

# The Timbergram

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# 2024 Annual TMCC Membership Drive Kickoff

#### Happy new year, neighbors!

In 2024, our goal is to increase our TMCC dues-paying membership back up to 60% or more of neighborhood households. Your modest donation makes a huge difference in our beloved favorite Houston neighborhood. One of our most successful initiatives this past year was the successful launch of our Constable Patrol Private Security Campaign. Efforts like this wouldn't be possible without Civic Club participation and membership.

When you are a Civic Club member, you are eligible to vote at our neighborhood General Meetings. All households are eligible for a dual membership of \$60 that entitles two votes. If you would like to have a single membership for your household, and one vote, the annual dues are \$30. Compared to HOA dues in other subdivisions, it is incredibly affordable to help make our neighborhood one of the most desirable places to live in Houston. Your prompt payment of dues via check or online is greatly appreciated!

#### **How Does TMCC Use Your Contributions?**

#### **Community Events**

Annually TMCC hosts an Easter Egg Hunt, 4th of July Ice Cream Social and Snow Fest. The rain dampened a few of our events this year but we're hoping to continue the Veterans Day remembrance and Movie Night in 2024. We have wonderful sponsors for most of our events and all of the organizing and staffing is done by your neighbor volunteers.

#### **Deed Restrictions & Design Review**

We have a thoughtful and diligent deed restrictions committee focused on working with residents to make sure deed restrictions are known and enforced. Possible violations and concerns can be reported online through our website or over the phone. The Deed Restriction Enforcement Committee works hand in hand with our Design Review Committee as it guides residents who are remodeling or building new homes in the neighborhood. Our Design Review Committee is comprised of design, legal and construction professionals thoughtfully sharing their industry expertise. Together, they are working with neighbors to watch over TMCC in support of you.

#### **Environmental Affairs**

Our Environmental Affairs Committee actively supports the maintenance and development of our neighborhood parks and spearheads neighborhood resident involvement in projects such as the South Waste expansion and the Bryce Street Sewage Treatment Station, and any ongoing issues that always need a champion with the City.

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# ISSUE

#### Reminder: Join the Civic Club!

A kind reminder that membership is open year-round. \$30 for single and \$60 for dual. Visit **www.timbergrove.org** to join.

#### **Security Update**

Read about the TMCC-Lazybrook Constable Security Patrol Program and recent neighborhood crime stats inside this issue... (... continued from front page)

#### **Neighborhood Security**

In addition to the legacy support from the HPD Citizens Patrol Program, based on your feedback and contributions, we have contracted with the Precinct 1 Constable Private Security Program that will continue through September 30, 2024. Our Security Committee is committed to working collaboratively with neighbors to not only address current concerns but working to look forward and plan as the community around us rapidly evolves.

#### **Timbergram**

Did you know the Timbergram team is almost entirely staffed by your neighbor volunteers? There are about 20 hours that go into putting all the moving parts and pieces together that is the Timbergram and getting it to your doorstep. We have some pretty terrific advertisers that support our community. It's a privilege to share the stories of our community and bring them to you.

#### **Support TMCC Today**

Pay online today with the QR Code or at www.timbergrove.org. Checks can be made payable to TMCC and sent with the enclosed form to: PO Box 70977 Houston, TX 77270-0977.



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### **President's Note**

As we prepared for this January issue of the Timbergram, your neighbors on the Board of Directors, Finance Committee and beyond, have shared a vision to action a successful membership campaign in 2024. Many wonder in reflection "do people understand the benefits of the Civic Club?"

On the front page of this issue, we highlight for you a sample of community volunteer efforts and how membership dollars support our neighborhood. Do you love our sidewalks, not living next door to eight townhomes, support with design reviews and lot line setbacks, optional Constable Patrol program and a neighborhood newsletter? These are just a few contributions of your Civic Club.

One common theme for all households and organizations in 2023 was rising costs. Without rising membership rates, we cannot continue serving the neighborhood and its homeowners in the same manner. Although we have generous volunteers, much of what we undertake costs more than in years past. We need to raise revenue (membership) or cut activities. That is simply where we find ourselves. Thanks to years of volunteer labor and our dues paying members, we have money in the bank, however we are now spending our reserves. We should all agree we cannot keep living on the savings of the past because we will eventually run out.

