The Timbergram

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TMCC General Meeting

Tuesday, Sept. 12th at 6:30 P.M.

Sinclair Elementary Join us for pizza and snacks before the meeting.



Find out how you can join the team inside this issue.

TMCC Independence Day Ice Cream Social

Tuesday, July 4th 3:00-5:00 | Jaycee Park



INSIDE THIS

Constable Private Security Patrol Campaign Kickoff

Traci Riley, President

After lots of research and feedback, the Precinct 1 Neighborhood Constable Patrol Program was chosen as the private security option to put forward for our Timbergrove and Lazybrook areas. If you've been around since the SEAL Patrol days, this is a similar format in that the Civic Club is administering the program but it is wholly funded by subscriber enrollment. We need to hit a minimum enrollment of 300 households for the program to move forward.

The Neighborhood Constable Patrol Program (NCP) is a concierge security service that is available to community residents with a uniformed presence dedicated to our neighborhood to directly address suspicious behavior, respond to criminal activity and help deter crime. Constables work in tandem with HPD and citizen patrol groups and have legal jurisdiction to confront, ticket and arrest. The officer will also be available to communicate with residents and get acquainted with their families, friends and pets. The officers schedule and hours will be determined through collaboration with the Security Coordinator(s) and the Constable's office to provide patrol during the most sensitive hours.



Scan with your phone here to pay and enroll online.

A great feature of the Constable program is the ability for subscribers to be provided with a phone number to contact the patrol officer as well as the dispatch phone for 24 hour dispatch service. Even if our officer is not on patrol, we will be a priority dispatch with a 5-7 minute response time. The program also offers a vacation watch for subscribers that is supported by a self-signup option on the Constable website.

We live in a wonderful neighborhood but we still have crime that falls in the realm of what law enforcement professionals would label as petty crime. Cars rifled through, wheels stolen or even your vehicle stolen never feel petty when it has happened to you. On top of the stress and anxiety is the added burden of the process of filing a report and the waiting game. The idea of moving forward with the Constable program was in a collaborative discussion with law enforcement. The staffing shortages will get worse before they get better and the trajectory of development in our surrounding area does not put time on our side. *(continued on page 2)*

Reminder: Join the Civic Club! A kind reminder that membership is open year-round. \$30 for single and \$60 for family. Visit www.timbergrove.org to join.

The Lorraine Cherry Nature Preserve Needs Your Help!

The Wireless Wilderness auditory experience has been vandalized and stolen 3 times to date.

Constable Private Security Patrol Campaign Kickoff

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Construction in any neighborhood brings a periodic increase in traffic around the construction site, which raises the potential for criminal activity in the area. Expanding multi-family communities being built in proximity to the TMCC boundary will cause a permanent increase in cut through traffic as well as the potential for opportunistic crime in ours and surrounding neighborhoods.

This is an opportunity for us to not only have an improved response, but work toward establishing deterrence through a supplementary patrol. The annual household cost of the patrol is \$310. The rate for seniors and those with fixed income constraints is \$210 (please email **president@timbergrove.org** for the senior rate online payment link.)

This price includes a yard sign similar to those in the Heights and Shepherd Park Neighborhoods. The QR code will take you to the link for online payment or you're welcome to use the included form for a check payment. Thank you for your thoughtful consideration and for your support as a great neighbor in our community.

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TIMBERGROVE MANOR CIVIC CLUB ANNUAL "KICK OFF TO SUMMER" PARADE A SUCCESS

On Wednesday June 7th, the Timbergrove tykes and their families paraded through the streets of Section 5 for their 6th annual "Kick Off To Summer" parade. With over 200 participants, the annual parade continues to grow each year as the kids of Timbergrove celebrate the end of school and the start of summer.

Bikes, scooters and walkers were seen strolling the streets with a family style block party at the finish. The parade was led by officers from HPD and Mrs. Louise Jacob, long time Timbergrove resident and original home owner has served as the honorary grand marshall all 6 years.

Congrats on an awesome school year, kiddos! Enjoy your summer break!







