

# SUMMERWOOD LIFE

OFFICIAL NEWSLETTER OF THE SUMMERWOOD COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION, INC.

## dates to Remember

### Summerwood 2017 Events

March 18: Casino Night  
April 8: Spring Festival  
April 29: Spring Garage Sale  
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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**7:00 p.m.—10:00 p.m.**  
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## Summerwood Life Newsletter Team Appreciates Amy Hardwick



As the communications committee members prepare articles for the Summerwood newsletter, they include information from multiple sources to make the articles informative and current. Examples include current updates from the HOA via Manager's Corner, updates from the activity director and other committee chairmen, information and

highlights from area school personnel, and of course information, stories of personal interest, and photos for the newsletter that come from Summerwood residents. Since the articles submitted come from a variety of sources, it has become increasingly important to have a professional editor prepare them for publication.

For some time now, Summerwood resident Amy Hardwick has volunteered her services as the editor of the newsletter whenever possible. Amy is a professional editor who has been a language lover since she was a toddler. After graduating with a degree in mass communication, she was able to make a career out of editing. Amy has experience editing a variety of works, including books, newspaper articles, websites, and technical procedures. She currently does both corporate and freelance editing and owns EditorAmy.com. Amy enjoys traveling with her husband, reading, playing the piano, and hanging out with her three dogs.



## LAKESHORE ELEMENTARY COMMUNITY CARNIVAL

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More details are available at [www.summerwoodlife.com](http://www.summerwoodlife.com).



## Summerwood Pool Committee Gears Up for Spring

With the new year's arrival and now pool season right around the corner, the pool committee has been busy over the last few months. For starters, we have completed several behind-the-scenes projects. We have done everything from marking and labeling all the pumps and features at both pools to performing safety protocols like checking the fire alarms and fire extinguishers.

In addition to maintaining those items not seen by most, the pool committee has completed projects or received HOA approval to complete several other projects. We installed new poles for FOB access at the Central Clubhouse, and we also replaced several pieces of worn-out furniture with new ones. Additionally, we are installing a system at the splashpad that should help eliminate the low-pressure issues that caused our beloved splashpad to be closed at times last summer. We're sure you will notice (and enjoy) the changes!

Finally, we also want to remind everyone that the 2017 pool wristbands are in. You may pick up your wristbands at the CIA Services office at Central or from their main office on 1960. Only homeowners who are current on their dues will be allowed to get their wristbands.

Your Summerwood pool committee hopes you enjoyed your winter and are ready for a great 2017 pool season. The committee

is here to serve you, and we truly appreciate observations, suggestions, and feedback. (Our email address is [swpoolcommittee@gmail.com](mailto:swpoolcommittee@gmail.com).) In addition, we usually meet the third Tuesday of every month at 8 p.m. in the Central Clubhouse. Summerwood residents are always welcome.

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## **Helpful Advice for Summerwood Residents!**

# **What to Do with Our Freeze-Damaged Plants**

There may be hope for some plants that appear freeze damaged, so don't toss them just yet. There are a few rules of thumb worth following over the next few weeks.

1. If it's crispy and brown, cut it back to green wood. (The hibiscus is a perfect example.)

2. If you cut a brown and crispy plant to the ground and still see no sign of green, but the root system seems to be firmly locked in, consider leaving it alone and seeing what comes back. If the root system moves around easily like a car's stick shift, it's dead. You can remove the whole thing.

3. If it's mushy, gushy, or gooeey, get rid of it! Cut it out, remove it — do whatever it takes to get the nasty stuff out of there.

4. If a palm frond (queen palm, for instance) is drooping, cut it out or just back. If a palm frond is standing up straight, leave it alone. Remember the January 2010 freeze? We had to

wait months before we knew if our fronds would come back.

5. With palms small enough to give access to the fronds (such as a dwarf pygmy date palm), pull on the interior fronds to see if they stay in. If they easily slide out, the plant is dead. If they hold tight, the plant may still be alive, but you will have to wait and see.

