

# SUMMERWOOD LIFE

OFFICIAL NEWSLETTER OF THE SUMMERWOOD COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION, INC.

## MANAGER'S CORNER

Many of you are registered users on Summerwood's private intranet site, [www.summerwoodlife.com](http://www.summerwoodlife.com), and you receive the eBlasts and probably periodically check the main page to see if there are any upcoming events. But do you know that the site is so much more than that? Did you know you can report a maintenance concern right from the home page? You don't even have to be signed in; you can click the Report Maintenance Issue Here button and report everything from an irrigation leak to a loose board on a bridge and everything in between. You can even upload reduced-file-size photos.

Once you're signed in, you can view a variety of Association documents and information. You can view the Architectural Modification Guidelines, the annual operating budget, approved meeting minutes, meeting highlights, and maintenance updates; you can print a facility rental agreement or pool wristband form; and you can do so much more. You can even search the Resident Business Directory. If you haven't explored all the information on [www.summerwoodlife.com](http://www.summerwoodlife.com) yet, you are missing out!

This is also a good time for a friendly reminder about trashcans. Trashcans should not be placed on the curb earlier than 6 p.m. the night before pickup and should be moved back to an approved storage location than night. Trashcans must be stored out of view on non-pickup days. Unfortunately, the storage of trashcans in public view continues to be one of our biggest violations with over 2,200 violations so far in 2017. We understand that finding a location to store your trashcan that keeps it from public view can be challenging for some; however, it is a rule that needs to be followed. In an effort to keep Summerwood beautiful and encourage residents to follow the guideline, the Association adopted a trashcan-fine policy in 2013 that provides for levying fines for continued violations. Fines are not taken lightly, and there are several steps plus written communication provided before a fine is levied.

Upon observation of a trashcan stored in public view, including but not limited to storage on the side of the house, in front of the garage, on the porch, or behind vegetation, a violation will be opened; however, no letter will be sent at that time. If the trashcan is still stored in public view on the next inspection, which is generally two weeks later, a violation notice will be sent to the homeowner. It will notify them that their trashcan is in violation and provide a clear deadline to cure the violation. If the trashcan remains in view after

the initial deadline, a notice will be sent by certified mail. This notice will describe the violation, the potential fine(s), and the owner's rights relating to the violation, and it will provide a state-mandated deadline of at least thirty days. If the violation is not resolved after the deadline set forth on the certified notice, a fine of \$25 will be assessed. Any recurrence or additional violations within a six-month period of the initial notice will result in additional fine of \$50 per occurrence.

The purpose of the policy is not to penalize people who forget to put up their trashcans once; rather, it is to address repeated violations relating to where the trashcan is stored on a continued basis.

So far in 2017, 94% of the total violations in the community were resolved without the need to escalate to a certified notice. We appreciate your continued cooperation in working with our office and the Association to address violations. Should you receive a violation notice that you would like more information on or need additional time to resolve, feel free to contact a member of our customer care team at [customercare@ciaservices.com](mailto:customercare@ciaservices.com) or 281-852-1700. Our team will be happy to work with you.

## Winter Festival



Come join us for the Summerwood Winter Festival on December 2, 2017 from 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. at the Summerwood Clubhouse located on 16136 Hunters Lake Way. There will be shopping, door prizes, fun, and entertainment for all ages!

Be sure to bring your decorated Gingerbread House to Club Summerwood. The display table will be at the DJ BOOTH. There are two categories: under 18 and over 18. Judging will begin at 11:30 a.m. and you must be present to win. Remember: Gingerbread House MUST be completely edible. For more information about the event, or if you are interested in being a judge in the contest, please email [summerwoodlife@gmail.com](mailto:summerwoodlife@gmail.com).

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### Office Hours

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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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Summerwood resident Jack Bell was recently elected to the SCA Board and took leadership to form an SCA Traffic Committee to address the issue. The many Facebook inputs highlighted problems in at least the following neighborhood routes: Coopers Hawk / Winding Manor / Bridle Springs / Blisswood / Barbstone / Castlecombe to Summerwood Lakes and Deussen, Hunters Lake Way / Sand Mountain, Castle Cove Ln. and adjoining to Deussen, plus Eastern Redbud Ln. adjoining to West Lake Houston. A representative will serve as the communication / coordination focal point for each of these segments on the SCA Traffic Committee. Lieutenant Terry Ganey of the Harris County Precinct 3 Constable's Office is also providing valuable energy to the effort, and we are pursuing support

from the Harris County Precinct 1 Commissioner's Office. If anyone has further input regarding addressing this issue, feel free to message Jack Bell on Facebook Summerwood General or contact SCA at 281-852-1700.

