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Manager's Corner SUMMERWOOD ANNUAL MEETING

Summerwood holds an annual membership meeting in the fall of each year. At this meeting, the board of directors gives an update on what the association has done that year, explains what the plans are for the next year, and provides a financial overview. Residents have the opportunity to ask questions and meet the board members. Each of the community committees gives an update on their respective areas as well.

The most important piece of business done is the election of the HOA Board of Directors. Summerwood is governed by a seven-person board that is elected by the homeowners in the community, and each member serves a two-year term. Your board is responsible for making sound financial decisions for the community, reviewing the budget, setting community policies, making decisions on escalated actions for deed restrictions or collections matters, reviewing appeals from residents, setting the assessment rate, and much more.

In order to conduct the election, we must have at least 5% of the homeowners participate in the election process. With our busy lives, many of us are unable to attend the membership meeting; however, that doesn't mean we can't participate in the election. Homeowners can vote online, by mail, through fax, or via email. If we do not get the required number of responses, another meeting must be called, which is an added expense to the HOA. While we did not achieve quorum at the first meeting in September, we did reach the requirement at the October meeting.

This year three positions were up for election. Please join me in congratulating M. Craig Anthony and Stephanie Gaston for their election to the board and Dianne Crosley Bowdary for her re-election. These three volunteers join John Bland, Kathi Hawn, Jim Appleby, and Doug Coenen, who all selflessly serve as your Summerwood Board of Directors.

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Summerwood 2017 Events

April 8: Spring Festival
April 29: Spring Garage Sale
May 6: Casino Night
June 3: End of School Pool Party
July 4: Independence Day Parade
August 12: Youth Fishing Tournament
October 3: National Night Out
October 28: Fall Festival
November 4: Fall Garage Sale
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Fall Festival

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What's Going on at Lone Star College: Atascocita Center?

Registration is in progress for college classes for the Spring 2017 semester. Classes begin January 17! Visit our website at www.lonestar. edu/Atascocita for more information, or stop by and visit us at 15903 W. Lake Houston Pkwy.

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Academy for Lifelong Learning (ALL) will be hosting an open house at the Atascocita Center January 10. The ALL yearly membership is \$20, September 1 to August 31, and it entitles anyone age fifty and over to register for free courses. Many classes are offered right here on W. Lake Houston Pkwy., including gardening, computers, health and fitness, history, photography, science, and travel. For more information on how to pay for membership, find out what classes are being offered, or get on the ALL mailing list, contact Pat Chandler at Patricia.L.Chandler@lonestar.edu.

Early voting has been taking place all year at Atascocita Center. The Center will be a permanent early-voting site for Harris County.

Quest Early High School moved out of Atascocita Center and into Humble High School. The Center is now only for college level and continuing education classes.

Process technology programs are now being offered at Atascocita Center, beginning in the spring semester. Classes to earn degrees and certificates will be held on the first floor. The program is expected to move to its new location at Generation Park (currently being built) during the Fall 2017 semester. For more information, contact Linda LaCoe at Linda.LaCoe@lonestar.edu.



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Summer Creek Choir Students Place at Region

In September, the Summer Creek High School Choir took forty students to compete in the first round of All-State Choir auditions. The students competed against several school districts in the area for the coveted spots.

Summer Creek had sixteen students place in the Region 33 Choirs, which will be performing November 12 at 5:30 p.m. at the Dekaney High School Performing Arts Center. Following the second round of auditions held a few weeks ago, ten of the sixteen students will have the opportunity to compete at the Pre-Area round of All-State auditions in December hosted by Summer Creek.

The SCHS Region 19 Mixed Choir students (and students going to Pre-Area) are:

> Isabel Alvarado, #5 (11) Anabel Avila, #10 (10) Mikah Goodwine (9) Gavin Haines, #2 (10) Hennesie Laureano (10) Kaylie Lyle (10)

Steven Padua (11) Ernesto Santamaria, #7 (12) Andrea Toledo (12) Paige Wallis, #9 (12)

The SCHS Region 33 Women's Choir students are:

Nataly Gonzalez (10 Jonnelle Haskin (12) November Lee (10) Kailee McDonald (11) Kristen McLemore (12) Mya Mitchell: second alternate to Mixed Choir (12)





A Sense of Community

The Summer Creek Biz Com will meet again on Thursday December 8, 2016

Scheduled speakers are:

- Mr. Correa, SCHS Principal, latest developments at SCHS
- **Dr. Katherine Persson, President, LSC Kingwood**, to discuss LSC Process Technology Center that is being built in Generation Park. This campus is being designed to prepare students from our area for careers with companies in Generation Park!
- **Launch Lake Houston**, exciting video and presentation about economic development plans for our area.
- Julia Sahmel, SCHS Leadership Teacher- service learning in the various SCHS organizations. If you ever wanted to be encouraged about our next generation of students, this will be a great message for you to hear!
- McCord Development/Generation Park Update What's next?!

- Announcements:
 - o **SCHS Project Graduation:** A Great Event for our Community!
- o Larry Muse: Primrose School expansion at Lakeshore Closing Thoughts and Optional Networking Session

Please plan to stay with us from noon to 12:30 p.m. as each attendee will have the opportunity to introduce themselves and/ or their organization. As a courtesy, we ask that you limit your time to 30 seconds.

For more information or to reserve a spot for the December 8th event, please see www.lakehouston.org/bizcom-groups, www.youtube.com/MyChamberChannel or call the Chamber at (281) 446-2128.