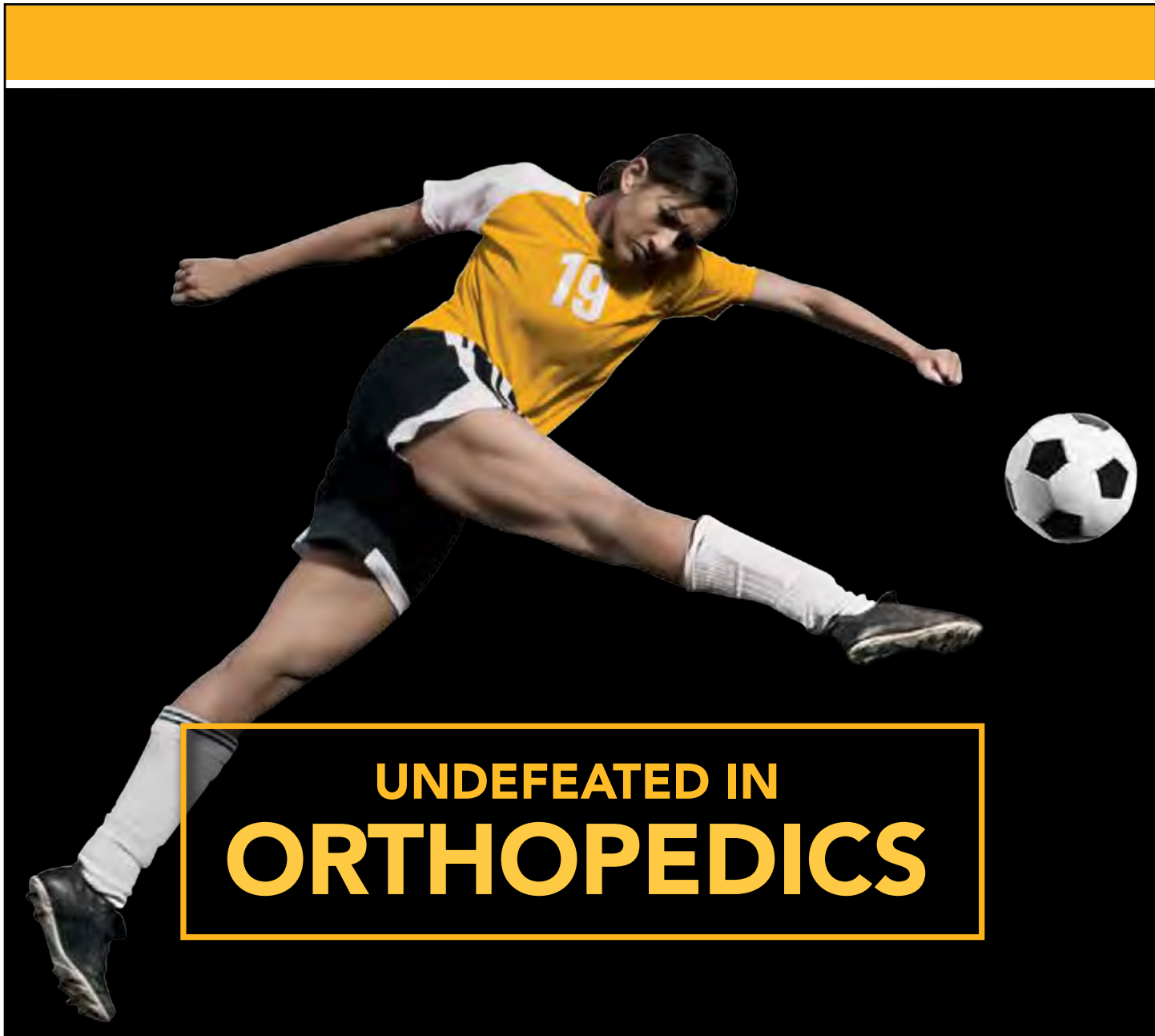
6. If you feel confident of no more hard freezes this season, it's time to scalp the yard. Essentially, try to vacuum up dead grass so live roots are open for air, sunshine, water, and fertilizer.

7. If your St. Augustine lawn has a lot of thatch buildup, don't mechanically de-thatch it; rather, scalp it instead. There are products that will help break down the thatch (basically anything containing humus or humates).