## *Veteran's Appreciation Breakfast*

Summerwood held a Veteran's Appreciation breakfast of coffee and muffins with an appearance from our local Boy Scout Troop #1922 who also performed the "Presentation of Colors" and Benito Colon III, sang "The Star Spangled Banner" that left us all mesmerized!

Thank you to everyone who came out to support our veterans, you are all appreciated!

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The following are some of the anticipated speakers and topics for that day:

- Several members of the SCHS orchestra will play traditional Christmas background music to welcome attendees
- Mr. Brent McDonald, SCHS principal
- Mr. Nolan Correa, who will be honored for his time as SCHS principal
- Asdrubal “Dru” Gutierrez, HC Commissioner Office, Precinct 1, WLHP transportation changes and traffic updates

- Dr. Katherine Persson, president of LSC, Kingwood: Update on the progress of the Kingwood campus and the new facility on Lockwood
- Updates on the restoration progress made after Harvey through the Back to Business Campaign of Lake Houston Chamber of Commerce and the Lake Houston Relief Fund
- Community announcements:
  - o New Verizon store in the Kroger Shopping CenterOptional 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/or their organizations. As a courtesy, we ask that you limit your time to thirty seconds each.

For more information or to reserve your spot, visit [www.lakehouston.org/bizcom-groups](http://www.lakehouston.org/bizcom-groups) or [www.youtube.com/MyChamberChannel](http://www.youtube.com/MyChamberChannel), or contact the Summer Creek BizCom staff liaison, Johnston Farrow, at 281-446-2128.

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# ***SUMMERWOOD FALL FESTIVAL***

The fall festival was held on October 28 at Club Summerwood. Local vendors set up on the great lawn and passed out door prizes and treats to everyone who visited their booths. From hayrides and pony rides to games for children of all ages, the event was packed with nonstop fun and excitement. The pumpkin patch had about 450 pumpkins set up with beautiful fall décor that families used to capture photos and create memories.

Thank you to the Summercreek National Honor Society and to Boy Scout Troop 1922 for volunteering their time to make this event a success.

*Please visit [Summerwoodlife.com](http://Summerwoodlife.com) for details on the upcoming events. You don't want to miss out!*



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November was awesome! We are bold and going beyond! We had a great game night, which raised lots of support for our staff affected by Harvey. We are all looking forward to the New Year. The spring carnival is just around the corner, and we need you! Contact us if you would like to volunteer for the carnival or auction. Donations for the silent auction are also needed. See you in the New Year!

### UPCOMING EVENTS

December 4: PTO Christmas party

December 7 and 14: Winter play performances, 6 p.m.

December 15: Winter parties and early release; winter break begins

December 21: Papa John's Pizza Spirit Night

January 8: First PTO meeting of 2018



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## TMEA Region 33 Choirs



Mikah Goodwine	10
Gavin Haines	11
Hennesie Laureano	11
November Lee	11
Chloe Lewis	11
Kaylie Lyle	11
Steven Padua	12
Zachary Tubbs	12

The following Summer Creek High School Choir students will perform in the TMEA Region 33 Treble Choir.

Jaylan Campbell	11
Cne Dublin	10
Marisa Espitia	10

The following Summer Creek High School Choir student will perform in the TMEA Region 33 Tenor–Bass Choir.

Lukas Gomez	10
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### Humble ISD Men's Night Out

On Thursday, November 16, the Humble ISD men will perform their annual Men's Night Out concert at Summer Creek High School. A tradition that started over twenty years ago by Joseph Weir, Atascocita High School choir director, features all the men in the middle and high school choir programs. During the concert, the middle school students will combine and sing a few pieces while each high school will sing a few selections by themselves. The concert ends with all men, including dads, grandfathers, etc., joining the choir on stage and singing "Good Night, Ladies."

### SCHS Choir Christmas Concert

- The SCHS Choir concert is Monday, December 11, at 7 p.m. in the SCHS Performing Arts Center. Admission is free.

