YOUR COMMITMENT AS A HOMEOWNER

The association is glad you’ve made Summerwood your home. From time to time we like to remind homeowners that communities like ours create some unique obligations to the community and to other residents within it. By working together, we can continue to make Summerwood a wonderful place to call home.

Read and comply with the community’s governing documents. All of the community’s governing documents, rules, and policies are available at www.ciaservices.com and to registered users at www.summerwoodlife.com. Make sure you understand what’s included in them, particularly the rules about your home’s exterior maintenance, architectural guidelines, and when you must pay association assessments. Contact our office at 281-852-1700 or CustomerCare@ciaservices.com if you have any questions about these documents.

Provide current contact information to the management company. Make sure we know how to reach you in case of an emergency. You may also ask to be notified about association meetings and other important events. If you rent out your home, also provide contact information for your tenants for use in an emergency.

Maintain your property according to established standards. The community’s appearance can add value to all the homes within it—including yours—so it’s important to keep landscaping neatly groomed and your home’s exterior well maintained.

Treat association leaders honestly and respectfully. Board members and committee members are homeowners just like you, who have volunteered to give their time and energy freely to govern the community. While you should share your ideas for the community with them, do so in a way that’s constructive, informative, and helpful.

Attend board meetings and vote in community elections. Most portions of board meetings are open to all owners who wish to observe. Your vote in annual membership meeting elections and other community votes is important, and your vote can affect matters that impact us all. If you cannot attend the annual meeting, you may still cast your ballot online using the ballot mailed to you.

A Big Thank-You from the Summerwood PTO!

The Summerwood Elementary PTO would like to extend our appreciation to this year’s Supernova Sponsors: FastMed Urgent Care, McDonald’s Summerwood, Primrose School at Summerwood, and the Tracy Montgomery Realty Team. Our spring fundraiser was a great success, and the charitable donations from these sponsors made it all possible. With the money raised from the fundraiser, the PTO will be able to purchase books for the library and needed technology, plus award grants to teachers and staff.

Thank you to these generous businesses!

Pay association assessments and other obligations on time. Your regular assessments pay for common-area maintenance, amenities, and other shared expenses. If you don’t pay on time, the burden of paying your portion of the association’s bills, like water, electricity, and maintenance, falls on your neighbors. Contact our office if you wish to discuss alternative payment arrangements.

Ensure that tenants, visiting relatives, and friends adhere to all rules and regulations. If you are leasing your home, you’re liable for maintaining the condition of the home and for the behavior of those who live in it. Make sure to screen tenants thoroughly and familiarize them with the community’s rules.
Join your friends and neighbors and celebrate the end of school!

END-OF-SCHOOL POOL PARTY

Saturday, June 3
Residents Central Pool
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Daisy Troop Visits
Summerwood PetSmart

On Thursday, May 4, the Summerwood Elementary first-grade Daisy Troop 118175 visited their local Summerwood PetSmart. The girls finished earning their Three Cheers for Animals journey! Ms. April and the entire store went above and beyond hosting the group, and the girls loved learning about how to take care of different pets. Thank you, Summerwood PetSmart!

Summerwood Brownie Troop Gives Back

Summerwood Elementary third-grade Brownie Troop 118008 recently completed their Brownie Quest journey. The girls first visited the new Home Depot to purchase flowers and herbs. Then they visited the Brookdale Senior Living Community in Kingwood. The troop planted the flowers and herbs in various raised flower beds that had been built by local Boy Scouts. Afterward, the troop donated Girl Scout cookies (which were enjoyed), talked with residents, and played Bingo. Parents and staff are very proud of these young ladies for their service!
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Our swim lesson program is level-based and starts beginners as young as three years old for group or private classes. Each level passed is rewarded with color-coded bracelets to keep your child motivated! Pricing starts at $85 per session. Swimming Sea Animals also offers “Mommy and me” classes and adult swimming lessons. Registration for swim lessons is now open and can be found online at www.swimmingseanimals.com.

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.

This photograph was submitted by Molly Rose of Summerwood Lakes Drive.
In Houston, the vast majority of lawns are of the St. Augustine variety. There are some Bermuda-based lawns, and Zoysia is gaining in popularity. Most St. Augustine yards have bits and pieces of Bermuda in them, and it’s usually just ignored. Still, some people can find themselves overwhelmed with Bermuda taking over their St. Augustine.

The obvious answer to removing Bermuda is to kill it, till it, and replace it with new sod. But that’s usually just for extreme cases in which the Bermuda is absolutely solid. In most situations (a mix of Bermuda and St. Augustine), simply mowing properly will help the St. Augustine win the battle. If you mow as tall as your mower will allow, the St. Augustine will almost always crowd out the Bermuda. (Conversely, if you want to accelerate the Bermuda, mow shorter and more often. Then the slower-growing Bermuda will win, unencumbered by shade from the taller St. Augustine.)