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<b>Baby Seals</b> (6 mo. — 35 months)	<b>Clown Fish</b> (3 years and older)	<b>Sea Horse</b>
Baby Seals is a mother-and-me class to prepare babies and toddlers for swim lessons. It uses music and aquatic games to increase confidence while the babies and toddlers learn to submerge comfortably and hold their breath.	Clown Fish is our introduction to swimming and pool safety. Students will learn water entry and exiting, floating on their fronts/back, and introduction to arm and legs movements.	The Sea Horse class begins to teach independence in the water. Students will learn how to retrieve submerged objects, level off, rhythmic breathe, stand after floating, and an intro to the front crawl.

<b>Sting Ray</b>	<b>Orca</b>	<b>Dolphin</b>
Baby Seals is a mother-and-me class to prepare babies and toddlers for swim lessons. It uses music and aquatic games to increase confidence while the babies and toddlers learn to submerge comfortably and hold their breath.	Sting Ray is our intro to the deep end. Students will be introduced to deep-water entry, diving, and treading water. They will also receive technique training on all strokes they learn.	Dolphin is all about stroke development, endurance, and critique. Students will receive training to be self-sufficient in a swim-team setting. They will train in freestyle, breaststroke, backstroke, and butterfly.

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## Summertime High School Choir All-State Send Off

Summer Creek High School Choir presents Cabaret



Isabel Alvarado, 11th grader, got a huge send off at Summer Creek High School on February 7. She left the following morning with all of the Humble ISD All-State Choir, Band, and Orchestra students to go to San Antonio for the Texas Music Educators Association Convention. She will be the only student representing

Summer Creek High School as she sings in the All-State Treble Choir. This is an extremely prestigious accomplishment as only a small percentage of students who audition to be in the Texas All-State organizations ever make it to state. The Texas All-State Choir, Band and Orchestras are known as the best in the nation!

### UIL Choir Solo & Ensemble Contest

Summer Creek High School students earn a record breaking amount of medals! On February 4, the Summer Creek High School Choir students competed at the annual UIL Solo & Ensemble Contest. The students competed in several events including solos, small ensembles, and medium ensembles. All 5 medium ensembles that were entered earned a 1st division rating, as well as several small ensembles and solos. The Choir students earned a record total of 155 medals for Summer Creek High School! Congratulations students on your accomplishments!

Specific congratulations goes to the following students who qualified for UIL State Solo& Ensemble Contest in May:

Isabel Alvarado (11)  
Anabel Avila (10)  
Chamberlin Bee (12)  
Mya Mitchell (12)  
Ernesto Santamaria (12)  
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## Lawn Fertilization Schedule for Houston Area Lawns

**FERTILIZE:** four times a year for southern grasses including St. Augustine, Bermuda and Zoysia

Late February–Early March—apply a simple 15-5-10 for an early green-up. Most companies that make slow-release fertilizers also make a non-slow-release 15-5-10 that provides for a quick two-week green-up before we get to the heart of the fertilizer schedule.

Late March–Early April—apply slow-release 3-1-2 ratio fertilizers. Recommended formulations:

- 18-4-6 Fertilome Southwest Greenmaker
- 18-0-6 Fertilome's Zero Phosphate Formula
- 15-5-10 Southwest Fertilizer Premium Gold
- 20-0-10 Bonide Premium Lawn Food
- 19-4-10 Nitro Phos Super Turff

Late June–Early July—apply slow-release 3-1-2 ratio fertilizers. (Recommended formulations 19-5-9, 19-4-10, 18-4-6, and 15-5-10.)

October–November—apply winterizer formulas for winter hardiness. Ratios vary, but make sure they are winter or fall formulas designed for southern grasses. (Examples: 18-6-12, 8-12-16, 10-5-14.) Will make lawns winter-hardy.

**FUNGICIDE:** two times a year

July–September—Gray-leaf spot is a blotchy spot on the grass-blade leaf. (mostly on St. Augustine lawns) Use fungicides with active ingredients like Daconil, Consan, or Banner.

