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DON'T MISS IT! Summerwood's Largest Family Event NATIONAL NIGHT OUT: Tuesday, October 3

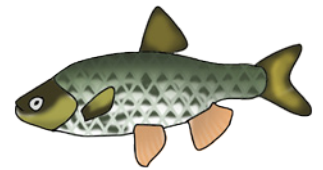


The Summerwood Crime Watch Committee will host the 2017 National Night Out (NNO) event for Summerwood residents Tuesday, October 3, 6–8 p.m. It will be held

at Club Summerwood on Hunter's Lake Way at Timber Forest. NNO is a family-oriented event aimed at building neighborhood awareness and crime prevention. This will be a night to meet your Summerwood neighbors and our local law enforcement officers. The evening will offer food, fun, prizes, and music for all ages.

The committee's vision of a crime-free community is the focus in hosting a community-wide event. Members of the crime watch committee are committed to the safety and security of our community and strive to maintain its spirit and pride. The event will include many entertaining activities for kids and adults alike, such as bounce houses, a trackless train, a DJ with great music, Precinct 3 Constable Office representatives and Summerwood contract deputies, Houston Police Department officers, an ambulance and fire truck from HFD 105, HPD Mounted Police, food booths for purchasing a delicious dinner for the family, free popcorn and snow cones, multiple drawings for prizes, interesting exhibits, entertainment for all ages, and much more.

FISHING TOURNAMENT



Summerwood's Annual Youth Fishing Tournament was held at Lake Anne on September 9. Our participants ranged from ages 3 to 15, with over 20 in attendance. Each age group had a 1st, 2nd and 3rd place award and one trophy was presented to the participant with the longest fish.

Congratulations to the following winners:

Age 3-5	Age 6-9	Age 10-12
1st Place Reese Yurick 12.5"	1st Place Connor Kritzberg 14.5"	1st Place Richard Beal 16"
2nd Place Bryce Yurick 12"	2nd Place Gabriela Leyva 13.25"	2nd Place CJ Patterson 16"
3rd Place CJ Guerrero 6"	3rd Place Steven Billey 11.25"	3rd Place Kailee Gautreaux 14.5"
OVERALL WINNER Richard Beal 16"		

The tie between Richard and CJ was done by a drawing. I am so proud of all of the youth for displaying great sportsmanship during the entire tournament and awards ceremony!

See you at the next event!

Your Summerwood activities coordinator,
MJ Gonzales

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If you require assistance, please contact Jennifer Northington at 281-852-1700 or at customercare@ciaservices.com.

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Please email it to: summerwoodlife@gmail.com and include your name and address along with a short paragraph about why the photo is your favorite. The winner will have his/her photo in next month's newsletter!

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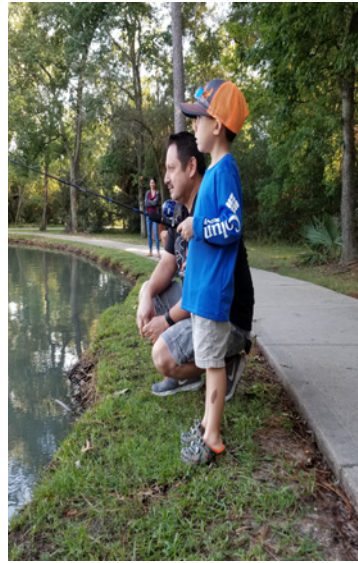
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Lakeside United Methodist Church: Our Response to Harvey

If you don't work at it, it can be easy to believe the world is in sorry shape. The story is told and re-told often: people are different than they were fifty years ago, and churches, morality, and community spirit are in decline and have been replaced by a society isolated and loosely connected only by Tweets, Instagram posts, and Facebook likes. But recently, at Lakeside United Methodist Church—as with many churches up and down our West Lake Houston corridor—a different story was told. I want to share our piece of that larger story.

On Monday, August 28, as West Lake Houston Parkway was becoming cut off from Beltway 8 by the unending rains of Harvey, the situation was rapidly declining for many people in our neighboring communities. Just to our south, for example, homes were being flooded and families were already being evacuated by trucks and boats. An ad hoc pipeline of trucks and water vehicles was operating as volunteers were taking the evacuees to the Summerwood HEB (which remained open for a few more hours, thankfully). Through social media, people in our congregation found out families were being dropped off there with no real plan and no safe place to go. A group of Lakeside UMC members went down there and quickly decided to open our church to those evacuees.

Within a few short hours, there were well over 150 evacuees in our sanctuary. Our church is big on love and the mission of Christ, but we're very limited on space (not to mention proper showers!) and we weren't exactly sure what the best course of action would be.

Yet the word got out, and our community responded in incredible fashion. Volunteers came from all over our neighborhood with donations and a desire to help. I have worked in relief and community ministry for years in several countries, and I have never seen a community mobilize as fast as we did that night and in the coming days.

Amazingly, we got half of the evacuees, particularly those with small children, placed in homes of volunteers or taken by large truck to friends and relatives of the evacuated. I could not believe how generous people were with their homes and space. As a Christian, I could not help but think of Christ's parents looking for a place to stay in Bethlehem.

