

# SUMMERWOOD LIFE

OFFICIAL NEWSLETTER OF THE SUMMERWOOD COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION, INC.

## Spring Fling Celebration!



The Summerwood annual Spring Fling Celebration will be held Saturday, April 8, at Club Summerwood, located at 16136 Hunters Lake Way. The event is scheduled from 10 a.m. until 1 p.m. The times listed below are for the participation in various age groups. Bring your children with their Easter baskets, and let the fun begin!

### **Times for Easter Egg Hunts:**

Ages 1–3, 10:10 a.m.

Ages 4–7, 10:20 a.m.

Ages 8 and up, 10:30 a.m.

### **Activities for the event include:**

Meet the Easter Bunny

Easter Egg Hunt

Balloon Art

Crafts

Face Painting

Food Vendors

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Petting Zoo

There will also be a business and craft market. Businesses must register at [www.summerwoodlife.com](http://www.summerwoodlife.com) to participate as a vendor.

## 2017 Summerwood Pool Wristbands Are Here!

Why wait? Avoid the rush! You can now go to the Central Clubhouse to pick up your 2017 pool wristbands. Your account must have a zero balance. The central pool opened for swim at your own risk the first weekend in March. Bring proof of residency, such as a driver's license showing your current address, a utility bill, settlement statement, or a lease agreement, along with your picture ID.

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.

## MANAGER'S CORNER

We strive to ensure that the business of the Summerwood Community Association is handled in an efficient and cost-effective manner. As a community, we have struggled to achieve the necessary five-percent quorum requirement at the annual membership meeting for the past several years, requiring additional meetings to be held. Reconvened meetings result in additional expenses to the Association and create a delay in electing new Board of Directors members.

You currently have many available avenues to cast your ballot in the annual Board of Directors election, including voting by mail, fax, email, or online, plus using a paper ballot at the meeting. The multiple types of ballots make validating and tabulating the election results cumbersome and time consuming. Members often have to wait several hours in order to be present for the announcement of the election results.

In an effort to help streamline the meeting and voting process, we are proposing an amendment to the Summerwood Community Association bylaws. The proposed amendment would reduce the quorum needed to hold a membership meeting from five percent

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to three percent. It would also provide the Association with the option of adjourning a membership meeting in which quorum is not achieved and reconvening without notice, requiring only half of the previously needed participation. This process could be repeated until quorum is achieved. This would ensure that the Association is no longer faced with the financial burden of repeatedly mailing new meeting announcements.

Also proposed is converting the balloting procedure to all-electronic voting and removing paper ballots. This would allow the ballots to be validated and tabulated by computer quickly, so the election results could be announced at the meeting.

In order to amend the bylaws, we must have approval from sixty-seven percent of the property owners. You will be receiving a copy of the proposed amendment as well as a ballot in the mail, if you have not already received it. Please review the information carefully, and feel free to contact CIA Services at 281-852-1700 or at [CustomerCare@ciaservices.com](mailto:CustomerCare@ciaservices.com) should you have any questions. Once you have reviewed the information, please use the ballot and cast your vote for or against the proposed bylaw amendment. You may cast your vote online using the PIN shown on your ballot or cast it by mailing, faxing, or emailing your ballot.

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## Summerwood 2017 Events

- 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

Dates subject to change. Verify at [www.summerwoodlife.com](http://www.summerwoodlife.com)

## Summerwood Pool Rules

The Central pool is now open for swim at your own risk, and the East pool will be open on weekends beginning May 6. Both pools will be staffed with lifeguards on weekends only, beginning May 6 until school is out. Lifeguards will be at both pools six days per week while school is out.

The Central pool is closed on Mondays for cleaning, and the East pool is closed on Tuesdays for cleaning. When a holiday falls on a cleaning day, the pool will be open on the holiday and closed the following day for cleaning.

All residents and guests two years or older must wear the current year's pool-pass wristband. People without proper wristbands will be asked to leave the facility. Children twelve and under must be accompanied by a guardian at least eighteen years old.