We have bylaws and a constitution that govern the business of our community. You may have thought we made up having quarterly meetings at 6:30pm the second Tuesday of the month and our Board meetings the last Tuesday of the month, but we didn't, the bylaws mandate and guide us. Civic Pride is the name of the game with our TMCC Constitution and that falls to more than just beautification.

We will continue to be a changing, growing, new construction and renovation-oriented neighborhood and our expenses will continue to grow. The brutal summer heat and various City of Houston projects did a number on our esplanades and sprinkler systems and we are starting 2024 from square one with thoughtful replacement and repair. Everyone loves a beautiful esplanade but they are not free to maintain. Neighbors supporting neighbors is the heart of our mission.

Our voices are strong as one and our community thrives when we make the commitment to be part of the team. Not everyone has the gift of time to share but paying dues is just as important to maintaining the strong fabric of our thriving neighborhood.

Each household is entitled to a dual membership at the cost of \$60 annually. We need your support in giving generously in 2024.

Thank you for choosing to make Timbergrove your home and being a part of this wonderful community. We are a gem in Houston and I am proud to be your neighbor and support you in 2024.

With gratitude,

Traci Riley

Section 11, Kury Lane Crew

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#### What are sealants and why is my dentist talking about them all the time?

Dental sealants are a plastic protective cover (BPA free!) that is placed on the back teeth's chewing surfaces creating a physical barrier that prevents food and other particles from being trapped in the deep grooves of permanent molars. It is a very effective method in stopping cavity growth. It can also halt tooth decay even when it has already begun by cutting bacterial source of "food". If applied with proper technique and taken care of by the patient, sealants can last a life time.

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Dental sealants are either clear or slightly opaque (whitish) in appearance. They feel slick on teeth. They are applied in the same way that the nail polish is applied to nails. Grooves of the teeth are first brushed well to remove any debris. Then dental etch (acid like substance) is applied to open little pores in teeth and allow for the sealant to physically and chemically bond the tooth. Then etch is carefully washed off, the tooth is dried and sealant is applied with a small brush. Curing light (blue light similar to one that hardens your nail polish) is then utilized to harden the surface. Sealant is now as good as it will always be. Sealants can last for many years if applied with proper technique and taken care of by the patient.



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1/1/22-8/31/23 Number of Sale	1/1/22-8/31/22	% Change
199	185	+8%
Average Sales F \$626k	Price \$638k	-2%
Average Days	32	-12%

#### **GREENWOOD KING** PROPERTIES

# **Block Captains Help Build Community**

You may not realize it, but every block in Timbergrove Manor has a Block Captain. Block Captains are working hard to get information to their blocks of the latest and greatest happenings in Timbergrove. They also work hard to get issues residents might have to the Board.

If you aren't getting emails from your Block Captain, please email blockcaptains@timbergrove.org with your name and address so that you can get in touch with your Block Captain.

If you live in the 6500 block of Lindyann and want to become a Block Captain to help build community on your block, please email Block Captain Chair, Laura Bradham at blockcaptains@timbergrove.org to learn more about becoming a Block Captain. It is a wonderful, low-key way to volunteer that has a big impact in our neighborhood!



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#### Timbergrove Manor Sales Statistics 2021 - 2023

2021	#HOMES SOLD	AVG PRICE	AVG DAYS ON MARKET
QTR 1	14	\$501,453	101
QTR 2	27	\$607,554	40
QTR 3	37	\$663,769	35
QTR 4	24	\$631,550	37
2022			
QTR 1	22	\$705,276	54
QTR 2	14	\$678,036	22
QTR 3	21	\$722,143	34
QTR 4	17	\$620,927	62
2023			
QTR 1	14	\$576,221	97
QTR 2	17	\$782,367	12
QTR 3	15	\$751,587	13
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# **Security Update**

The 2023-2024 TMCC-Lazybrook Constable Security Patrol Program is underway as of October 1, with Deputy Laureen Alanis on patrol, from 10 AM to 6 PM Monday through Friday. Thanks to TMCC and Lazybrook Presidents as well as board members for initiating and organizing this important undertaking that benefits all residents.

