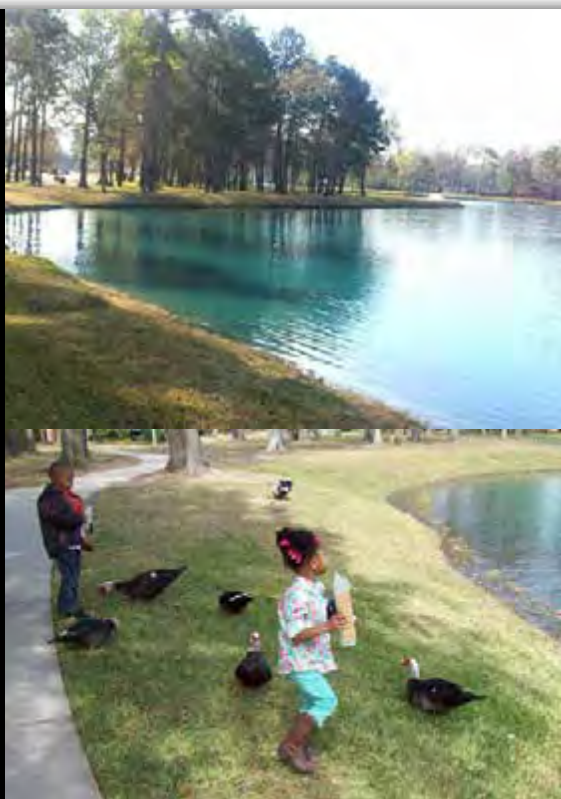
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Photos of the Month

Barbara Hayes of Darby Rose Lane

Barbara stated, "I was on my morning jog around the pond and had to stop to snap a photo, because the view was gorgeous. I love the picture because of all the natural colors, it looks amazing."

The Boone family of Barbstone Drive

These proud grandparents snapped a picture of their adorable grandchildren feeding the ducks and playing at one of our beautiful Summerwood lakes.

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!

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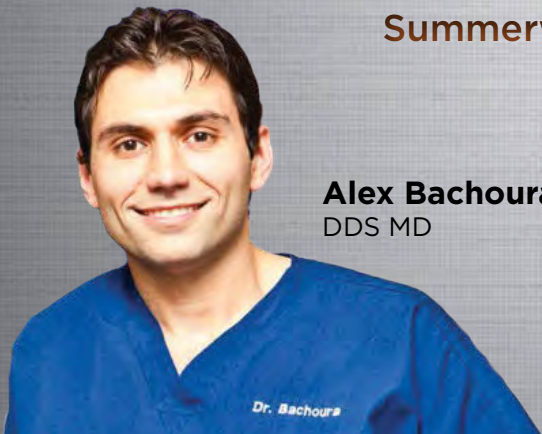
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Summerwood Boy Scouts Trained in First Aid and CPR

Robert Mitchell from Energy Maintenance Services, a Global Pipeline Group ("EMS"), conducted a day long First Aid and CPR training for Boy Scout Troop 1922 at Lakeside United Methodist Church, here in Summerwood, on Saturday, April 6th, 2013. EMS provided five trainers to guide twenty (20) scouts and leaders through to ultimately achieve their Red Cross First Aid and CPR certification. These trainers were all former emergency services personnel, firemen, and/or policemen and are current EMTs.

First Aid -- caring for the ill or injured until professional care arrives -- is one of the most important scouting skills. These Summerwood Scouts successfully completed several mass casualty drills in which there were multiple victims to treat for injuries simultaneously. These mock injuries ranged from minor sprains and cuts to life threatening wounds just as they would in a real life disaster setting. The boys had to perform just as a professional responder would. It was very exciting to see how well they did under pressure.

They also learned how to treat injuries from common hazards found in our natural environment such as poisonous snakes, plants, spiders, water hazards, hypothermia, hyperthermia, burn hazards and more.

The Scouts are very grateful to EMS personnel Robert Mitchell, Terry Pena, Raul Fuentes, Cornealius Wilkins and Duane Moore for their expert training and guidance. We also want to thank our charter organization, Lakeside United Methodist Church, for the use of their facilities.



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Summerwood Photo Contest

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Registration Begins for Stingrays Swim Team

The Summerwood Stingrays Swim Team is gearing up for another great swim season. Registration is online through the first week in May. Practice starts April 30 - June 7 starting at 4 pm at the Summerwood Central Pool. After school gets out the practices will be in the morning starting at 7 am through 10:30 am.

