

OFFICIAL NEWSLETTER OF THE SUMMERWOOD COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION, INC.

# Living in the Summerwood Forest



Summerwood was designed to be a forested community. Therefore, to keep the charm and natural feeling of the neighborhood, Summerwood was developed with natural reserve areas within and around the community. Our HOA, Summerwood

Community Association Inc., uses a tree service company, The Urban Foresters, to take care of trees in the common areas. This includes tree fertilization, pest and disease control, trimming/pruning, removal and stump grinding. Much of the HOA common area is natural reserve in which the trees are not pruned or maintained in the same fashion as ornamental trees or trees planted in a new development or around buildings or parks. There is a balance between supporting the healthy forest of native plants and wildlife which was here before our community existed and achieving a manicured look.

Living in a forested community like Summerwood can bring us closer to nature and provide that rustic Texas feel, but we may not be accustomed to the differences that come with living in the Summerwood forest. Here are some Frequently Asked Questions regarding trees and landscaping in a forested community:

#### Tree FAQ's

1. Will the HOA clean out the reserve area trees and underbrush to plant grass or mow the natural areas? No, the HOA vendor will trim reserve areas near paved pathways and up to 8 feet above the pathway, but natural areas may accumulate brush or dropped branches. This underbrush is then used by animals for their natural habitat. Another benefit of a densely wooded area is the reduction of light or sound pollution to the neighborhood.

2. Will the HOA remove a dead tree from my yard? No, you are responsible for the trees in your yard. Even trees that were on your property before you owned the house are your responsibility.

3. A branch or root is encroaching on my yard from an HOA reserve; will the HOA come to my property and remove it? No, even if the tree

is located on the HOA side of the fence, you have the responsibility for cutting any branches or roots that extend over your property line. You are responsible for the cost of cutting any branches or roots you choose to trim. You may trim anything in your yard up to the HOA property line without permission from the HOA.

4. If I have a tree that is too tall for me to reach, will the HOA prune it for me? No, the HOA will not assist you in trimming trees, branches or roots on your property. If you can't safely reach a branch that needs pruning, you will need to use a tree service professional at your own expense.

5. Am I required to use the HOA tree service vendor for tree trimming in my yard? No, you are not required to use The Urban Foresters for your tree service. However, homeowners may receive a discounted rate through The Urban Foresters Residential Division if work is performed while crews are making their monthly visit. Contact Wes at The Urban Foresters (email wesley@theurbanforesters.com or phone 832-285-2760) if interested in more information.

6. What should I do if I see a tree that is damaged or dead in the HOA common area? Please email jenniferd@crest-management.com or submit a service request online at www.crest-management.com so that the tree service may address any emergencies or add the concern to their maintenance list.

7. If a tree is dead in the reserve area, will the HOA remove it? Not all dead or damaged trees in the nature reserves will be removed. A dead or damaged tree that is within the nature reserve may be cut down and left fallen, cut down and removed, or pruned depending upon its location and proximity to pathways, roadways, fences, brick walls, homes or other buildings. Trees will be evaluated by the tree service vendor and placed on their schedule depending upon the urgency of the work to be performed.

8. The HOA trees are dropping too many leaves into my yard. Will the HOA remove leaves from my yard/pool/driveway? No, even if the tree is located on the HOA side of the fence, the HOA will not remove leaves from your property. If you wish to trim branches which overhang your yard in order to reduce the amount of leaves, you may trim them back to the HOA property line as you wish.



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The hours of operation are:

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# Generation Park **Updates:**



#### What's happening at Redemption Square?

• Pretty Little Things Boutique is opening for business on Saturday, December 7th at 10 A.M. Follow them on Instagram: @pltboutique\_rsq

• Holiday Movie Nights are here every Saturday at 7pm on the lawn. The schedule is available online at www.RedemptionSquare.com

• The Generation Park running club has new winter hours. We're now meeting up at 10:30 AM every Saturday at Redemption Square. Perfect for brunch after!

• Join us on New Year's Eve for an evening of live music and entertainment, and ring in the New Year with a fireworks show! Live music starts at 8 p.m. and fireworks are at midnight.

