



# The Timbergram

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## TMCC General Meeting

*Tuesday, Mar. 19<sup>th</sup>  
at 6:30 P.M.*

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## INSIDE THIS ISSUE

## Memorial Park Conservancy President & CEO to Speak at General Meeting

As spring beauty and warmer temps make their way in March, we are looking forward to chatting all things Memorial Park with our meeting speaker, Shellye Arnold.

I'm sure many of us share the same sentiment: that we have enjoyed watching the transformation of Memorial Park from a great space to an incredibly thoughtful multi-use gem just down the road from our neighborhood.

Shellye is the President & CEO of Memorial Park Conservancy, a nonprofit organization charged with operating and maintaining 1,100 acres of Houston's Memorial Park. At 1,500 acres, Memorial Park is the city's largest urban park with an important place in the nation's history and welcomes over 4 million visitors annually from 170 zip codes across the region. She joined the Conservancy in March 2013 and, with her staff, Board, project partners, design team, and donors, has led the transformation of Memorial Park that is currently underway. Memorial Park's Ten-Year Plan will deliver more than \$200M of improvements by 2028.



Shellye and her team led the creation and adoption of the 2015 Memorial Park Master Plan, engaging thousands of Houstonians as well as ecologists, scientists and other consultants to inform this visionary plan. Starting with a team of three and a \$300K annual budget, Shellye has worked with her leadership team to build the Conservancy. Today, the Conservancy has 75 employees and has raised over \$125M in private funds and \$100M in public funds to deliver the planned improvements to Memorial Park, program Memorial Park for Park visitors, and care for the Park. She and her team work to ensure that Memorial Park welcomes all Houstonians and that the Conservancy reflects Houston in terms of composition and how the organization improves, operates, and programs Memorial Park.

A native Houstonian, Shellye cares deeply for the city's public and green spaces that forge life-affirming connections to others, to nature, and to health. She is grateful to the staff, Board, donors, project partners, visionaries, volunteers, civic leaders, planners, builders, park visitors and others who are making the transformation of Memorial Park possible. Shellye and her wife, Tina Sabuco, volunteer in animal rescue, delight in their many adopted dogs and cats and recently celebrated their 35th anniversary.

The Houston Chronicle identified Shellye as "one of Houston's most interesting people." She was named one of Houston's "Fifty Most Influential Women of 2022" and one of the Houston Business Journal's "Women Who Mean Business" of 2023.

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### 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](http://www.timbergrove.org) to join.

### The Seven Second Rule

Learn more in this issue of how criminals read your body language in seven seconds to determine whether you are an easy target.

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## *New Year, Spring Refresh*

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- Landscaping:** Trim bushes, plant flowers, and add mulch for a vibrant garden.
- Lighting:** Illuminate your outdoor space with stylish and energy-efficient lighting.
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# Volunteers? Anyone?

We have had so many wonderful events and volunteers over the years. These great events are supported by generous sponsors and volunteer committee chairs. If you love to plan a good party, we have a job for you on the activities committee. We are in need of a movie night and Snowfest 2024 chair. If you want to consider another event and are willing to chair, let's chat and figure out how to have more fun with our neighbors.

Membership is the core of our community spirit and a great role for someone who enjoys party planning too. Help us corral the numbers and plan the fun for our member neighbors.

Email [volunteer@timbergrove.org](mailto:volunteer@timbergrove.org) for more details. Thank you for your thoughtful consideration.



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This depends on how large the fracture is. Small fractures contained to the enamel (outer layer) of the tooth are only an aesthetic issue and can but do not have to be repaired. They do not cause discomfort or sensitivity. Larger fractures that involve dentin or pulp (middle layers of the tooth) need to be treated to prevent infections or sensitivity. You always need to contact your dentist however, to make sure there are no fractures of bone or root coincidental with the visible tooth chip.

### What about a permanent tooth?

Fractures of permanent teeth, unless very small, should be repaired with composites (fillings) or crowns depending on the size of the fracture and age of the child. If fractures involve nerve/pulp tissue and blood on the tooth is visible at the line of fracture, your dentist should be seen immediately to prevent future abscess and root canal treatment. However, if fracture is contained to the enamel only, your child can be seen on the next business day, but as soon as possible.



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January Market Report YTD

| 1/1/24-1/31/24      | 1/1/23-1/31/23 | % Change |      |
|---------------------|----------------|----------|------|
| Number of Sales     | 14             | 8        | +75% |
| Average Sales Price | \$654k         | \$618k   | +6%  |
| Average Days        | 36             | 45       | -20% |

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# Block Captains Help Build Community

Block Captains are the liaison between block residents and the TMCC Board of Directors, and vice versa. Block Captains serve a quiet, low-key volunteer role which helps keep our whole neighborhood running efficiently. Because it is a quiet role, we hardly think about our Block Captains, until an email comes letting the block know of an upcoming social event, a neighbor needs to get in touch with a Board member for help with a problem, or a Timbergram is delivered. Thank you, Block Captains, for your faithful service to our community!

