

# SUMMERWOOD LIFE

OFFICIAL NEWSLETTER OF THE SUMMERWOOD COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION, INC.

## *Spring Fling! What Great Fun!*

*Photography by Renae Carr*

Summerwood's annual Spring Fling celebration was held at Club Summerwood on Saturday, April 8. Highlights of the day included the Easter egg hunts, prizes, photos with the Easter Bunny, a petting zoo, several inflatables, balloon art, crafts, face painting, food vendors, and much more.



## SUMMERWOOD COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION POOL HOURS AND SCHEDULE FOR 2017

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June 6 through July 23:

Tuesdays through Fridays

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### **Lifeguarded Hours**

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Monday, May 29 (Memorial Day)

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August 28 through September 24

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Monday, September 4 (Labor Day)

10:00 a.m.–9:00 p.m.

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Molly Rose of Summerwood Lakes Drive finds beauty in nature anew each morning as she and her dog, Red, walk the paths around the Summerwood Lakes. She snapped this beautiful picture of a loblolly pine blossom before it becomes a pinecone. Thank you, Molly, for sharing the beauty of nature all around us through your photographs!

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Aquatic Advisors is also who residents need to call to have pool parties scheduled at the community pools. We require one lifeguard for every twenty party attendees (swimmers and non-swimmers) during pool-hour parties. There is a four-guard minimum for parties outside of pool hours that are held at the Summerwood East Pool. There is a three-guard minimum for parties outside of pool hours that are held at the Central Pool. Pricing, registration forms, party policies, and rules can be found online at [www.aquaticadvisors.net/party](http://www.aquaticadvisors.net/party).

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## dates to Remember

### Summerwood 2017 Events

- 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).*

## Hidden Beauty in the Woods

These wild plants located deep in the woods and bursting with blooms were observed and photographed by a resident on a beautiful Summerwood spring day near Timber Forest and Walmer Falls. What a treat!



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## Exceptions:

Swim team practice: Every Tuesday and Thursday from May 9 through June 8, 7:45 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.

Swim Team Event #1: May 6, 6 a.m.–2 p.m.

Swim Team Event #2: May 20, 6 a.m.–2 p.m.

Swim Team Event #3 June 10, 6 a.m.–2 p.m.

The pool will be closed to residents during swim team practices and events.

This pool will be closed to all residents from 9 p.m. until 4:30 a.m.

When the pool is open on a Monday for a holiday, it will be closed on the following Tuesday.

## RESIDENTS EAST POOL: 14702 HAMPTON GREEN

### Lifeguarded Hours

May 6 through June 2

Tuesdays through Fridays 4:00 p.m.–7:00 p.m.

Saturdays and Sundays 10:00 a.m.–9:00 p.m.

Monday May 29 (Memorial Day) 10:00 a.m.–9:00 p.m.

June 3 through August 27

Wednesdays through Mondays 10:00 a.m.–9:00 p.m.

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Tuesday, July 4 (Fourth of July) 10:00 a.m.–9:00 p.m.

August 28 through September 24

Saturdays and Sundays only 10:00 a.m.–9:00 p.m.

Monday, September 4 (Labor Day) 10:00 a.m.–9:00 p.m.

This pool is guarded during all hours of operation.

## SUMMERWOOD STINGRAYS UPDATE:

As we start another pool season, we wish our residents a fun, refreshing, and safe experience at our aquatic facilities. Don't forget your sunscreen or your wristbands, of course! The pool schedule is published here, on the Summerwood Life website, and on site.

Please note that the Stingrays team pays a significant fee to the Summerwood HOA for exclusive use of the Central Pool facility during its practices and meets. This fee enables us to open the East Pool during these hours. The East pool is scheduled to open May 6–June 2 from Tuesday–Friday during swim team practice, which will be from 4 to 7 p.m. after school. On Saturdays and Sundays, the East pool will be open 10 a.m.–9 p.m. During the summer, the Central Pool closes for cleaning on Mondays and the East Pool closes for cleanings on Tuesdays. Only swim team members may be inside the gates during swim team practice and meets. No one is permitted in the Central baby pool at this time. We are sorry that this may inconvenience a few, but this is per HOA contract.

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## 'Shattered Dreams' for a Hopeful Future

On March 9 and 10, Summer Creek High School participated in Shattered Dreams, a realistic approach to preventing auto accidents, mainly focusing on drinking and driving. The program is intended to impact students by putting them in a realistic situation with people from their own school who the ones are being injured or killed.

"This was initiated and spear-headed by a junior student that has a strong passion for educating students about the effects of drunk driving / distracted driving," said Miranda Garrott, science teacher at Summer Creek and one of the facilitators of the Shattered Dreams event. "This was a feeling that was shared by both the faculty and many parents of Summer Creek. We felt that presenting the program before Spring Break would help minimize any incidents that could arise with our students and plant a seed of the tragedies that could happen to them."

