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## MANAGER'S CORNER

# Introducing REFLECTION PARK



As you probably know, the New Home Information Center (NHIC) moved out of Summerwood some time ago. While we were sad to see it go, we were also excited about the

development possibilities for the property at Boulder Field and Darby Rose where it was located.

Like many, the members of the Summerwood CA Board of Directors were deeply affected by the shooting at Sandy Hook Elementary on December 14, 2012. The idea was born to create a memorial park at the NHIC location in honor of those lost during that tragic event. During the very early planning stages, this area was referred to as the Sandy Hook Park. Unfortunately, Sandy Hook was not the first, nor will it be the last mass shooting that we will see in our lifetimes. With any horrific tragedy that is widely known, one difficult aspect for the public is how to move forward without forgetting.

As planning and discussion went on, the concept for the park evolved. Rather than a park that honors one event, the new goal was to create a peaceful area that would serve as a place to reflect upon anything or anyone. The Board wanted to create a serene and relaxing park that would be a nice setting for residents to simply sit and think, unwind, or maybe just enjoy nature. This area was ultimately named Reflection Park.

The Beautification Committee was charged with the task of providing recommendations for Reflection Park based on the Board's vision. They partnered with The Spencer Company and created landscape designs for the park. The designs included new trees, new beds with flowering shrubs, benches, and a water feature. Several additional trees were planted during our Arbor Day event in April 2014. The finishing touches of the park were completed last month. Many thanks go out to the team of volunteers and contractors who made Reflection Park possible.





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## SPRING GARAGE SALE

It's time to spring clean! So sell what you no longer need or want at the Spring Community Garage Sale scheduled for Saturday, April 25, 8 a.m.–12 p.m.

Garage sale ads will be placed in the Houston Chronical, Craigslist, Kingwood Yard Sales, etc. This year The Table in the Wilderness Ministries recovery program will be available at the Residents Club Central parking lot at noon for items you would like to donate. Once the truck is full, there will not be another, so please do not leave your items.

The Table truck will also be making pickups that day from residents who had previously called 281-452-0011 and

scheduled an at-home pickup for that day. Depending on call volume, the donors will be offered a two-hour-or-less time window for at-home pickup. The residents can either call ahead or bring their donations to the clubhouse any time after 12 p.m. The goal is to make this a positive experience for those who choose to donate. Everyone who donates will be offered a donation receipt.

To include your address in the garage sale map, generously donated by Kevin Voisin of Forefront Management, you will need to register at [www.summerwoodlife.com](http://www.summerwoodlife.com) by Monday, April 20, at noon. You do not need to be in the map to have a garage sale.

The rainout date will be Saturday, May 2, 8 a.m.–12 p.m. Happy selling!



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8th.....	Grapestompers
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## SUMMERWOOD *Beautification* COMMITTEE

The Summerwood Beautification Committee is looking for volunteers! Are you interested in finding a place to volunteer in our community?

The main purpose of this committee is to be the eyes and ears of the community in looking for areas that require some attention. With a small budget, they serve in a directing role to the maintenance group, Spencer Company. The committee members have put on annual events, such as our Arbor Day tree sale in 2013 and 2014, and they are looking to host other events, including inviting local experts as topical speakers.

Now that the large reforestation project and the Reflection Park projects are complete, they are focusing on developing a master plan with Spencer Company to reinvest into our existing landscaped areas. If you wish to be a part of any or all of these, please email [CustomerCare@ciaservices.com](mailto:CustomerCare@ciaservices.com).

## MARK YOUR CALENDAR!

*April 25:*

*May 25*

*July 4*

*September 19*

*October 17*

*December 5*

Spring Garage Sale

Memorial Day Pool Party

Independence Day Parade

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## Summerwood Residents Prepare Lawns for Spring

Fertilization Schedule for St. Augustine, Bermuda, and Zoysia by Randy Lemmon, host of the GardenLine radio program on 740 KTRH on weekend mornings.

**FERTILIZE:** four times a year

Late February–Early March—apply a simple 15-5-10 for an early green-up. Most companies that make slow-release fertilizers also make a non-slow-release 15-5-10 that provides for a quick two-week green-up before we get to the heart of the fertilizer schedule.

Late March–Early April—apply slow-release 3-1-2 ratio fertilizers. Recommended formulations:

- 18-4-6 Fertilome Southwest Greenmaker
- 18-0-6 Fertilome's Zero Phosphate Formula
- 15-5-10 Southwest Fertilizer Premium Gold
- 20-0-10 Bonide Premium Lawn Food
- 19-4-10 Nitro Phos Super Turff

Late June–Early July—apply slow-release 3-1-2 ratio fertilizers. (Recommended formulations 19-5-9, 19-4-10, 18-4-6, and 15-5-10.)

