

SUMMERWOOD LIFE

OFFICIAL NEWSLETTER OF THE SUMMERWOOD COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION, INC.

MANAGER'S CORNER

Returning Soon – Mosquito Fogging

Every year from April through October, the Summerwood community is sprayed for mosquitos. After hearing reports of a West Nile Virus case in the area last year, the frequency of visits was increased from two to three times per week. The Association will continue the mosquito spraying program again in 2015 with three visits per week. Some information about the mosquito fogging and other control measures utilized in Summerwood is provided below.

Each mosquito control vehicle that drives the streets of Summerwood is equipped with an ultra-low volume fog generator that emits an insecticide that kills mosquitos in the immediate area. The most commonly used products are synthetic pyrethroid insecticides (such as Scourge® and Anvil®), pyrethrins and malathion. All insecticides used for mosquito control must be registered with the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (USEPA). The amount of insecticide used is small compared to the area being treated as to minimize exposure risks to people, pets, and the environments. USEPA tests show that the amount of insecticide used is between 100 and 10,000 times below the amount that might pose a health concern.

The insecticide dissipates quickly and is non-residual so mosquitos return within days. Therefore, a regular treatment is needed to effectively reduce the mosquito population in Summerwood.

In addition to the fogging, Summerwood also has the mosquito control company place treatments in accessible wetland areas that kill the mosquito larva.

You can help decrease mosquitos by removing standing water from your yard. Here are the a few tips of measures you can take around your home.

- Empty, drain, remove, cover or turn upside down things that

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PLEASE PICK UP AFTER YOUR PET

It doesn't take much to be aware that we have a lot of pets in our community. In fact, if you don't watch your step, you are liable to step in one such reminder! It is important that you not allow your dogs or cats to use other residents' lawns ...and that you clean up after your pet in the green belt areas. It is such an easy task –and it is being a good neighbor! Remember to take along a baggie or plastic store bag with you to pick up waste with and then dispose of it properly. If you forget your baggie you can also take a bag from one of the doggie stations around the lake and take advantage of the trash cans along the walking trails. Besides being unsightly and smelly, animal waste can be hazardous to the health of our children who play in the community and also to other pets. One of the most common forms of disease transmission between dogs is through fecal matter.

When walking your dog, remember that it should be leashed. Did you know that Harris County ordinances require that dogs and cats be physically restrained at all times (fenced or on a leash) without access to sidewalks or streets? Harris County further requires annual vaccination for rabies for dogs and cats three months of age or older.

By taking a few simple steps to clean up after your pet, you can contribute not only to the beautification of our community, but also towards the elimination of one of the most irritating nuisances in our community. So, be courteous by picking up after your pets. Every scoop makes a difference. Thank you for your cooperation in being a responsible pet owner, and please be a good neighbor.

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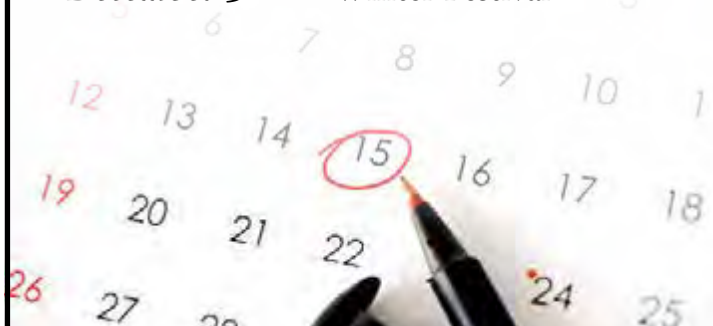
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March 28	Spring Festival
May 25	Memorial Day Pool Party
July 4	Independence Day Parade
September 19	Fishing Tournament
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SUMMERWOOD POOL COMMITTEE



With the new year upon us and pool season right around the corner, the Pool Committee has been busy over the last few months. For starters, if you've passed by the splashpad recently we're sure you've noticed the construction. Our splashpad is getting a complete makeover for 2015 as we are expanding the splashpad, adding new features, refreshing old features, and fencing in the entire area and playground. Our prior splashpad was pretty bland and only appealed to toddlers. The new splashpad will not only appeal to toddlers, but also to elementary school kids. Stay tuned to the Summerwood Pool Facebook page for updates as well as a 2015 Grand Opening!