September–October—To control the dreaded brown-patch fungal disease (symmetrical brown circles in the grass), you must prevent it from coming up with a systemic lawn fungicide with Bayleton, Terrachlor, Banner, or Benomyl.

**HERBICIDE:** three times a year  
(Pre-emergent controls to prevent weeds)

Late October–Early November—Use two different pre-emergent herbicides to prevent the weeds that we experience in February and March. First is a pre-emergent with Portrait or Gallery for broadleaf weeds like clover. Second, use a pre-emergent with Amaze, Betasan, Balan, or Treffan for grassy weeds like poa annua or annual bluegrass. There is also Barricade, Dimension, or Pendimethlin as a two-in-one control.

February–March—Use the pre-emergent controls for grassy weeds again to prevent such weeds as crabgrass, goosegrass, and dallisgrass

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from popping up late in the spring and summer. Again, use the grassy pre-emergent like Amaze, Betasan, Balan, or Treflan. There is also Barricade, Dimension, or Pendimethlin as a two-in-one control.

**May-Early June**—One more application of a grassy pre-emergent like Amaze, Betasan, Balan, or Treflan will keep fall weeds from invading from August on. There is also Barricade, Dimension-based, or Pendimethlin as a two-in-one control.

**INSECTICIDES:** It is the belief on GardenLine, as a way to be kind to the environment, that you should not put down insecticides unless you know you have a problem. However, be prepared during the hot summer months—July through September—to attack chinch-bug damage. This will show up as irregular shaped spots in the lawn along the concrete. Any liquid insecticide, like Permethrin or Cypermethrin, will treat the spots well. Then apply a granular insecticide like Deltamethrin or granular Permethrin in a broadcast applicator throughout the rest of the yard.

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## Summerwood Crime Watch Committee Meets March 14

If you are a Summerwood resident and attend crime watch meetings you can consider yourself a member of the crime watch committee. There is no membership fee or enrollment process or responsibility to perform a task. The meetings are informative and brief. The committee meets at the central clubhouse at 7:00 p.m. on the 2nd Tuesday of each month and most likely you will be home by 8:00 p.m.

Are you interested in finding out what crimes are currently occurring in the area? Would you like to meet your Precinct 3 Constable contract deputies and the HPD officers that patrol Summerwood and hear their monthly reports? Could you benefit from hearing about simple and effective ways to protect your personal self and your personal property?

