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16411 Breakwater Path

## Congratulations AUGUST YARD OF THE MONTH



It was difficult to find a winner this month as the hot weather had taken a toll on many of the flowers and flowering plants in our yards. While a winner for the East side was not determined for August, a hearty congratulation goes out to Pat for winning the final Yard of the Month award for 2016 on Lakeshore's West side. Pat is the one responsible for her amazing yard but she passes on her thanks to Alejandro of Jamal and Nathan Landscape for his assistance. When asked what is her secret, she states that opting for plants that are virtually maintenance free and can tolerate sun in the summer and cold in the winter is the key. Her favorite flowers are caladiums, vinca, roses and mandevilla. Pat also suggested that she opts for bulbs rather than plants, she prefers perennials, sun tolerant plants and vinca for trailing plants that provide more coverage.

**West Side: 16411 Breakwater Path**



For her efforts in maintaining a beautiful yard, Pat has received a gift card from the Lakeshore HOA and an annual subscription to Better Homes and Gardens magazine provided by Howard Blair. Congratulations to our August Yard of the Month Winner!



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# WHO KNEW THIS HOUSEHOLD PRODUCT IS Magic?

Most of us already know that a teaspoon of baking soda in the batter will make the muffins rise, but who knew that a pinch of it mixed with scrambled eggs will make them fluffier or added to water will make steamed vegetables stay green?

Aside from cooking, however, everyone knows that an open box of baking soda in the fridge will absorb strong odors. But did you also know that baking soda in the bath water can relieve itchy skin caused by bug bites or poison ivy? And that pouring a cup of baking soda followed by a cup of hot vinegar down a stopped up drain will unclog it? Baking soda also can be used to polish tarnished silver, remove rust stains, extinguish a grease fire, freshen toothbrushes and clean dishwashers and coffee makers. Add it to kitty litter and the laundry to help freshen and deodorize. Sprinkle baking soda on a wet sponge to scrub residue off a cast-iron skillet. Or use it on sidewalk and driveway cracks as a non-toxic weed killer. A dusting of it around pet food bowls will keep ants away too.

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The staff or volunteers you see occasionally walking around the community with clipboards or tablets, are the association's covenants enforcement officers. They're inspecting the property to ensure that everything is working properly, that conditions are safe, and that nothing is reducing property values or your quality of life in our community.

In short, they're making sure policies and rules are being followed—from pet behavior, parking and unkempt lawns to improper exterior modifications and more. They field complaints from fellow homeowners and, if necessary, remind you (or your neighbor) when a rule has been overlooked.

The officers report their findings to the association board with photos and detailed notes. Most violations are easily resolved without board action. If not, the next step is a hearing before the board—we want to hear your side of the story. Those who continue to ignore rules may be fined, or worse. The most serious cases may end up in court, though we try very hard never to get to that point.

The association's covenants enforcement officers perform a vital function; please treat them with courtesy and respect. If you have any questions about the rules, the officers should be able to explain

them. The association manager and board members also are happy to listen and respond to your concerns.

When you purchased your home in our common-interest community, you became contractually bound to abide by the covenants that protect the association. Please review them and ensure you are in compliance. You can find them on our website [www.lakeshoretx.org](http://www.lakeshoretx.org)



An advertisement for TexasDirectAuto.com. It features a black and white photo of a Chihuahua dog with its hair standing on end, looking to the right. The background is dark with white lightning bolts. The text "SO EASY IT'S SHOCKING!" is written in large, bold, white letters with a black outline. Below this, the website "TEXASDIRECTAUTO.COM" is written in white, and "SELL US YOUR CAR!™" is written in large, bold, white letters with a black outline. A small Texas state flag icon is to the left of the website name.

# Your Commitment as a Homeowner

The association is glad you've found a home in our community. We presume it has all the amenities you were seeking and you're settling in nicely. This is the time the association likes to remind new homeowners that common-interest communities like ours create some unique obligations to the community and to other residents within it:

Read and comply with the community's governing documents. You should have received a package of documents well before you closed on your home. If you didn't, check the association's website (www.lakeshoretexas.org) or ask the manager or a member of the board for copies. Make sure you understand what's included in them, particularly the rules about pets, parking, your home's exterior maintenance, architectural guidelines and when you must pay association assessments.