**Patrol Subscriptions.** Membership is by subscription for a 12-month period beginning October 1, ending September 31. The 2024-25 enrollment period begins January 2024. Payments for 2024-25 subscriptions can be included with TMCC dues or purchased, separately, at any time beginning January 1st. **Earlier is better to ensure receipt of adequate funding required for program continuity.** 

#### **Payment Options**

Online at **www.timbergrove.org** – Click on "Security Patrol" in the menu bar, then scroll down to the button, "Become a security subscriber now". Payments by check can be received at either of these drop off locations via mail slot:

- 6406 Kury Lane (L. Crowson)
- 2327 Droxford Lane (S. Landry)

#### TMCC AREA CRIME STATS - October 1 through November 30, 2023

Type	Date	Block	Description
Homicide	10-Nov	900 Shirkmere	Two acquaintances argued; one shot and killed the other; suspect arrested and charged.
Aggravated Assault	23-Oct	1500 Tannehill	Categorized as serious injury
Assault	10-Nov	6200 Waltway	Categorized as either minor or no injury
Assault	24-Nov	6200 Cindy	Categorized as either minor or no injury
Burglary Habitation	10-Oct	2500 Tannehill	
Auto Theft 9-Oct 6200 Queenswood		6200 Queenswood	
Auto Theft 10-Oct 2500 Tannehill		2500 Tannehill	
Auto Theft	15-Nov	6300 Woodbrook	
Auto Theft	20-Nov	6200 Waltway	
Auto Theft	11-30	2500 Droxford	

#### TMCC SECURITY CHAIR

Larry Crowson is the new Security Chair for TMCC. The Crowsons moved to Timbergrove in 2018, love the neighborhood, and look forward to contributing to improving neighborhood security.

The Security Chair role includes coordinating with TMCC's two major programs that help ensure neighborhood safety and security for residents: Constable Patrol and Citizens on Patrol (CoP):

#### 1. Constable Patrol

The new TMCC-Lazybrook constable patrol program provides the following benefits:

- Neighborhood Patrol by uniformed deputy in marked vehicle
- 24-hour call / alarm response
- Average response time of 3-7 minutes
- Vacation watches for subscribers, only

Please address questions, crime concerns, and request for more information on a patrol subscriptions to <u>Security@timbergrove.org.</u>

#### 2. Citizens on Patrol (CoP)

CoP is managed by Roxanne Hall, Team Lead; and Larry Scruggs in conjunction with HPD and staffed by volunteer residents who receive special training from HPD.

Benefits of CoP include:

- Periodic patrols performed by TMCC residents
- Suspicious activity reported to police

For questions related to CoP, contact *Roxanne Hall at or Miles Sasser* at <a href="mailto:tgm.cp.group@gmail.com">tgm.cp.group@gmail.com</a>

Beginning January 2024, patrol subscribers will receive a monthly email from the Security Chair on subscriber benefits, security updates, crime prevention tips as well as neighborhood crime and constable patrol stats. Future program efforts:

- Continuation and expansion of the Constable Patrol Program
- Coordination with CoP
- Constable presence during TMCC special events

# **Local Family Reunites at Abandoned Timbergrove Manor Cemetery**

After reading the September 2022 issue of The Timbergram online, Donna Rumsey got goosebumps. An article published by the name of "Local Abandoned Graveyard Offers Residents a Look Back at Timbergrove Manor History" spoke to her. The online version of the article has many pictures of the cemetery as well as some up close photos of the memorial stones inside. The stone that meant the most to Donna, or "Susie" as her family calls her, was the one with Annie C. Hilton's name on it. Annie, her great-grandmother, whom she simply called "Momo," lived to be 97 years old and Susie has fond memories of spending time with her.