• NYE Dinner at Wholesome Kitchen: a 3-course prix fixe menu with a wine pairing for \$85 and complimentary champagne toast at midnight.

• 255 Assay Luxury Apartments at Redemption Square are now pre-leasing. For more information visit 255assay.com

Have you not been to Redemption Square? We're located 1-Block South of W. Lake Houston Parkway on Beltway 8. The address is 250 Assay Street, Houston, TX 77044.

Learn more at www.RedemptionSquare.com.

Ian Adler | Director of Marketing | McCord Development, Inc.

## Recycling Information from Republic Waste (Serving MUDs 342 and 344)



RECYCLING COLLECTION ON THURSDAY USING THE 95 GALLON CARTS ONLY PUT OUT WHAT IS ON THE ACCEPTABLE LIST FOR COLLECTION

Acceptable Recycling Items:

- Paperboard
- Brown Paper Bags
- Phone Books
- Catalogs
- Magazines
- Newspapers
- Junk Mail
- Tin and Steel Cans
- Aluminum Cans
- Office and School Paper
- Cardboard broken down
- Glass Bottles and Jars
- Plastics 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 and 7
- Cereal and Food Boxes

Help Reduce Contamination! Remove Food Residue!

- Empty
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- Dry

**Unacceptable items** include clothing, pizza boxes, shoes, plastic bags, Styrofoam, or any item not on the Acceptable Recycling Items list above.

\*Recently four of our Summerwood MUD directors (pictured) spent an interesting morning touring the extensive Republic recycle facility in Houston.





## Year in Review

The Summerwood Community Association had many accomplishments in 2019:

• Successfully switched to a new property management company to increase capabilities and accountability

• Corrected neglect of ponds, fountains, splash pads, and pools by bringing in a higher level of expertise with contractors.

• Brought structure and expectation setting to vendors, replacing some to ensure accountability and services delivered with excellence

• Completed a reserve study to accurately predict future financial needs with planned increased contribution to reserves over the next several years. The previous reserve study was completed 11 years ago.

• Significantly increased communication from the board to the residents with weekly detailed

updates, new website information, and property management employees who could provide status reports and account management reviews.

• Increased attendance at monthly meetings and participation by the residents.

• Increased frequency of power washing in the community including stone monuments.

• Expanded property management onsite presence and office hours.

• Increased the number and variety of events and activities offered to homeowners; for example a health fair, a wine and cheese event, a pickleball open house, recurring senior activities, a blood drive, teen events, and a fun run to name a few



#### FACT:

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#### BALANCED LEARNING' WAY:

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## Crime Watch Committee Meets January 14

The Summerwood Crime Watch meeting will be held on Tuesday, January 14, at 7:00 at the central clubhouse. Summerwood residents are encouraged to attend these meetings.

Each month the meeting agenda consists of welcoming new attendees and having reports from Lt. Ganey of the Constable Precinct 3 Office and Cdr. Terry and HPD deputies of the HPD, Kingwood substation. Lt Ganey provides handouts and brings updates on criminal activity in and around Summerwood, criminal trends throughout the area, and traffic and security reports. HPD officers work closely with the constable office and bring updates from their jurisdiction. The constable deputies and the HPD officers are the entities that patrol Summerwood. Residents who attend these meetings are given the opportunity to discuss concerns and ask questions of the officers who are present.

Darlene Kilburn, who has served as the committee chair for the past 4 and a half years recently resigned and the committee asks that anyone interested in filling the position of crime watch chairman please contact the committee at summerwoodcrimewatch@gmail.com . All potential candidates should attend this meeting and be introduced to those in attendance.

Come and check out a meeting which usually only lasts 30 to 45 minutes. It will be time well spent!!!

## LAKE HOUSTON LADIES CLUB – JANUARY MEETING

The Lake Houston Ladies Club's next luncheon will be held on Tuesday, January 21, from 10:00-12:30 at the Walden Country Club, 18100 Walden Forest Drive in Humble, TX 77346. The cost of the event is \$20 per person and includes lunch and entertainment.

Is getting organized one of your New Year's resolutions? If so, come to hear Ellen Delap, a professional organizer, help you make time and space for the things you value in life.