If you allow your grass to grow taller, you’ll still have to mow once a week. But if your neighbors don’t come up to your level, it will look like you don’t mow at all. I promise, though, your lawn will be a richer green with a thicker texture than your shorter-cutting neighbors. And there is an added benefit to growing taller-than-normal St. Augustine — you won’t need to irrigate as frequently, as tall grass supports deeper roots, which will reach water that’s far down in the soil.

Of course, beyond mowing tall, you should absolutely be following the Randy Lemmon fertilization schedule. Well-cared-for St. Augustine mowed tall will take over!

I have also been known to recommend the use of liquid atrazine to battle Bermuda grass. While I abhor the use of atrazine-based weed-and-feeds, spot-treating with the liquid can make Bermuda very sickly and further hasten its demise.

Finally, for those who use a yard service that mows every customer’s yard the same, remember that you’re the boss. You pay the tab, so make sure to get out in front of the crew the next few times they show up and remind them that you want your grass mowed taller. If they refuse, well, you get to fire them. There are plenty of lawn-mowing services that will do as you request. I have found, through experience, that once you’ve instructed them cut your lawn taller a few times, they will remember to do it in the future.

Copied with permission from Randy Lemmon of GardenLine, heard every Saturday and Sunday from 6 a.m. to 10 a.m. on 740 KTRH. His Facebook page is GardenLine with Randy Lemmon.

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Vet Talk:
Advice from Summerwood Veterinarians

Q: Why does my cat urinate outside the litter box?

A: There are two main reasons for inappropriate urination in felines: medical and behavioral. A urinalysis is key in discerning which category a cat falls into. With the urinalysis, the veterinarian will check for bacteria, white blood cells, red blood cells, crystals, specific gravity, etc. With that information, the veterinarian can identify a urinary tract infection if present and then possibly prescribe antibiotics and/or anti-inflammatory medication. The veterinarian may also recommend a diet change for urinary health. Based on the urinalysis results, blood tests may be needed to further investigate certain urinary issues.

If the urinalysis is relatively normal, the cat may be inappropriately urinating due to behavioral reasons. Some cats are very particular about the type of litter in the litter box. Some may seek out other places to urinate if the litter box is not clean. If the cat is stressed for any reason, it may exhibit inappropriate urination. The causes of a stressed feline are many, but common stressors include introducing a new pet, moving to a new home, new or rearranged furniture, being left alone (even with a pet sitter), etc.

Trying to correct a cat’s inappropriate urination due to behavioral reasons can be challenging. Usually confining the cat to an area where only the litter box is suitable for urination is critical for correction. This should continue as long as the unwanted behavior keeps happening. Your veterinarian will be able to suggest additional tips for retraining a kitty to correctly use the litter box again.

Dr. Susan McCann
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The Summer Creek Biz Com will meet at Summer Creek High School on Thursday, June 8, 2017, as we celebrate the completion of the 2016–2017 school year.

Some of the anticipated speakers include:

- Josh Urban, the new senior vice president and CEO of the Memorial Hermann Northeast Hospital, will discuss his vision for Memorial Hermann Hospital in this area and how its free nurse hotline can save patients time, money, and potential emergency-room visits.

- Mark Mitchell, incoming president of the Lake Houston Area Economic Development Partnership, will share his goals for business development in the Lake Houston area.

- Brent McDonald, Wood Creek Middle School principal, will discuss the first year of the school’s partnership with Chuck and Gena Norris’s Kickstart Kids and Show Biz Cinemas.

- We will hear about updates and exciting new developments for Generation Park.

- Mr. Correa, Summer Creek High School principal, will share great news about the performance levels of SCHS students.

Immediately following the meeting is an optional networking session. Please plan to stay with us from 12 to 12:30 p.m., as attendees will have the opportunity to introduce themselves and their organizations. As a courtesy, we ask that you limit your time to thirty seconds each.

For more information or to reserve a spot for the June 8 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,
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Summer Creek BizCom Chairman
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- June 3: End-of-School Pool Party
- July 4: Independence Day Parade
- August 12: Youth Fishing Tournament
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- October 28: Fall Festival
- November 4: Fall Garage Sale
- December 2: Winter Festival

*Dates subject to change. Verify at www.summerwoodlife.com.*

**Lake Houston Ladies Club**

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

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You can go to the Central Clubhouse to pick up your 2017 pool wristbands. Your account must have a zero balance. Bring proof of residency, such as a driver’s license showing your current address, utility bill, settlement statement, or 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.

