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SUMMERFIELD HALLOWEEN CARNIVAL

DATE: Saturday, October 30

TIME: 10 a.m.

PLACE: Grass area on Elmfield,

south of the pool

BRING: A treat to share & chairs

Kids...come in costume!

We are still looking for a volunteer to help coordinate this annual family event. The Association has all of the games and supplies, we just need someone to organize the set-up and clean-up. Enlist a spouse or friend to help! To find out more, please email: summerfieldestates@vahoo.com

FRIENDLY FALL REMINDERS

Lawn TLC

With milder weather upon us, it is a good time to tend to your front lawn. Here are a few tips to breathe new life into your lawn or keep it growing green:

- aerate—easy to do yourself (with rental equipment) or by a reputable lawn service
- fertilize—this is surest way to green up your lawn; spread fertilizer before running sprinklers, or just before a good rain
- weed—remember to get those pesky weeds between the curb and the sidewalk; the city does not maintain this area, so it is up to homeowners to eradicate them
- good-bye to grubs—a number of Summerfield homeowners are experiencing patches of dead grass caused by grubs; contact a lawn care service to have your lawn properly treated

Pool Closed for the Season

The Summerfield community pool is officially closed for the season. Thanks to everyone for following the rules and keeping the pool a fun, safe place to enjoy in the summer!

Portable Basketball Hoops

According to our Architectural Standards (p. 14), in the period of October through December:

- During the week, portable basketball hoops must be stored behind the resident's gate after each use.
- Portable basketball hoops may be left out on the weekend during this period, but must be put behind the gate by dusk on Sunday.

For a copy of the complete policy on this and other architectural standards, download the file from our website: www.summerfieldhoa.net

Exterior Home Improvements?

If you are planning any improvement to the exterior of your home, such as fresh paint, windows, front door, fencing, hardscape, room addition, etc., please submit an *Application for Architectural Improvement*. Forms are available from our website or by contacting Architectural Committee Chair Jim Finley: (858) 487-3145, *jimvicki45@sbcglobal.net*.





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PREPARE FOR FIRE SEASON

Fireproof your Home from the Outside

Although we have had a mild summer, and fall is shaping up to be the same, it is still wise to take precautions around the exterior of your home to keep it safe from fire. Here are some things you can do, according to the Fire Safety Council. For more information, visit: www.firesafecouncil.org

ROOF

- Remove branches within 10 feet of your chimney and dead branches overhanging your roof.
- Remove dead leaves and needles from your roof and gutters.
- Install a fire resistant roof. Contact your local fire department for current roofing requirements.
- Cover your chimney outlet and stovepipe with a nonflammable screen of 1/2 inch or smaller mesh.

LANDSCAPE

- Create a "defensible space" by removing all flammable vegetation at least 30 feet from all structures.
- Never prune near power lines. Call your local utility company first.
- Landscape with fire resistant plants.
- Space native trees and shrubs at least 10 feet apart.
- For trees taller than 18 feet, remove lower branches within six feet of the ground.

- Maintain all plants by regularly watering, and by removing dead branches, leaves and needles.
- Before planting trees close to any power line contact your local utility company to confirm the maximum tree height allowable for that location.

YARD

- Stack woodpiles at least 30 feet from all structures and remove vegetation within 10 feet of woodpiles.
- Locate LPG tanks (butane and propane) at least 30 feet from any structure and maintain 10 feet of clearance.
- Remove all stacks of construction materials, pine needles, leaves and other debris from your yard.
- Where burn barrels are allowed, clear flammable materials at least 10 feet around the barrel; cover the open top with a non-flammable screen with mesh no larger than 1/4 inch.



New email address?
New mailing address?
New tenants?

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Please visit our website to notify the HOA of any changes to your contact information so we can update our records accordingly.



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