

SUMMERWOOD LIFE

OFFICIAL NEWSLETTER OF THE SUMMERWOOD COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION, INC.

Happy New Year Summerwood!

YEAR IN REVIEW

2018 brought many changes in Summerwood. One of the most exciting changes has been moving the Board meetings to later in the day so more residents can attend. The open session portion of the meetings now starts at 6:00 p.m. and the increase in attendance has been wonderful. There have even been door prizes for those in attendance! Your Board of Directors is working hard to increase resident participation and if you have not attended a Board meeting yet, we hope you'll make plans to do that in 2019.

A new official Summerwood HOA Facebook page was introduced in 2018. Please make sure you "like" and "follow" the page to get news, events and take surveys.

We have a new intranet platform for www.summerwoodlife.com that will be launching in January. The new user friendly format is much easier to navigate and has a fresh, modern look. Everyone will be required to sign up again for the new site. If you haven't already responded to one of the eBlasts with instructions, please make sure you do so you can keep up with all the exciting things happening in Summerwood.

Many of you have noticed the improvement in the grounds maintenance throughout the community from last year. In February, the Board brought The Spencer Company back into the community. They quickly got things in shape. Working with the Beautification Committee, they completed many landscape enhancement projects in the community. Users of the Central Pool enjoyed a completely new landscape experience including feature palm trees and tropical plants. Thanks to the Beautification Committee and The Spencer Company for their hard work!

Your Activity Coordinator, MJ, introduced some new events in 2018 that were big hits with residents, especially Bingo. We have a kids' only daytime session followed by an adults only Bingo Night. Both had great prizes and fun was had by all. Look for this event in 2019 and plan to attend.

2019 is looking to be another great year for Summerwood and we are excited to see what is in store!

SUMMERWOOD WINTER FESTIVAL



The Summerwood Winter Festival was held on Saturday, December 1, 2018 from 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. at the Summerwood Clubhouse located on Hunters Lake Way. Residents enjoyed shopping at the many business booths, winning door prizes, the petting zoo, camel rides, and much more! Children waited in line, eager to meet with Santa and to get their pictures taken.

Thank you to our sponsors, Karen Pollet at Urban Event, for the beautiful throne chair for Santa and Shannon Denson, at Red Door Realty and Associates, for bringing out Lightning McQueen and Mater. They were a hit and everyone enjoyed them! Also, thank you to the following: Veronica Waite at Summerwood SubZero for handing out free ice cream to everyone. It was delicious! To Paris' Capri Photography for volunteering your services to this occasion with all your breath-taking photos. To Primrose School at Summerwood for your support and being a part of our events, and to the wonderful JROTC cadets at Summer Creek High School. We want you to know just how much we appreciate all the hard work you've done behind the scenes to make good things happen at our events!

2019 is going to be just as spectacular!

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Office Hours

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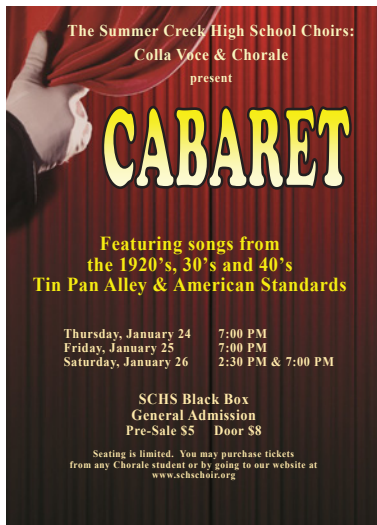
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SUMMER CREEK HIGH SCHOOL CHOIR PRESENTS CABARET



The Summer Creek High School Colla Voce and Chorale Choirs are performing their annual show "Cabaret" in the black box on January 24-26. This year "Cabaret" is featuring songs from the 1920's, 30's, and 40's, songs from Tin Pan Alley, and other great American standards. They are performing evening shows on Thursday, Friday, and Saturday at 7:00 p.m. along with a Saturday matinee at 2:30 p.m. The general admission tickets are \$5 pre-sale and \$8 at the door. The

doors open 20 minutes before show time. Tickets can be purchased from any Chorale student or online at www.schschoir.org. Seats are limited so get your tickets today! Go to www.schschoir.org for more details.

SUMMERWOOD CRIME WATCH COMMITTEE MEETS TUESDAY, JANUARY 8

If you are a Summerwood resident and attend crime watch meetings you can consider yourself a member of the crime watch committee. There is no membership fee or enrollment process or responsibility to perform a task. The meetings are informative and brief. The committee meets at the central clubhouse at 7:00 p.m. on the 2nd Tuesday of each month and most likely the meeting will adjourn and you will be home by 8:00 p.m.