No more than four guests are permitted per family. (A guest is defined as any person wearing a current year's guest wristband.) Exceptions are those at private parties previously scheduled with community and pool management companies.

The pool management company may require a swimming-level assessment test at their discretion. Additional rules may apply to swimmers based on the results of the assessments. Parents/guardians of weak or non-swimmers must be within arm's reach at all times.

Swimming is permitted during posted/designated hours and days.

Proper swimming attire is required: no street clothes, including but not limited to cut-offs.

No disposable diapers allowed in the pools.

No foul or rude language or behavior will be tolerated.

No weapons allowed.

No glass containers, alcoholic beverages, or smoking permitted in the pool area.

Pets are not permitted in the pool area.

No running or rough play.

No food or drink is permitted in the pool.

Poolside restrooms will be open during regular pool hours only.

When lightning and thunder occur, the pool will be closed and the pool deck will be cleared for thirty minutes.

A 911 emergency phone is located near the guard station.

At the Central pool, wet swimsuits are not permitted in the Community Center at any time.

The baby pool is restricted to children seven years old and younger.

Changing diapers within six feet of the water feature(s) is prohibited.

Do not drink water from the water feature(s).

Use of the water feature(s) when ill with diarrhea or a contagious disease is prohibited.

Requests for private pool parties outside of the normal pool operating hours will be reviewed on a case-by-case basis. No private pool parties will be permitted during normal operating hours.

In the event of a malfunction, unsanitary condition, or other non-emergency problems requiring correction at the facility, please contact Aquatic Advisors Inc. at 713-609-9489.

## Summerwood Photo

Molly Rose of Summerwood Lakes Drive walks on the paths around the lakes quite often, enjoying the beautiful wildlife. She loves to see the many beautiful surprises in nature all around us on a daily basis. Molly recently captured this picture of a large flock of Ibis at Lake Meredith on a misty day.



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## Summerwood Stingrays



You may not know that the Summerwood community has its own summer league swim team for children and teens. Hundreds of you have already experienced the fun. For those who haven't, the Summerwood Stingrays swim team, which has been making waves since 2005, is now welcoming all new and returning swimmers for the 2017 season!

This year we will be welcoming a new head coach, Craig Sikkema, a.k.a. Coach Sikk. He is a veteran coach who has taught many levels of swimming for over thirty years. We are excited about his positive energy and commitment to helping our kids be the best they can be, both in the water and out. We think you'll be thrilled too. Children and teens, come join the team and see for yourself! For more details about the Summerwood Stingrays and how to register, visit <http://smwstingrays.swim-team.us>.

See you at the pool!

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## **Robin McHaney of Simply Elegant Interiors Receives Best of Houzz 2017 Award**



Robin McHaney, owner of Simply Elegant Interiors of Houston and resident of Summerwood, has been awarded Best of Houzz 2017 for customer satisfaction by Houzz Inc., the leading platform for home renovation and design. This is the third year in a row

Simply Elegant Interiors has won the national award. The company currently serves clients in such areas as Houston, Austin, Dallas, and Fort Worth.

What speaks better about a business than its clients?

"Robin is great. She worked with me on my vision of my home, giving great advice. Always on time and prepared, she moved my project along efficiently. Robin worked within my budget and kept me on track. She was great with paint colors, floor selections, and fabric choices. I highly recommend Robin and Simply Elegant Interiors."

—Suzy Cotton

"Loved Robin from the second she waked in our door! We have not had our product installed yet; however, Robin has been awesome so far. She was a huge help when we were trying to decide what patterns and designs to go with. We would have been completely lost without her. Looking forward to the finished product! Robin also helped us decorate for Christmas. Love, love, love her work!"

—Lori Aungst

"Simply Elegant Interiors is by far the most knowledgeable and resourceful company I have worked with to date, and there have been numerous over the years, as I enjoy restoring old properties. The work quality is stellar, and Robin will not settle for anything less. She is strictly hands-on, and she does not leave details to technicians and installers."