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Down the Drain



Washing your car may seem like a great way to beat the heat this summer while accomplishing something constructive on your to-do list. But you might want to think twice about the environmental impact before you park your car in the driveway and pull out your bucket, hose and old towels.

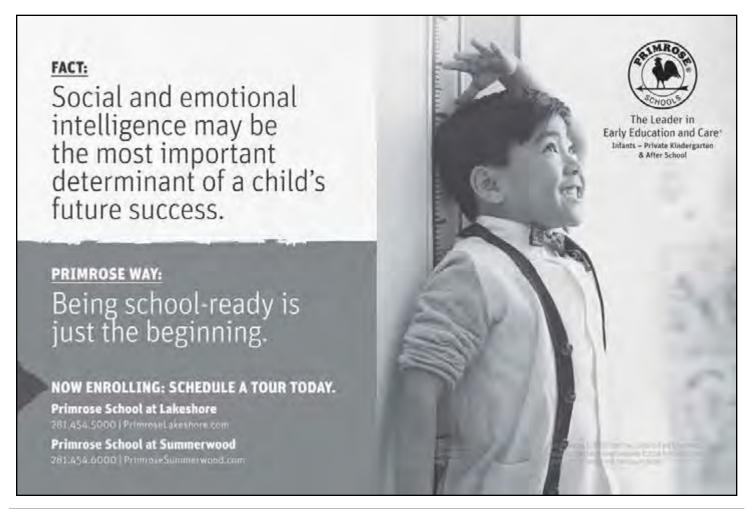
Even if you use a biodegradable cleaner, the soapy water that runs off your car when you hose it down not only contains detergent, but residue from automobile fluids like oil, gasoline and antifreeze. Each time you rinse your car, the contaminated water flows untreated directly into the stormwater system and eventually makes its way into streams and rivers. And, as the water runs out of your driveway and down the street toward the storm sewer, it also picks up other toxic

substances, like fertilizers, petroleum deposits and surface paint from the pavement. Parking your car on a grassy area while you wash it may help some, but the toxins will end up in the groundwater eventually.

As an alternative, consider using a commercial carwash facility. Whether a conveyor type, self-service, in-bay automatic or custom hand-wash business, these establishments are required by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) to capture and route their wastewater to a treatment facility before the water can be discharged into the sanitary sewer.

Toxic residues aren't the only reason to take your car to a commercial car wash. Rinsing your car at home with a garden hose can use as much as 10 to 15 gallons of water per minute, while professional car wash facilities can limit the water flow to as little as three to five gallons per minute. If you spend an hour in your driveway washing your car, you may have sent as much as 150 gallons of contaminated water directly down the drain. This is especially important in long summer dry spells.

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Prep Time: 20 minutes

Cook Time: 1 hour 20 minutes

- 3/4 ounce salad oil
- 1/2 teaspoon chopped garlic
- 1 cup diced celery
- 1 cup diced carrots
- 1 cup diced onions
- 1/2 teaspoon basil
- 1/2 teaspoon oregano
- 1 teaspoon thyme
- 1/2 teaspoon salt
- 3/4 gallon clam stock or juice
- 3 large peeled and diced potatoes
- Roux (3/4 pound butter and 1 1/2 cups flour)
- 2 cups drained, chopped clams

In large pot, sauté the oil and garlic about 2 minutes. Add diced vegetables and sauté for 10 minutes or until vegetables are tender. Add herbs and salt. Add clam stock and bring to a boil. Add potatoes and bring to a boil again. Add roux and chopped clams, reduce heat and simmer for one hour.



Finding Balance

I know, work-life balance has been discussed to death. Yet how many of you find yourself nodding and saying, "Yes, I know I need to do find a better balance. It totally makes sense that I feel tired and unhappy because I'm rushing around all the time. I'll find a way to make some time for myself"? You tell yourself you'll schedule some free time later, but does later ever come? I know I've been waiting for later for years now. I decided it was time for a change. Here are a few thoughts that have helped me along the way:

- 1. **What's really important?** It's time to decide what is really necessary and important in your life. Pick 5 priorities that you feel are absolutely vital to your well-being (e.g. family, religion, work, friends, and hobbies).
- 2. **How can you cut back?** Now, that you've chosen your top 5 priorities it's time for the hard part—cutting back. Find ways to negate, or decrease, of the things that are stressing you out. Maybe you don't have to do _____ for so and so. Or is there a certain person in your life who's been causing more stress than happiness? You don't have to cut that person out of your life, but maybe it's time you take a step back and re-evaluate whether or not the friendship is healthy at this time in your life.
- 3. **Scheduled spontaneity.** I know, scheduled spontaneity seems like an oxymoron, but it's incredibly important. Create a routine that works for you, but be sure to block out some free time. This time can be as long, or as short, as you'd like and is time where you can do whatever you want to do. Just make sure it's fun!

As always, I turned to the pasture for inspiration. As I sat and watched my horses going about their day, I made some interesting observations. Horses are masters of prioritizing what's important. Their top priorities fall into line as: safety, comfort, and play. Everything else falls by the wayside if these priorities aren't met. They are terrific partners with a healthy work ethic, while still relishing in their freedom do run and play. Their exuberance is captivating and beautiful to watch.

Once I took a step back to look at the bigger picture, I was amazed at how easy finding balance could be. I didn't need to run myself into exhaustion to please everyone. Doing so always ended with me feeling like I was trying to do so much, but doing none of it as well as I wanted. Finding a new work-life balance would not be possible without the support of great friends (both human and horse!), family, and God. These pillars of support help me stay on track and keep me motivated. I highly recommend you find pillars of your own to utilize in your own transition.





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