Leveraging the scope and scale of our United Methodist denomination, a shelter was set up at an Atascocita United Methodist Church with the help of our staff and the staff from Humble United

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Methodist Church and we were able to send the evacuees there for a much more comfortable stay in their more spacious church. I was blown away how God equipped our churches and community at every step of that process.

I know that many other churches opened shelters during those times, and I expect they have similar stories to share. For me, however, I will never forget talking and praying with people who were having the worst day of their entire lives. What I found as I prayed with them was a deep gratitude for what people and God were doing and a strong faith about the future. I was humbled to be a part in one corner of God's kingdom.

Since that time, I have watched in amazement as my social media feeds have filled up with neighbors helping neighbors. Our church, like many others, has continued helping in every way possible, by providing hundreds of meals to volunteers and to people working on "mucking" homes, collecting and distributing supplies, and sending people to work on houses throughout the many communities in our area devastated by Harvey.

Everyone seems to be getting in on the game. I have seen everything from baseball teams to old college buddies coming to Houston and reuniting to lend a hand. We undoubtedly have a long road ahead

of us as a community, city, and region. The story of this storm is horrific; the damage it has caused to hundreds of thousands of lives is overwhelming. If, however, we continue to show the kind of love and compassion that we have seen on display in the days after the storm, perhaps when it is all said and done, the story that we will remember most might just surprise us.

In Christ,
Rev. Andrew J. Payne




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Our next luncheon meeting is Tuesday, October 24, 2017 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.

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

The October LHLC meeting will be celebrating Oktoberfest. Das Ist Lustig (2 piece Polka band) will be transforming our lunch hour into a rambunctious Oktoberfest style party complete with strange and unusual folk instruments like the Alphorn, Singing Saw, Austrian Cowbells, Autoharp, boombas, and the accordion! And opportunities for a fun folk dance, chicken dance, the flying song, and several other biergarten style things they invite people to do with them. The band is celebrating 10 years of fun and performances.

To learn more about the club go to our website: www.lakehoustonladiesclub.com

com, or email Susan @ susanlhlc@gmail.com if you are interested joining us for lunch!

A SENSE OF COMMUNITY

You may have seen articles about the Summer Creek BizCom and wondered, "What is that?" We are an organization made up business, community, and school district people that care deeply about the Summer Creek Area.

We got started in 2009 and continue to meet on a quarterly basis to learn information about our community. We then work together to use that information to help our community to be the great place to live and work that we all want it to be. Our mission statement is to build positive community spirit by promoting involvement, safety, security, and economic development in the Summer Creek area.

Everyone from our community is welcome at our events. There is no charge for our meetings that take place from 11 a.m. to Noon four times per year. A complimentary lunch is always provided by Chick-Fil-A or HEB or other area restaurants and there is time following the meetings for networking. Our next meeting will be December 14.

If you would like to find out more, Google "Summer Creek BizCom" or see www.lakehouston.org/bizcom-groups or www.youtube.com/MyChamberChannel.

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October 28: Fall Festival

November 4: Fall Garage Sale

December 2: Winter Festival

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PROTECT OUR SUMMERWOOD LAKES

Please Catch and Release!

Summerwood residents are invited to enjoy fishing in either of the two larger lakes in Summerwood that are located on each side of West Lake Houston Parkway at Summerwood Lakes Drive. Sound like fun? The lake by the central community building



is Lake Anne, and the lake where the gazebo is located is Lake Meredith. Both are designated for catch and release fishing! Have fun fishing there, but please remember to release the fish from your tackle as gently as possible and place them back in the water, hopefully before the fish experiences serious exhaustion or injury.

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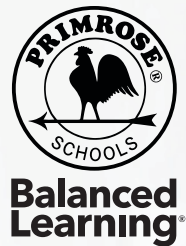
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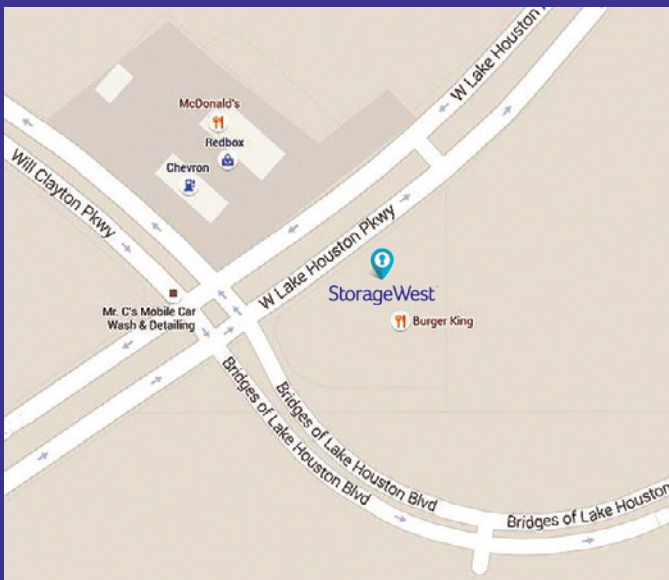
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Don't jeopardize your risk of appraising by overpricing your home!

If your home is currently on the market consider becoming an investor. If your situation allows for it, consider renting out your current home after purchasing your new one.

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