

SUMMERWOOD LIFE

OFFICIAL NEWSLETTER OF THE SUMMERWOOD COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION, INC.



2016 Pool Wristbands

The 2016 Pool Wristbands are in! If you would like to beat the crowd, now is the time! In order to decrease the processing time please print out the completed registration form and bring your completed form along with your proof of residency with you. ex. Settlement Statement, Driver's License (address must match residency), or a Utility Bill.

Assessments must be paid in full before you can pick up your wristbands. If you have any questions regarding your assessments you may contact the management company, CIA Services, Inc., at customercare@ciaservices.com

Log into www.summerwoodlife.com for the Registration Form Hours for wristband pick up:

Onsite:
Wednesdays 9am-12pm
Saturdays 12pm-3pm
C.I.A. Services Main Office:
Monday through Friday 8am-6pm

New Rental Policy for Club Summerwood

Many residents have requested that alcohol be allowed at their clubhouse rentals only to be told that it is not permitted. The Board of Directors has heard your requests and discussed it at a recent meeting. The Board has the responsibility to balance the requests and the ever changing needs of the community with protecting the physical and financial assets of the community. After a great deal of discussion, the rental policy changed.

Good news! Alcohol is now permitted at Club Summerwood rentals. Of course, there are rules and restrictions involved including:

- You must notify C.I.A. Services that alcohol will be present or served at the event when you make your reservation.
- 2 security officers must be present for the entire duration of the rental.
- \$750 refundable deposit is required.
- No alcohol may be served to anyone under 21.

If you have a rental already reserved and you would like to have alcohol at your event, please contact our Facility Coordinator Lauran Hopkins at Lauran.Hopkins@ciaservices.com or 281-852-1700. She will be happy to assist you in changing your reservation or for any new reservations.

Please feel free to contact C.I.A. Services should you have any questions about a clubhouse rental.

IMPORTANT NUMBERS

MANAGEMENT COMPANY

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2016 SUMMERWOOD EVENTS

March 19 – Spring Festival
 April 16 – Spring Garage Sale
 May 7 – Casino Night
 June 4 – End of School Pool Party
 July 4 – Independence Day Parade
 August 13 – Youth Fishing
 Tournament
 October 15 – Fall Festival
 November 5 – Fall Garage Sale
 December 3 – Winter Festival



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PHOTO OF THE MONTH



The photo was submitted by Dan Pourreau and was taken in his backyard on Barton River Lane. Bailey is his son's dog and when she visits she loves to watch the deer. She doesn't bark at them, but just goes up to the fence and watches them play. Lately the deer have been coming up to the fence too as if they are looking for her. This never happened until Bailey started coming over during the weekends.

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 publish a favorite Summerwood photo!

Please email it to summerwoodlife@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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- On Average in Summerwood sellers are getting about \$95.75 per square foot.
- Average total days on market of the homes SOLD is about 59 days.
- On Average Sellers are getting about 98% of their asking Price in Summerwood.



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A Sense of Community

Over 110 business, community and school district leaders attended Summer Creek BizCom Meeting #29 on Thursday, December 10, 2015. Speakers that day shared detailed, timely information about SCHS, the new Kroger Store, etc. For more on this event or if you want to reserve a spot for the February 11 Summer Creek BizCom, please see www.lakehouston.org/bizcom, www.youtube.com/MyChamberChannel or call the Chamber at (281) 446-2128.

One of the great blessings about being part of the Summer Creek BizCom is getting to know people that have a profound impact on our community. On February 13, 2014 Harris County Precinct One Commissioner, El Franco Lee and McCord Development Chairman, Rick McCord (developer of Summerwood and Generation Park) both spoke at our Summer Creek BizCom Meeting. I doubt that I will ever forget the dialogue they shared that day. I was so impressed with their mutual respect and good natured ribbing of each other and their obvious desire to work together to do good for this growing community that owes them so much! It was one of those conversations I have thought of often and will probably continue to learn from for the rest of my life. Since both of these gentlemen recently passed away, my heart aches because I wish they were still here. However, I will always treasure those moments because they taught me so much about service to our community.

