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2017 ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING

The 2017 Summerwood Annual Membership Meeting was held at Club Summerwood on September 28. Asdrubal "Dru" Gutierrez, community engagement coordinator for the office of Commissioner Rodney Ellis, attended the meeting. He provided helpful information on county plans and projects, traffic concerns, and other important topics. Don Gaddy presented on behalf of the Summerwood BizCom. After providing information on what BizCom is, he invited residents and business owners to attend upcoming meetings.

Quorum was achieved, and the election for the Board of Directors was held. Please congratulate Renae Carr, Gerald Netters, Julienne Sugarek, Jack Bell, and Billy White on their elections. They, along with Dianne Bowdary and Stephanie Gaston, make up your Board of Directors.

Current Board members presented information on the 2017 accomplishments, which included maintaining a 98% collection rate through September, successfully resolving 4,271 deed restrictions with 93% of them being resolved before a second letter was required, installing play turf at the Bright Willow park, upgrading the entryfountain landscape, installing a splash pad water-pressure regulation system, remodeling the Central Clubhouse kitchen and Great Room, installing cameras at the Lakeview Park gate, and more.

Our 2018 goals were discussed, including installing play turf at the remaining community parks, resurfacing the Central Pool and upgrading the tile and coping, purchasing additional pool furniture, working on tree reforestations, continuing with the community-wide landscape enhancement project, repainting the exterior of Club Summerwood, adding several new community events, and more.

Our new activity coordinator, MJ Gonzales, discussed this year's events plus plans for next year. Members of the Beautification Committee, Communications Committee, Architectural Review Committee, and Sports Committee gave updates on their projects. Anyone interested in volunteering for any of these committees should contact CIA Services for more information.

Thank you to all of you who attended or voted in advance of the meeting. If you were unable to attend the meeting and have any questions, please contact CIA Services. We are looking forward to a great 2018!



Summerwood is certainly known for its many beautiful landscaped areas and amenities. The majority of these areas are obvious to residents and enjoyed by many; however, much natural beauty is also tucked away in the many grassy areas and near the reserves, and these areas often go unnoticed. This photo was taken near Timber Forest and Walker Falls by resident Renae Carr.

Have you recently taken a great photo of your family enjoying the outdoors in Summerwood? Maybe you have taken a photo in a natural area, at one of our amenities, or perhaps at a particular landscaped area that you enjoy? We'd love to publish a favorite Summerwood photo!

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SUMMERWOOD FALL GARAGE SALE: **SAVE THE DATE!**

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For more information and how to register your address to be placed on the map, visit summerwoodlife.com. The deadline to be included in the map is Tuesday, October 31, at 10 a.m.

Maps will be available for pick-up the morning of the garage sale at Summerwood Central for those ready to explore!

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NATIONAL NIGHT OUT: A COMMUNITY-WIDE EVENT WITH FUN FOR ALL!

This year's National Night Out was held on October 3 at the Summerwood Clubhouse. The rain stopped just in time for the fun to begin, and residents of all ages enjoyed the music, festivities, food, bounce houses, trackless train, rock wall, Homeland Security / ICE unit, canine units, HFD 105, rescue first-responder units, free gifts, etc., and the evening was filled with laughs, door prizes, and fellowship among the residents.

Special thanks go to the Crime Watch Committee for working hard each year to make Summerwood a safe place to live and for organizing such a wonderful event. The purpose of this annual event is to give residents a chance to come together for an evening of fun for the whole family, visit with neighbors, meet our Precinct 3 Constable officers and contract deputies who patrol our neighborhood, interact with and ask questions of the Crime Watch Committee, and enjoy an evening packed with fun and gifts.

Thank you to our many sponsors, exhibitors, dignitaries, and contributors, including but not limited to the following:

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We also want to specifically thank Darlene Kilburn, chairman of the Crime Watch Committee, and the many committee chairmen who worked diligently to make the evening a success. It was definitely a night to remember!



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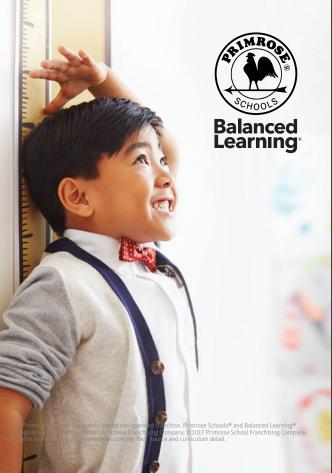
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The Creek Is Rising Former Summer Creek Bulldog Brent McDonald Returns Home as Building Principal

By Elizabeth Solomon, journalism teacher / yearbook adviser at SCHS



Think about your high school principal. What was he/she like? What was the funniest memory you have of him/her? Did he/she know you personally and make an effort to build a relationship with the student body? If you had a principal who hyped up the student section at home football games, regularly told people about positive things happening at school, and made good on his/her promise of an "open-door" policy, your school might have been led by someone like Brent McDonald,

the new building principal at Summer Creek High School.

"I can promise you three things: I am visible, I am accessible, and I will communicate the good things that are happening at our school," he said.

Due to catastrophic damage to their building, the students and staff of Kingwood High School have begun their school year on Summer Creek's campus. The two campuses are splitting the school day: Summer Creek's hours are 7 to 11:25 a.m., and Kingwood's hours are 12:11 to 4:30 p.m. McDonald believes the transition has gone smoothly thus far and is optimistic about continuing the year on this schedule.

"When it came to Harvey, we could see in our school that we have students who serve," he said. "Our students were out in the community helping those in Kingwood. Eventually Kingwood High School will leave, and when they get back to their community, they will say '[Summer Creek] is a pretty good place.'