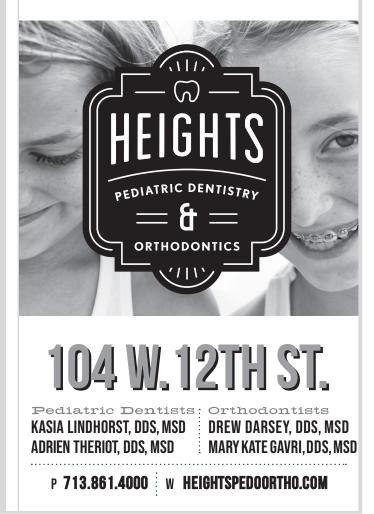
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What should I do if my child "knocks out" their baby tooth?

Front baby teeth, although important for looks, are not necessary for development of the jaw or speech. If your little one avulses (knocks out) a baby tooth you SHOULD NOT try to put it back in. It will only cause harm to the permanent tooth or attach itself to the bone in an unhealthy way. Call your pediatric dentist because the area needs to be checked for any further damage to the bone, roots or other teeth.

What about a permanent tooth?

Now we are talking FULL EMERGENCY IMMEDIATE PHONE CALL MODE!!! You have about 1 hour to reimplant that tooth so call your dentist! Meantime, do not hold the tooth by the root, gently rinse it if it is dirty and store in saliva (best if you can put it back in the empty tooth socket) or milk. If you have a Tooth Saver Solution, it will also work great. Head to your dentist immediately to reimplant the tooth and splint it (stabilize with wires). You will also be asked to see a root canal specialist within a few days and the tooth will be monitored for a future need for root canal.



Block Captains Building Community

On Thursday, May 17, the Block Captains were invited to a Happy Hour hosted by Laura Bradham and Traci Riley. The two and a half hour, fun event was well attended. Food highlights included Wine, Cosmopolitans, Charcuterie Cups, Grilled Bacon-wrapped Jalapeños, and Texas Sheet Cake Cookies.

The Block Captains had some individual chatting time as well as group chatting time. Block Captains were able to share what is working and not working on their blocks to build community. And, then we built community among ourselves by all answering the same question, "If you were to write your own autobiography, what would the title be?" It's so fun to get to know each other and spend meaningful time together. Summer is here and many of us will be traveling.

Be sure to mark your calendars for National Night Out on October 3, 2023, to get together with your block to enjoy time with your neighbors.

We want to thank the Faber family for all their hard work as block captains. Sadly, they are moving but we enjoyed our last hurrah with them!



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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
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QTR 3

QTR 4

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OPEN CIVIC CLUB VOLUNTEER POSITIONS

Help to keep your neighborhood a great place! Dip your toe in or cannon ball into the deep end-there's room for everyone in the Civic Club fun.

NOMINATING COMMITTEE

It's time to start planning for the annual Civic Club elections. We are in need of a nominating committee chair and members of the nominating committee. The time commitment is about two hours over the course of September and October, which can be handled virtually.

The nominating committee helps to gather Board volunteers and committee chairs as needed and create the Slate for the election at our November general meeting. If you're interested in learning more or helping out, please email Traci at **president@timbergrove.org.**

TIMBERGRAM

If you have a background in publishing or marketing or are willing to learn, we need your help to keep the Timbergram in print. The current process is split into two positions: an editor and graphic designer.

For every issue, the editor reaches out to a reliable group of residents to solicit news from across Civic Club committees and local/city organizations: activities, beautification, environmental, membership, security, Sinclair, SNC-14 (Super Neighborhood 14), and more. This volunteer edits all submitted content and then passes it along to the graphic designer volunteer to handle the layout of the print edition. This is the part where we need your help!

We currently have a vendor to handle the newsletter layout, but would love to pass this role along to a member of our community. If we can find a volunteer who is skilled in publishing layout, they would be welcome to manage this part of the process.

SECURITY

Our wonderful Security Chair Larry Scruggs is still in the mix, but would love the support of someone willing to take on the committee chair role. No police experience required—just an interest in keeping your community a safe place to live.



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The Lorraine Cherry Nature Preserve News

We are **flummoxed** and **perplexed** by something that has been happening at The Lorraine Cherry Nature Preserve. We would like to ask for your help in trying to solve our problem.

