

OFFICIAL NEWSLETTER OF THE SUMMERWOOD COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION, INC.



Summerwood 2017 Events

March 18: Casino Night 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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Manager's Corner: Renting the Clubhouses

If you are planning an event and looking for an affordable venue, you can rent Club Summerwood and Residents Club Central. Both clubhouses are wonderful venues for residents to host a family gathering, birthday party, bridal or baby shower, retirement party, and more.

Club Summerwood, located at the intersection of Timber Forest and Hunters Lake Way, holds up to 100 guests. Alcohol may be served at this facility. Conditions do apply, and advanced notice must be given if alcohol will be present during your rental.

The Central Clubhouse overlooks beautiful Lake Anne and holds up to 60 people. While alcohol is not permitted at this facility, the Central Pool may also be rented to take your party outdoors.

Both clubhouses feature full kitchens, including icemakers. Tables and chairs are included in your rental, making it easier to host your event in the comfort of your community.

The funds received from rentals stay within the association and contribute to the maintenance and upkeep of the clubhouses. This helps keep your assessments lower.

You have probably seen families using the Great Lawn or gazebo at Lake Meredith for picnics and photos and may have even used them yourself. These areas and other outside amenities are not available for rental and are first come, first served.

Renting one of the clubhouses is simple. Contact Facility Coordinator Kristy Wardlow at 281-852-1700 or via email at facilities@ciaservices.com. The rental agreements may be downloaded at:

> www.summerwoodlife.com or www.ciaservices.com



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See What's Happening at Lakeshore Elementary!

Lakeshore Elementary School has several events coming up in February and March. This month we are holding both the science fair and book fair. Additionally, the monthly Menchie Monday Spirit night is February 27.

We will celebrate Read Across America on March 2. The PTO is planning and organizing for the annual spring carnival on March 25, so make sure to join us for this community event! Our fifth-graders have begun to learn about middle school and all the opportunities they will have at Woodcreek Middle School next year.

Several students are still in the running for our Pedaling Toward Perfect Attendance bike giveaway at the end of the year. Student attendance is directly related to student success.

Great things are happening every day at Lakeshore Elementary!

Robyn Choiniere Receives Lake Houston Area Chamber of Commerce Award



The annual Awards Extravaganza presented by Stander and Company honored many area citizens for their work in the community and with the Lake Houston Chamber of Commerce on Friday, Jan. 20, from 11 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. at The Overlook, 20114 Pinehurst Drive in Atascocita.

Scott Brady with Joiner Architects was honored as the 2016 Haden McKay MD Citizen of the Year; Guy Sconzo, former Humble ISD superintendent, was honored with the 2016 Spirit of the Chamber award;

Corinn Price with Insperity was honored with the 2016 Chairman's Award; and Robyn Choiniere, Summerwood resident with Picture It Sold (Real Estate Photography), was honored with the 2016 Rising Star Award.

The installation of the 2017 board chair, board of directors, and committee chairs were announced during the program; the outgoing chairman of the board, 2016 board of directors and committee chairs, event chairs, and task force chairs were also honored. Attendees viewed the chamber's annual video, which was a culmination of 2016's successes, programs, events, and community involvement.

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A Sense of Community

The next scheduled meeting of the Summer Creek Biz Com will be Thursday, February 9, 2017, at 11 a.m. at Summer Creek High School. The meeting is open to business owners and leaders in our area of Humble ISD as well as interested residents.

Anticipated speakers and their topics for this BizCom are:

• Mr. Correa, SCHS principal: updates from SCHS

• Speaker from one of the county commissioner's offices about several topics, including plans for managing traffic in our area

• Doug Earle, Shell Houston Open, First Tee: updates about the Shell Houston Open and opportunities to volunteer, held March 30 through April 2. He will also introduce Sergio Salazar, new general manager of the Golf Club of Houston.

• Medical Professional Office Complex by the Doug Purdy Group: under construction on WLHP, just north of Summerwood

- SCHS culinary arts program
- Announcements:

o SCHS Athletic Booster Club golf tournament in June at the Golf Club of Houston

o SCHS Project Graduation: A great event for our community! An optional networking session will follow the scheduled meeting. 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 February 9 event, visit www.lakehouston.org/bizcom-groups or www.youtube.com/ MyChamberChannel, or contact the Summer Creek BizCom staff liaison, Johnston Farrow, at 281-446-2128.

We hope to see you there, Don Gaddy, Summer Creek BizCom Chairman A Project of the Lake Houston Area Chamber of Commerce







Seven Tips to Avoid Getting Sick This Winter

Marie Ekpema, PharmD

1. Get plenty of sleep and rest. This simple but frequently underestimated tip allows your body to heal and your immune system to recharge.