In addition to the splashpad, the pool committee received approval from the HOA on several other projects. Most notably is the remodeling of the bathrooms at Central Pool. If you've been to Central lately, you know this was something long overdue. The committee will also be re-painting the water features at East, begin overhauling the pump room at East, and adding some new

furniture and shade at Central. We are sure you will notice (and like) the changes!

Finally, we also want to remind everyone that 2015 pool wristbands are in. You may pick up your purple and grey resident wristbands along with your red and white guest wristbands at the CIA Services office at Central or from their main office on 1960. Only homeowners who are current on their dues will be allowed to receive their wristbands.


Your Summerwood Pool Committee hopes you enjoyed your winter and are ready for a GREAT 2015 pool season. The Pool Committee is here to serve you and we truly appreciate observations, suggestions, and feedback. Our email address is [HYPERLINK "mailto:swpool.committee@gmail.com" swpool.committee@gmail.com](mailto:swpool.committee@gmail.com). In addition, we usually meet the 3rd Tuesday of every month at 8:00pm in the Central clubhouse. Summerwood residents are ALWAYS welcome.



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LAKESHORE ELEMENTARY ANNUAL CARNIVAL

Lakeshore Elementary PTO, in cooperation with Kids-R-Kids and Summercreek Baptist Church, are hosting its 5th Annual Spring Community Carnival on Saturday, March 21, 2015 from 12:00pm-4:00pm. This charitable event will benefit our school through teacher training, additional technologies including iPads and smartboards for our students use and ground development.

The day promises fun for all who attend. Some of the attractions include large inflatables, hamster balls, bungee jumper, gaming truck, train, petting zoo, carnival games, vendor booths, a silent and live auction, and favorite foods. This is an event for the entire Lake Houston Community, so all are welcome! Lakeshore Elementary School is located at 13333 Breakwater Path Lane, at West Lake Houston Pkwy.

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 Carrie Labani at clabani@gmail.com or 832-373-7562. The silent and live auctions play a large role in the carnival and we need your help. If you or a friend has a condo or lake house they would like to donate or possibly an experience you could offer such as wakeboarding lessons or just an item to be added to a basket or auctioned off, please contact Michelle Smith at 832-515-8229 or michellesmith4808@gmail.com. We can't do this without all of you!

We are also welcoming volunteers to help with this event, planning, and day of activities. If you are interested in donating your time, please contact Carrie Labani at 832-373-7562 or clabani@gmail.com

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(Manager's Corner cont. from Cover)

can hold water. Throw out old tires, tin cans, bottles, jars, buckets, drums, and other containers or keep them upside down so no water can enter them.

- Empty any small plastic wading pools weekly. Store it indoors when not in use. Properly maintain your swimming pool and keep it covered so as not to collect water.
- Repair leaky pipes and outside faucets. Don't let runoff water from your air conditioner collect in shady areas.
- Change water and scrub vases holding flowers once a week - or grow cuttings in sand.
- Scrub and change the water in bird baths weekly.
- Empty and refill pets' water pans daily.
- Discard old tires or store them indoors.
- Don't dump grass clippings, branches or other items in storm drains or ditches.
- Fill holes in trees with sand or mortar.

SENIOR SPOTLIGHT:

Eric Santamaria



My name is Eric Santamaria I am a senior at Summer Creek High School. I am a proud AVID and Advanced Autotec student. My dream since I was young is to be an automotive technician. I am planning on going to San Jacinto College to pursue my career. My father's name is Gerardo Santmaria and my mother's name is Sanjuana Santamaria. We live in Timberhills on Thorncliff Dr. and have lived there all of my life. I love all my family especially my mother, she has always been by my side and is the best mother in the world. Over the summer I believe I accomplished a lot. In the summer I enrolled in an economics course to free space in my schedule to continue being a paid AVID tutor. I was also working two jobs over the summer. I was a tutor for Kumon and I also worked as a garbage man helper. My schedule in the summer was wake up go to school to work on my summer class; after that I would go to work my first job. Then directly after that go work my night job as a garbage man helper. On my off days I would spend time with my family or play basketball with my brothers. Also I am strong in all my classes and am ready to graduate and pursue my career as an automotive technician.