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 Hand Knee and Foot, Shooting Club, Scrabble 'N Babble, Artsy Smartsy, Movie Group, Mah Jongg, Lunch 'N Look, Supper Club, Mexican Train, Reader's Choice, Tea Time, Bridge, Game Day and Bunco. 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 Monday, January 13.

## What is the BizCom? Who Is Invited to Attend?

The BizCom is an organized collaboration of businesses and residents of the communities in the area zoned to Summer Creek High School. There are BizComs that meet at each of the Humble ISD high schools and they all fall under the umbrella of the Lake Houston Chamber of Commerce. Anyone interested in knowing more regarding commercial development, traffic, and security updates in the Summer Creek area are welcome to attend. You are not required to be a member of the chamber of commerce.

At the December meeting those attending enjoyed Christmas music by the SCHS Choir students. Don Gaddy, BizCom chairman, moderated the meeting.

Speakers included:

• Brent McDonald, Summer Creek High School Principalwho spoke on SCHS updates, local business partnership opportunities, and updates on the Tiny Homes project.

• Sam Schrade, DNA Studios, LLC President, presented an NBC News Video called, "Learn: Education Now" that featured education at SCHS.

• Jack Mormon, Precinct Four Special Projects Coordinator outlined plans for the Lockwood Street expansion and also gave information about other transportation updates in our area.

• Michael Turner, Harris County Engineering Department, shared information on the Timber Forest expansion and other transportation updates in the area.

• Ian Adler, Marketing Director of McCord Development/ Generation Park announced completion of the new and upscale apartment complex, the hotel completion dates, news about new businesses signings in the Generation Park complex, and announced the plans for a New Year's Eve Celebration- all residents were invited to come out to Generation Park and ring in the New Year.

• Garth Hentges, Summer Creek Rotary President, and Danny Contreras, prior Humble Rotary President, spoke about the recently organized Summer Creek area Rotary and opportunities it has in serving the area.

• In addition some information on the proposed Woodland Hills Shopping Center was provided.

For more information about BizCom meetings, visit LakeHouston.org/bizcom or contact the Summer Creek BizCom Staff Liaison, Christina O'Dell at 281-446-2128.



## **Upcoming Events in January**

#### **Summerwood Blood Drive**

January 11, 2020, 10:00 a.m. Help save a life with your Summerwood neighbors. We will set up inside of Residents' Central. Give Blood. Give Life!

NOT ALL HEROES WEAR CAPES.

January 20, 2020, 10:00 a.m.- 12 noon Hey, senior residents! Join us for coffee, donuts, and fellowship.

**Coffee with Seniors** 

We meet at Residents' Central. Hope to see you there! Coffee will be generously provided by Starbucks of Summerwood. SUMMERWOOD HOA







Hey, senior residents! Join us for Bingo, snacks, and some serious fun. We will meet the second Monday of every month at 10:30 am at Residents' Central. Please bring a favorite dish or snack to share!



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## Let Trends Guide Your 2020 Travel

(Family Features) While there's plenty to be said for taking the proverbial road less traveled, fellow tourists can provide a wealth of knowledge to help shape a vacation filled with lifelong memories.

Whether you expect your travel plans for 2020 to take you near or far, having a pulse on how and where others enjoy spending their travel time may help narrow down your options. Start planning your next getaway armed with the findings of a trend report compiled by vacation rental app and website Vrbo, especially when it comes to selecting a destination and your accommodations.

Unique Accommodations

Traditional vacation home favorites like beach houses, cabins and condos still reign supreme, but adventurous American travelers are staying in some unusual options. In fact, 71% of millennial travelers said they would consider staying at a non-traditional vacation rental.

In addition to barns, castles and treehouses, properties on wheels and properties that float join the ranks of unusual accommodations travelers are booking. Travel demand for houseboats, yachts, RVs and travel trailers is up 30% year-over-year.

<u>Surf's Up</u>

Portugal's reputation for affordability, primo surfing and sunshine-filled climate make the country a desirable place to

explore. That may explain why seaside locales in Portugal took three of the top five spots on the list of hottest international beach destinations for American travelers. Chania, Greece, took the top spot, followed by three Portuguese destinations: Vila Nova de Gaia, Porto and Lisbon. Catania, Italy, rounded out the top five.

