Greatwood News

The publication of the Greatwood Community Association, Inc. February 2017

Neighborhood Scouts Start a Greatwood Tree Farm

Our neighborhood derived its name from the many trees that were growing naturally on the land way before the development of Greatwood, and it sets us apart from other neighborhoods.

In recent years, the HOA Forestry Committee has made sure that our community maintains and replaces our trees on an annual basis.

On Saturday, January 14th Cub Scout Pack 1199 planted 500 saplings in an effort toward keeping Greatwood "Great" with our very own tree farm. The Scouts turned out in force, with what seemed like 1000 kids (there were over 50) to plant saplings.

Approximately 200 Cedar Elms, Burr Oaks and Overcup Oak saplings were planted behind the sound wall behind the Manor. Another 300 saplings, of the same variety, were planted in the Crossing, along the bayou.

Russell Sackett, who does all the tree work for the HOA, provided guidance and instruction and was well prepared for the onslaught of kids that participated in this event. The planting area was mowed and orange dots painted on the ground where the saplings were to be planted. Signage and cones were placed on Riverbrook, at the back entrance of Greatwood, to protect participants. We can't thank Russell enough for the time and effort he put into this project. He has given freely of his time on many projects in Greatwood.

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2/23 ..... Board of Directors Meeting

Architectural Control Committee (ACC) meets the first Monday of the month at 6:30 p.m. at the Greatwood Office located at Rec. Center #2.

Board meetings are on the fourth Thursday of the month at 6:00 p.m. at Rec Center #1.

Any change of meeting times will be posted on the Greatwood Website:

www.mygreatwood.com

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No social, club, service organization news (unless directly connected to a Greatwood event), political advertising or church news will be accepted.

All information and articles submitted to the Committee become the property of the Community Association, which publishes articles at its' sole discretion.

All submissions to the Newsletter must be in WORD format.

Article submissions and suggestions:
Email only to
gwcomm@yahoogroups.com

Deadlines for newsletter submissions:

- January – December 7
- February – January 7
- March – February 7
- April – March 7
- May – April 7
- June – May 7
- July – June 7
- August – July 7
- September – August 7
- October – September 7
- November – October 7
- December – November 7

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Traffic Operations Manager
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Irrigation Issue?

Occasionally, our irrigation system may go on and not shut off. If you notice this, we ask that you contact the Greatwood On Site office during business hours, 8am-5pm, Monday - Friday, at 281-545-1134. Before or after business hours, weekends and holidays, contact Houston Community Management at 832-864-1200 so they can get someone out to fix the problem.

Please make sure that you can give the location of the issue by citing an exact location or cross street.

Friendly Reminder visit **www.mygreatwood.com** for

- **Architectural Modifications Request Forms**
- **Read Greatwood Board Meeting Minutes**
- **Check out Greatwood's Master Calendar**
- **Rec Room Rental Form**
- **Financials - and much more**

Other Useful Websites:
sugarlandtx.gov
lcisd.org
FortBendCountyGov.com
grandpky.com

Greatwood Office Hours:
The Greatwood office, located at Rec Center #2 at 8802 Greatwood Parkway will be opened on Mon. and Wed. 9 a.m. - 11 a.m. and Tues. and Thurs. 1 p.m. - 3 p.m.

Greatwood Community Association Managed by
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For all other questions or concerns regarding the Association, including deed restrictions, contact our On Site office at 281 -545-1134

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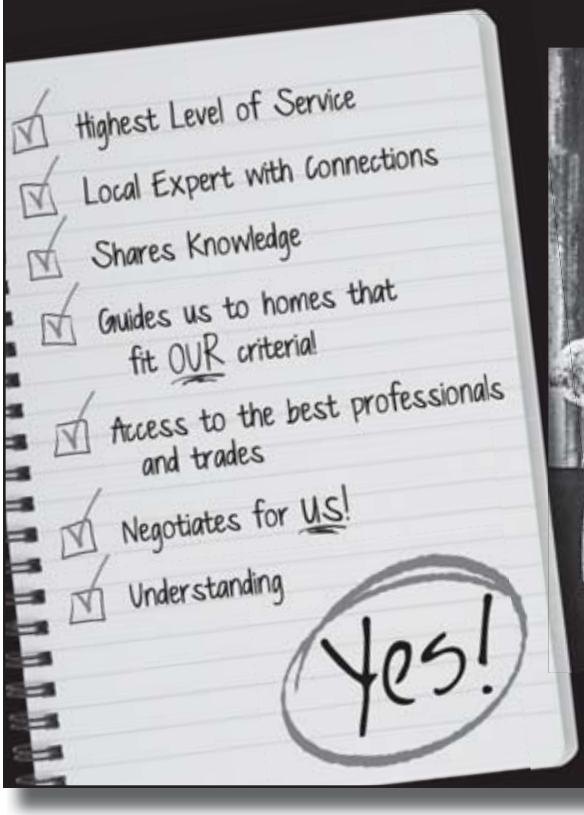

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Vacation / House Watch Program

Greatwood is very fortunate to have the Vacation/House Watch Program. As part of our contract with the Sheriff's Department, residents can call in and request that our Greatwood officers check on their homes when they are out of town.