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Summerwood Elementary Community Service Fair



The first Summerwood Elementary Community Service Fair was held on Thursday, January 29. We are excited about this first attempt at this event. Students and families had the opportunity to complete projects that will provide a benefit to others. Examples of some of the projects among many others include: writing letters to servicemen and women, creating books for Family Time Shelter, making cards and placemats for local retirement communities.

Non-perishable food items were collected and prepared for HAAM. Some of the community service organizations participating were Kids Meals Inc., Alpha Search and Rescue, Bilingual Education Student Organization, Texas Children's Hospital, and My Stuff Bag Foundation.

Summerwood Elementary hopes to make this an annual event that will grow and provide an outlet for students and families to experience and learn about service to others.

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Summerwood Stingrays Swim Team Annual Registration

Splish! Splash! It's getting close to warm weather and sounds of summer. One of the most fun ways to enjoy the summer is to join the Summerwood Stingrays Swim Team. The Stingrays is an award



winning neighborhood "summer league" swim team that competes in Summerwood and surrounding neighborhoods. We would like to invite all children ages 4-18 who live in Summerwood, Lakeshore, and Summerwood Lakes Ranch to join the team. We are having our annual registration on Thursday, March 26, 2015 from 6:00 PM – 8:30 PM and Saturday, April 11, 2015 from 10:00 AM - 1:00 PM at Lakeside United Methodist Church located at 14303 West Lake Houston Parkway in Summerwood. Come join the fun! And if you have a child that is wants to get a head start on getting in shape for the summer swim season, you can register them for the Eagle Swimming Association Early Start Clinic being offered from March 26 – April 16. You can find more information about this opportunity at eagleswimmingassociation.com. Additional information about the Summerwood Stingrays can be found on our website smwstingrays.swim-team.us.

SPRING MAKEOVER

Spring is such a beautiful time of year in Houston. One can't help but feel the refreshing power of this season when flowers are in full bloom. Even the trees seem to stand just a little taller. As the sun will certainly shine a little more we will want to spend more time in the great outdoors. This will lead to "spring cleaning" and the opportunity to give our homes a little makeover.

Whether you're looking to sell your home or just want to make some home improvements, we want to help you get the most out of your hard earned dollar. Whether you're looking to sell or just want to beautify the home, you might be surprised at how much you can do with a little money.

Following are few of my personal tips that will be sure to impress:

LANDSCAPING

The Power of Flowers - Weed free flowerbeds and colorful flowers wins buyers hearts. Neatly trimmed lawns, trees, and bushes send a positive message to buyers and neighbors; a well-cared for yard represents a well-cared for home.

Roof - keep it clean of debris and tree limbs. A new roof will set you back thousands. Preserve it today to save money in the future.

INTERIOR

Walls - a fresh coat of paint can do wonders for a home. If you're looking to sell, conservative/neutral paints are the best option and most often give a home an open and airy feel.

Lighting - with so many low energy options the task of finding bright bulbs that don't give off unnatural lighting is often easier said than done. Most of the large box stores will allow you to take back lights you don't like. Buy a few varieties, find the one you like, and take the rest back. Once you find the right "bright" light you'll find your home to be more cheerful and inviting.

Smell - companies spend thousands of dollars to ensure their establishments give off just the right smell for their customers. Would it surprise you to learn that some coffee shops install odor control systems to make sure you get the "right" coffee smell when you walk in the front door? What smell message does your home give?