—B. Palmer

"I can highly recommend Robin. She was a true professional. I appreciated her ability to listen and take in the wants and needs of the family. She is the opposite of pushy and is really dedicated to making sure her clients are happy with the end project. Robin's experience and knowledge helped me design and choose fabrics perfect for my home. She helped me with the window treatments for my dining room, master bedroom, and guest room. I am thrilled with how everything turned out. I can easily recommend Robin to anyone needing a designer's help for their home."

—Cindy Blankenship

"We are so pleased to award Best of Houzz 2017 to an incredible group of talented and customer-focused professionals," Liza Hausman said. "Each of these businesses was singled out for recognition by our community of homeowners and design enthusiasts for helping to turn their home improvement dreams into reality."

Follow Simply Elegant Interiors at Houzz [http://www.houzz.com/pro/simplyelegant/houston.com/\\_public](http://www.houzz.com/pro/simplyelegant/houston.com/_public).

Note: (Robin's name was inadvertently misspelled once in the March edition of the newsletter. This is the corrected article.)

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## **Lake Houston Ladies Club April 18 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, April 18, 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 lunch and entertainment.

Our special guest for April is David Lackey, "Antique Road Show" star. David is a well-known Houston-area antique dealer. He has collected antiques since the age of six and has been dealing since he was twelve! He studied at the Christie's Fine Arts course in London, graduating with a specialization in pottery and porcelain. He has been an appraiser for the "Antiques Road Show" since 1996. Members

may bring a small antique for examination. David will talk about some of them during the program and will stay afterward for more discussions.

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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## Girl Scouts Work Toward Earning New Badge

Greetings, Summerwood community! We are Girl Scout Troop 118009 out of Summerwood/Lakeshore. We are each working toward earning our WOW (Wonders of Water) badge. As part of this journey, we would like to share some of the things we have learned about water through troop meetings and a field trip to Houston Water Works. We also have some tips on how to conserve water.

While approximately seventy percent of the earth's surface is covered by water, many people don't have access to clean water. Every minute, a child dies from a disease related to dirty water or poor hygiene. Illnesses triggered by dirty drinking water cause children in some countries to miss school and other opportunities, as dirty water can contain harmful bacteria such as E. coli.

Water is used to produce energy and everything we make. Because water is so important, we need to conserve it whenever we can. The following are some tips to help you conserve water:

- Turn off the faucet while you brush your teeth.
- Take short showers instead of baths.
- Make sure your toilet isn't leaking; thirty percent of the water you use at home is from the toilet.
- Collect rainwater to use on your landscape.

Thank you for doing your part and helping to make the world a better place!

*Pictured: Teagan N., Kylie C., Zoe G., Jordyn L., Ella I., and Rylie M.*





## Summerwood Residents Are to Obtain City of Houston Alarm Permits

Due to a limited-purpose annexation, authorized by the City of Houston, and as part of a strategic partnership agreement with Municipal Utility Districts 342, 344, and 361

Summerwood residents are required to obtain annual COH alarm permits for their burglar alarm systems. This can be done online via the Department of Administration and Regulatory Affairs at [www.houstonpermittingcenter.org](http://www.houstonpermittingcenter.org).

The Summerwood Crime Watch Committee encourages you to arm your security system at night, when you are away, or as otherwise appropriate for your family. It also suggests that you periodically contact your alarm company to make sure contact names and phone numbers are current.

Always call 911 for fire, EMS, or life-threatening emergencies. Those calls must go to the city of Houston! However, for police you might wish to call the Precinct 3 Constable Dispatch number (281-427-4791) instead of HPD so that a contract deputy on duty in the community can be dispatched.

The Summerwood Crime Watch Committee meets at the Central Clubhouse on the second Tuesday of each month at 7 p.m. Residents are encouraged to attend, meet, and hear from the Precinct 3 Constable Office contract deputies and HPD officers who serve us. Residents can ask questions and receive current information about the community.