Our home meets are May 11, May 18, June 1 and June 15. Come on out and watch our neighborhood swimmers. Check our website for more information <https://summerwoodstringrays.swimtopia.com>

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The Redstone Ravens is a football/ cheer organization that instills values of teamwork, dedication, and academic achievement. The Ravens are looking for girls and boys ages 4 to 12 to join the organization.

The Redstone Ravens have a tradition of excellence with our Freshman and Sophomore teams finishing as Conference Runner-Ups last year while our JV and Varsity teams finished as Conference Champs! Our Cheerleading squad consistently racks up awards at their cheer competitions as well as providing that extra boost to the football teams.

We practice in the community at Summerwood Elementary and are looking for the next wave of Champions!!! Registration is now open and we are looking forward to a great 2013!

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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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May Adult LifeLong Learning Classes at the Lone Star College- Atascocita

by Barbara Probandt, ALL Volunteer

The Adult LifeLong Learning (A.L.L.) classes for the month of May are listed below. Please note that there will be no ALL classes during the summer months. . The following classes are still open for those of you who are registered in the program at the new Lone Star College campus near the Lakeshore subdivision.

The ALL 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 and/or the Kingwood campus in Montgomery County are available, free of charge.

The instructors in the program as well as the classroom assistants and the Advisory Committee are made up completely of volunteers.

For more details and information on this program and how you can enroll in the 2013- 2014 year, you may contact Pat Chandler, LSC Continuing Education Dept, at Patricia.L.Chandler@lonestar.edu

The May topics, registration numbers, class dates and beginning and ending times are:

Computer: E-mail Etiquette	16299	5/1/2013	5/1/2013	1.0	AC 206	W	12:00 PM
Health: Care-Giving Stresses	16301	5/1/2013	5/1/2013	1.0	AC 212	W	1:30 PM
History: Life in Humble	17067	5/6/2013	5/6/2013	2.5	AC 212	M	1:00 PM
Discussion: Salem Witch Trials	16716	5/8/2013	5/8/2013	1.5	AC 212	W	1:00 PM
Health: Music for Healing	16534	5/9/2013	5/9/2013	1.0	AC 212	TH	1:00 PM
Discussion: Profanity	2991	5/14/2013	5/14/2013	1.5	AC 212	TU	1:00 PM
Book Club Atascocita	2277	5/15/2013	5/15/2013	2.0	AC 212	W	1:00 PM
Organizing Your Garage	2276	5/16/2013	5/16/2013	1.0	AC 212	TH	3:30 PM
Crafts: Greeting Cards	2734	5/21/2013	5/21/2013	3.0	AC 212	TU	1:00 PM
Discussion: Bronte Sisters	2392	5/22/2013	5/22/2013	1.5	AC 212	W	1:00 PM
History: Rienzi Museum	2393	5/23/2013	5/23/2013	1.5	AC 212	TH	3:00 PM



LAKE HOUSTON LADIES CLUB MAY MEETING

Lake Houston Ladies Club will have their monthly meeting and luncheon on Tuesday, May 21st beginning at 10:00 a.m. at the Walden Country Club, 18100 Walden Forest in Humble. 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. Call Carol at 832-671-4475 for reservations by May 17, 2013 before 5:00 p.m. Call Hestor at 281-852-1442 for more information about the club.

3rd Annual Community Spring Carnival Lakeshore Elementary

The Lakeshore Elementary PTO, in cooperation with Kids-R-Kids and Summercreek Baptist Church, hosted their 3rd Annual Community Spring Carnival on Saturday, March 23rd.

The Lakeshore PTO would like to thank all of the families who came to the Carnival, the Vendors who set up booths, plus the many volunteers who helped prepare for the day and worked at the event. Many of our local businesses were generous sponsors of the event and were there to join in the fun!

This family event welcomed the whole community with carnival games & rides for all ages, large inflatables, favorite foods, vendor booths, a car show, plus a fantastic silent & live auction and raffle.

The Lakeshore Elementary Carnival has raised more money in each of its' successive years! This year's proceeds will benefit the teachers, students & the community by helping to fund an exercise track. Money was also donated to "Helping a Hero" – a non-profit organization dedicated to assisting wounded soldiers.



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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.

**Boy Scout Troop 1922,
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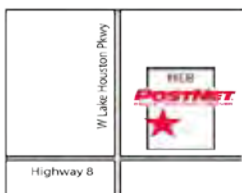
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