Respectfully,

Don Gaddy

Summer Creek BizCom Chairman

A Project of the Lake Houston Area Chamber of Commerce



FIRST CALL! STINGRAY ROUND-UP!

Parents you are probably not thinking about Swim Season right now and we're in the car with you. Seriously? Brrrrrrrr. February hosts Valentines Day, trail rides and hopefully some more cold nights to shut down our mosquitos.

We don't have a groundhog so please consider this a harbinger of SUMMERWOOD STINGRAY SEASON. Stingrays inhabit the Summerwood Central Pool from late April through late June. Stingrays are super fast and they bring the sting.

LOOK FOR STINGRAY REGISTRATION IN MARCH!

The Summerwood Stingrays is our community swim team, which is open to Summerwood residents ages 4-17. The team is on average 200 swimmers strong.

Your child does not need to finish first or be an experienced swimmer to have a blast. Hard work, self improvement and being part of something bigger than oneself (a team) can be reward in itself and is our focus. But we like to win and we often do thanks to our great coaching staff and Summerwood athletes.

Many of our swimmers move on to more competitive year-round swimming for love of the sport. Some just come out April – June. Its all great. Mark your calendar. We love new Stingrays we love returning Stingrays.



SUMMERWOOD ELEMENTARY RUNNING CLUB TAKES ON BRIDGEFEST

The students at Summerwood Elementary have started a running club for 3rd through 5th graders. Led by the principal, Dr. Brian Peters, they have been learning to long distance run and practicing to participate in the Lake Houston YMCA Bridgefest held on Saturday, February 6th. If you are interested in joining the students there's still time to register for the race at: <https://www.ymcahouston.org/lake-houston/>

The YMCA Bridgefest offers the following events: ½-Mile Kid's Race, ½-Mile Special Needs Race, 1-Mile Kid's Race, 5K Family Run & Walk. If you decide to join them be sure and mention you're with Summerwood Elementary!



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With the start of the new year graduation for the Summer Creek High School Class of 2016 is just around the corner! Graduation is set for May 28, 2016 - a time of celebration and lasting memories.

PROJECT GRADUATION, an all-night lock-in celebration for SCHS Seniors, will be held graduation night for one last evening to celebrate the Class of 2016 before starting their next chapter in life. The evening will be planned to provide a safe, substance-free environment full of fun and entertainment.

Seeking Sponsors and Donations

Project Graduation is a self-supporting program sponsored by the Parents of the graduating class; we receive no funding from the school or Humble ISD budget. The Summer Creek community has endorsed the efforts in keeping our seniors safe in their graduation celebrations, and again this year, we ask for your support for the Class of 2016.

Sponsorships are available at several different levels, we are open to any additional ideas of support you may have for the event.

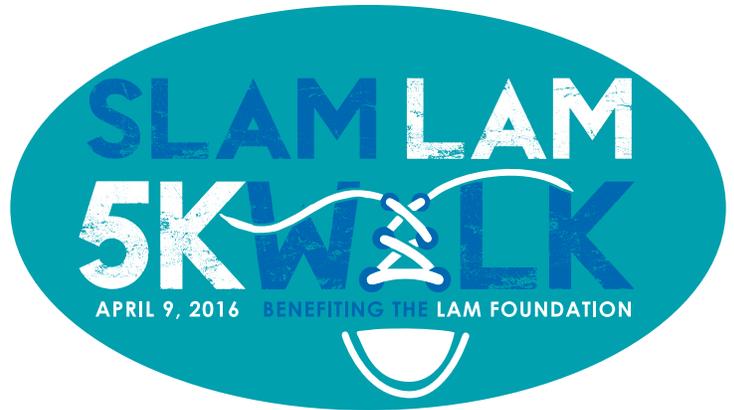
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The evening will be full of games and contests. Our goal is to provide each graduate a going away gift to help them in their future endeavors - laptops, tablets, electronics, gas cards, grocery cards, dorm room or apartment items, school supplies, paid cell phone plans, car maintenance, luggage, resume writing books, gift cards (from anywhere) are some donation examples.