Greatwood has had this program for many years but since the Sheriff's Department is now in charge of our security, some residents have said they've had trouble registering for this program when they've called the Vacation/House Watch number.

Keep in mind that there are literally hundreds of neighborhoods in Fort Bend County with one set of rules and Greatwood has another. The exceptions are that Greatwood residents may have people coming into their house to check on pets and plants and they may be gone longer than two weeks and can have the Officers check on their homes for a longer period of time.

It is not hard to see how new personnel might find this difficult to remember at first when a resident calls in to sign up.

In an effort to insure that all Greatwood residents receive this service there is a "safety net". If, for some reason, dispatch refuses to accept the Vacation/House Watch request the resident can send the following form to our Assistant Property Manager, Wendy Sulak at: **wsulak@houcomm.com**. She will forward it to the Sheriff's office.

We will include the following form in all upcoming issues of the newsletter for your convenience.

Greatwood Patrol Activity December 2016

Type	Number
Dispatched Calls	172
Traffic	153
Field Contacts	16
Property Checks	233
Arrests	11
Total Case Reports	25
Total Alarm Calls	34
911 Calls	2
House Watches/Close Patrols	616
Burglary Motor Vehicle	15
Burglary Habitation	1
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Date: Time:

Leaving:

Returning:

Alarm:	☐ Yes	☐ No	Monitored by:	
Yard Service:	☐ Yes	☐ No	Company Name:	
Lights on:	☐ Yes	☐ No	Where:	
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Pets in yard:	☐ Yes	☐ No		

Will others have access to the property? ☐ Yes ☐ No

(All Phone Numbers are Digits Only and No Dashes)

	Person A:	Person B:
Name:		
Vehicle:		
Phone:		

Emergency Contact(s)

(All Phone Numbers are Digits Only and No Dashes)

	Person A: (Home Owner)	Person B: (Alternative Contact)
Name:		
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Driving at night can be tricky—especially through neighborhoods or dimly lit landscapes—so it's important to keep in mind a few basic guidelines to make sure you and your vehicle both are well-prepared for the trip. Consider the following suggestions to help get you to your destination safely.

Ensure headlights are aimed properly. If you think your headlights are casting light too far above or below your line of vision on the road, you may need to adjust their aim. You can do this either by following instructions in your vehicle owner's manual or seeking help from a vehicle maintenance professional.

Dim dashboard lights. Most vehicle makes and models come with a dimmer for the instrument panel. Make sure it's set to the lowest brightness to limit distraction. Also remember to turn off overhead or visor lights while driving, which also can limit visibility at night.

Don't wear tinted glasses. Yellow lenses sold to enhance nighttime driving could actually decrease visibility instead of amplify colors and objects. If you wear prescription lenses, opt for an anti-reflective coating, and clean them thoroughly and frequently to optimize effectiveness at night.

Learn how to spot animals and objects. While driving at night, be on the lookout for wildlife creatures' eyes, which can easily be spotted as pairs of glowing retinas. Any animals' eyes—like raccoons or deer—typically will reflect the light from your headlights long before their true shapes come into view.

Don't focus on headlights in oncoming traffic. Keep your eyes on the road in front of you and avoid looking into the headlights of oncoming traffic—especially if you notice a car using the high-beam headlight setting. If the headlights on the car behind you cause a glare in your rearview mirror, adjust the mirror.

Clean your windshield. Use a clean microfiber cloth or newspaper to clean the windshield—inside and out. Make sure the windshield is streak- and smudge-free before driving at night, and try to avoid wiping window condensation with your hands. Fingerprints and oils from your skin can cause streaks that limit visibility in the dark.

Know when to use your fog lights. Many vehicles come equipped with fog lights, which typically are located underneath the front headlights and are aimed low, where fog usually appears on the road. Fog lights also can be useful on a particularly dark road to further illuminate your path.

Adjust your exterior mirrors. Pointing your side-view mirrors down slightly can help reduce glare from other drivers' headlights and still allow you to see by tipping your head forward a few inches.

Have your eyes checked. Your eyes' ability to keep moving and scan the landscape rather than solely focus on one spot is imperative for successful nighttime driving. Visit your eye doctor for regular checkups to determine whether prescription lenses could help you see better at night.