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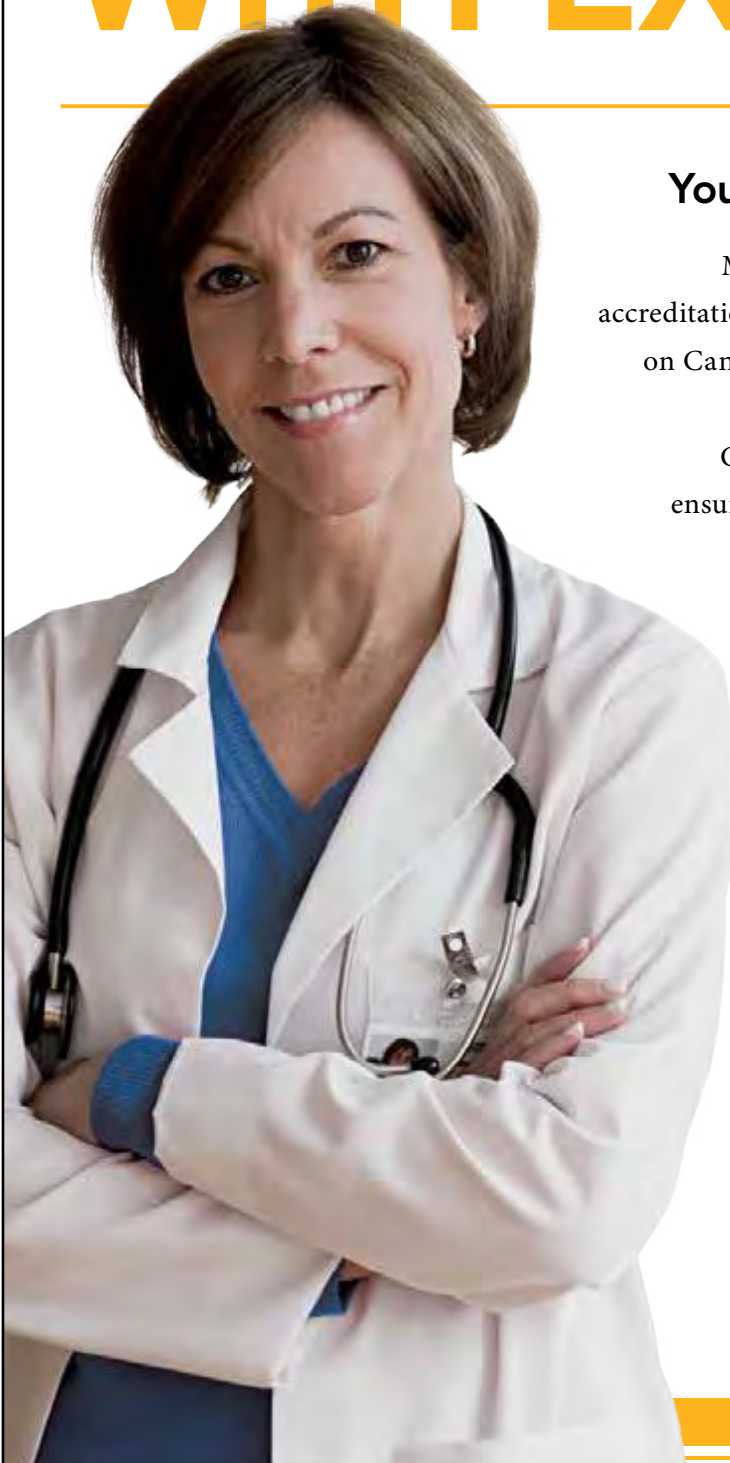
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Girl Scout Troop Meets Precinct 3 Constable

On February 5th, Summerwood Elementary 1st Grade Girl Scout Daisy Troop 118008 invited our neighborhood contract constable Deputy Scott Wilcox to their meeting. The girls earned their Courageous and Strong Petal. They discussed that police officers are here to protect them when going to and from school, protect their families and protect their community. Summerwood is very blessed to have these brave and friendly men and women in our community. A special thanks to all of Precinct 3 Constables from Laurie Bollom, Cheryl Naudin, Ellie Anderson, Jasmine Banamar, Kaitlyn Bollom, Brooklyn Cervin, Sydney Naudin, Sara Sajjadian, Jayden Sherrard and Sydney Terrance.



SUMMERWOOD TO BE SITE OF 5K CHARITY WALK

Newland Communities, the developer of Summerwood, is hosting the Slam LAM Charity Walk to raise funds on behalf of a longtime Summerwood resident and Newland employee, Kathi Hawn. In early 2014, Kathi was diagnosed with Lymphangioleiomyomatosis (LAM), a progressive lung disease striking primarily women and which currently has no cure. All funds raised will go directly to the LAM Foundation.