We are in need of a Block Captain for the 6700 block of Lindyann. Please email [blockcaptains@timbergrove.org](mailto:blockcaptains@timbergrove.org) if you live on that block and would like to volunteer in a small but significant way with the 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                 |
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| 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                 |
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| 2023  |             |           |                    |
| QTR 1 | 14          | \$576,221 | 97                 |
| QTR 2 | 17          | \$782,367 | 12                 |
| QTR 3 | 15          | \$751,587 | 13                 |
| QTR 4 | 8           | \$755,398 | 23                 |

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# Security Update

## Be a Hard Target

While crime seems to be happening all around us, we can modify our behavior to help prevent crime from happening to us:

- Pay attention to your surroundings.
- Know your location in the event you need to call for help.
- Minimize cell phone use while walking, especially when walking alone.
- Carry a flashlight when walking/running at dusk or when dark.
- Don't carry unnecessary valuables.
- Keep your purse on your person, not next to you.
- Maintain your purse / laptop out of sight while driving in your vehicle.
- Don't carry all credit cards – leave what you don't need at home.
- Use indoor ATMs whenever possible.
- Be aware of those around you when using and departing from any ATM location.



## The Seven-Second Rule

The Seven-Second Rule, by Steve Kardian, states that our body language while walking conveys to criminals in a matter of seconds – 7 to be exact - whether we are an easy target or one that might fight back (make a scene and draw attention, leading to injury and/or capture), and is based on an inmate study conducted in a prison that revealed how attackers pick their targets.

In the study, inmates serving time for violent offenses against unknown victims were shown videos of pedestrians that were filmed walking. Inmates agreed on which pedestrians would be easy to overpower and “chose exactly the same person.” Nonverbal signals were the basis for victim selection, i.e. vulnerability: length of stride, foot movements, arm swing, and body weight movement. Kardian says, change the way you walk, be a hard target:

- Take a medium stride compared to body height
- Swing feet gracefully forward
- Counter-balance leg motion with arm swing; elbows slightly bent
- Walk smoothly, with an internal rhythm to body movement
- Maintain good posture: chin up, spine straight and shoulders back, looking around, taking in surroundings
- Keep pace with foot traffic



Scan to Read the  
Seven-Second Rule



## How to Report a Streetlight Outage

Report a non working street light to CenterPoint. Search Street Light Outages ([centerpointenergy.com](http://centerpointenergy.com))

1. Click Report a Streetlight Outage
2. Enter the pole number (located on pole facing street) or block number and street name, i.e. 6300 Kury Lane
3. Click the auto-populated selection to display area map with pole numbers (#1), Click Pole Number (#2)
4. Report Issue
5. Follow additional prompts to provide information and submit outage report.

## TMCC AREA CRIME STATS – 1 December 2023 – 31 January 2024

There were no residential burglaries reported during December or January.

| Type                   | Date       | Weekday  | Block          |
|------------------------|------------|----------|----------------|
| Fraud                  | 12/19/2023 | Tuesday  | 6200 Queensway |
| Theft Motor Vehicle    | 12/28/2023 | Thursday | 6300 Lindyann  |
| Burglary Motor Vehicle | 1/11/2024  | Thursday | 2300 Willowby  |
| Fraud                  | 1/12/2024  | Friday   | 6300 Grovewood |
| Theft Motor Vehicle    | 1/18/2024  | Thursday | 6300 Waltway   |
| Theft Motor Vehicle    | 1/25/2024  | Thursday | 2400 Haverhill |
| Theft Motor Vehicle    | 1/28/2024  | Sunday   | 2500 Droxford  |

# TMCC/Lazybrook Constable Patrol

Constable Patrol hours are 10am-6pm, M-F. Calls outside of those hours and during holidays will be covered by a deputy dispatched from a neighboring community. Membership in the patrol program is by subscription to a program year, which runs OCT 1 - SEP 31.

2024-25 enrollment period started in January. Payments can be included with TMCC dues or purchased, separately, at any time. Earlier is better to ensure receipt of adequate funding required for program continuity.

## Program Cost:

\$310 regular rate | \$210 retiree rate

## Payment Options

1. Pay online at [www.timbergrove.org/security-patrols](http://www.timbergrove.org/security-patrols)
2. Checks payable to TMCC can be dropped off at these locations into a front door mail slot:  
**6406 Kury Lane or 2327 Droxford Lane**

**402** Number of households in the combined neighborhoods (TMCC, LZB, and Holly Park) currently subscribed for the 2023-24 patrol program year

**21%** Percentage of households in the combined neighborhoods currently supporting the Constable Patrol Program (1 deputy)

## Subscriber Updates

Security Chair will keep program subscribers informed of patrol activity in the neighborhood as well as HPD crime stats, crime prevention tips and safety reminders in a monthly email with subject line: Constable Patrol Subscriber Update. Subscribers can expect to receive that email mid-month from TMCC Security.

