

OFFICIAL NEWSLETTER OF THE SUMMERWOOD COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION, INC.

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2016 was a busy year for Summerwood. Your board of directors and CIA Services are proud of all that was accomplished.

One of the biggest changes this year was the move to our new grounds maintenance company, Brightview. Brightview brings more than fifty years of experience in grounds management to Summerwood and has a great team quickly learning the ins and outs of the community. Brightview and the Beautification Committee

will be continuing with the community-wide landscape enhancement project to replenish many of the landscaped areas.

The board expanded the hours of the onsite office located inside the Central Clubhouse. The office is now open Wednesdays from 10 a.m. until 6 p.m. and Saturdays 10 a.m. until 3:30 p.m. It is also open during the months of January through October. The onsite staff is ready and able to assist you with obtaining pool wristbands, getting new or additional electronic access devices, accepting your facility rental paperwork or payments, and much more.

We had many other projects throughout the year, including:

• Our entry fountains got all new motors that are not only more reliable but also much more energy efficient. New lights were installed and additional cameras were placed in areas to help

deter vandalism of the fountains. The Summerwood name and logo were given a fresh coat of paint, and the fountain was resurfaced.

• The Residents East pool was resurfaced, and the water features were painted.

• A new water feature was added to the wading pool at Residents East.

• The restrooms at Residents East were freshened up with new paint, mirrors, and light fixtures.

• An additional piece of fitness equipment was added to the Fitness Center.

• New thermostats and sensors were installed in the cardio room and Fitness Center.

• A new bulkhead was added to Lake Anne to help deter erosion

near the sidewalk. • All of the c

• All of the community monuments were cleaned.

• A new artificial turf was installed at the playground at the splash pad. The new turf is not only beautiful but also replaces the old surface that caused excessive dirt buildup on the splash pad and clogged the drains.

• Starting in January of 2016, alcohol was permitted at private rentals at Club Summerwood. This new policy has some restrictions but has been well received, and we've seen an increase in the number of rentals this year.

• Our wonderful activity director introduced movie nights on the Great Lawn at Club Summerwood.

This is just a partial list of the continued enhancements in the community. Additionally, the Central pool is scheduled to be resurfaced at

the end of the 2017 swim season. Plans include possible tile and coping upgrades as well.

We're also planning and saving for future projects, such as continuing the landscape enhancement plan, tree reforestation, and a potential trail system.

We are looking forward to another great year in 2017!





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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 December 2: Winter Festival

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SUMMERWOOD HOLIDAY DECORATIONS WERE EVERYWHERE!

December was a very festive month in Summerwood. The community entrances and both clubhouses were decorated beautifully. Many Summerwood residents submitted photos of their impressive Christmas decorations. Happy New Year 2017!



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Did You Make a New Year's Resolution?

As we pause to look over the events of the past year, many of us begin to look forward to making lifestyle changes and other improvements in our life. A very popular resolve is to begin a new year by becoming more fit, which might include working out, losing weight, and eating healthier.

Are you aware that Summerwood has a two-room workout facility at the Central Clubhouse—one room with weight machines and a separate room with cardio equipment? Your fob, or facility card, enables you to use this facility, which is one of the amenities free to all adult residents in good standing with the HOA. Please be aware that for several reasons, children are not allowed in the workout facility.

Walking on the trails is also an excellent way to exercise, and there are many trails throughout Summerwood for your enjoyment. Often residents ask about the distances around Lake Meredith (by the gazebo) and Lake Anne (by Central Clubhouse). The distance around Lake Anne is 3,444 feet (0.65 miles), and the distance around Lake Meredith is 4,803 feet (0.91 miles). A walk or jog around both lakes, using the tunnel that provides safe access under WLHP between the two lakes, would approach two miles.

There are also many activities and exercise opportunities at the Deussen Park Senior Center, which include line dancing, gentle yoga, weight training, Zumba, and a class on nutrition. A 2017 schedule will be available in January. These activities are free of charge are designed for senior adults fifty-five or older, but the great news is that adults of all ages are allowed to participate as long as space is available. (Just no children, please.) For more information, call 281-454-4108.

There are also several gyms, personal trainers, and boot camps available in the area that offer excellent opportunities for you to exercise and stay fit. Be healthy in 2017!

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Crime Watch Committee Makes Plans for 2017

The Summerwood Crime Watch Committee traditionally does not hold a regular monthly meeting in the month of December due to holiday schedules; however, CWC Chairman Darlene Kilburn was still hard at work. She organized an executive meeting for the active block captains and NNO chairs who were able to attend. The agenda was distributed, and there was much discussion about how to plan for an even more productive 2017. Many ideas were shared, discussions of security measures were a priority, and plans were made that will be implemented in January; they are designed to increase communication and attendance at the meetings, plus solicit more block captains in the coming year.

The Summerwood Crime Watch Committee wishes to all a happy, healthy, and safe 2017!