The Slam LAM Walk will be held on Saturday, March 21st at 9am, with pre-walk festivities to begin at 8:30. The Walk will begin and end at Residents Club Central. There will be a light breakfast provided, a DJ and fun things for families of all ages.

Through March 10th, registration for children 12 and under will be \$15 and registration for those above age 12 will be \$25. After March 10th, registration for adults will be \$35 and children age 12 and under will be \$25. All registration fees go directly to the LAM Foundation. For more information and to register for the walk, please go to www.SlamLAM5k.com. Plan to join us on March 21st and help us Slam LAM and support our friend, Kathi!

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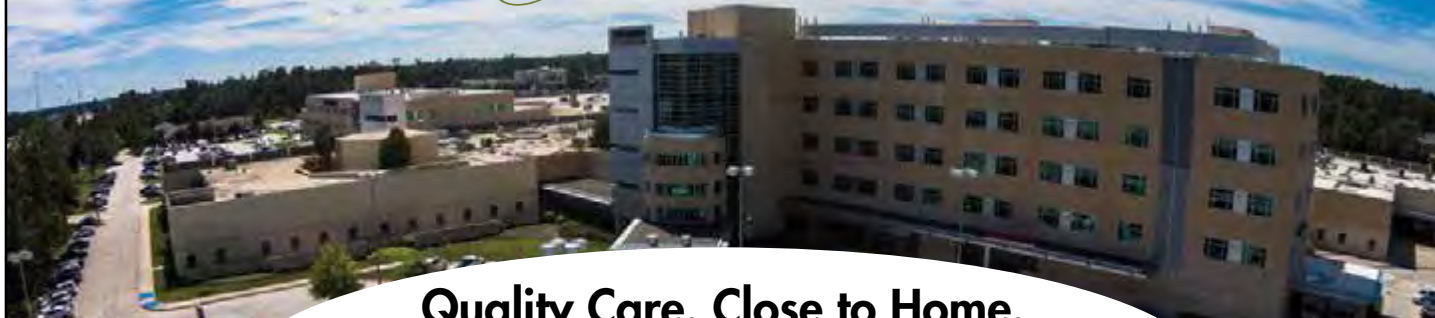
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REDSTONE RAVENS

YOUTH FOOTBALL TEAM ANNOUNCES SPRING CAMP DATES



If you've passed by Summerwood Elementary in the evening during the summer and fall, you've probably asked yourself "Who is that football team practicing on the fields?" The answer is "the area's top powerhouse team in youth football -- the Redstone Ravens".

The Ravens are a charter member of the Youth Football Federation and have been practicing at Summerwood Elementary for almost a decade. They are a tackle football and cheer organization open to boys and girls from ages 4-12. The football teams are broken out into four different age groups – Freshmen (ages 4-6), Sophomores (ages 7-8), JV (ages 9-10), and Varsity (ages 11-12). The cheerleading squads usually are grouped into two categories – Ages 4 to 8 and 9 to 12.

Both the cheerleading squads and the football teams have experienced success within the federation. The cheerleaders have taken home ribbons at their cheer competitions as well as placed several "alumni" on various middle school cheerleading

squads around the area. The football teams are a perennial playoff contender and consistently battle for titles in the city's premier youth football league. In 2014, the Ravens were one of only three teams in the entire conference that advanced to the championship game on multiple levels. The Freshmen and Varsity squads closed out the seasons with winning records, while both the Sophomores and JV finished their seasons in the Conference Championship with the Sophomores outscoring their opponents 405-53 on their way to a 9-1 record.

In anticipation of the upcoming season, the Ravens will be hosting several football and cheerleading camps over the next couple of months and would like to invite anyone interested to attend. The camps will be held at Summerwood Elementary from 9am to 11am on the following dates: March 21st, April 11th, and May 2nd. The camps are FREE to attend. Parents -- this would be a great (and inexpensive) opportunity to give your son or daughter some exposure to the organization and decide whether or not they are interested in participating this fall. You can register online at the team website: www.redstoneravens.com.