Between caring for ailing parents and several of the older family members dying, neither Susie nor her cousins knew how to access the cemetery any longer. Susie sensed this was her chance and quickly contacted her cousins to let them know that she had finally found a way to visit the family cemetery again. And, although their modern last names don't quite tell the tale, they are all Hillendahls + Vollmers. Annie C. Hilton, the last person buried there in 1985, was born Annie Carolina Hillendahl. Annie C.'s mother was born with the last name of Vollmer.

On November 4, 2023, a few of the Hillendahl + Vollmer family members were able to visit the cemetery for the first time in a very long time. Susie arrived with flowers along with her significant other, Roger Snead. Her first cousin once removed, Melva Weggemann, Melva's son, Bobby Weggemann, and Melva's grandson, Steven Weggemann arrived just after. Steven Weggemann was born on Thanksgiving Day the year that Annie C. died on Christmas Eve, so it's quite possible he might have been the youngest to ever attend a graveside service at the cemetery when Annie C. was buried.

They all know how they are related to each of the Hillendahls + Vollmers buried there, and, being cousins, they all trace their lineage to the same people. While living, Annie C. used to bring her family members, who still live close by in Garden Oaks and Oak Forest, to visit the cemetery occasionally. When they came to the cemetery, Annie told family stories of the people she loved who were buried there. Hearing Annie C.'s stories of Melva's father, Oliver Hilton, who was buried in the cemetery 20 years prior to his long-lived mother made precious memories for Melva. It is a family full of love and respect for each other, which is why Susie brought the flowers for her Momo's grave.

We decided to take a photo near Annie C.'s tombstone when some Monk Parakeets flew overhead. The parakeets live in Timbergrove Manor, mostly roosting in the high power lines at or near the Eureka (Electrical) Substation close to the cemetery. The parakeets enjoy the quiet solitude of the cemetery, visiting quite often and landing in the oak tree. Just before the photo was snapped, Melva said that Annie had raised parakeets when she was alive and was quite fond of her birds. So, in the photo, you might just see goosebumps on us all.



# Sinclair PTO Updates



The Sinclair PTO's annual auction is quickly approaching on March 2! This year our theme is Southwestern Soirée and all proceeds from our event will go towards a refresh of our cafeteria and continuing enrichment opportunities for our students. We are currently seeking sponsors and donations for our auction. Please reach out to silentauction@sinclairpto.org or check out our website if you are interested.

We appreciate the continued support of the neighborhood and community!

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# The Lorraine Cherry Nature Preserve News

Georgia O'Keefe once said, "When you take a flower in your hand and really look at it, it's your world for the moment." To help us all have more moments, our Inaugural Native Flower Patch was planted by kids of all ages from the nearby community during a Flashlight Seed Fling on December 7, 2023. It will be exciting to watch it grow and flourish. The Native Flower Patch is now considered a "No Mow Zone". This means that the City of Houston will not mow the area from January until July yearly so that the flowers can grow. These flowers will not only grow here, they will create seeds for the next generation of the Native Flower Patch. When mowed in July, the mowers will naturally disperse the seeds and plant material around the patch and keep trees from growing in place of the flowers. Then, next year, the seeds will spring to life and begin growing to create more flowers.

Please do not walk through the flowers as they grow. Together with the City, we have created walking spaces around the Native Flower Patch for your convenience. There are many benefits of having this Native Flower Patch including providing nectar for birds, butterflies, and bees. It also provides native host plants for caterpillars, encouraging the growth of native species. As a bonus, our native flower patch will reduce the cost of maintenance, labor, and water, not to mention that there will be fewer gas emissions from mowing.

The flower seeds used to create this patch include Indian Blanket, Partridge Pea, Texas Bluebonnet, American Basket Flower, Showy Primrose, Black-eyed Susan, Clasping Coneflower, Upright Prairie Coneflower, Plains Coreopsis, and Lemon Mint.

The Nature Preserve is about so much more than our trees. It is a place of refuge in our busy urban environment for wildlife as well as people. Please be kind when you visit, realizing that you are a visitor to our urban animals' homes, and stay on the trails. Please do not remove anything from the Nature



Preserve, or move anything about within the preserve.