October–November—apply winterizer formulas for winter hardiness. Ratios vary, but make sure they are winter or fall formulas designed for southern grasses. (Examples: 18-6-12, 8-12-16, 10-5-14.) Will make lawns winter-hardy.

**FUNGICIDE:** two times a year

July–September—Gray-leaf spot is a blotchy spot on the grass-blade leaf. (mostly on St. Augustine lawns) Use fungicides with active ingredients like Daconil, Consan, or Banner.

September–October—To control the dreaded brown-patch fungal disease (symmetrical brown circles in the grass), you must prevent it from coming up with a systemic lawn fungicide with Bayleton, Terrachlor, Banner, or Benomyl.

**HERBICIDE:** three times a year

(Pre-emergent controls to prevent weeds)

Late October–Early November—Use two different pre-emergent herbicides to prevent the weeds that we experience in February and March. First is a pre-emergent with Portrait or Gallery for broadleaf weeds like clover. Second, use a pre-emergent with Amaze, Betasan, Balan, or Treflan for grassy weeds like poa annua or annual bluegrass. There is also Barricade, Dimension, or Pendimethlin as a two-in-one control.

February–March—Use the pre-emergent controls for grassy weeds again to prevent such weeds as crabgrass, goosegrass, and dallisgrass from popping up late in the spring and summer. Again, use the grassy pre-emergent like Amaze, Betasan, Balan, or Treflan. There is also Barricade, Dimension, or Pendimethlin as a two-in-one control.

May–Early June—One more application of a grassy pre-emergent like Amaze, Betasan, Balan, or Treflan will keep fall weeds from invading from August on. There is also Barricade, Dimension-based, or Pendimethlin as a two-in-one control.

## PHOTO OF THE MONTH

Thibodeaux Family Loves Summerwood Life



The Thibodeaux family of Misty Stone Court is shown enjoying a beautiful Summerwood day at Lake Anne! Sherron Thibodeaux and her two daughters, Kenya and Kennedy, have lived in Summerwood for ten years. Kenya graduated from Summercreek High School last year and is a freshman at Texas A&M University in College Station. Kennedy is a junior at Summercreek High School and plays on the varsity basketball team.

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!



## MEET THE HOA BOARD PRESIDENT

I, John W. Bland, consider it an honor and pleasure to serve as the Summerwood CA president. I have been a resident of Summerwood for over ten years and am serving my second term as an association board member. Being a member of the crime watch committee for several years has given me the opportunity to become acquainted with my neighbors. My wife and I are block captains for our area, and I served on the activities committee when I first moved here.

Before coming to Summerwood, I served as precinct chair in my neighborhood for over forty years. In the absence of the precinct chair, I also served as that position in Summerwood for an election. Serving as a Senatorial District 13 chair for two terms and HPD citizens review committee chair for several terms has given me a true

sense of doing community service. Last but not least, I also served as the president of my community's civic club.

I am presently employed as the administrative vice president and director of human and civil rights at Transport Workers Union of America. My wife, Betty, and I have been married more than fifty-two years and have two adult daughters and one grandson. I am presently a deacon at Bethany Baptist Church.

It is a privilege and blessing to work with the other Summerwood CA board members. Together we have helped our community grow and will continue to work for the betterment of Summerwood. I thank each of residents of Summerwood for giving me the opportunity to serve you on the homeowners' association board.



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The Lifeguarding Review Course is designed to review the lifeguarding skills and core knowledge points required to recertify

in lifeguarding. Prerequisite: Current Red Cross Lifeguarding/First Aid/CPR/AED or Shallow Water Lifeguarding/First Aid/CPR/AED certificate. Note: If the Lifeguarding/First Aid/CPR/AED certificate is expired, participants must take the full Lifeguarding or Shallow Water Lifeguarding course.

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### Spring into Action!

It is advising month at LSC-Atascocita Center. Make an appointment today to get ready for the summer and fall semesters. Register early to get access to the classes you want and need. Call 832-775-0800 to make an appointment today!

### Last Chance for Tax Prep Help

The last free session of American Association of Retired Persons' (AARP) Tax Preparation Service will be on Friday, April 10, in AC 132D, 10 a.m.-2 p.m. This service is free for everyone, not just AARP members. No reservation needed—just remember to bring your tax documents with you.

### Shakespeare Performances

Students will perform monologues from the works of William Shakespeare on Friday, April 17, at 1:30 p.m. in the LSC-Atascocita Center library. For more information, please call 832-775-0817.