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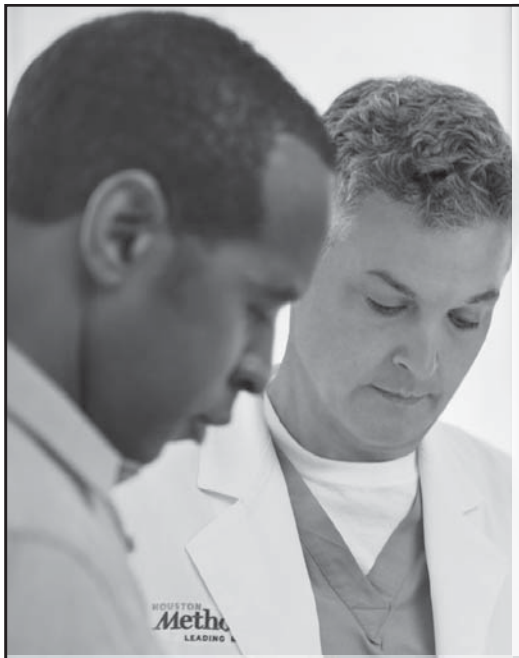

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As a board member, you will need to devote several hours of your time each month for association business. We hold monthly board meetings that typically last approximately 2 hours, board meetings are held on the 4th Thursday of each month with the exception of November and December. In addition to attending monthly board meetings, there are 4 Rep meetings a year you should attend and from time to time a Special Meeting of the Board may be called.

Most communication is done via email and you may need to participate in the email discussions.

Not only does the Board set and approve the annual budget to determine the annual assessment amount, they also make decisions for the community. Decisions could simply be to power wash the fencing to major projects that may need to be completed in Greatwood.

If you think you are the right person for the Board, please send your bio to:

Greatwood Community Association
8802 Greatwood Pkwy
Sugar Land, TX 77479

Or Email to:
Nikkole Luna, CMCA, AMS
Association Manager
nluna@houcomm.com

The Board of Directors election is March 2017. Please submit your bio by March 13, 2017.

Assessments Are Now PAST DUE

By Nikkole Luna

As you all may know, the annual assessment was due on January 1 however, you had until January 31 to submit your payment. If you have not submitted your payment yet, you are now delinquent and will accrue late interest and handling charges until paid in full. If you are unable to pay your assessment, please contact the Greatwood office to set up a payment plan, (281) 545-1134 or via email at nluna@houcomm.com. The longer you wait to contact us or submit your payment, you could risk accruing not only late interest and other fees, but attorney fees as well which could result in foreclosure of your home for non- payment of the assessment.

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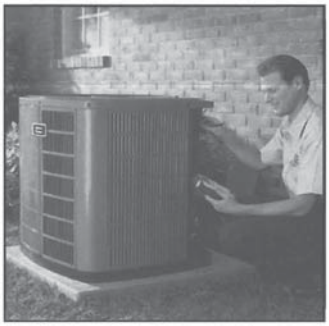

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Greatwood HOA has a limited number of Balance Bikes for short-term use. Send an e-mail to (greatwoodbalancebikes@ gmail.com) with your contact information and you will be notified as soon as a Balance Bike becomes available. The Balance Bikes are available to Greatwood residents at NO CHARGE. A signed waiver and release of liability is required.

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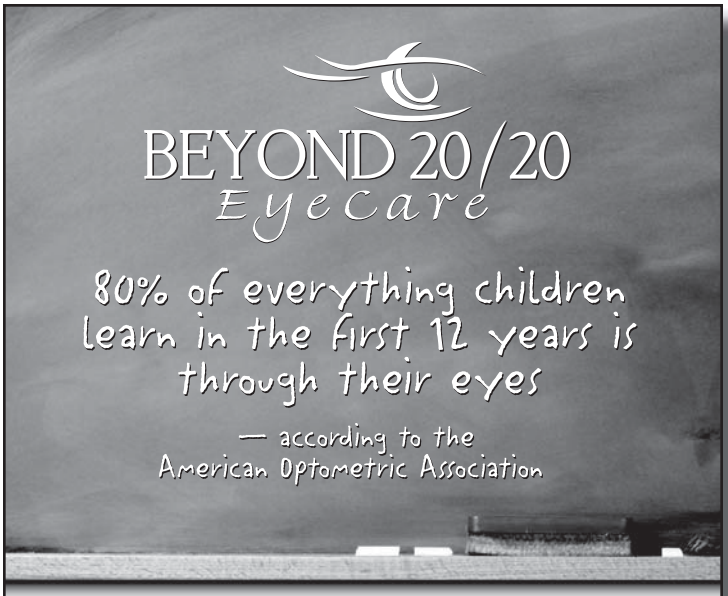

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Activity Coordinators

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Greatwood is a support group for stay at home moms or part time working moms (but we welcome all moms!) in the Greatwood subdivision. Check out our website greatwoodmomsclub.weebly.com for more information.