We will also be preparing goody bags for seniors attending the event - any establishment wanting to contribute items for 500 attendees (coupons, gift cards, products, discounts) please email us for pick up or to schedule delivery of items.

THANK YOU for your Consideration to Become a Sponsor or Donate to SCHS Project Graduation 2016!

SCHS Project Grad 2016 can only be successful through the continued support and generosity of parents and the Summer Creek community. If you have any questions please email us at ayearly@1stinsurance.net.



The SLAM LAM 5K walk will be held Saturday April 9, 2016 at Resident's Club in Summerwood. All funds raised will go to help find a cure for Lymphangiomyomatosis (LAM), a fatal lung disease that Kathi Hawn was diagnosed with in 2014. Kathi has been a Summerwood resident since 2004. Our goal is to raise \$40,000.00 – and we have a sponsor that matching funds dollar for dollar. Even if you can't walk please help us reach our goal by visiting the event website www.SLAMLAM5K.com. This will be a fun event for everyone in the family. Join us for the walk/run and breakfast at 9:00 a.m. For additional information on LAM please visit TheLAMFoundation.org.



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2016 SPRING CARNIVAL – APRIL 16th, 2016 – 11am to 3pm

The SWE PTO invites YOUR business to make a difference in our community by supporting our staff, our children and our future. Whether you are located in Summerwood or in the surrounding areas, you can make an impact while gaining a unique, clutter-free and targeted marketing opportunity. Allow us to introduce Summerwood families to YOU and your business through Carnival Sponsorship at one of the levels described below.

SWE SUPERNOVA SPONSOR (\$500 level) Receives:

- Sponsorship acknowledgment in the Summerwood Community Newsletter (reaching ~1000 families)
- Sponsorship acknowledgement on the SWE PTO Facebook page (reaching ~100 motivated families)
- Logo inclusion on the carnival marketing materials.
- Award for display at your place of business
- PLUS ALL** benefits listed below

SWE Stellar Sponsor (\$250 level) Receives:

- Logo inclusion in the SWE Yearbook (released in May)
- Logo inclusion on a banner to be displayed on West Lake Houston Parkway for 1 week prior to the carnival
- 2 Vouchers for food at the event
- Shout out by DJ at the carnival
- Plus benefits listed below

SWE Star Sponsor (\$100 donation) Receives:

- Sponsorship shout out in all carnival flyers (reaching ~600 families, multiple flyers)
- Sponsor table with business signage/handouts (you provide all signage) if desired
- Plus benefits listed below

SWE Twinkle Sponsor (donation of goods/services to the Chance Auction) Receives:

- Ad inclusion in the Carnival Brochure (750 to be distributed)
- Sponsorship acknowledgment in the weekly school newsletter, the Stargazer (reaching ~600 families)

LAKE HOUSTON LADIES CLUB FEBRUARY MEETING

Lake Houston Ladies Club will have their meeting and luncheon on Tuesday, February 16, 2016, beginning at 10:00 a.m. at the Walden Country Club, 18100 Walden Forest, Humble TX 77346. Elvis Tribute Artist, Harvey McFadden, will be this month's entertainer and will be performing "A Salute to Elvis". Lake Houston Ladies Club is a social organization that welcomes new members from all surrounding areas. Several interest groups are available which include: Reader's Choice, Bridge, Bunco, Lunch and Look, Tea Time, Movie Group, Supper Club, Mah Jongg, and Girl's Night Out. Please join us. New members are always welcome. Reservations need to be made by Friday, February 5, 2016. For more information about the club and for luncheon reservations go to <http://www.lakehoustonladiesclub.com/> or call Linda at 832-379-3009.