Provide current contact information to association board members or the manager. Make sure they know how to reach you in case of an emergency, and ask them to notify you of association meetings and other important events. If you rent out your home, provide contact information for your tenants also for use in an emergency.

Maintain your property according to established standards. The community's appearance can add value to all the homes within it—including yours—so it's important to keep landscaping neatly groomed and your home's exterior well-maintained.

Treat association leaders honestly and respectfully. Board members are homeowners—just like you—who have volunteered to give their time and energy freely to govern the community. While you should share your concerns about the community with them, do so in a way that's constructive, informative and helpful.

Attend board meetings and vote in community elections. Board meetings are open to all who wish to sit in and keep up with issues under discussion. The association is a democracy, and your voice and vote can affect important issues.

Pay association assessments and other obligations on time. Your regular assessments pay for common-area maintenance, amenities and other shared expenses. If you don't pay on time, the burden for paying your portion of the association's bills, like water, electricity and trash removal, falls on your neighbors. Contact a board member or the manager, if you're having problems, to discuss alternative payment arrangements.

Ensure that tenants, visiting relatives and friends adhere to all rules and regulations. If you are leasing your home, you're liable for maintaining the condition of the home and for the behavior of those who live in it. Make sure to screen tenants thoroughly, and familiarize them with the community's rules.

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## Tips for Safe Nighttime Driving

Driving at night can be tricky—especially through neighborhoods or dimly lit landscapes—so it's important to keep in mind a few basic guidelines to make sure you and your vehicle both are well-prepared for the trip. Consider the following suggestions to help get you to your destination safely.

Ensure headlights are aimed properly. If you think your headlights are casting light too far above or below your line of vision on the road, you may need to adjust their aim. You can do this either by following instructions in your vehicle owner's manual or seeking help from a vehicle maintenance professional.

Dim dashboard lights. Most vehicle makes and models come with a dimmer for the instrument panel. Make sure it's set to the lowest brightness to limit distraction. Also remember to turn off overhead or visor lights while driving, which also can limit visibility at night.

Don't wear tinted glasses. Yellow lenses sold to enhance nighttime driving could actually decrease visibility instead of amplify colors and objects. If you wear prescription lenses, opt for an anti-reflective coating, and clean them thoroughly and frequently to optimize effectiveness at night.

Learn how to spot animals and objects. While driving at night, be on the lookout for wildlife creatures' eyes, which can easily be spotted as pairs of glowing retinas. Any animals' eyes—like raccoons or deer—typically will reflect the light from your headlights long before their true shapes come into view.

Don't focus on headlights in oncoming traffic. Keep your eyes on the road in front of you and avoid looking into the headlights of oncoming traffic—especially if you notice a car using the high-beam headlight setting. If the headlights on the car behind you cause a glare in your rearview mirror, adjust the mirror.

Clean your windshield. Use a clean microfiber cloth or newspaper to clean the windshield—inside and out. Make sure the windshield is streak- and smudge-free before driving at night, and try to avoid wiping window condensation with your hands. Fingerprints and oils from your skin can cause streaks that limit visibility in the dark.

Know when to use your fog lights. Many vehicles come equipped with fog lights, which typically are located underneath the front headlights and are aimed low, where fog usually appears on the road.

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Fog lights also can be useful on a particularly dark road to further illuminate your path.

Adjust your exterior mirrors. Pointing your side-view mirrors down slightly can help reduce glare from other drivers' headlights and still allow you to see by tipping your head forward a few inches.

Have your eyes checked. Your eyes' ability to keep moving and scan the landscape rather than solely focus on one spot is imperative for successful nighttime driving. Visit your eye doctor for regular checkups to determine whether prescription lenses could help you see better at night.



## Joy Fellowship Center's Clothing Closet

During the month of October, Summer Creek Baptist Church is sponsoring a coat drive to support the Joy Fellowship Center's clothing closet. Located inside loop 610, Joy Fellowship Center seeks to serve impoverished communities in the inner city of Houston by providing for the physical and spiritual needs of people. The Joy Fellowship Center is operated by Mission Centers of Houston, which is a non-profit, 501 (c) (3) organization supported by individuals, churches and grants. All gifts to MCH are tax-deductible according to I.R.S. guidelines.