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Greatwood Gators Swim Team:
Join the Gators and make some wonderful summer memories for your family! For 23 years the Gators have been competing within the Greatwood community. We are members of the West Houston Aquatic League. To inquire about your child becoming a part of this fun and exciting swim team, send an email to: greatwoodgators@gmail.com or visit: www.greatwoodgators.swimtopia.com or LIKE our Facebook page "Greatwood Gators Swim Team".

Greatwood Geysers Swim Team:
Join the Geysers for a summer of swimming excitement. As part of the Southwest Houston Recreational Swim League (SHRSL) the Geysers continue to emphasize good sportsmanship, team pride and competition with an emphasis on having fun along the way. For information on the Geyser's swim team go to: www.greatwoodgeysers.org

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Moms In Prayer:
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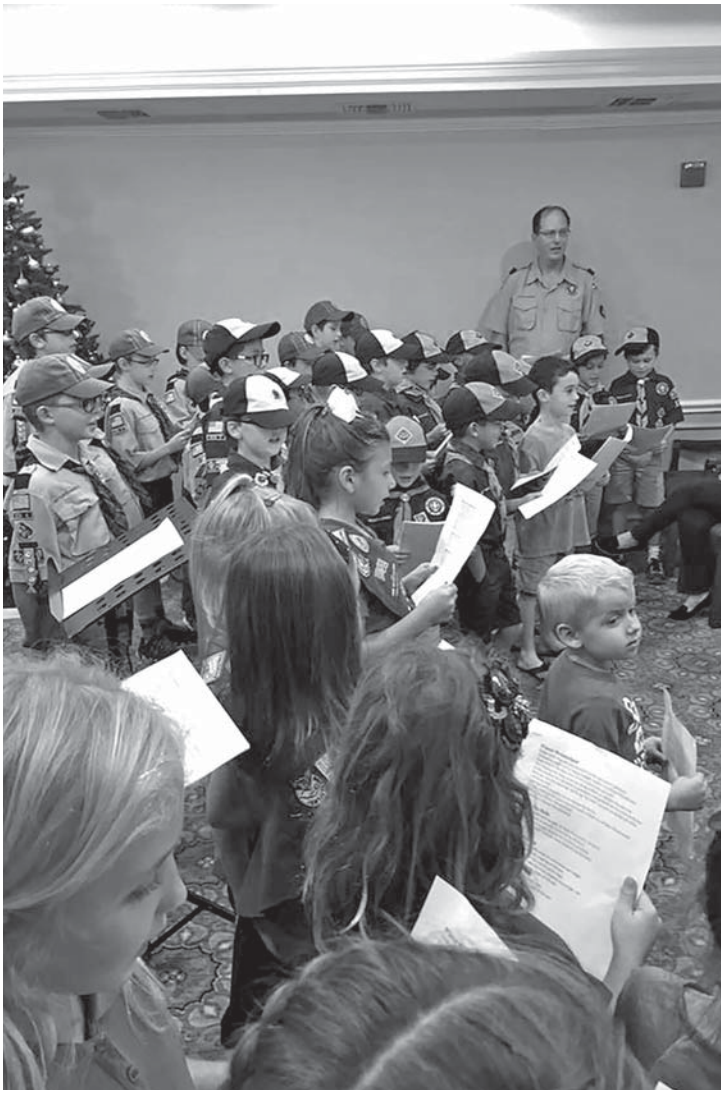
Scout News

In December, Cub Scout Pack 1199 and Brownie Troop 151089 joined forces to deliver holiday cheer to the residents of the Greatwood Assisted Living Center. The Scouts sang Christmas carols, and afterwards they gave out candy canes and hugs.



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Welcome Back Greatwood Gators for our 25th Anniversary Season!

After 25 years, we are still incredibly excited for another great summer of recreational swimming and fun! We look forward to seeing our summer friends and spending time with our neighbors building life-long friendships, swimming muscles and incredible memories! We are very proud to be the Division 1 Champs two years in a row with the West Houston Aquatics League (WHALe.) Congratulations Gators!

The Greatwood Gators' mission is to provide a structured and safe learning environment through fun and exercise in a competitive spirit while promoting a positive role in the community. Our team focuses on good sportsmanship with an emphasis on improving individual strokes and times and we are very proud of the sense of community within our team.