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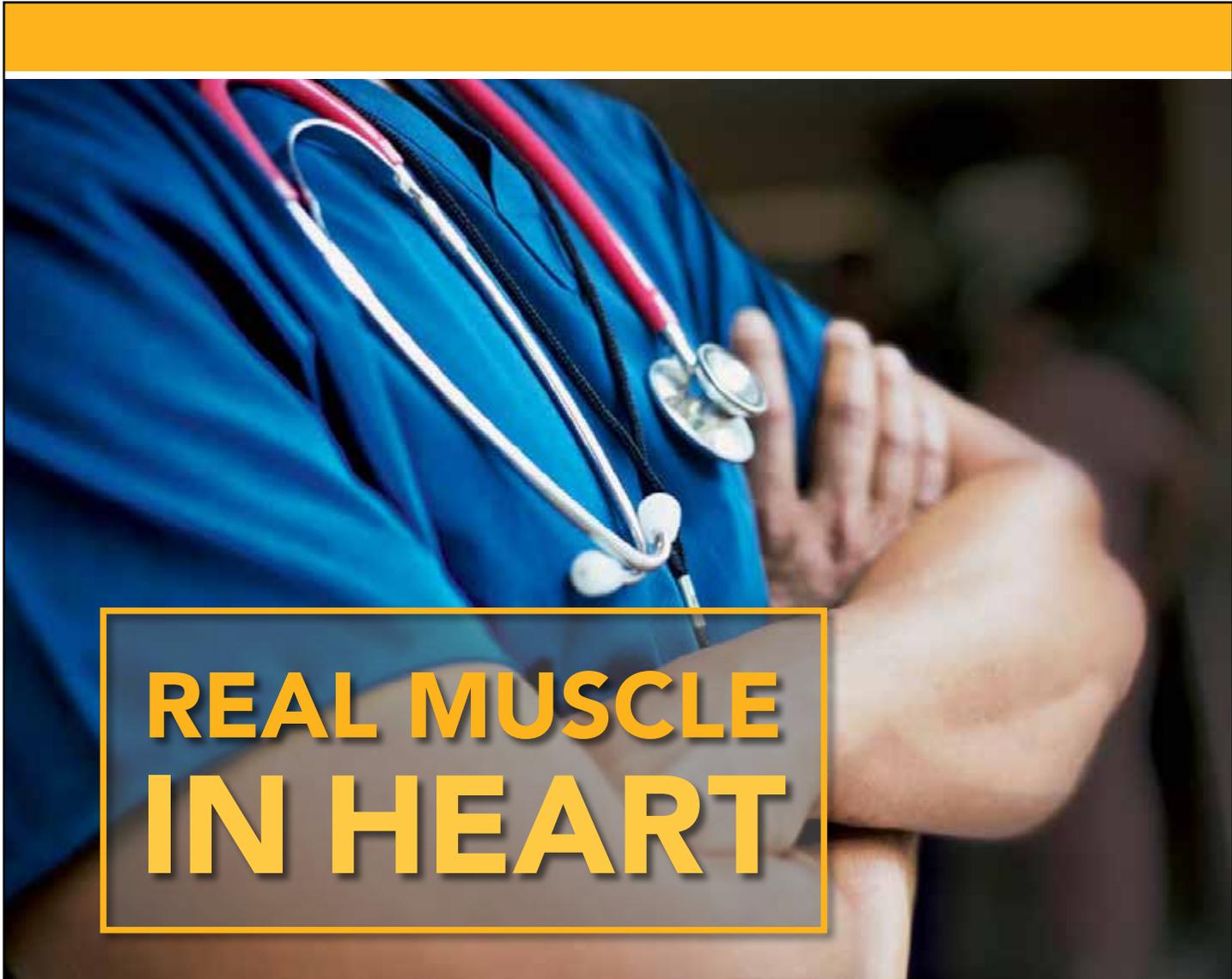
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Soak up spilled oil and grease with an absorbent material such as paper towels or kitty litter and throw into the garbage. Before you wash dishes, scrape food scraps, fats, oils, and grease into your garbage. Use sink strainers to catch remaining food waste while washing dishes.

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Leaf cutting ants typically forage when the temperatures are cooler, such as at night or in the morning. They can sometimes cause complete defoliation of plants or small trees overnight. These ants remove leaves and buds from plants in the landscape. The ants do not eat the plant pieces, but take the pieces back to their colony and feed them to a fungus garden. They tend a particular species of fungus and weed out any other fungus from the garden.