For those seeking to stay stateside, four of Vrbo's top five United States destinations this year are beaches, including: Gulf Shores, Alabama; Miramar and Rosemary Beach, Florida; Panama City Beach, Florida; and Maui, Hawaii.

Same-City Stays

Rental demand data in Chicago, Philadelphia, Dallas, Atlanta and a number of other urban destinations showed the single largest traveler origin market for each city was that same city.

"Cele-cations,' when people seek accommodations to host and spend time with groups of family and friends for milestone events like weddings, birthdays and anniversaries, may be fueling the trend of people booking vacation homes in the same cities where they live," said Melanie Fish, Vrbo travel expert.

Also high on the trend list: short-stay, drivable destinations located within 300 miles of home.

Up-and-Coming Destinations

Their names may not be familiar to the masses, 🚪

but each of the top emerging domestic vacation destinations shares one thing in common: outdoor appeal. Places that appeal to families and other groups of travelers looking to explore the great outdoors are seeing a major surge over the past three years.

If an outdoor getaway is your ideal trip, consider destinations like Terlingua, Texas, located just a short distance from Big Bend National Park; Bella Vista, Arkansas, situated in the Ozarks near majestic lakes; Westport, Washington, surrounded by a bay to the east and the Pacific Ocean to the west; Cherry Log, Georgia, which sits in the heart of Chattahoochee National Forest; and Edisto Island, South Carolina, a charming beachside retreat 1 hour from Charleston.

"This is the third year in a row travelers' desire to be outdoors has filled the up-and-coming

destinations list," Fish said. "Clearly, people want the comforts of a home away from home while soaking in scenery."

Find the trends and accommodations that match your 2020 travel dreams at vrbo.com.

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# SUMMERWOOD

## Top Tips to Get Ready to Run



(Family Features) You've made the decision to get in shape, and whether your goal is a full marathon or simply a few laps around the neighborhood, there are a few steps to consider taking before you strap on those shoes and head toward the finish line.

Here are a few tips to help get you ready for the big race:

Seek Quality Sneakers - Feet come in a variety of widths and sizes, so visit a specialty running store to find perfect-fitting sneakers. These may come with a hefty price tag, but there are no shortcuts for comfort and support while running long distances.

Make a Schedule - Try to aim for at least 10 hours of training per week, including three days where you run and two or three days of other physical activity such as cycling or strength training. To avoid exhaustion, be sure to include at least 1-2 "rest" days per week.

Stick with Water - Avoid sports drinks that are loaded with preservatives and sugars. You can't go wrong with the hydrating power of water. As a rule, try to consume at least 6-8 ounces of water for every 20 minutes you run. Proper hydration after the run is also vital.

Go Online - Many websites have training guides for various skill levels or different types of races. If you have a smartphone, look for apps that can take you through day-by-day workouts to get you marathon-ready.

Nutrition - Filling your body with the proper amount of fuel can help ensure finish-line success. Load up on quality carbohydrates, such as beans, peas, whole-wheat pastas, whole-grain cereals, apples, brown rice and root vegetables. Protein also plays an important role in a runner's nutrition, so fill up on lean meats, fish, eggs, low-fat dairy, peanut butter and soy protein sources, as well.

By following these general rules, you'll be able to focus on achieving your goal and enjoy the thrill of finishing the race. Find more tips for a healthier lifestyle at eLivingToday.com.

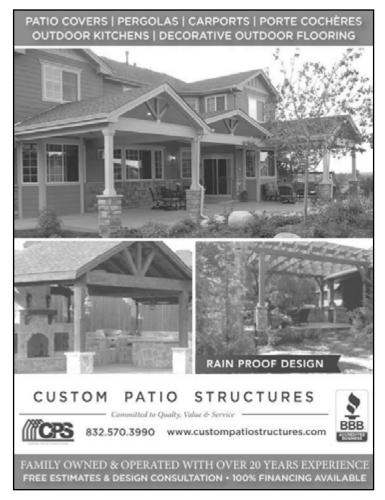
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