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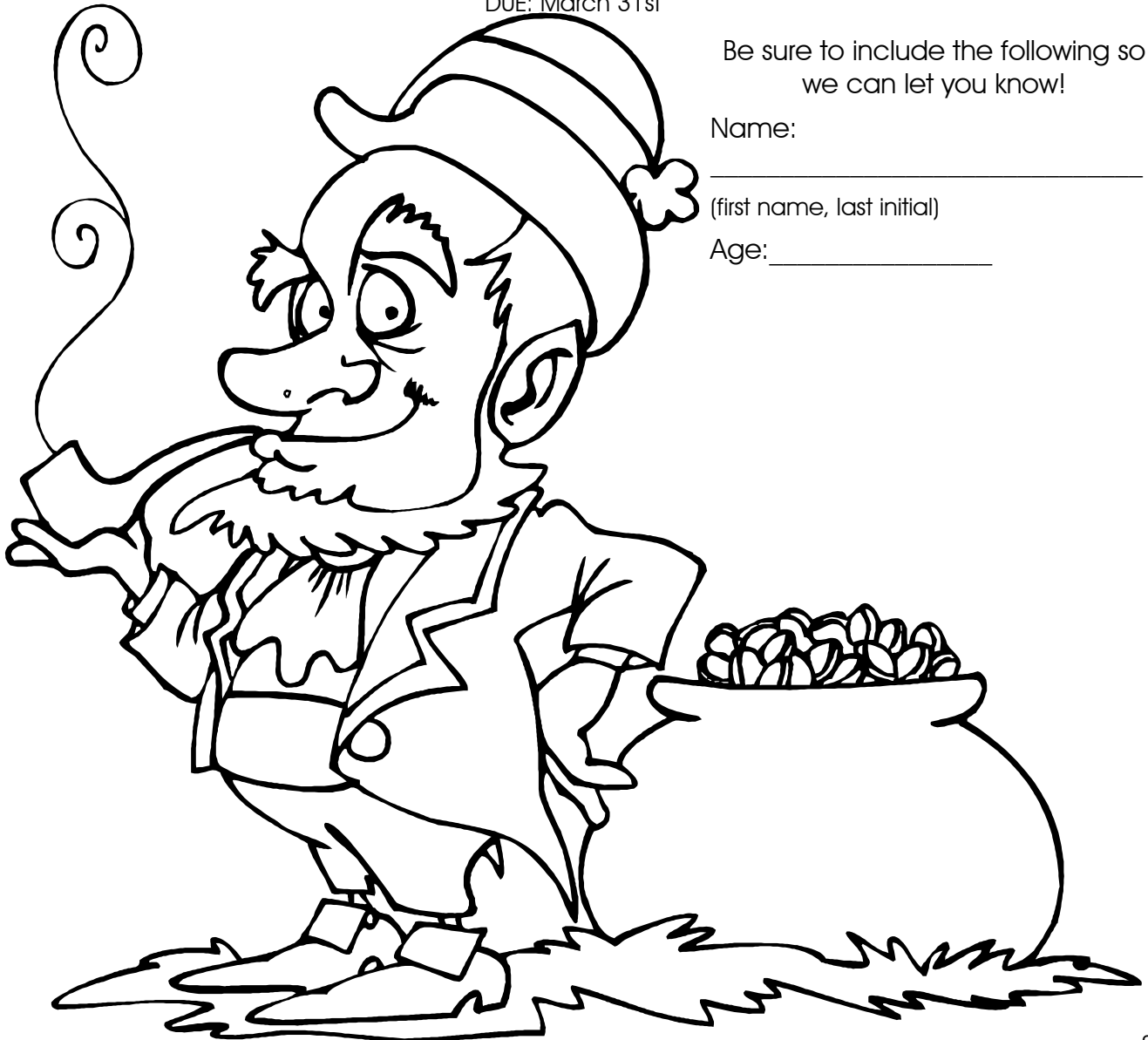
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## Lake Houston Ladies Club: March 21 Meeting

Lake Houston Ladies Club is a social organization dedicated to connecting women through monthly luncheon meetings, social activities, and interest groups.

Our next luncheon meeting is Tuesday, March 21 from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m., at the Walden Country Club, 18100 Walden Forest Drive, in Humble. The cost is \$15/person for the lunch and entertainment.

Have fun with line dancing! Our favorites, Trish and Calvin Gaines, along with Jay Cantu from the Liberty Opry, are coming to play our favorite line-dance music.

The club welcomes new members from all surrounding areas. Several interest groups are available, including readers' choice, bridge, Bunco, teatime, lunch and look, movie group, supper club, mah jongg, and girls' night out. Many of the groups continue through the summer months. There are also events during 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, visit our website ([www.lakehoustonladiesclub.com](http://www.lakehoustonladiesclub.com)) or call Linda at 832-379-3009.

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On-site office hours are Wednesday, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m., and Saturday, 10 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Visit [www.summerwoodlife.com](http://www.summerwoodlife.com) for more community information.

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## Now is the Time to Invest in a Rental Property Tips for Taking that Plunge

As the economy continues to expand, now may be an excellent time to invest in a rental property. The following tips may help you make a sound decision if you're thinking about taking the plunge.

**Going Local:** Purchasing a local property has some distinct advantages. You already have a feel for the neighborhoods and you'll be nearby should your tenants need you.

**Covering the Gaps:** Renters come and go! MSN Money recommends saving enough to cover six months of vacancy before purchasing a rental property.

**Preventing Headaches:** Home systems and appliances have limited life spans. Either have some money set aside for appliance repairs or replacements, or consider purchasing a home warranty.

**Screen Prospective Tenants:** However nice they seem, you should check with previous landlords and other references: verify income, employment and obtain a credit report.

The Tracy Montgomery Team can help you find a rental property. Give us a call if you are interested in selling, buying or investing. We can explain the fundamentals so you can sell or buy with confidence.



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