### Fantasy Game Night

Come by the LSC-Atascocita Center library on Friday, April 24, for tabletop-role-playing-game fun! Whether you are an advanced player looking for other gamers or are just getting interested in tabletop gaming, this night is for you. Games ranging from Dungeons & Dragons to Pandemic will be provided, but feel free to bring your own. Experts from Ettin Games will be on hand to teach beginners the basics. For more information, please call 832-775-0817.

## Spring in Summerwood



Spring is here! These beautiful trees are in full bloom at Central Clubhouse!



### National Summer Program Fostering Creativity and Problem-Solving Skills, Coming to Two Schools near Summerwood

Camp Invention, the nation's premier summer enrichment day-camp program that is supported by the United States Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO) and the National Inventors Hall of Fame (NIHF), will be available this summer at two locations near Summerwood. Camp Invention will be at St. Mary Magdalene Catholic School June 15-19 and Holy Trinity Episcopal School July 13-17. The weeklong day camp for students entering grades one through six fosters innovation and creativity while also building self-esteem, teamwork, persistence, and goal-setting skills.

This year's Camp Invention curriculum is called Illuminate™ and was inspired by some of our nation's most brilliant minds, including experienced educators, inductees of NIHF, and members of USPTO. Illuminate™ will encourage children to explore their inventiveness in the design studio: Illuminate module, investigating circuits, and taking on a nature-inspired design challenge. As they dream, build, and make discoveries, children will have a chance to build a prototype from scratch and explore math from a new angle when they create origami flight models during team-building exercises. For more information, please visit [www.campinvention.org](http://www.campinvention.org) or call 800-968-4332.





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Lake Houston Ladies Club will have their meeting and luncheon on Tuesday, April 21, 2015 beginning at 10:00 a.m. at the Walden Country Club. With spring almost here, The Lazy Gardener, Brenda Beust Smith, will be with us. She will be talking about "What's Blooming in the Lazy Gardeners Garden". Lake 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, Tea Time, Lunch and Look, Movie Group, Supper Club, Mah Jongg, and Girl's Night Out. Please join us. New members are always welcome. Call Carol at 832-671-4475 for more information about the club and for luncheon reservations call by Friday, April 17 before 5:00 p.m.



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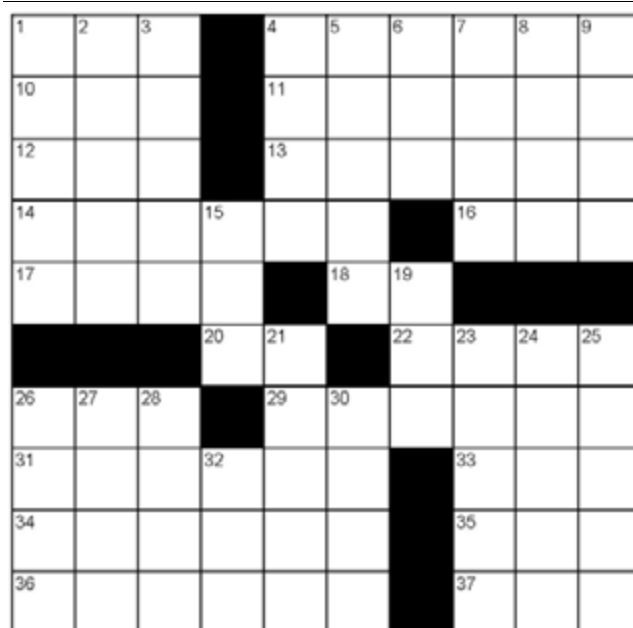
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11. Asian nation
12. Limited (abbr.)
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14. Flower
16. Poem
17. Monetary unit
18. Atomic number
20. Paid (abbr.)
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26. Punching tool
29. Esc
31. Fine
33. Modern
34. Cat mystery writer Braun
35. Lingerie
36. Elevate
37. Sign language