Are you interested in finding out what crimes are currently occurring in the area? Would you like to meet your Precinct 3 Constable contract deputies and the HPD officers that patrol Summerwood and hear their monthly reports? Could you benefit from hearing about simple and effective ways to protect your personal self and your personal property? Come and check us out!

If you are a Summerwood resident that participates on Facebook and have not already joined the Summerwood Crime Watch Facebook group, please consider joining for timely posts, pictures, and videos of concerns in the community.

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This photo overlooking Lake Meredith was snapped by Barbara Probandt of Summerwood Lakes Drive on a beautiful, cool, crisp day. We are all certainly blessed to live in such a beautiful community!

A View of Lake Meredith from Summerwood Lakes Drive

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The NEWPP is currently under construction to expand and produce as much as 400 million-gallons-per-day of drinking water. This expansion is taking place within the 152-acre treatment plant site (pictured below), but construction is expected to take several years and will likely impact the entire community in one way or another.

An informational meeting will be held on Tuesday, January 22, 2019, at Lakeside United Methodist Church, 14303 W. Lake Houston Parkway. Doors open at 6:30 p.m., the meeting will begin at 7:00 p.m. and end at 8:00 p.m. Houston Public Works will be on hand to answer any questions you may have about the plant, the expansion and construction in our area.

This expansion is a pivotal part of the conversion from using groundwater to surface water for our drinking water needs. By 2025, surface water must supply at least 60% of our water needs, and by 2035 surface water must supply at least 80% of our water needs. Conservation of groundwater is important in order to avoid

increased subsidence which leads to flooding and property damage.

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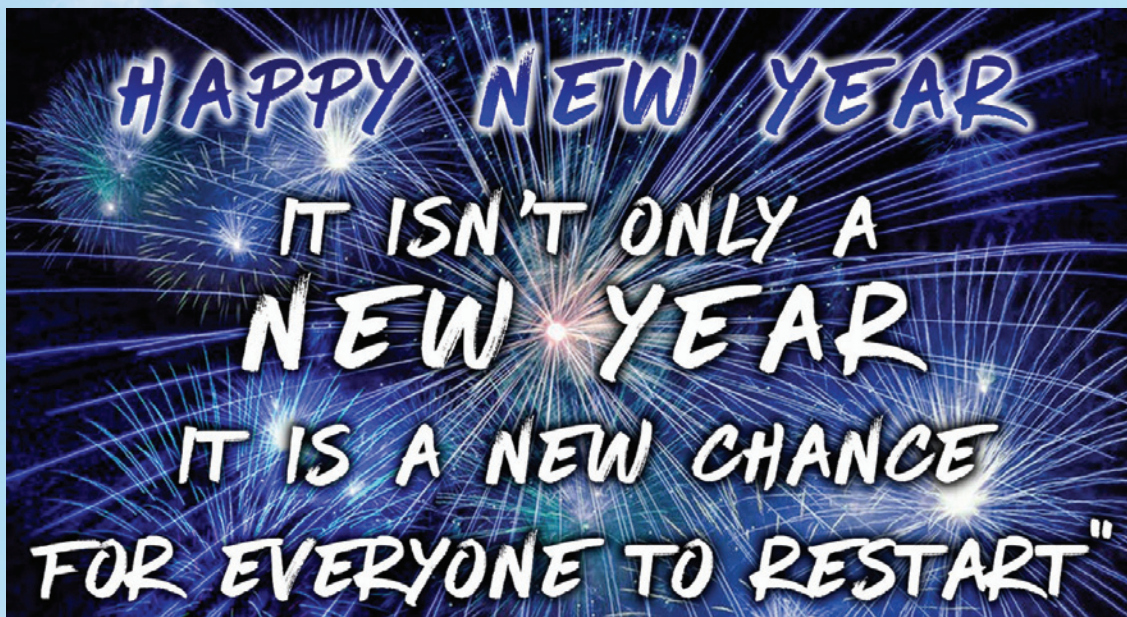




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SCHS STUDENTS COMPETE AT AREA AUDITIONS FOR ALL-STATE CHOIR



On Saturday, January 12, Eric Bugtong (10), Gavin Haines (12), November Lee (12) and Chloe Lewis (12) will compete at the area round of the TMEA Texas All-State Choir Auditions at The Woodlands High School. This is the fourth and final round of a very competitive process that began in September with over 1000 students in our region alone. Only the top 5 in each voice section were selected to represent TMEA Region 33 and will compete against 3 other regions for the coveted All-State Choir spots. Summer Creek High School is proud of all the students who began this process so many months ago and wish these students the best of luck at this final round! Summer Creek High School Choir has had an All-State Choir student every year for the last 6 years. Good luck students!