2. Consider reducing or removing dairy from your diet. Dairy of any kind promotes mucus in the body that can get trapped in the respiratory system. Eliminating it can greatly help the immune system.

3. Since most people have a drop in vitamin D during the winter, make sure that you have your levels checked, and take a supplement if needed. Many studies have shown that people with low vitamin D levels are more prone to getting sick.

4. Ask your physician or pharmacist to help you get and stay on the right dose of fully buffered L-Ascorbate. This greatly boosts your immune system. Just make sure you carefully read the label and don't buy ascorbic acid!

5. Take a high-quality probiotic supplement every day. Studies have been shown that promoting good bacteria in the gut helps boost immune function. (FYI: Your local grocery store's yogurt is not a good option.)

6. Limit caffeine intake. Coffee stays in your system for nine to ten hours and drains your body of immune-boosting minerals. Replace it with green tea, lemon water, or fresh veggie and fruit juices. These will rejuvenate the body rather than stripping it.

7. Ditch the junk food and load up on immune-boosting food, such as red peppers, garlic, onions, ginger, green tea, mushrooms, turmeric, lemons, limes, and beet juice. These are powerful foods when used in combination with a healthy diet.

Wishing you the best in health!



Summerwood FITNESS FACILITY

The Residents Club Central, located at 14111 Summerwood Lakes Drive, is equipped with a two-room fitness center that includes several cardio and strength machines for the use of residents who are eighteen years or older. (It is against the rules to have minors in these rooms.) The facility is open daily from 4 a.m. to 11 p.m. You must have an electronic access device to gain entry.



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Considering Making Exterior Changes to Your Residence?

As residents, you are certainly encouraged to continually repair and spruce up around your home and property. However, before you plan to do any work that will change the outside appearance of your home or your property, be sure to check the Summerwood Architectural Guidelines for information. After doing that, if you decide to make the changes you have in mind, you will need to complete the required Home Improvement Request (HIR) form and mail it or fax it using the information at the top of the form. The Architectural Review Committee will need to approve it before any work begins.

Architectural Guidelines and the HIR form can be found by signing in to www.summerwoodlife.com, clicking on the Document Libraries tab, and then selecting Architectural Review Committee.

If you would prefer, you also have the option to submit your HIR electronically at www.ciaservices.com. Click Find My Community on the header, and then select Summerwood from the list. Click Ask Request Submit at the top of the page, and then click Home Improvement Request. There are many options in the drop-down menu, and selecting each one will brief you on the requirements to include with your submission.

If you have further questions or need assistance, please do not hesitate to contact the management company office at 281-852-1700.



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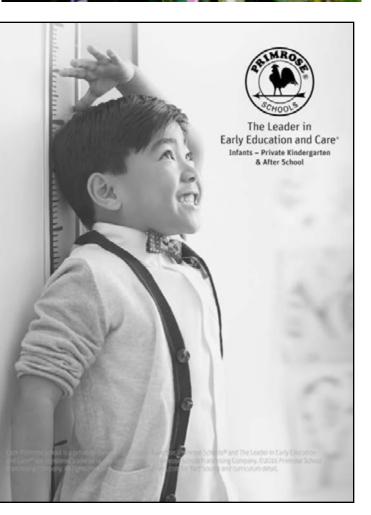
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Ways to Get Rid of Neck and Back Pain By Dr. Chad Adkins

By far, the most common cause of neck and back pain in today's society is poor or bad posture. We find in our office that back pain usually follows sitting for a long period of time, bending repetitively or for a long period, standing for too long, or lying down in a position of strain. Similarly, we notice that neck pain usually follows sitting for long period of time (such as on a drive or flight), working in a strained position (like in front of a computer), holding a phone in place for an extended period, or lying down with the head in an awkward position.

Let's look at the five most common causes of neck and back pain and see what we can do to correct them.

1) Lifting is probably the biggest culprit of them all. Make sure that when you lift you bend your knees, not your back! Lift with your legs, and hold objects close to your body. Try to avoid lifting objects over your head and no higher than your chest. If a load is too heavy, get help. Plan ahead to avoid sudden load shifts. Most importantly, always be sure of your footing.

2) Incorrect ways of walking/standing is the second-most-common reason we see patients. Try to stand with weight equal on both feet, and do not shift your weight back and forth. Walk with good posture (walk tall), keeping your head high, chin tucked in, and toes straight ahead. Wear comfortable and supportive shoes, and avoid boots and high heels when possible.

