

# SUMMERWOOD LIFE

OFFICIAL NEWSLETTER OF THE SUMMERWOOD COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION, INC.



## CHANGE IN SUMMERWOOD PATROL SERVICES

Summerwood residents will soon see new contract officers patrolling the community. Pending approval by the Harris County Commissioner's Court, Precinct 3 constables will begin patrol service in Summerwood on October 4th. In addition, the number of contract deputies patrolling Summerwood has been increased from three to four, allowing for more complete coverage in the community.

Changing from the Harris County Sheriff's Department to the Precinct 3 Constable was not a decision that the Summerwood Board of Directors and the MUDs 342, 344, and 361 Directors took lightly. They spoke with HCSO at length regarding concerns about response times, communication and dispatch issues. They also met with representatives from the Constable's Office several times to determine if their office could improve service to residents. The Constable's office has in house dispatchers solely dedicated to non-emergency calls for residents in their contract patrol areas and actively work to establish communication with HPD to assist with emergency calls in Summerwood. Precinct 3 Constable's Office will work to foster a partnership with residents to build a line of open communication and an increased visible presence in the community. Constables have promised that residents can expect prompt dispatching and shorter response times for calls.

Precinct 3 Constables can be reached at 281-427-4791 for non-emergency calls. You may choose to contact your alarm company and change the law enforcement contact number for alarm calls to the above number after Oct. 4th. All 911 emergency calls will continue to be directed to Houston's emergency dispatch center. Alarm permits will continue to be issued through the City of Houston.

We encourage residents to come and meet representatives from Precinct 3 at National Night Out on October 7th. National Night Out will be at Club Summerwood from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. with activities for the whole family.

**DON'T MISS IT!!!**

## **SUMMERWOOD'S LARGEST FAMILY EVENT OCTOBER 7TH NATIONAL NIGHT OUT**

The Summerwood Crime Watch Committee will be hosting the 2014 National Night Out (NNO) event for the Summerwood Community on Tuesday, October 7th from 6:00 –8:00 PM. It will be held at Club Summerwood on Hunter's Lake Way at Timber Forest. NNO is a family oriented event aimed at building neighborhood awareness and crime prevention. This will be a night of food, fun, prizes and music.

The committee's vision of a crime free community is the focus in hosting a community-wide event which includes nearly 3200 homes in Summerwood. This annual event has continued to grow, and last year National Night Out



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### Lakeview Park: Summerwood's Best Kept Secret

Have you heard about the best kept secret in Summerwood? Well if you haven't, we want to introduce you to Summerwood Lakeview Park! At the end of Yaupon Holly Lane where it turns into Eastern Redbud, you will come upon this beautiful park, which is for Summerwood resident's use.

Lakeview Park is a gates park that has something for everyone. Grab your access card or fob and go take a look! Do you like to fish? Or do you prefer a leisurely stroll? Whatever your interest, you can bet Lakeview Park can deliver. For those who have a fishing license, you are welcome to cast a line off of the pier on Lake Houston. There are also two recently upgraded pavilions near the lake with a picnic table under each. You can enjoy a day out with the family or watch the sunset, or just relax. There is also a playground for the children and a shaded walking path. I guarantee you will not be disappointed. Now get down there and bask in the delight of Lakeview Park!

### National Night Out (Continued from Cover)

drew more than 850 Summerwood residents. Come and join in the fun and help make the evening an even greater success this year! Members of the crime watch committee are committed to the safety and security of our community and strive to maintain its spirit and pride.



National Night Out will include many entertaining activities for the whole family...such as bounce houses, a trackless train, a DJ with great music for all, representatives from the Harris County Sheriff's Office, HPD officers, constable deputies, ambulance and fire truck from HFD 105, HPD Mounted Police, food booths where you can purchase a delicious dinner for the family, free popcorn, free snow cones, free giveaways for the whole family, interesting exhibits, entertainment for all ages, many wonderful door prizes, gift cards from local businesses and patrons... and much more. Please feel free to contact CWC Chairman, Missy Steadman at missysteadman@yahoo.com if you would like to donate a door prize or volunteer.

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## WEAR YOUR RESIDENT POOL WRISTBANDS AT SUMMERWOOD EVENTS

Implemented at the July 4th event was the request to begin wearing your Summerwood Resident pool wristbands as identification at the events. At each of the events there are usually some sort of giveaways or prizes. There had to be a way to identify that only Summerwood residents receive these items. It might take some getting used to, but please keep in mind it is for the benefit of your community. So remind your neighbors to wear their pool wristbands to the events! The first four (4) wristbands are free!



## Fall Festival at Summerwood's Lakeside Methodist Church



Lakeside United Methodist Church is hosting its annual Pumpkin Patch and adding a Fall Festival on October 25th. The entire community is invited to this free event!