Registration: If you are interested in registering your swimmer, please visit our web site at www.greatwoodgators.swimtopia.com. Registration will begin for new swim families in early March and returning Gator families will register in February. Inquiries can be emailed to the team registrar, **Brian Anderson at GreatwoodGators@gmail.com**. The West Houston Aquatics League has no cap for swimmers on a team but new swimmer registrations will be added to the team based on age and gender group needs. So if you are interested, don't hesitate to contact us and complete your registration!

Minimum Requirements: All swimmers MUST meet the following requirements to swim on the team.

- Be between the ages of 4 and 18 as of May 1st
- Demonstrate the ability to enter the water unaided
- Swim one length of the pool without resting on the bottom of the pool or on the lane ropes
- Swim one length of the pool without the aid of an adult or coach in the water

Practice: Practices will **begin at the end of April** and will be held after school Monday through Friday until school is out. After school is out for the summer, practices will be held in the morning (7:00 – 10:45 AM.) The date for the practice meet has been **tentatively set for Thursday, May 25th**.

Meets: Meets will be scheduled throughout the month of June with the season ending by July 1st. The Meet of Champs is *tentatively* scheduled for **Tuesday, June 27th** with the All Star Meet *tentatively* scheduled for **Friday, June 30th**. We'll be finished by July 1st so we have the remainder of their summer to enjoy with our families!

Sponsorships: The Gators are looking for sponsors for our wonderful team of swimmers. If you, or anyone you know would like to get in on the action and sponsor the Gators this season, please contact Allison LeGrand at Greatwoodgators@gmail.com.

Thank you to the Greatwood community for your continued participation and support of the Greatwood Gators Swim Team. For more information about the Greatwood Gators, please visit our web site at www.greatwoodgators.swimtopia.com or LIKE us on Facebook at (Greatwood Gators Swim Team.)

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Greatwood Geysers Set Their Sights On Another Great Season!

Swimmers take your mark…! The Greatwood Geysers swim team is preparing for another summer of swimming and excitement! In our 15th year as part of the Southwest Houston Recreational Swim League (SHRSL), the Geysers continue to emphasize good sportsmanship, team pride and competition with an emphasis on having fun along the way.

Practices begin the first week of May and are held after school Monday through Friday until school is out. Summer practices are also held in the afternoons but times may change slightly. Swim meets are held on Mondays and begin the first Monday after school is out. The dates for championship meets will be announced soon.

Registration for Returning Swimmers: All returning swimmer families will receive an email in February about pre-registration and sign-up deadlines. If you swam with the Geysers during the 2016 season and have not received registration information, please contact team registrar, Betty Brown via the Team Info./Contact Us page on our website at www.greatwoodgeysers.org

Open enrollment for new swimmers*: New swimmer registration will begin mid- to late-March. Please go to www.greatwoodgeysers.org for updates and more information on how to register. ALL SWIMMER REGISTRATION WILL BE DONE ONLINE VIA OUR WEBSITE. The SHRSL limits teams to 200 swimmers total, so new swimmer registrations are added based on space availability based on age and gender.

**Note: Membership is open to all swimmers through 18 years of age. Although there will be no evaluations for returning team member swimmers, newly registered siblings and new-to-the-team swimmers are required to demonstrate the ability to swim the length of the pool with little or no assistance and a few other basic guidelines set forth by our bylaws to ensure the safety of all swimmers (per SHRSL rules, www.shrsl.org). For more information, please visit the Registration FAQ page under Team Info. on our website. Evaluations are tentatively scheduled for the last week of April.*

Want Be a Geyser Sponsor? The Geysers are looking for businesses to sponsor this terrific team of swimmers! If you or anyone you know would like to sponsor this group of swimmers, please contact Rebecca Cox at rebeccamcox@yahoo.com. Family and parking spot sponsorships will also be available. We hope you will consider supporting our team!

Questions? Contact Geyser President, Rebecca Cox at rebeccamcox@yahoo.com or check our website regularly for updates at www.greatwoodgeysers.org.

Thank you to the Greatwood community for your continued support and participation with the Greatwood Geysers Swim Team. We are looking forward to an awesome 2017 swim season! Go Geysers!

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Saturday, February 11, 2017

12:00 - 4:00 pm

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Signs

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1914 Silver Pond $575,000
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1515 Old Trail $399,000
1807 Arbor View $399,000
7726 Tiburon Trail $457,000
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6906 Morningside $310,000
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1422 Shady Bend $249,500
8714 Rippling Water $225,000

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Neighborhood Scouts Start a Greatwood Tree Farm

(Continued from cover)

Cub scout Pack 1199 (1st grade through 5th grade) meets in Greatwood at Campbell Elementary and is charted by Holy Cross Episcopal Church. All cub scouts participating in this event will earn credit towards community service hours as well as other rank achievements. All scouts and siblings received a sapling to take home to plant and care for.