New or gently used coats may be dropped off at the church office, located at 12159 W Lake Houston Parkway, Houston, TX 77044, near Summer Creek High School, or given to any church member during the month of October. The last day donations will be accepted is Wednesday, October 26. Please call the church office 281-458-7800 or check out our website [www.summercreekbc.org](http://www.summercreekbc.org) for more information.

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Schedule appliance check-ups. Your HVAC system, air ducts and hot water heater should be checked by a licensed professional to ensure all elements are in good shape for the change in weather—especially if any appliances worked overtime during summer months.

Don't forget the attic. Check for leaks in the roof, possible cracks in attic windows and insufficient insulation. With the help of a licensed professional or advice from your local home improvement store staff, you can shield your attic from harsher weather.

Replace weather stripping. Doors and windows need extra help to hold heat inside your home. Inspect all door and window perimeters for cracks or tears in your current weather stripping. You also can add a second layer of protection with temporary weather stripping applied overtop your existing seals.

Deep clean and declutter. Thoroughly clean your home's nooks and crannies inside and out. Ensure electrical cords, outlets and air vents are dust- and clutter-free; tidy up garages and storage areas; and clear any debris from your home's exterior, especially around vents and drains.



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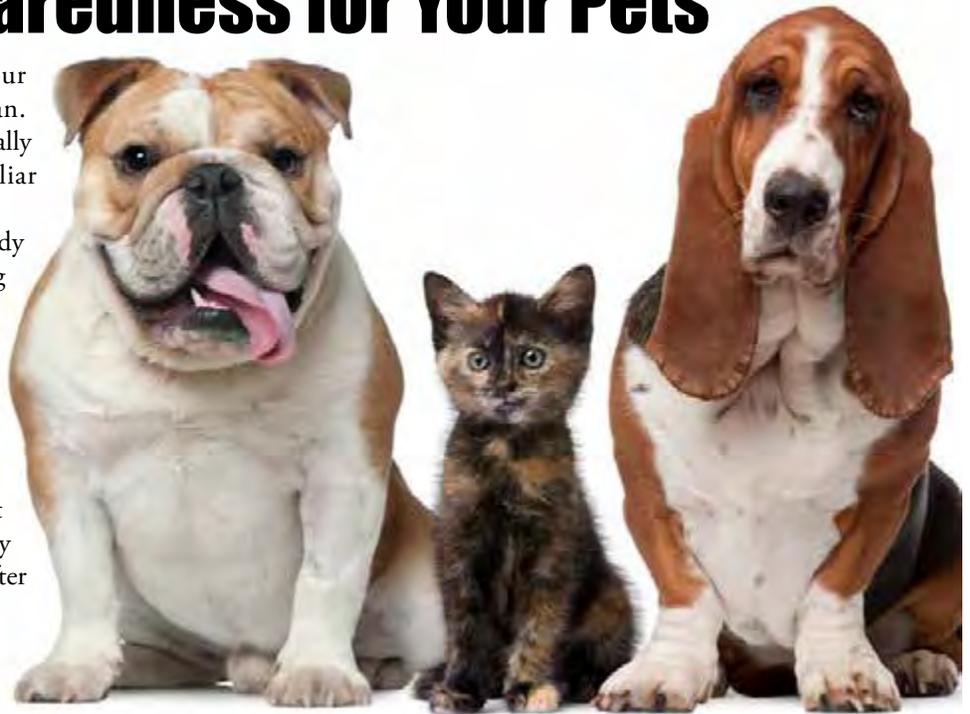


# Hurricane Preparedness for Your Pets

Don't forget to include your pets in your hurricane preparedness and evacuation plan. Storms can be scary for your animals, especially if they are moved out of their usual familiar environment.

Be sure to have their crate or carrying case ready along with extra bedding and toys. Bring along at least four days worth of food with dishes and one week of medications. Investigate pet friendly hotels or motels ahead of time to be sure they allow pets and do not have a number limit.

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