3) When driving, move the driver's seat forward to keep your knees bent and slightly higher than your hips. Sit straight, and push the lumbar support out as far as it will go. Also, do not lean to one side or the other; try to keep your weight balanced. Most importantly, keep your head back against the rest and do not let it drift forward.

4) Sitting is the next big issue we see in our office, especially with more technology/ computer-related jobs. Make sure you sit in a chair that is low enough so you can place both feet on the ground, with knees equal to or higher than your hips. You can also rest your feet on a stool if you can't reach the ground. Be sure to sit firmly against the back of the chair, and do not allow yourself to lean forward. I also recommend getting up about every thirty minutes.

5) Sleep is something that often gets looked over, but it is very important because you spend a third of your life in bed. A good night's sleep on a firm mattress is good for your health and your back. Ideally, sleep on your side, with knees bent and a small pillow between them, or on your back with a pillow under your knees. Try to avoid sleeping on your stomach at all costs.

It is very important to learn and practice good posture and body mechanics. A straight, properly aligned back can avoid unnecessary wear and tear on your discs and joints.

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Lake Houston Ladies Club

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Our next luncheon meeting is Tuesday, February 21 from 10:00-12:00 at the Walden Country Club, 18100 Walden Forest Drive, in Humble, TX. The cost is \$15/person for lunch and entertainment.

Prepare for Rodeo time! Diane Mayes from the Kingwood Community Center will be teaching us a few line dances, so wear your dancing shoes or boots and join the fun!

The club welcomes new members from all surrounding areas. Many interest groups are available including: Readers Choice, Tea Time, Lunch 'N Look, Movie Group, Supper Club, Girl's Night Out, and many game groups (Bridge, Mah Jongg, Pokeno, Canasta, Bunco). There are also social events through the year that include spouses or significant others. The club is an excellent way to meet new people and make new friends.

> To learn more about the club go to our website: www.lakehoustonladiesclub.com or call Linda at 832-379-3009.

Summerwood On-Site Management Office

The Summerwood On-Site Management Office is located inside Residents Club Central at 14111 Summerwood Lakes Drive.

Office Hours

Wednesday: 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Saturday: 10 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.

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Home Maintenance Corner Interior Water Leaks

I try to write about common issues and concerns and could not pass this topic up this month. Have you ever noticed small puddles of water around the bath tub even after the floor has been dried up? What about a small water stain on the wall or ceiling? Please take these indicators seriously since there might be a water leak in the area. The past two months I have had a significant increase in water leak projects. These issues must be caught early especially since the moisture can quickly turn into a mildew problem. Any sources of moisture must be removed quickly or dried with a dehumidification system immediately. The leak issue we encountered dealt with hot water heaters leaking, shower bases cracking, shower grout cracking and damaged bath tub caulk leaking or missing. Caulking around a shower/ tub can be replaced for approximately \$75 however sadly that simple fix could have prevent a \$4,000 water damage project we are currently working on. A simple inspection of your bath or shower could prevent thousands of dollars in damage which we have seen the past two months. Stay warm and until next time.... Juan Jose Vargas.







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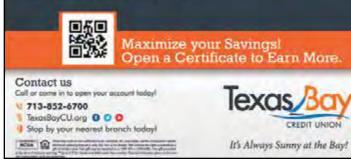
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Winter Alert! Protect Your Plants and Irrigation Systems

PROTECT YOUR PLANTS:

Water your plants thoroughly ahead of time. You need to be sure the roots are wet, not just the leaves. Much of freeze damage is from dehydration. Watering before a freeze could make a big difference in your tropicals and tender perennials.

Cover your delicate plants. Remember, you want to be sure the roots are protected, covered, or mulched well. Even if you lose the top growth of these tender plants, if the roots are alive the plants will come back in the spring. Do not cover them with plastic touching the leaves of your plants. If possible, use woven frost protection sheets such as N-Sulate (which can be folded, stored, and reused for many years) or sheets and blankets. In a mild freeze or frost, one blanket will probably do for most plants. In a hard freeze (below 30 degrees for any period of time), use a heavy blanket or several layers of sheets. You can even add a plastic over that if you want, since it won't be touching the foliage. Also, don't forget to put rocks or something heavy on the edges of your N-Sulate or blanket to be sure the wind doesn't blow it away, exposing the roots of your plants.

Don't do any heavy pruning on freeze-damaged plants until late

winter, when you think all chance of frost is over.

Remove all protective covering if the sun comes out and the temperature goes up, because it can be 32 degrees today and 70 degrees tomorrow.