### Other

- The SCHS Choir, Colla Voce, is available to perform at holiday events during December for a donation to the Choir Booster Club. Please contact Amanda Robison at [Amanda.Robison@humbleisd.net](mailto:Amanda.Robison@humbleisd.net) to inquire about availability.

The Summer Creek High School Choir Department is pleased to announce the choir students who earned a highly coveted spot in the Texas Music Educators Association (TMEA) Region 33 All-Region Choirs. They competed October 23 and 24 and were chosen to represent the region. The Region 33 choirs will be performing November 11 at Dekaney High School in Spring. Students are chosen annually from the Humble, Spring, Galena Park, Aldine, and New Caney school districts. Despite the many challenges created by Hurricane Harvey, the SCHS Choir has maintained the number of students who represent them within the Region Choirs. Earning a place in a TMEA Region Choir is a prestigious accomplishment for any singer in the state of Texas. It is also one milestone in a rigorous five-month process for students as they compete to be in the TMEA (Texas Music Educators Association) All-State Choir.

The following Summer Creek High School students will sing with the Region 33 Mixed Choir. These students will also be competing in the next round of All-State Auditions (Pre-Area) on November 30. Two years ago, Summer Creek HS advanced only four students to Pre-Area. Last year and again this year, they advanced 10 students, many of which are underclassmen. Amanda Robison, the SCHS choir director, is proud of the hard work of these talented students.

Isabel Alvarado	12
Anabel Avila	11



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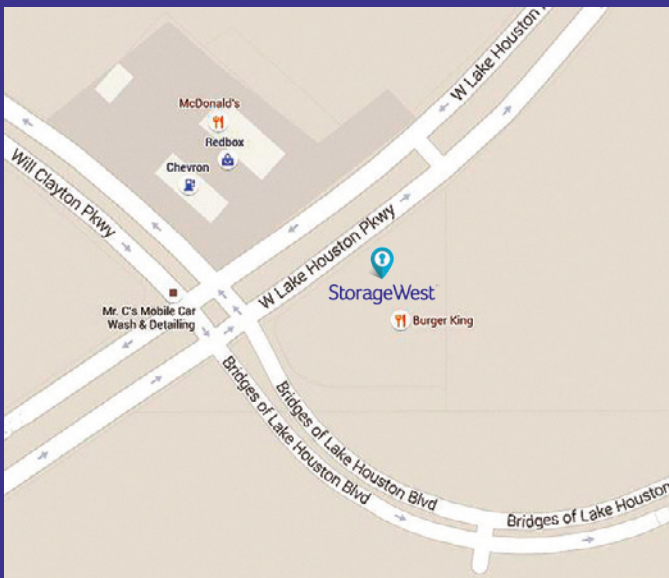
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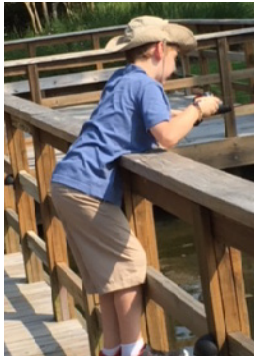
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tackle as gently as possible and place them back in the water, hopefully before the fish experiences serious exhaustion or injury.

Kelly Hollier of Albany Springs Lane sent in a photo of her 7 year old son enjoying an afternoon of fishing in the lakes while following the Summerwood guidelines. She states, "I love this photo because it reminds me of happy times spent with my family."

## 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. The club welcomes new members from all surrounding areas.

Our next luncheon meeting is Tuesday, December 12, 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. There are also events during the year that include spouses and significant others. The club is an excellent way to meet people and make new friends.

The December luncheon will be a Happy Holidays Sing-a-Long meeting. Musician Mickey Hobbs will provide the entertainment. He was voted Best of the Bay's Best Local Entertainer and has enjoyed performing professionally for more than twenty years. With no formal voice or music training other than the church choir, Hobbs feels blessed to share his natural talent as a solo performer or with his band. This is a great way to welcome the holidays!


NOTE: The date was recently changed to the second Tuesday, December 12, and the RSVP deadline is midnight, December 6. To learn more about the club, visit our website ([www.lakehoustonladiesclub.com](http://www.lakehoustonladiesclub.com)) or call Linda at 713-417-0158.