Recently, many folks have been moving sticks and dead tree trunks that have fallen in the Nature Preserve. While it may seem harmless to "clean" the leaf debris or turn the trunks into little shelters here and there, the leaf litter, the sticks, and even the dead tree trunks on the ground provide ground cover for bugs, turtles, and other wildlife that live within the Nature Preserve. Moving these items creates open spaces that make them vulnerable to predators and takes away their actual homes. Using our designated paths and trails preserves this thoughtfully created space for generations to come. Please stay on the paths (and keep your dogs on-leash and on the paths with you at all times) in an effort to foster more livable spaces for our plants and animals. It is only by working together to preserve our amazing piece of urban nature that we will have our "moments" with flowers, trees, birds, butterflies, and our neighbors.

Meet at the Kiosk across from the corner of Shelterwood and Pineshade at the Nature Preserve for the following events:

Bird Walks in the Forest resume weekly on Tuesdays at 8:00 am on January 9, 2024.

First Thursday of the Month Evening Bird Walks will be February 1, March 7, April 4, & May 2 at 5:30 pm. Star Sailor is still sponsoring our Bird Walk Special Happy Hour after the walk for any who would like to join.

Morning Mindfulness will take place on Saturdays March 2, April 6, & May 4 at 9:30 am.

**Birding "Field Trip" #3** will be to Archbishop Fiorenza Park on **Saturday, February 10**. Meet at the kiosk at 9:00 am to caravan to the park. Super Bird, competitive team birding, will begin at 10:00 am at Archbishop Fiorenza. Or, simply meet at the Archbishop Fiorenza parking lot at 9:45 am to join in on the fun.

Gardener's Gateway Maintenance Gardening will take place on Thursdays January 25, February 22, March 28, & April 25 at 10:00 am. Meet at the gardens near the water fountain near the corner of Shelterwood & W 11th Street for this event. Use the contact button found on www.LorraineCherryNaturePreserve.org if you'd like to be added to the Gardener's Gateway email list.

# TMCC Holiday Light Winners

Congratulations to the winners of the 2023 Timbergrove Manor Civic Club Holiday Light Contest. The contest has come to an end and the winners have been selected. We want to thank everyone who participated. It's been so much fun seeing all the creativity in our neighborhood. Thank you and we cannot wait to see what our neighbors come up with next year!

#### 2023 Category Winners:

**Best Inflatable Display** 6207 Kury **Best Original Theme** 6214 Cindy **Best Overall Use of Lights** 830 Shelterwood **Best Religious Theme** 1323 Seaspray **Best Traditional Theme** 6110 Abington **Honorable Mention** 6435 Kury **Favorite Childrens Theme** 6103 Abington **Overall Best Block Decorations** 2200 Haverhill



Forest Park Lawndale located at 6900 Lawndale St, Houston, TX 77023

(2) Cemetery Plots for Sale, Section 32B, Lot 248, Space 5 & 6. \$7,000 + \$395 transfer fee for both plots (Discounted \$2,390). If interested, please call Sandra at (713) 862-1323.

#### Timbergrove Manor Civic Club Leadership

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#### **CHAIRPERSONS - TMCC COMMITTEES**

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# Solid Waste Schedule

#### **Tree Waste:**

"Tree Waste" is defined as "clean" wood waste such as tree limbs, branches, and stumps. Lumber, furniture, and treated wood are not accepted, nor are items that fall into the "junk waste" category. Tree waste should be not confused with lawn clippings, which are collected weekly when bagged properly. The next tree waste collection will be on:

- Wednesday, January 17

#### Junk Waste/Heavy Trash:

"Junk Waste" is defined as furniture, appliances, and other bulky material. Tree waste is also accepted during junk waste months. The collection will be on:

- Wednesday, February 21

#### Tires:

Residents may place up to four tires at the curb for collection during junk waste months. Collection crews will separate the tires from the junk waste. It may take up to a week before crews return and retrieve the tires.

#### Recycling - Every other week:

- Thursday, January 4
- Thursday, January 18
- Thursday, February 1
- Thursday, February 1
- Thursday, February 29

*Trash & lawn clippings are scheduled to* be collected each Thursday.



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