Scout leader, Scott Graham, and his fellow troop leaders are eager to participate again next year and assist with any other projects that support our community.

Thanks to all scouts, leaders and parents who came out to make this a really memorable day.

This article wouldn't be complete without mentioning HOA Board Member, Mike Wills. The tree farm is his idea and it has finally come together. Although these saplings won't be ready to transplant throughout our neighborhood for some years, it will be fun watching them grow.

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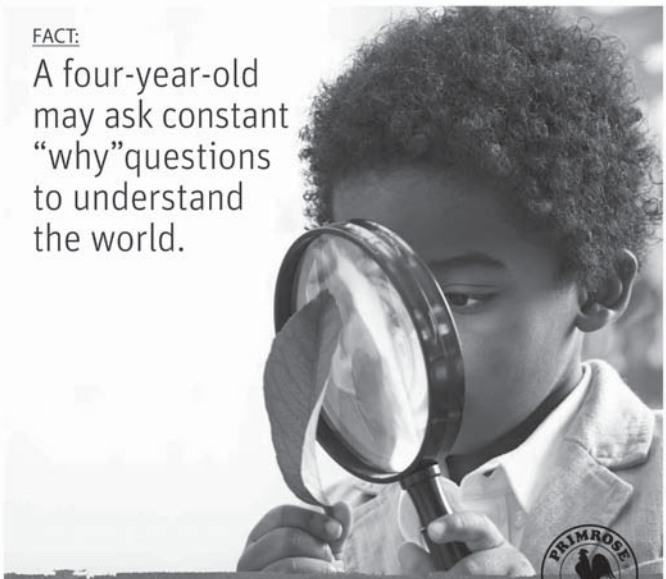

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Please fill out the entire form.

NAME:_____ DATE: _____

PHONE: (HOME) _____ (CELL) _____

ADDRESS: _____ EMAIL: _____

NOTE: The association will not be held responsible for ensuring compliance with restrictions regarding utility easements, building setbacks, building codes and other restrictions imposed by other local or state governing bodies or companies. Before digging or excavating anywhere in your yard, call the gas, power, telephone and cable companies for staking of the location of distribution and service lines.

1. Describe in detail the change or improvement requested. (**A copy of your plot/survey indicating location of change or improvement and an architectural elevation plan and drawing must be included**.)_____
   _____
   _____

2. Who will perform the actual work? _____
   _____

3. The change or improvement will be located where?

   _____Front of house _____ Roof _____ Other

   _____Back of house _____ Patio _____ Basketball Goal

   _____Side of house _____ Carports

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*Attach a color sample from the color chart or a chip of the actual paint or stain. The request cannot be approved without them.

POOL/DECKS: If you are requesting to install a pool or a deck you are required to submit a deposit of $700.00 check or money order made payable to the Greatwood Community Association, which must accompany this application. Prior to approval, the Association may insist upon a larger deposit at its discretion. The deposit is to cover damage to the common open space, landscape reserves or public right-of-ways maintained by the Association. You will be responsible for any damages in excess of deposit. The money will not be deposited and will be returned to you upon completion of construction less deductions for damages within thirty (30) days from the date you notify Houston Community Management the job is complete. **Whether you will access your back yard through Association property or your own property the $700 deposit is absolutely required. Failure to attach the check or money order will result in a denial of the application**.

I understand that the Architectural Control Committee (ACC) has up to forty-five (45) days but will act upon this request as quickly as possible and contact me regarding their decision(s). I agree not to begin property changes or improvements until the ACC informs me of their approval.

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Signature of Homeowner

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February/March Gardening Goodies

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Promote Tree Growth
This is an excellent month to provide nutrients to your trees that have been sitting dormant ready to take off. Help them out by giving them the nutrients they require. The local plant shops should have fertilizer stakes or hose end root injectors available to give your trees the boost they need!

Shrubbery, Ground Covers & Roses
Now is a good time to take stock and see how the landscape has faired through the winter. Prune off any deadwood or foliage. Perhaps you would like to shape the appearance as this will give a manicured appearance and lend itself to new growth to fill in weak spots.

Turf Overview
The turf should be waking up around now so be prepared with a quick equipment check, good operational equipment makes for less time spent on doing that "yard work". The appearance of the turf improves with a sharp mower blade! You may want to consider applying a post-emergent herbicide at this time if your lawn has acquired any weeds over the winter typical to Houston. This will also help the turf to fill in as it is becoming active again. Mowing one deck setting lower than normal on your mower also helps this process.

Water Watch
Although the landscape may not require much in the way of supplemental watering right it may be time to inspect your system if you have an automated system. Turning on each zone and making any coverage adjustments or repairs now will save time later when all of a sudden it's warm and the landscape will require additional water.