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## A Brief History of Christmas Tree Lights

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Before electric Christmas lights, families would use candles to light up their Christmas trees. This was often dangerous and led to many home fires. Edison created the very first strand of electric lights. In 1880, they were strung around the outside of his Menlo Park Laboratory. Edward H. Johnson (of the Edison Company) put the very first string of electric Christmas tree lights together in 1882. He hand-wired 80 red, white and blue light bulbs and wound them around his Christmas tree. The tree also revolved.

Until 1903, when General Electric began to offer pre-assembled kits of Christmas lights, strung lights were very expensive (\$2,000) and reserved for the wealthy and electrically savvy. The wiring required the hiring of the services of a wireman, our modern-day electrician.

Albert Sadacca is credited for seeing a future in selling electric Christmas lights. The Sadacca family owned a novelty lighting company and in 1917, Albert, a teenager at the time, suggested that its store offer brightly colored strands of Christmas lights to the public. By the 1920's Albert and his brothers organized the National Outfit Manufacturers Association (NOMA), a trade association. NOMA soon became NOMA Electric Co., with its members

cornering the Christmas light market until the 1960's.

Of course, incandescent lights are slowly being replaced with LED's which have the advantages of creating little heat, having longer life, and using less energy usage. While many came before and after him in this field, Nick Holonyak of G.E. created the first visible light LED (Red). Others followed with other vital colors.



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## The Christmas Cook

### Betty Crocker Date-Filled Cookies

#### INGREDIENTS FOR DOUGH

- 3/4 cup soft shortening
- 1 cup sugar
- 2 eggs
- 1/2 tsp. flavoring (vanilla or lemon)
- 2-1/2 cups sifted Gold Medal flour
- 1 tsp. baking powder
- 1 tsp. salt

#### INGREDIENTS FOR FILLING

- 2 cups dates, figs, or raisins finely cut up OR 2 cups mashed cooked prunes (2-2/3 cup uncooked)
- 3/4 cup sugar
- 3/4 cup water
- Add, if desired 1/2 cup chopped nuts

Cook filling ingredients together slowly, stirring constantly until thickened. Cool while preparing and chilling dough. Filling is sufficient for about 5 dozen cookies.

#### DIRECTIONS

1. Mix shortening, sugar, eggs, and flavoring thoroughly.
2. Sift flour, baking powder, and salt together then stir into sugar mixture.
3. Chill dough. Roll very thin (1/16"). Cut 3" rounds or squares. Place lightly on greased baking sheet. Place a rounded teaspoon full of cooled filling on each. Fold over like a turnover, pressing the edges together with a floured fork.
4. Bake 6 to 10 minutes at 400 degrees F

Makes about 4 dozen 3" cookies.

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## Fun Family Activities this Holiday Season!

### Santa's Wonderland

Nov. 10 - Jan. 7

Santa's Wonderland in College Station is composed of Santa's Town, a Texas Christmas Village with food, music and shopping, and the magnificent Trail of Lights that sparkles with over 3 million lights!

### The Polar Express Train Ride

Nov. 11 - Dec. 27

The train ride departing from Palestine includes the train ride, hot chocolate, sugar cookie, silver sleigh bell and golden ticket!

### Festival of Lights

Nov. 12 - Jan. 8

Enjoy a 100-foot slide, ice skating, and a mile-long trail of lights and animated displays at Galveston Bay's Moody Gardens!

### A Christmas Carol A Ghost Story of Christmas

Nov. 20 - Dec. 28

Enjoy the return of Charles Dickens' "A Christmas Carol".

### Houston Ballet's The Nutcracker

Nov. 25 - Dec. 27

The Nutcracker is a ballet set in nineteenth-century Germany that is sure to enchant audiences of all ages.

### Winterfest at Typhoon Texas

Nov. 25 - Dec. 31

Typhoon Texas lights up for the holidays! Festival admission includes: The Miracle of Christmas 4D Show, WinterFest Express Train Ride, Reindeer Run Big Slide, Petting Zoo, Pony Rides, Santa's Workshop, Hay Ride, and other attractions within the park.

### Sunday Brunch with Santa at Hotel Galvez & Spa

(First four Sunday's in December)

Reserve your family's table to see Santa Claus at one of the Hotel Galvez four Sunday Brunches! It has been named one of the Best Brunches in Texas by Southern Living Magazine and one of the Top 100 in the U.S. by Open Table users!



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