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## BIRDING

*By Cheryl Conley, TWRC Wildlife Center*



There are many different levels of bird watching from the casual observer to professionals whose goal is to see as many of the 8,850 species as possible. In North America there are approximately 800 species. Some people use nothing more than the naked eye to observe and others spend thousands of dollars on binoculars, telescopes, cameras, video and audio equipment, tripods and field guides. “Birding”, as it’s sometimes called, is also a competitive event and there are both national and international organizations.

Some of the best bird watching, perhaps in the world, is in the Houston area. Approximately 570 types of birds either call this area home and are permanent residents or are migratory and just pass through on their way to some other destination.

The Cornell Lab of Ornithology is a great resource for anyone

interested in birds. If you ever have a problem identifying a bird, their free Merlin Bird ID app is a must-have. According to Cornell, “If you can snap a bird photo with your phone—or even take a photo of another photo—chances are Merlin can help you ID it.”

Birds face the same threat as almost all other wild animals and that is habitat loss. Trees, brush and grasslands are being destroyed to make way for roads and buildings. The best way to help our feathered friends is to replace some of what has been lost. Plant trees and shrubs using native plants, minimize pesticide use, set up nest boxes, provide water and keep your cats indoors. Leave some dying and/or dead trees on your property. Many species depend on cavities in these trees for nest sites. Next to habitat loss, the next highest cause of bird deaths is collisions with windows. Covering windows with screening or applying decals or tape to windows can help significantly. Make sure to check the web for instructions on how to apply these safeguards.

TWRC Wildlife Center is gearing up for another busy spring. If you’d like to help us feed and care for orphaned baby birds, details will be available soon on our website at [www.twrcwildlifecenter.org](http://www.twrcwildlifecenter.org) or you can call 713-468-TWRC for more details.

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## Chicken Curry Salad

*Recipe from Barefoot Contessa Family Style, 2002.*

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3 whole (6 split) chicken breasts, bone-in, skin-on  
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Kosher salt and freshly ground black pepper  
1 1/2 cups good mayonnaise (recommended: Hellman's)  
1/3 cup dry white wine  
1/4 cup chutney (recommended: Major Grey's)  
3 tablespoons curry powder  
1 cup medium-diced celery (2 large stalks)  
1/4 cup chopped scallions, white and green parts (2 scallions)  
1/4 cup raisins  
1 cup whole roasted, salted cashews

### DIRECTIONS

Preheat the oven to 350 degrees F.

Place the chicken breasts on a sheet pan and rub the skin with olive oil. Sprinkle liberally with salt and pepper. Roast for 35 to 40 minutes, until the chicken is just cooked. Set aside until cool enough to handle. Remove the meat from the bones, discard the skin, and

dice the chicken into large bite-size pieces.

For the dressing, combine the mayonnaise, wine, chutney, curry powder, and 1 1/2 teaspoons salt in the bowl of a food processor fitted with the steel blade. Process until smooth.

Combine the chicken with enough dressing to moisten well. Add the celery, scallions, and raisins, and mix well. Refrigerate for a few hours to allow the flavors to blend. Add the cashews and serve at room temperature.



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APRIL

**5**

WEDNESDAY

**NEIGHBORHOOD  
NIGHT**

**6PM-9PM**

APRIL

**6**

THURSDAY

**GRAND  
OPENING**

**ALL DAY**

GET A PEEK AT OUR NEW SPACE AND  
SHOP AS YOU ENJOY THESE FUN EVENTS:

- Board-cutting ceremony
- Store tours
- Balloon drop
- Games and prize wheel
- Free cake and drinks

IT'S OUR BIG DAY AND WE HAVE  
MORE EVENTS IN STORE, INCLUDING:

- Pro breakfast sponsored by Behr®
- Customer lunch
- Radio station visit
- Vendor demonstrations
- DIY and Kids workshops
- Giveaways and prizes

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