The presentation started on Thursday morning with a reenactment of a fatal car accident in the student parking lot, complete with ambulances, police, fire trucks, morticians, and grieving parents of the students involved in the wreck. Throughout the day, "grim reapers" started taking students involved out of their classes. Several returned during lunch with white paint on their faces—to represent

that they were dead—and held grave stones with personal dedications to their memory. At the end of the day, the twenty-seven students who had "died" were lined up down the hallway as students left school for the day.

"The senior class was dramatically impacted by the events that took place on Thursday at school and the speakers that we had on that Friday morning. The twenty-seven students that were chosen to be a part of the event had life-changing experiences, so much so that they could be heard making statements like: 'I'm so glad that I was chosen to be a part of this' and 'I'm never going to drink and drive.' The staff at Summer Creek was very supportive of Shattered Dreams and felt that it was a much-needed presentation due to the fact that the large majority of our students feel that they are invincible," said Garrott.

Some of the other speakers at the presentation for the seniors Friday had experienced real-life tragedies from drunk- and distracted-driving accidents. The students who "died" spent the night at Ben Taub Hospital without being able to go to sleep, and the next day they spoke to the seniors about their experience.

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## Chinch Bugs

Once it's hot in Houston, it's not long before the dreaded chinch bugs come to suck the life out of our St. Augustine turf grass. They especially like to chew up lawns that aren't taken care of very well. In other words, well-watered and well-fertilized lawns are the best way to keep chinch bugs at bay. But what if you suspect you already have chinch bugs? Is there a quick way to tell?

Unfortunately, in many cases, people make the wrong diagnosis when chinch bugs begin their damage. Quite often, when the first telltale sign pops up in the form of small yellowing spots, people assume their lawns have either a fungal disease or iron deficiency. Then they spray in vain with a fungicide or put out an iron supplement or fertilizer. And even when people think they have chinch bugs, they sometimes don't treat often enough to break the cycle.

If you start seeing a small yellowing, irregular patch in the lawn, make the determination of chinch bugs with a regular coffee can (open at both ends) and a water hose. On the green-yellow edge of the patch, shove the coffee can into the soil and fill it with water. Get down on your hands and knees and do a little investigating. If you see flea-like insects floating to the top, you have chinch bugs.

While you're on your hands and knees, push the grass aside and look down near the root systems—near that yellow-green edge of

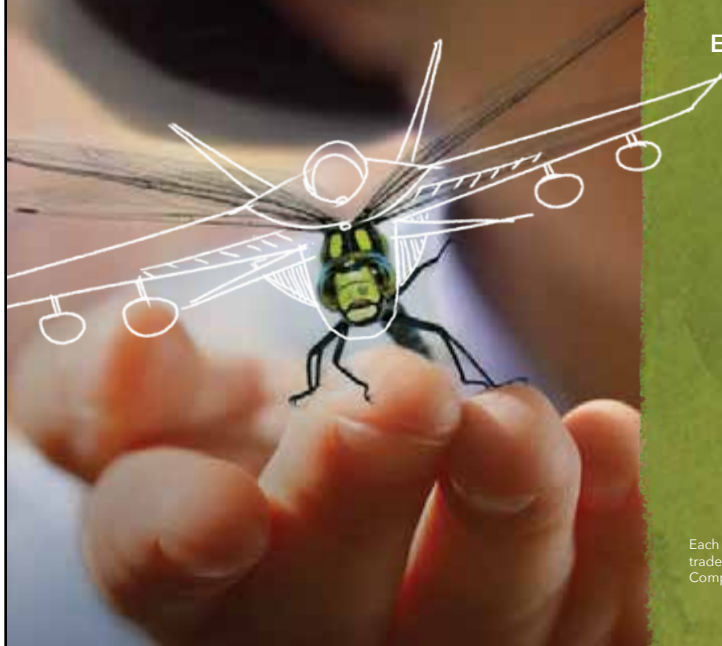
the patch again. See if you can spot those flea-sized bugs with white spots on their sides or the baby ones that are orange with a white ring.

To treat for chinch bugs, you need to apply a liquid insecticide (a synthetic pyrethroid like Bifenthrin, Permethrin, Cypermethrin, or Deltamethrin) three times over a twenty-one-day period (or once every five to seven days) up to four applications at most. Sadly, most people who try to treat for chinch bugs use a granular insecticide, or they only make one application of liquid insecticide.

*Article by Randy Lemmon of the GardenLine radio program and submitted by Summerwood resident, Dwayne Beubring.*



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"Shattered Dreams was an amazing experience that I am grateful I was able to be a part of. Seeing traumas, hearing from speakers, and meeting new people all influenced me and my perspective on life. The experience changed the way I value my life and pushed me to be more cautious when my decisions could affect the lives of others," said student participant Grace Stewart.

"I think it was impactful mostly because it showed that it could be anybody, any random person at any time, could be their last time, their last day with us. That's why it's so impactful. It was a good experience because I got to learn so much about drinking and driving. I didn't know, for instance, that Harris County, the county we live in, is ranked number one in the nation for drunk-driving accidents," said Hiji Harrison, SCHS student body president.