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2. Swanky
3. Award
4. Marry
5. Abraham's son
6. Mr.'s wife
7. El \_\_ (Texas city)
8. Precede
9. Women's magazine
15. Brim
19. American Football Conference (abbr.)
21. Coffee shop order
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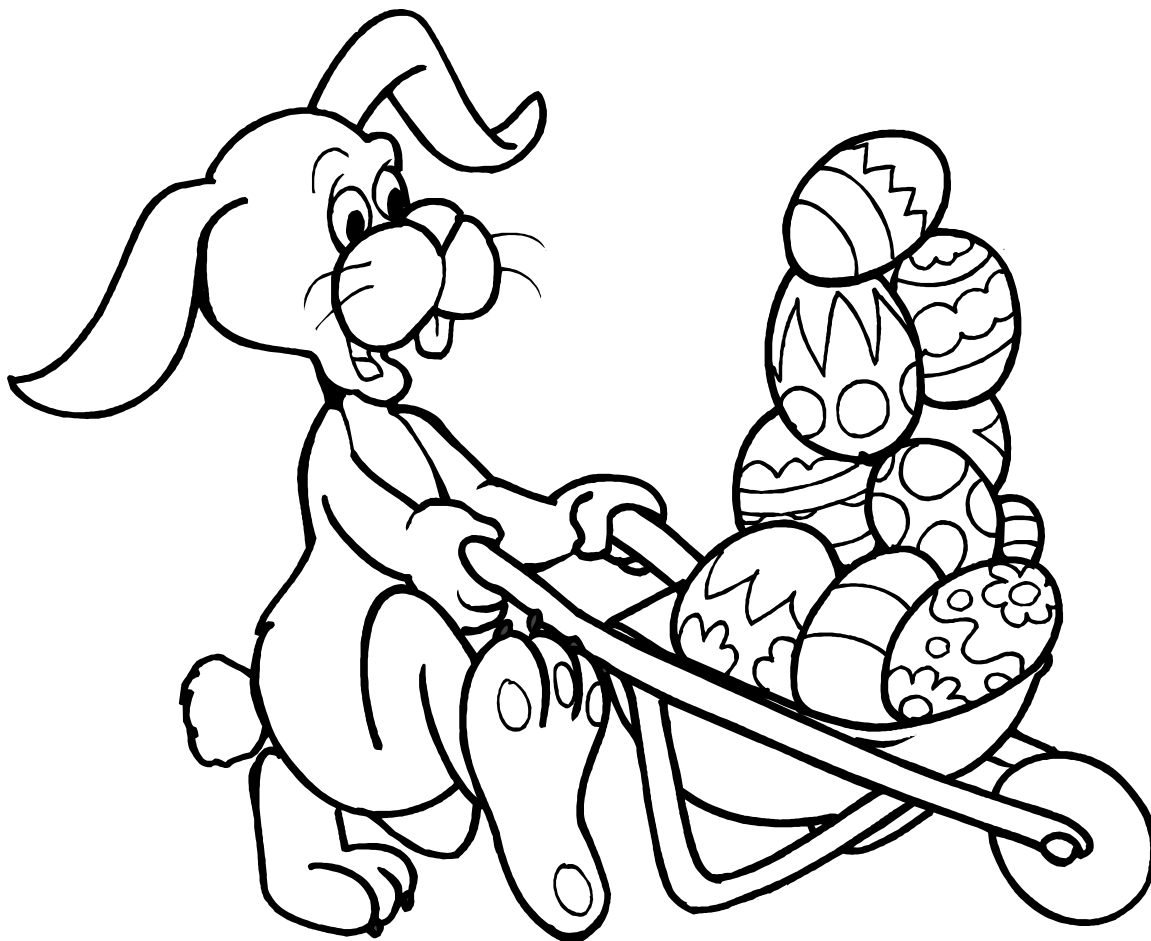
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## APRIL IN HOUSTON

From April Fool's to Easter Sunday, April is an amazing month in Houston. As a rule, it's one of our most beautiful months of the year. I absolutely love seeing all the ladies and girls in their "Sunday Best" on Easter Morning. It is simply a wonderful time of renewal, hope, and preparation for the months to come. It's also a time of sugar, sugar, and more sugar. Whether you enjoy baking or just the eating part, there are some fantastically beautiful and easy to make treats on the internet. One of my favorite sites for holiday goodies is Martha Stewart.

My Real Estate phone lines have been blowing up with inquiries related to our market. Questions such as, "Is this still a good time to... sell, buy, refinance, add an addition on my home", etc. My team loves the calls and we appreciate the opportunity to share our knowledge and experience with you.

In short, and depending on your individual circumstances, it may be a good time for all of these questions mentioned. Housing demand continues to rise. This has resulted in low home inventory. When you combine low inventory with high demand you get great resale opportunities.

Interest rates remain incredibly low. I don't know how long they'll last but for now, we're still experiencing the best interest rates in a decade. Low interest rates provide homeowners a wonderful opportunity to make updates to their properties. It also provides you an opportunity to get top dollar for you home, and buy your next home at all-time low rates.

If you are in the market to buy or sell please call the Tracy Montgomery Team. Our team of experienced Realtors® will help ensure you get the most out of your home investment.



*If you know of someone who would appreciate the level of service my Team provides, please call me with their name and business number. I'll be happy to follow up and take great care of them.*

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