Alternatively, you can pick up your wristbands at the CIA Services North Office at 8811 FM 1960 Bypass Road Suite 200 in Humble. The office hours are 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. Monday through Friday. The Customer Care team is available by phone 8 a.m. to 8 p.m., and the phone number is 713-981-9000.
Moving into summer, we should prepare for the inevitable…house flies. While many see house flies as a nuisance, they are capable of spreading diseases such as dysentery or food poisoning. Due to the locations house flies frequent—garbage, manure, and carrion—they can pick up bacteria and other disease organisms which can transfer to other areas where they may land such as dishes, food, or countertops. House flies regurgitate onto food to liquefy it before eating and they can further contaminate items by defecating upon surfaces.

The common house fly has two wings and is dull gray with black stripes on the thorax (the section where the wings are attached). Adult flies can only eat liquid foods and have sponging mouthparts specialized to help them feed.

Eggs are usually laid on decaying matter such as animal fecal material, grass clippings, or garbage. Around 100-150 eggs are laid by the female. Depending upon temperature (warmer temperatures speed things up); eggs may hatch within 8 hours to 2 days.

Maggots, the immature stage of a fly, are small, white, carrot-shaped, and legless. There are 3 larval molts then mature larvae seek a dry location for pupation. Pupae are reddish brown and somewhat oval in shape.

During the summer, house flies may live up to 2.5 weeks while during cooler times of the year they may live up to 3 months.

The key to fly management is sanitation, or cleaning. Eliminate breeding sites by picking up animal waste one to two times per week; empty garbage cans regularly; clean garbage cans at least once a month with soapy water. Keep garbage cans located away from doors that lead into the home and make sure they have tight fitting lids.

Other items that can help reduce fly problems include keeping window screens in good repair; making sure doors and windows have a tight seal and weather stripping is in good condition; and using fly swatters or sticky fly paper to get rid of adult flies.

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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I Found a Baby Squirrel, Now What?

By Cheryl Conley, TWRC Wildlife Center

If you find a baby squirrel, check for the following:
• Is it bleeding, have an open wound, or a broken bone?
• Is it covered in fly eggs [they look like grains of rice]?
• Is it cold, wet, or crying?

If the answer is YES to any of the above, the squirrel is likely injured. Bring it to us as soon as possible.

If NO, the next step is to determine its approximate age to see if you need to intervene.

Does the squirrel have a fluffed-out tail [like a bottle brush]?
Is the body longer than 6” [not including the tail]?

If the answer is YES to these questions, this is likely a juvenile squirrel. You do not need to intervene. Even at the young age of 10 to 12 weeks, the squirrel is already independent and on its own.

If NO, this is an infant squirrel. You will need to help reunite the baby with its mother.

Baby squirrels at this age must be kept warm. Heat a towel in the microwave or place uncooked rice or bird seed in a sock and warm in the microwave for 20-30 seconds. Wrap the sock in a soft towel and place it with the baby in an open container like a small box or plastic container.

Place the box IN A SAFE PLACE OFF THE GROUND near where you found the baby or under the tree with the nest if you know which tree it is. You can also attach the container directly to the tree but MAKE SURE IT IS SECURE.

Keep children, dogs, and cats out of the area.

Observe the baby squirrel for the next six to eight hours of daylight. Reheat the towel or rice/birdseed bag every two hours. Has the mother returned to retrieve her baby?

If YES ... congratulations!
If NO, bring the box with the baby inside.

Continue to keep it warm until you can bring it to us.

REMEMBER: DO NOT ATTEMPT TO FEED THE SQUIRREL OR GIVE IT WATER!

TWRC Wildlife Center is your resource for wildlife-related questions. They also serve as an emergency wildlife care facility should you find animals in need of help. If you have any questions, please call 713-468-TWRC. You can also find useful information at www.twrcwildlifecenter.org.
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Tips and Tricks to Keep Kids Occupied this Summer!

CREATE A PLAN
Avoid the dreaded “I’m bored” by getting or creating a calendar that kids have access to. This helps them get excited for upcoming activities while helping you stay sane!

MAKE DATES
Fill up free days on your schedule by planning play dates, visiting family or a day at the beach or pool. Low cost outings such as these will help keep days filled and busy without breaking the bank.

MAINTAIN Routines
Children thrive on structure so help keep them on track for back to school by having set times in the morning for chores & responsibilities.

MULTI-TASKING
While activities and outings are fun there are still things to do around the house during the summer. Get kids involved in helping by gardening, helping clear out storage spaces, prepping their snacks and meals or even turning grocery shopping into a scavenger hunt!