The **Wireless Wilderness** was created as an auditory experience by the Friends of The Lorraine Cherry Nature Preserve in 2010. You can access this auditory experience while in the forest, or even when you return home. To experience it, dial 713-401-2441. When it asks for a Stop Number, you can enter any number from 1 - 19 to access a stop. If you are on a smart phone, you will get a text with a link. The link will allow you

to access photos while you are listening, or even access the entire experience. The signage needed to be replaced because the name of the Nature Preserve changed and because the signs had aged.

In the spring of 2022, Run the Grove gave the Friends group a donation. The Friends group decided to use the donation to not only replace the signage, but to completely overhaul the entire Wireless Wilderness. Working alongside local educators and naturalists, the educational material was reviewed, updated, and re-created with a focus on creating content accessible to all ages and abilities. Based on feedback from users, the signs were completely remade by a graphic designer so that the Wireless Wilderness was no longer just an auditory experience, but was a visual experience as well. Instead of just having numbers on a sign, the sign for eachstop now has photos, colors, and a name. We even came into the 21st century and created QRcodes on all of the signs, so that when you scan them, you not only get the recording, you alsoaccess more photos of the subject of the stop in various stages of the year.

A large portion of the new signage was installed October 9, 2022, two days before our Ribbon Cutting Ceremony celebrating our name change which took place on October 11. But on the morning of the Ribbon Cutting Ceremony, less than 60 hours later, the signs were gone. Not only that, someone had smashed all of the bases holding the signs to the ground. A police report was filed. The signage was slightly changed and three signs were reinstalled. The second group of signs was stolen within 24 hours. Again a police report was filed. The signage was installed a third time using nonmetal materials. Again, within 24 hours, the signs were stolen and another police report was filed. Houston Parks and Recreation Department representatives believe a neighbor who lives close by and takes daily walks in the Nature Preserve is responsible.

It was simply heartbreaking to have someone destroy these efforts. Hours and hours were spent on this highly educational project to remake it and create the colorful new signage. The Run the Grove donation was used not only on the signage, the new bases, and the hardware, but also in paying a professional voice artist to do all of the new recordings.

This is why we are flummoxed and perplexed. Why would someone be so petty as to want to thwart this educational outreach that we offer to the community not only while they are in the forest, but also while they are at home?



If you have any information about this, please text 832-969-7945. We need your need help figuring this out.

TMCC Remembers Dorothy White

Longtime resident of Section 6, Dorthy White, passed away peacefully on June 7, 2023. Her kindness and gentle demeanor will be missed, including the morning dog walkers to whom she lovingly provided endless treats to their four legged friends. The group is planning on remembering her by donating a tree in her name across the street from her house at the Loraine Cherry Nature Preserve. We will all miss her.



Yard of the Month NOMINATIONS NEEDED

To win Yard of the Month you must be a current dues-paying TMCC member and cannot have won a YOTM award within the past year. Please note that your yard mayhave been selected, but if you are not a current dues-paying member you are not eligible for the YOTM award. Please pay your dues and help us continue to make our neighborhood beautiful! Congratulations to all of our neighbors for surviving the spring rain and all this fast growing grass!

If you have a neighbor whose yard you would like to nominate for YOTM, please send us an email to **beautification@timbergrove.org**



Sinclair Update



The first day of school is August 28. We have plenty

of activities between now and then, including summer socials, our Sinclair 101/Popsicles with the Principal, and Meet the Teacher. We will update our PTO website with dates and details as we have them.

Sinclair Elementary School supply kits for the 23-24 school year are available at Sprout School Supplies through July 11. Each kit will contain the exact supplies requested by grade level, and kits will be shipped directly to Sinclair and delivered to your student's classroom prior to the first day of school. Simply go to **www. sproutsupplies.com** and enter school code **SES003** to order. Please be aware this is not a PTO fundraiser, sales through Sprout are offered as a courtesy and neither the PTO or school receives funds from Sprout. If you prefer to shop on your own, grade level lists are available on the PTO website: **www.sinclairpto.org**

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Pet Corner



It's summer and all of our animal friends and

their humans are wanting to go outside and play! One

thing that Timbergrove Manor is lacking is an off-leash dog park. Houston City Ordinance states that all dogs must be leashed and with their owners at both Jaycee Park and The Lorraine Cherry Nature Preserve.