Overall, the seniors at Summer Creek were profoundly impacted by this presentation. Many of their eyes have been opened to the dangers and reality of drinking and driving. The administration hopes this effort will prevent drinking-related accidents. The goal is to give the students awareness of the consequences of their seemingly miniscule decisions of getting in cars with drunk drivers or driving cars under the influence of alcohol.

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### #1: HEARTWORMS

**Q: "If dog is my mainly inside, do I still need to keep him on heartworm prevention?"**

**A:** The short answer is yes. Heartworms are spread to dogs by mosquitoes, and our area is considered endemic for heartworm disease. We recommend all dogs be on heartworm prevention consistently throughout the year. The latest statistics from the American Heartworm Society (2013) disclose that many clinics in the Houston area report over 100 cases of heartworms a year.

Most dogs, even if they spend the majority of their time inside, go outside to perform eliminations. Even if the dog uses pads to urinate or defecate on in the home, mosquitoes can still enter the home. So, the risk of heartworm infection is never completely eliminated.

It only takes one bite from one infected mosquito to give an unprotected dog heartworms. The disease can take several months to years to progress to symptoms (lethargy, coughing, boated abdomen, etc.). Fortunately, tests are available that are highly accurate in detecting heartworm infections, even before symptoms are shown. Dogs six months and older in endemic areas should be tested once a year, even if they have been on heartworm prevention consistently. The test, which only takes a few minutes, is routinely

performed in a veterinary clinic with a small amount of blood.

If a pet does contract heartworm disease, treatment can be expensive and the dog may have to stay fairly confined for several weeks to months during the process. If a pet does not receive treatment after infection, they may die of heart failure from the worm burden.

There are several different medications on the market to prevent heartworms. Some are combined with flea preventatives, and most have intestinal parasite prevention. In this area, we are also endemic for certain worms—mainly hookworms and roundworms—that can be zoonotic (contagious to people).

In summary, since we are endemic for heartworms, we cannot completely prevent our dogs from coming into contact with mosquitoes. Therefore, we must always give our dogs some form of prevention. An old saying holds true for heartworms: an ounce of prevention is worth a pound of cure.

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Our special guest for May is Jerry Diaz and the band Hanna's Reef. We always enjoy dancing and having a good time for our last meeting of the year. Jerry is a songwriter, solo performer, and founder of the band Hanna's Reef. He gives listeners a glimpse of the coastal lifestyle in the songs he writes. From songs about Key West, Florida, to songs about New Orleans and Texas beach towns, Jerry takes you on a musical journey of boats, beaches, and bars.

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.

## Grand Opening of Summerwood's Newest Store

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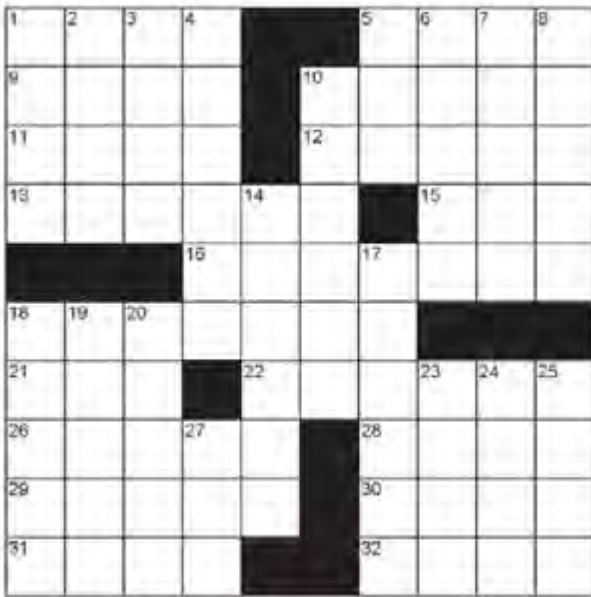
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## Looking for some inexpensive local activities to do with your kids this summer? Here are a few ideas that are sure to be a hit!

**Hop-on Hop-off City Tour** - Take the hop-on hop-off tour of Houston aboard a double-decker bus, snapping photos of the architecture around City Hall, stopping off to say hello to the fish at the Downtown Aquarium, or strolling around the tree-lined paths of Hermann Park. With 6 stops near can't-miss attractions and frequent departures, it's the perfect way to see the city.

**See the Underground Tunnels** - Stroll through the underground gift shops, restaurants, and flower stands and end at the Chase Tower—the 13th-tallest building in America. There is a guided walking tour available!

**Houston Museum of Natural Science** - This extremely kid-friendly museum has prehistoric critters, a groovy planetarium, a 3D IMAX Theater, a magnificent butterfly exhibit, plus more than a dozen permanent exhibit areas.

**SplashTown** - Houston's largest and most diverse water park, featuring 40-acres and more than two million gallons of summer fun.

**Houston Area Live Steamers** - Take a ride on a miniature model train with a 4,700-foot track in Northwest Harris County, the group operates monthly free ride days on the third Saturday of each month. The 15-minute rides are fun for the entire family.



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