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The City of Humble's Annual Christmas Parade of Lights, which has grown into one of the largest "smalltown" parades in the Houston area, was held December 6. Kids, parents, and grandparents alike enjoyed this special event. Prior to the parade, local performers entertained the crowd at Uptown Park, and afterward Santa appeared to take the "wish lists" from children of all ages.

Among the participants in the parade were twenty girls from Summerwood Girl Scout troops 118031, 118032, and 118049. They are pictured marching on historic Main Street and having loads of fun!





SUMMERWOOD Tribute to a Fallen Bulldog

Elizabeth Solomon – Journalism Teacher, Summer Creek High School

As the Summer Creek family returned to school the Monday after Thanksgiving break, one Bulldog's absence was felt throughout the school. Mr. Eduardo Palomarez, assistant principal, passed away on Nov. 26, leaving Summer Creek shocked and grieving.



Mr. Palomarez was the go-to person for technological issues on campus, as well as any textbook needs. He was also a strong advocate for the Special Education department, and made it his business to do anything and everything necessary to help out a staff member or student in need of support. One of his jobs was speaking to students at all lunches each day and relaying to them any announcements or information they needed to know.



The photo above is a small memorial table for Mr. Palomarez in the cafeteria at SCHS, placed by some of the faculty. The photograph depicts the microphone Mr. Palomarez used when making announcements at lunch, a bouquet of maroon and gold flowers (SCHS school colors), a poem titled "Lilies," and the school crest, created by Mr. Palomarez himself.

Anyone would tell you that Mr. Palomarez was one of the most positive influences on campus. He constantly reminded staff and students alike: "If I haven't told you already today, you're doing a great job!" Everyone at SCHS was somehow affected by the passing of our beloved AP. He was constantly working for the good of everyone at Summer Creek, but he also knew when to take a moment to be silly and have fun.



Mr. Palomarez (center) dabs with Mr. LeDay and Mr. Segura.

In the days that followed Mr. Palomarez's death, the Bulldog family came together to provide love and support for one another. Mrs. Laura Buchheit, secretary to the building principal at SCHS, began a GoFundMe account in order to honor Mr. Palomarez's family by raising money for his children's college funds. Students left notes and flowers near his office door, dedicated to their principal and mentor. Numerous faculty posted on social media, asking people in the community to offer up prayers and well wishes for the Palomarez family. Teachers began putting together a legacy book dedicated to Mr. Palomarez, so that any future Bulldogs may know the mark left behind by this great man.

Though the Summer Creek community is still grieving Mr. Palomarez's loss, we know that he would expect nothing less from us than to continue this year with excellence and love. Hopefully, we can be Bulldogs like Mr. Palomarez was: caring, dedicated, and constantly striving for greatness.



A photo of the admin team at SCHS (back row, far right is Mr. Palomarez).

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SUMMERWOOD Home Maintenance Corner:RAIN GUTTER CLEANING

You might have noticed your rain gutters flowing over the sides due to an obstructed downspout. If so, make sure to clear the gutters of debris as soon as possible to prevent damage to your home. Not only does the rainwater flow along the visible side of your gutter, but with heavy rain, it can also flow along the back side of the gutter into your attic space. That can mandate a costly repair. Excess moisture into the attic space could rot lumber or create mildew growth.

Residential gutter cleaning costs vary from approximately \$100 to \$400, depending on the gutter height and quantity. Installing gutter leaf guards is an option to reduce the frequency of cleaning.

Until next time, Juan Jose Vargas with BELLEX, Summerwood resident and owner







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Fungus gnat adults are small, black, long-legged flies with long antennae. Most adults are about 1/16 an inch but some can get up to 1/2 an inch. They are weak fliers and generally remain near potted plants, growing media, foliage or leaf litter.

Larvae, or immatures, have a black head capsule and long whitish body without legs. They feed on organic matter such as mulch, compost, grass clippings, plant roots and fungi. When conditions are very moist, fungus gnat larvae can become abundant and may leave slime trails on media that looks similar to trails left by snails or slugs.

While these gnats are a nuisance they are fairly easy to manage. Indoors, it is a good idea to use yellow sticky cards as a monitoring tool. Potato pieces may also be used as a monitoring tool for fungus gnats. To do this, imbed a peeled potato cube into media and inspect the underside of the potato and the media directly below it twice a week for fungus gnat larvae.

To manage fungus gnat populations, work on reducing excessively

moist conditions. Avoid overwatering and make sure that there is good drainage. The surface of container soil should be allowed to dry before watering again.

If using compost, make sure that items have been fully composted. Compost piles should be turned regularly and kept away from doors or windows. Inspect all doors, windows, vents and screens for a good seal to reduce the number of gnats that may enter a structure.

Bacillus thuringiensis var. israelensis or the nematode Steinernema feltiae can be applied in containers to control larvae. Either spray on the media or apply as a soil drench. Biologicals work best when they are applied early in an infestation. If a population is already large, they may not provide the control desired.

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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