SUMMERWOOD 2019 EVENTS

April 6- Spring Festival

April 27- Spring Garage Sale

October 1- National Night Out

October 26- Fall Festival

November 2- Fall Garage Sale

December 7- Winter Festival

Many more events are planned throughout the year so stay tuned!



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LAKE HOUSTON LADIES CLUB - JANUARY MEETING

The next luncheon for the Lake Houston Ladies Club will be held on Tuesday, January 15, from 10:00-12:30 at the Walden Country Club, 18100 Walden Forest Drive in Humble, TX 77346. The cost of the event is \$17 per person and includes lunch and entertainment.

The Ladies Club is in for a real treat with our entertainment this month with The Statesmen Chorus, the Spring, TX, Chapter of the Barbershop Harmony Society. They will entertain us with a cappella 4-part harmony with an extensive repertoire that includes contemporary, Broadway, gospel, folk and light jazz music. The chorus maintains a continuing commitment to preserving and singing in the barbershop harmony style and appeals to audiences of all ages.

The Lake Houston Ladies Club is a social organization dedicated to connecting women through monthly luncheon meetings and social activities. The club welcomes new members from all surrounding areas. Many interest groups are available including Mah Jongg, Shooting Club, Movie Group, Lunch 'N Look, Supper Club, Hand Knee and Foot, Mexican Train, Reader's Choice, Bridge, Game Day, Bunco and Tea Time. 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.

Please join us. New members are always welcome. For more information about the club and for luncheon reservations, please go to the club web page at <http://www.lakehoustonladiesclub.com> or call Karen at 281-900-5584 by Tuesday, January 8.



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DISTANCES AROUND THE SUMMERWOOD LAKES

Lake Ryan is the small lake by the tennis courts: 724 feet (.13 miles)

Lake Anne is the lake by the clubhouse: 3,444 feet (.65 miles)

Lake Meredith is the lake with the gazebo: 4,803 feet (.91 miles)

PROTECT OUR SUMMERWOOD LAKES

Please Catch and Release!



Summerwood residents are invited to enjoy fishing in either of the two larger lakes in Summerwood 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.

Please note that the two smaller lakes near the waterfalls at the beltway entrance of Summerwood are part of the protected wetlands and residents are not to disturb this area in any way including fishing or feeding the wildlife.

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10 TIPS TO HELP YOU KEEP YOUR NEW YEAR'S RESOLUTION

1. BE REALISTIC - The surest way to fall short of your goal is to make your goal unattainable. For instance, resolving to NEVER eat your favorite food again is setting you up to fail. Instead, strive for a goal that is attainable, such as avoiding it more often than you do now.

2. PLAN AHEAD - Don't make your resolution on New Year's Eve. If you wait until the last minute, it will be based on your mindset that particular day. Instead, it should be planned well before December 31st arrives.

3. OUTLINE YOUR PLAN - Decide how you will deal with the temptation to skip that exercise class or have that piece of cake. This could include calling on a friend for help, practicing positive thinking and self-talk, or reminding yourself how your "bad" will affect your goal.

4. MAKE A "PROS" AND "CONS" LIST - It may help to see a list of items on paper to keep your motivation strong. Develop this list over time, and ask others to contribute to it. Keep your list with you and refer to it when you need help keeping your resolve.

5. TALK ABOUT IT - Don't keep your resolution a secret. Tell friends and family members who will be there to support your resolve to change yourself for the better or improve your health. The best-case scenario is to find a buddy who shares your New Year's resolution and motivate each other.

6. REWARD YOURSELF - This doesn't mean that you can eat an entire box of chocolates if your resolution is to eat a better diet. Instead, celebrate your success by treating yourself to something you enjoy that doesn't contradict your resolution. If you have been sticking to your promise to eat better, for example, reward yourself with new fitness clothing or by going to a movie with a friend.

7. TRACK YOUR PROGRESS - Keep track of each small success. Short-term goals are easier to keep, and each small accomplishment will help keep you motivated. Instead of focusing on losing 30 pounds, focus on losing the first five. Keep a food journal to help you stay on track, and reward yourself for each five pounds lost.

8. DON'T BEAT YOURSELF UP - Obsessing over the occasional slip won't help you achieve your goal. Do the best you can each day, and take one day at a time.

9. STICK TO IT - Experts say it takes about 21 days for a new activity to become a habit and six months for it to become part of your personality. It won't happen overnight, so be persistent and patient!

10. KEEP TRYING - If you have totally run out of steam when it comes to keeping your resolution by mid-February, don't despair. Start over again! Recommit yourself for 24 hours. You can do anything for 24 hours. The 24-hour increments will soon build on each other and, before you know it, you will be back on track.



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