Kids can jump in bounce houses, run in a Potato Sack Race, and get their face painted. There will also be a Bean Bag Toss, a Ping Pong Toss, Human Bowling, and more!

Parents will be able to take pictures of their children in our Pumpkin Patch next to our happy scarecrow, and there will be a craft table for the little ones who want to take part. At the end of the evening, the kids can participate in a Trunk or Treat, and show off their Halloween costumes a week early.

Have you ever wanted to dunk your pastor? Well, you can! Two of the ministry leaders/staff members will be "nominated" to sit in a dunk tank to heckle pitchers who try to dunk them in cold water. There will also be food available for purchase, and a Bake Sale/Cake Walk will be offered. All proceeds from the food sales, Pumpkin Patch and dunk tank will go to fund our Missions Ministry.

The Pumpkin Patch will open daily from October 18th through October 31st. The Fall Festival will be on October 25th, starting at 4:00 in the afternoon with the Trunk or Treat starting at 6:30.

For more information, or to participate with a decorated vehicle in our Trunk or Treat, please call Brian at The Lakeside United Methodist Church at 281-225-7022. Office hours are from 9:00-2:00, Monday through Thursday. The church located at 14303 West Lake Houston Parkway, in Summerwood.

## FALL FESTIVAL

**SATURDAY, OCTOBER 25 · 10:00 AM - 1:00 PM**

The Fall Festival will be held on Saturday, October 25 from 10:00 a.m. until 1:00 p.m. at Club Summerwood located at 16136 Hunters Lake Way. (Corner of Timber Forest & Hunters



Lake Way) Get dressed in your best costume to enter into the costume contest. Take photos in the pumpkin patch! Bounce houses, crafts, games, hay ride, petting zoo, train rides and much more! The Trail of Treats, aka, Business Booths, will provide the adults with the opportunity to get a jump start on holiday gift items. It's never too early to start shopping!

Costume contest begins promptly at 12:30 P.M. (IN FRONT OF DJ BOOTH)

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## SCHS Senior Spotlight on Ryan Zepeda

Ryan Zepeda has been nominated for student spotlight because of his academic success in school and also because of the many activities in which he participates at SCHS. He and his family have lived in Summerwood since 2007 and his proud parents are Ray and Shannon Zepeda of Morning Lodge Lane.

Ryan is the current SCHS student body president and varsity baseball captain. He has also served previously as class president. He is a member of the Key Club, the Spanish Honor Society, Fellowship of Christian Athletes, Best

Buddies, and National Honor Society and is currently ranked #1 in the senior class.

He gives back to his community through service done mostly through his school activities and organizations. This includes spending time at Northbelt Elementary (where he is a student tutor in a bilingual class) and volunteering at The Door. In addition to these activities he tutors other high school students to help them prepare for the SAT exam. Ryan is a member of Atascocita United Methodist Church.



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## Summerwood Elementary Promoting Reading

### The Million Minute Read

On Friday, September 5, Summerwood Elementary launched toward a lofty goal. The target is for students to read a sum total of 1,000,000 minutes.

How much is one million? An astronaut would have to go to the Moon and back twice to have traveled one million miles. The cities of Sacramento and Tucson would need to be combined to have one million people.

Research from leading reading experts claim that increased reading is the single most important factor toward improving reading proficiency. We want to excite our students about reading. We want to have reading become an activity of choice by our students.

One million minutes is a way off, but we are very confident that this goal will be reached. We have set up various incentives to not

only keep the motivation fresh, but to also allow us to benchmark our progress.

- At 250,000 minutes student can dunk principals and the librarian in a dunk tank!
- At 500,000 minutes students will duct tape their principals!
- At 750,000 minutes students will have a DJ Dance Party!
- At 1,000,000 minutes the school will celebrate with a camping theme that will include Principal Brian Peters working from a "tent office."

### Together We Read

October is Together We Read month at Summerwood Elementary. Every student and staff member is reading a book by Betty Birney, *The World According to Humphrey*.

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An assembly was held on September 29 to introduce the book to the students. Each student received their own copy. Throughout the month activities will take place in school that connect to this fun story. On Thursday, October 16, Summerwood Elementary will host an evening open house event for families to engage in a variety of reading activities.

Together We Read was made possible through a grant of the Humble ISD Education Foundation along with additional support from the Summerwood PTO.



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With all the "spookiness" that Halloween brings it can bring family and friends together. From pumpkins to candy corn and from costumes to parties it's one of our nations favorite holidays. Here are some ideas to bring added fun to your Halloween season:

Like ginger bread houses? Have some fun competition with the kids or neighbors and see who can make the spookiest house from graham crackers.

Getting bored with your pumpkin carving? Try carving a gourd, watermelon, or squash. Instead of your typical jack-o-lantern find stencils online for carving everything from birds to Harry Potter.

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