Spring Pests
With the emergence of new growth comes the potential for those pesky pests. Check your plants for any insects, particularly Aphids this time of year. Apply insecticide to any effected plant material to keep it from being infested. A two week follow up application is recommended for better residual control.

Landscape Improvements
If you have been planning that landscape make over by all means proceed! With the threat of frost fading and before the intense heat arrives it becomes an excellent opportunity to install trees, shrubs and even spring color!

Turf Refurbishment
Now is an excellent time to search out any weak spots in your lawn and prepare for the growing season. The following is a suggested outline of action.

1) Determine how many square foot of area needs to be rejuvenated or filled in.

2) Take the square foot, multiply it by .16 and divide that answer by 27. This will give you the number of yards of sand or topsoil to use for grading and provide a growing area for the root zone of the new sod.

3) Again take your original square foot of area to be refurbished and divide by 9, this will tell you approximately how many yards of sod will be required.

4) Strip out the areas you measured and apply the sand or topsoil and resod.

5) Water new sod frequently so it will become established.

6) Fertilize around six weeks after installation or when new sod is rooted.

We wish you good gardening or whatever makes you happy!

- Team Earthcare

Campbell Elementary News

"Catch the Wave" with the Campbell Cougars

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THE 8TH ANNUAL CAMPBELL ELEMENTARY FUN RUN & CARNIVAL!

We invite you, the Greatwood Community, and your family and friends to join us on Saturday, February 25, 2017 for our Annual Fun Run and Carnival benefiting the educational needs of Campbell Elementary teachers and students.

Event schedule/times

8:00am | 5K/3.1 miles

9:15am | Toddler Dash

9:20am | Family & Kids 1 Mile Run

9:30am | Carnival Opens

9:45am | Awards Ceremony

Race Information

Whether you're looking to set a new 5k personal record, or just in need of some good family fun, the 8th Annual Campbell Elementary Fun Run and Cougar Carnival is the event for you! This event is a Campbell tradition. From volunteering to participating, we encourage our entire community to help us in the overall success of this special event.

There are three Fun Run race options: To fulfill your competitive side, you can register for our hill-free 5k/3.1 mi course. For an easy going experience, the whole family can join in our 1 mile run. And last but certainly not least, you can create a memorable photo opportunity by letting your little one(s) make a break for our Toddler Dash finish line.

All participants will receive a finisher's medal as they cross the finish line. After your medal has been collected, stick around and enjoy the food and games at our Cougar Carnival! The Campbell Elementary Fun Run and Cougar Carnival will be a day of great fun and health awareness. It has become a Greatwood family tradition!

Registration

Early bird discounts are still available through the end of January. Registration fees increase on February 1, 2017.

To review more about the event, pricing or to register you can visit our site: www.campbellpto.org

Once registered, you will need to pick-up your race packet. Packet pick-up times are scheduled as follows:

Tuesday, February 21
Campbell Elementary
7:30 a.m. to 10 a.m.
4 p.m. to 7 p.m.

Wednesday, February 22
Campbell Elementary
4 p.m. to 7 p.m.

Thursday, February 23
Campbell Elementary
7:30 a.m. to 10 a.m.
4 p.m. to 7 p.m.

Campbell Elementary is located at
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Awards

Everyone is a winner! All runners who participate in a race will receive a finisher's medal. Age group medals will be given for 1st-3rd place male and female winners, as well as top male and female overall winners.

Event Highlights

COUGAR CAFE
What goes along with good times…good food!

We are busy getting the Cougar Café filled with healthy and yummy food options. Runners will be able to fuel back up with complimentary water, fresh fruit and granola bars at the finish line.

Be sure to stay a while after enjoying your food selections to partake in all the fun post-race activities at our Cougar Carnival!

THE CARNIVAL
Whether or not you run in a race, everyone is invited to join in the fun in our 2017 Carnival!

Last year the carnival was enjoyed by many dancing to the beat of the DJ and participating in the ever popular cake walk! This year we are counting on even more families to join us – the carnival attractions and games will open at 9:30 a.m. sharp.

CARNIVAL WRISTBANDS/TICKETS
To make your carnival experience ticket free, simply purchase a wrist band online with your race registration. Wristbands will be $23 each and will give you total access to all ticketed attractions and games. Wristbands will also be for sale during our packet pick up times. If you choose to purchase your band on the day of the event, it will be $25 – so order online to get the best deal. Individual tickets will also be available for 50 cents each at packet pick-up and on the day of the event.

If you are a vendor or organization and would like to participate by setting up a booth to promote your company, food, etc., please contact Kelly Furgiuele at kelly317@att.net.

Visit our website for more details on how to register for the event www.campbellpto.org.