Along with protecting your tender plants during the winter, remember it's not a good idea to fertilize tender tropicals that are exposed to outside temperatures during these cold months. Fertilizing encourages new growth, and that new growth is more vulnerable to freezing and near-freezing conditions than old growth is. It's OK to fertilize and encourage growth with indoor or greenhoused tropicals, although shorter days usually slow down growth no matter how much you fertilize.

PROTECTYOUR IRRIGATION SYSTEM:

Your backflow-prevention device is the most important part of your irrigation system. It's also the most vulnerable part of your system if there is a freeze. It may be located somewhere right outside the garage and next to the foundation. Cover the top by wrapping the part that is above ground with a towel. It is also best to turn off your valve.



Smart Talk About Home Remodeling

The temperatures feel like Spring already and the time of year that you start looking at your home and thinking about remodeling is almost here. You may have noticed that the outside of your home needs a little work or you may be looking at putting your home on the market. When it comes to remodeling, where do you start?

Every year, "Remodeling" magazine looks at the average costs of home remodeling projects with the value of those projects retain at resale in over 100 U.S. cities. The smartest investment that you can make when remodeling may surprise you. Many homeowners go to the time honored update of the kitchen and bathrooms to garner the best price per square foot at resale.

However, "Remodeling" magazine ranks "re-siding with fiber cement as the #1 return on investment when compared to other mid-size remodeling projects" for the fourth year in a row. Compared to adding a bathroom, re-siding your house with fiber cement nets a 25 percent higher return on investment. Re-siding with fiber cement will also increase your return by 11 percent over vinyl windows and a whopping 24 percent greater than a major kitchen remodel or roof replacement.

The next question in remodeling is who to trust with your home remodeling project. Choose a company with a good reputation that offers solutions for your remodeling needs. Ask trusted friends for recommendations, check out the company's BBB rating and know that the cheapest estimate may not always be the best. Michael Berry, KTRH 740AM personality and host of the Michael Berry Show, endorses Houston Siding. Berry states, "I have spoken for Houston Siding Company for 10 years and have never had a complaint."

Texas has its own set of challenges with temperatures in the highs and lows as well as high humidity and storm potential. With a familiar slogan in Texas being "if you don't like the temperature just wait a few minutes," you should look for products that are durable as well as suited for the climate.

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As Spring time approaches and remodeling projects start, you want to ensure that you're using the best possible products and company for your next remodeling project.

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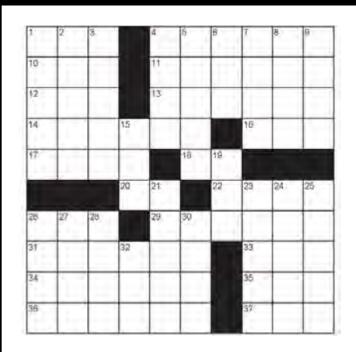
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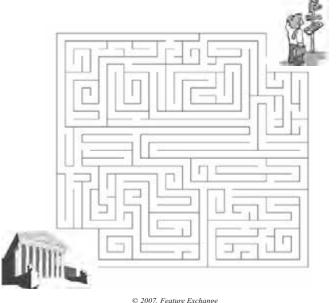
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Are you considering selling your house in the Spring?

If so, now is the time to start preparing your home to be on the market. You will want your home to be welcoming to buyers and comfortable so that they fall in love with your home! The following tips may help impress buyers and get your home sold quickly.

Clutter Busting: Clutter scatters the mind—and order liberates it! Wrangle up stray objects and put them in their proper place. You can even start your first round of packing and remove some of your personal items. Pack some of your family photos, books and some decorative pieces. Organize shelves and clear off your counters.

Eliminate Odors: When preparing a home for sale, homeowners need to remove the sources of bad odor first. Bad smells that deter buyers include cooked food, home appliances, clothing and shoes, pets, smoke and mold. Homeowners often grow accustom to smells that may turn off would-be buyers. Ask a trusted advisor to do a "sniff" test for you. Carpet and paint can usually help remove odors and give the home a fresh clean feel.

Create a Clean Smell: A 2013 study published in the Journal of Retailing, found shoppers spent an average of 31.8 percent more money in a home decor store when it was scented with a simple orange scent, rather than a blend of scents. Just as foul smells will push a buyer away, pleasant smells can draw them in. Clean your home with citrus scented cleaning products and have one, simple fragrance throughout the house.

Curb Appeal: The front yard is the very first thing that buyers see. Pull weeds, mow the lawn, and prepare your flower beds for some flowers in the spring. Clear out any debris that might have collected around the front door. Is it time for a door mat? This is an inexpensive update that helps create a welcoming feeling.

The Tracy Montgomery team would love to offer you other suggestions to get your home ready to sell. We have the knowledge and experience to price your home right and help you along the way. Please call us to set up an appointment.