Please address questions, crime concerns, and requests for more information on becoming a patrol subscriber to [security@timbergrove.org](mailto:security@timbergrove.org).

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# Sinclair PTO Updates



Thank you to all of our incredible neighbors for your continued support of our school and PTO! We have several events coming up this spring including our Dad's Club Annual Crawfish Boil and our spring book-fair, so be sure to keep checking our PTO website for details.

If you have a future Superstar who will be starting school this August, be sure to check the PTO website for information on zoned enrollment that should be coming out in the next few weeks.



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# The Lorraine Cherry Nature Preserve News

A simple definition of pollution is the introduction of harmful materials into the environment. These harmful materials are called pollutants. Pollutants damage the quality of air, water, and land. Sometimes you can see pollution like trash on the ground or the haze in the air over downtown. Sometimes you can smell pollution like the nasty odors that emanate from our local water treatment plant. Sometimes you can hear pollution like the traffic on W 11th Street or even distant sirens. Often, you can't see, smell, hear, or feel pollution. But it's still all around our vast, dynamic, and growing city.

Trees are able to clean the air and absorb harmful airborne particles and gaseous pollutants such as nitrogen oxides, ammonia and sulfur dioxide through their leaves, bark and roots. This improves the air quality in the microclimate around the trees and contributes to a healthier and cleaner environment overall. Ground-level ozone formation is reduced because air temperatures in tree-filled areas are cooler. Trees also soak up the harmful carbon dioxide in our atmosphere. In one year, an acre of mature trees absorbs the same volume of carbon monoxide as produced from a 26,000 mile car journey! Aside from cleaning the air for us, trees supply us with fresh oxygen to breathe. Amazingly, even our Inaugural Native Flower Patch, while not nearly as large as our stand of trees, has these same capabilities.

A harmful pollutant that we often smell and then find in our forest is dog feces. Dog feces can carry worms and protozoa as well as fecal coliform bacteria. Fecal coliform bacteria is the group of bacteria which includes E. coli which can cause cramps, diarrhea, serious intestinal and kidney illness and even death to people who ingest contaminated water. People often think that dog feces will just go away on its own or fertilize the area around it. However, rain will wash the feces down storm drains and into waterways like rivers, bays, and beaches. People might get sick from other infections besides E. coli.



Pet waste is very toxic. The Environmental Protection Agency estimates that waste produced by just 100 dogs in two or three days (or one weekend) can contain enough bacteria to temporarily close a bay to swimming and shellfishing. In our forest, feces can be washed into our ephemeral ponds which our resident animals use to survive and thrive since this is their home.

You will also see pollution in our forest because people mistakenly often think of the nature preserve as a personal dumping ground. After Halloween you will see pumpkins that people have thrown into the forest, rationalizing that pumpkins are "good" for the animals' digestion. Often, folks bring their cut limbs or yard waste and dump those items as well. And, while our neighbors are correct that these are good, compostable materials, those should be composted at home and not in the forest. Every third Wednesday of the month, these items can be left for pickup at the curb. Better yet, start your own compost pile - you'll be amazed at how much you can keep out of the landfill and how easy it is to "produce" dirt. See our website page at [LorraineCherryNaturePreserve.org](http://LorraineCherryNaturePreserve.org) for more information, and be sure to visit our Compost Booth at the upcoming Run the Grove Grovechella Event on April 13, 8:00-10:00 am. The City of Houston has a great



webpage about compost located at <https://houstontx.gov/solidwaste/compost/>. Please notice that they have a yearly Pumpkin Drop Off Program, too.

In the meantime, please be kind to the environment in the forest. Doggie poop pick up bags are provided at frequent intervals around the outside of the forest by Friends of The Lorraine Cherry Nature Preserve. Please pick up your dog's feces and dispose of it in the trash cans so that the animals which live here and the humans who visit will stay safe and healthy. And, please do not think of the forest as a personal dumping area and compost pile, because it isn't either of those things.

It is only by working together that we can preserve this amazing piece of nature in our neighborhood. This forest is proof that planting something many years ago showed hope for tomorrow - which is now our present to preserve and protect. In turn, please join in showing hope for tomorrow by choosing kindness and preserving our forest today by leaving leaf litter and snags where they fall and avoiding bringing in your trash.

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

**Bird Walks** - Tuesdays at 8:00 am.

**First Thursday of the Month - Evening Bird Walks**

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 - Saturdays**

March 2, April 6, & May 4 at 9:30 am.

**Gardener's Gateway Maintenance Gardening**

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.*

**Run the Grove 5K Event** - April 13, 2024.

## Timbergrove Manor Civic Club Leadership

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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, March 20th**

### 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, April 17th**

### 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, March 14
- Thursday, March 28
- Thursday, April 11
- Thursday, April 25
- Thursday, May 9

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



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