Colonies may exist for years and can exceed over two million ants. It is not unusual for a single colony to cover an acre of land. Colonies are usually found in well drained, sandy or loamy soils.

Plants can be temporarily protected by using spray adhesives around the base of the plant. The adhesive would need to be refreshed often when dirt or debris accumulates. Temporary protection can

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For more information or help with identification, contact Wizzie Brown, Texas AgriLife Extension Service Program Specialist at 512.854.9600. Check out my blog at www.urban-ipm.blogspot.com

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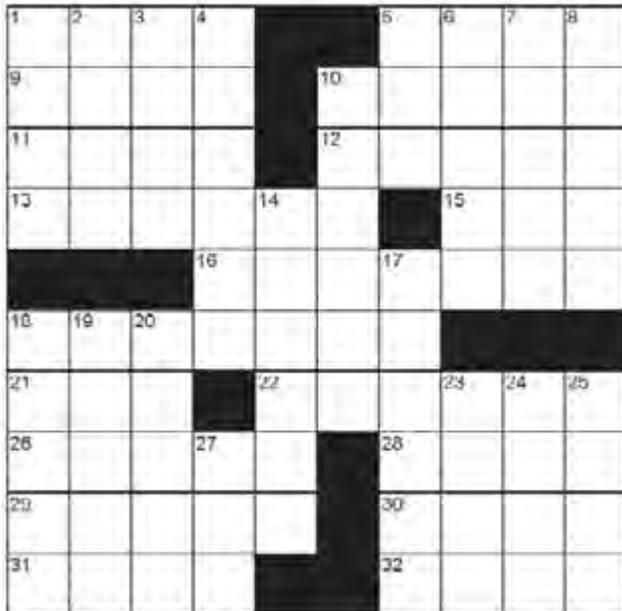
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*I am William “Bill” Norwood,
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ACROSS

1. Part of doorway
5. Baby
9. Seaweed substance
10. Transparent gem
11. Defeat
12. Blend
13. Suck up
15. Electroencephalograph (abbr.)
16. French composer Claude
18. Artifacts found in rocks
21. Rend
22. Elite
26. Reorient
28. Canal
29. Meal listings
30. Opp. of ill
31. Adam's garden
32. Hawk

DOWN

1. Indonesian island
2. Elderly
3. Welcome rugs
4. Sulks
5. TV lawyer Matlock
6. Sign of the zodiac
7. Computer memory units
8. Lamenting poem
10. What a gum chewer blows
14. Ruled over
17. "___ and World Report"
18. Border
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20. Chine
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Home Organizing and De-cluttering Tips

February is a great month to organize and de-clutter your home. Maybe this task is a specific New Year's resolution for you, if not, we bet it ties to one! (e.g. stress less = decrease clutter; exercise more = find your exercise clothes more easily!). Here are a few simple organizing strategies:

Bathroom

1. Control hair product clutter: give unwanted supplies to a friend or donate to charity. Use a plastic tub for your supplies and place it under the sink. When you fix your hair, the whole tub can be taken out and put away.

2. Add style and function with apothecary jars: cotton swabs, Q-tips, and bath salts look great in clear containers, and are handy for guests.

Bedroom

1. Opt for storage under the bed: incorporate sliding or rolling under bed storage bins. These are perfect for your seasonal attire and bulkier items like backpacks, purses, and blankets.

2. Toy proof a child's bedroom: utilize canvas clothes hampers or crunch baskets to organize toy clutter. Use different sizes, small for books and large for balls or stuffed animals.

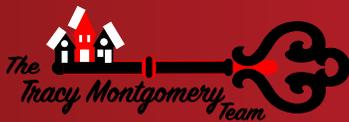
Living Room

1. Coffee table functionality: if your coffee table has drawers, use them for magazines, remotes, coaster, etc. If not, add low storage cubes rolling baskets or bins for under the table.

2. Creatively display photos: if you have a lot of small photo frames, display them in new ways such as collage frames, a digital photo frame, or hang frames on the wall.

We hope these tips help you attain your New Year's resolutions, or simply make you feel calm and clutter-free and your home! May your February be one of organization and peace!

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