But, did you know that there are three great Dog Parks within five miles of Timbergrove Manor? The closest dog park to us is T C Jester Dog Park at 4201 W T C Jester. It has two dedicated fenced in dog areas: one for large dogs and one for small dogs with doggie drinking fountains in both areas. Johnny Steele Dog Park at 2925 Allen Park-wayalso offers separate areas for large and small dogs with a pond in each, a dog washing station, and shade structures to keep everyone cool. The Park for Humans and Dogs at 901 Sawyer Street has water features which include misters to cool off in the heat as well as doggie drinking fountains and showers, all while offering a nice view of downtown.

If you'd like to go a little farther, but less than ten miles from Timbergrove Manor, think about visiting Ervan Chew Dog park at 4502 Dunlavy, the first neighborhood park in Houston to allow dogs to go off-leash in a designated dog zone. Holly Anawaty Dog Park, inside Market Square Park at 301 Milam Street, offers large and small dog runs with water features in both, doggie drinking fountains, and benches for humans.

Of course, all of these dog parks require that owners leash their dogs until they are in the designated off-leash areas, have all shots up to date, and prohibit bringing dogs in heat to the parks. Enjoy summer with your four legged friend in the best and safest way possible–at a local dedicated dog park!

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Usually deed restrictions are the talk of the town when it comes to design but we'd like to turn everyone's attention to the younger, but equally important sibling-the building line. Building lines and setbacks are stipulated in our Deed Restrictions and/or shown on the original subdivision plat; and a guide to the placement of the residence on the lot.

Typically all homes purchased with financing are required to have a survey completed especially if they are located within a floodplain. If you don't have the survey in hand, your title company should be able to easily provide you with a digital copy of your survey. The survey is a great tool for viewing the build lines, setbacks, easements and encroachments for your residence. If you are lucky enough to skip the bank as your owner buddy, please thoroughly review the plat or consider investing in a survey for your home. Copies of the section plats and deed restrictions are available online, but they are just that: copies. Care must be taken when using them before considering construction.

Even with changing laws and evolving times, these encumbrances are still the rule and not the exception to construction in all formats. Please save yourself time and money and check in with the Design Review Committee if you have any questions about placement, fencing, mechanical, garages, additions, generator, shed and additions. Every section is different so please use your deed restrictions, plat and survey when collaborating with your landscape & design teams or before making changes to your lot. Our deed restrictions are a guidepost for what makes this established community great and has drawn so many new faces over the recent years.

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MARK YOUR CALENDAR: TMCC Independence Day Ice Cream Social

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Our most exciting event of the summer has arrived! Mark your calendar for the annual Independence Day Ice Cream Social on Monday, July 4th from 3:00 - 5:00 p.m. at Jaycee Park.

Bring your bikes, trikes, scooters, wagons, and strollers–and don't forget to decorate! We'll beat the heat together with some deliciously cool ice cream thanks to the generosity of our event sponsor Jennifer Vickers with the Selling Houston Team at KSP.



Join the Civic Club!



It's never too late to join the Civic Club! Your club dues are greatly needed to support our neighborhood, such as beautification of common green space, events, security, and more. As a paid member, you are able to vote in our annual elections and are invited to attend neighborhood events.

TWO EASY WAYS TO PAY:

- Visit **timbergrove.org** and click 'Pay Your Dues' in the upper right corner or scan the qr code to the right.
- Mail a check made payable to TMCC to P.O. Box 70977, Houston, TX, 77270

Dues are \$30 for a single member and \$60 for a dual household member.



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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 during tree waste collection times, 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, July 19

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 next junk waste collection will be on:

- Wednesday, August 16

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.

Please be courteous and refrain from putting out your tree and junk waste too far ahead of the collection dates.

Recycling - Every other week:

- Thursday, July 6
- Thursday, July 20
- Thursday, August 3
- Thursday, August 17
- Thursday, August 31

Trash & lawn clippings are collected each Thursday.