"Summer Creek is on the rise; there's no doubt about it. Mr. Correa had it going on the rise, and I'm just stepping in at the right time," McDonald said. "He's done a stupendous job, and now it's my job to keep it rolling."

Though McDonald is serving in his first year as the building principal, it's not his first year at Summer Creek. He and his wife of sixteen years, Angie, are both "original Bulldogs." The couple moved from Cypress-Fairbanks ISD to Humble to open Summer Creek back in 2008. He was the head baseball coach, while she was the head girls' *(Continued on Page 7)*





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basketball coach and athletic coordinator. After one year at The Creek, McDonald helped open Woodcreek Middle School just across the street, and two years later he transitioned into the role of Woodcreek's building principal, where he'd been for the past five years.

He received the news that he'd been hired to "the job of his dreams" while on a walk with Angie, and he immediately thought about what this move would mean for her. According to district policy, if he accepted the job, Angie would have to move away from Summer Creek. "I'm always concerned about my family," McDonald explained. "My wife loves Riverwood [Middle School]—she's around a great community—but she misses the coaching aspect. My excitement has been tempered by making sure my wife is happy."

The McDonald family has relied on their faith to carry them through a bittersweet transition. "Angie and I are faith-driven people, and we know God has put us in the places we're meant to be to serve. As we counseled with our pastor, we knew that her season of serving at Summer Creek had come and gone. She knew it was the right move because she and I love Summer Creek equally," McDonald said.

McDonald's confidence in the students and teachers at his school allows him to make good on his word to let teachers be autonomous. "I just want teachers to be able to construct their classrooms in ways that let them reach children wherever they are," he said. "It shouldn't be an administrative-driven curriculum. I believe thoroughly in this quote: 'No organization can overcome the constraints of its leadership.' I am not here to hold back teachers with great ideas. You can just tell we have teachers who love our kids, which is critical," McDonald added. "We teach kids; we don't teach subjects. If you can't form the relationships with your students, they aren't going to want to learn from you."

When he's not busy running a high school or keeping up with former students, McDonald might be in the stands at daughter BreAnna's volleyball games, watching his son, Dominic, perform with the Woodcreek MS orchestra or theater, or attending Grace Church with his family. But no matter where he is or what he's doing, McDonald is always advocating for the Bulldog family.

"Summer Creek has suffered long enough with a negative stereotype," McDonald said. "We have students who break rules, just like in society, but we have far more students who are the pillars of society, who serve and are involved in different capacities. We have a beautiful facility that will help all of our students reach their ultimate post-high-school goals. We have the best kids. We have the best staff. It's pretty simple—it's just a good placeto be."





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We have had a great start to our school year, even though it took us an extra week. We have some exciting events happening this year, and we want you to be bold and join us in making this year awesome!

Upcoming events:

November 3: Game night November 6: PTO meeting at 6:30 p.m. November 9: Chick-fil-A Summerwood spirit night November 10: Veterans Day program and breakfast at 8:30 a.m. November 16: Papa John's Pizza spirit night

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	8:30 a.m Restorative Yoga*				
	10:00 a.m Line Dancing				
Tuesday	8:30 a.m 5-Mile Fitness Exercise (Video)				
	10:00 a.m Pilates*				
	11:30 a.m 4-Mile Fitness Exercise (Video)				
	1:00 p.m Weight Training**				
Wednesday	8:00 a.m Biking around Deussen				
	8:30 a.m Restorative Yoga*				
	10:00 a.m Zumba				
Thursday	8:30 a.m 5-Mile Fitness Exercise (Video)				
	10:00 a.m Pilates*				
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Lake Houston Ladies Club

The 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, November 14, from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. at the Walden Country Club, 18100 Walden Forest Drive, in Humble. The cost is \$15 per person for lunch and entertainment.

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.

The theme for the November meeting is "thankful," and we will welcome Cristina Swanson of Atascocita Lake Houston Florist. She will demonstrate how to make a holiday centerpiece, and that centerpiece will be the raffle item. In keeping with the "thankful" theme, we will be collecting non-perishable food items to donate to Churches United in Caring, located in Crosby.

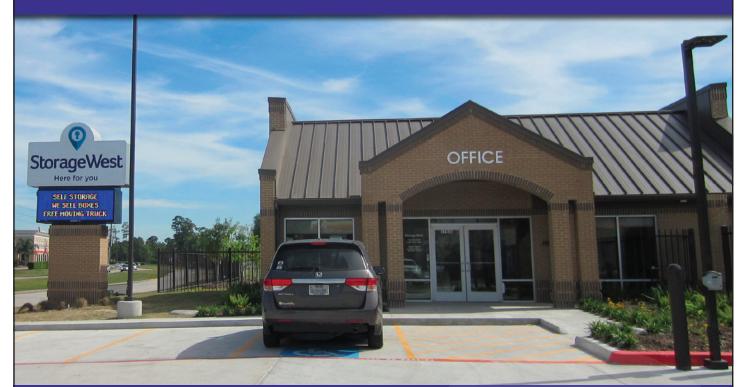
To learn more about the club, visit our website (www. lakehoustonladiesclub.com) or call Linda Thomas, membership chairman, at 713-417-0158. We hope to see you in November!



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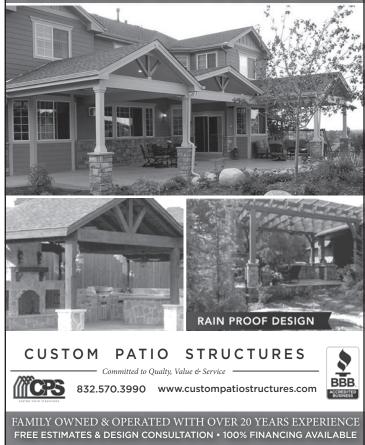
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