2016-17 Campbell Elementary Calendar

Dates	Events
2/3/2017	Health T-Shirt Day - Can be worn in place of school shirt
2/3/2017	Box Tops – Final Collection Deadline - Turn in to your teacher
2/3/2017	Crisis Drills - 8 a.m.
2/7/2017	Monthly PTO Board Meeting - 7:45 a.m.
2/14/2017	Valentine's Day Parties - Free Dress - Valentine Party Attire
2/17/2017	Early Release - 11:30 a.m. Release
2/20/2017	School Holiday - President's Day - No School
2/21/2017	Fun Run Packet Pick-up 7:30 a.m. - 10 a.m.; 4 p.m. - 7 p.m. @ Campbell
2/22/2017	Fun Run Packet Pick-up 4 p.m. - 7 p.m. @ Campbell
2/23/2017	Fun Run Packet Pick-up 7:30 a.m. - 10 a.m.; 4 p.m. - 7 p.m. @ Campbell
2/25/2017	**2017 Fun Run & Cougar Carnival - Campbell Elementary**
3/3/2017	Health T-Shirt Day - Can be worn in place of school shirt
3/6 thru 3/10/2017	Spring Book Fair - Library
3/6 thru 3/10/2017	Texas Public School Week
3/9/2017	2nd Grade Wax Museum Program - 8:30 a.m. and 6 p.m.
3/10/2017	Early Release - 11:30 a.m. Release
3/13 thru 3/17/2017	Spring Break - No School
3/20/2017	School Resumes - Full Day
3/21/2017	Monthly PTO Board Meeting - 6 p.m.
3/24/2017	Third Nine Weeks End
3/27/2017	Fourth Nine Weeks Begins
3/28/2017	4th Gr. STAAR Writing / 5th Gr. STAAR Math No visitors during testing days
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3/30/2017	Report Cards Go Home

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Organizers are currently looking for car owners and corporate sponsors. Trophies will be awarded in various categories and an activities area for kids makes it an event for all ages. To be a part of it, contact Steve Nelson at president@grhsband.org for information on car registration or to learn of the benefits for promotion of your business, available at a variety of levels. GRBBC is registered with the IRS as a 501(c)3 charitable organization (EIN# 27-3169133) so your contribution is tax deductible.

All proceeds directly benefit the school's band students and program. The GRBBC assists with funding events such as the band's performance at the Fort Bend County Fair Parade, community and school contests, football games, trips, music festivals as well as helping to purchase instruments and equipment as needed. These expenses can add up quickly and contributions from businesses like yours and our community are vital to ensuring a successful band program for the 180+ student musicians.

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SPIRIT NIGHT

Mark your calendars for our next Spirit Night on Thursday, February 16 at Chick-fil-a from 5-7pm. Take a night off from cooking and join friends for dinner while supporting Dickinson Elementary. A portion of the night's sales will be donated back to our school. Don't forget to put your dinner receipt in the drop box at the restaurant or tell the drive-thru you're with Dickinson!

Also, please SAVE THE DATE for our March Spirit Night on March 23rd. Dickinson will host a drive-thru catered dinner at the school. Simply pick up your dinner at the school, freshly prepared by a local caterer, and drive home to enjoy… all while supporting Dickinson. Dinner done!

GOT YEARBOOK PHOTOS?

Do you take lots of pictures at school events? We'd love for you to share your pictures with our Yearbook. It's easy! Simply visit images.balfour.com and type in our school project number (#710737) and our password (dolphins). Then, just upload your photos and click "submit". Thanks to those of you who have been submitting photos. We appreciate your help!

PTO GENERAL MEETING AND EVENT

Join us on January 12 for our Books for Bingo Night at Dickinson. We'll kick-off the evening with our 2nd general PTO meeting of the year followed by a fun night of bingo for all families. Watch for more info on our social media pages and on our website.

IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER

February 16	Spirit Night (CFA)
February 17	Early Release (11:30am)
February 20	Student Holiday
March 10	Early Release (11:30)
March 13-17	Spring Break (NO SCHOOL)
March 23	Spirit Night (drive-thru dinner at Dickinson)

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February 4: Eat Ice Cream for Breakfast Day - my wife used to let our boys eat this with apple pie for breakfast – in her words, it contained all the basic food groups – milk, bread, fruit

February 11: Make a Friend Day

February 13: Clean out Your Computer Day or Get a Different Name Day

February 16: Do a Grouch a Favor Day

February 20: Hoodie Hoo Day – this is the day where you go outside at noon and raise your hands over your head and shout "Hoodie-Hoo" because you are tired of winter or in our case the lack there of

February 22: Be Humble Day

February 24: National Tortilla Chip Day

February 26: Tell a Fairy Tale Day

And my favorite...

February 27: No Brainer Day!

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- David Smith

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