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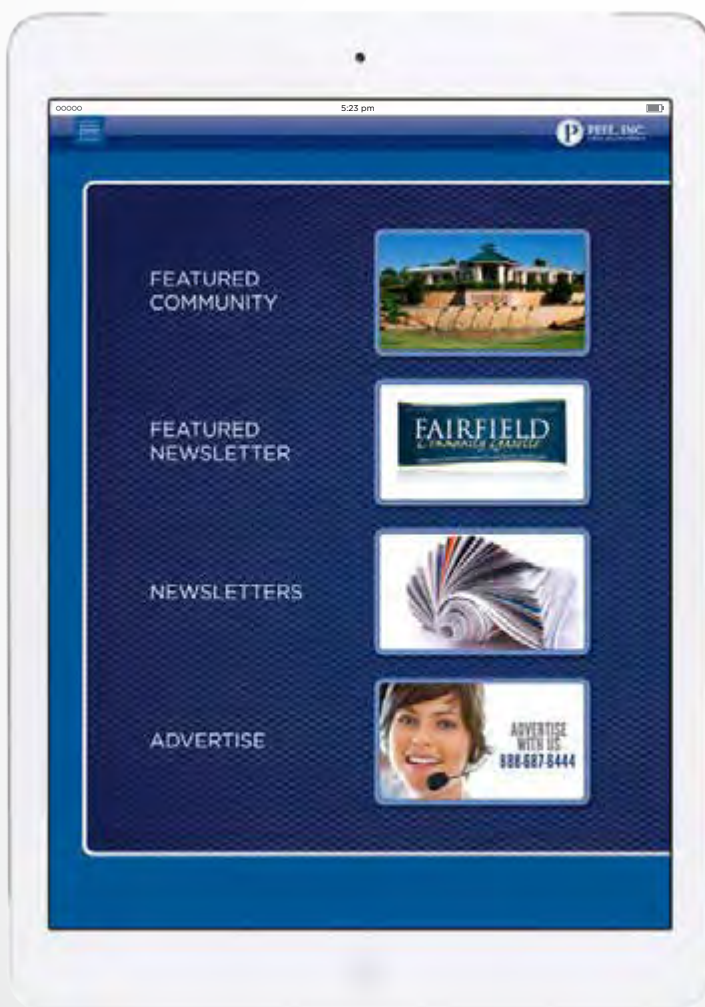
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SPRING MAKEOVER

Spring is such a beautiful time of year in Houston. One can't help but feel the refreshing power of this season when flowers are in full bloom. Even the trees seem to stand just a little taller. As the sun will certainly shine a little more we will want to spend more time in the great outdoors. This will lead to "spring cleaning" and the opportunity to give our homes a little makeover.

Whether you're looking to sell your home or just want to make some home improvements, we want to help you get the most out of your hard earned dollar. Whether you're looking to sell or just want to beautify the home, you might be surprised at how much you can do with a little money.

Following are few of my personal tips that will be sure to impress:

LANDSCAPING

The Power of Flowers - Weed free flowerbeds and colorful flowers wins buyers hearts

Neatly trimmed lawns, trees, and bushes send a positive message to buyers and neighbors; a well-cared for yard represents a well-cared for home.

Roof - keep it clean of debris and tree limbs. A new roof will set you back thousands. Preserve it today to save money in the future.

INTERIOR

Walls - a fresh coat of paint can do wonders for a home. If you're looking to sell, conservative/neutral paints are the best option and most often give a home an open and airy feel.

Lighting - with so many low energy options the task of finding bright bulbs that don't give off unnatural lighting is often easier said than done. Most of the large box stores will allow you to take back lights you don't like. Buy a few varieties, find the one you like, and take the rest back. Once you find the right "bright" light you'll find your home to be more cheerful and inviting.

Smell - companies spend thousands of dollars to ensure their establishments give off just the right smell for their customers. Would it surprise you to learn that some coffee shops install odor control systems to make sure you get the "right" coffee smell when you walk in the front door? What smell message does your home give?

If you are looking to sell please call the Tracy Montgomery Team before spending any money. Interest rates are incredibly low, homes are in high demand, and buying power for many remains strong. The Tracy Montgomery Team of experienced listing agents will help ensure you get the most out of your home investment.

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