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Ice Cream Social ^{Tuesday,} July 4 4:00 PM

Jaycee Park 1300 Seamist Dr.

Ice Cream Sundaes Ice Cold Watermelon Children's Parade Prizes for the Kids Pets Welcome Raffles

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We All Scream for Ice Cream! Independence Day Social and Children's Parade

By Tim Louque, Activities Committee Chair

What better was to beat the heat this Independence Day than ice cream?! Join us as we celebrate the founding of our nation at our Annual Ice Cream Social! It all begins at 4:00 PM at

Jaycee Park. Neighborhood Realtor, Sharon Ettinger of Keller W i l l i a m Metropolitan Realty, is once again sponsoring the Timbergrove Manor event. There is no better way to experience family fun this summer than ice

cream and independence. The best part? It is the children's parade of course! We know that it's a huge deal for children to be in a real parade. So come on kids! Gather up your friends in the neighborhood, decorate your wagons, bicycles, tricycles, strollers, carts and yourself! Show us your spirit of the red white and blue. It is a little known fact that pets also love to show off in the annual parade. They love the attention! There will be prizes for everyone involved!

Baskin Robbins, at 1354 West 43rd Street, will be providing your favorite flavors with the best selection of toppings ever. But have no fear those of you with dairy allergies! You too can beat the heat this year! We'll also have watermelon, cut fresh and served ice cold with lemonade and iced tea.

As you know, an Independence Day



celebration hosted by the Timbergrove Manor Civic Club is not complete without a fire engine. Children of all ages are welcomed to come out and see a fire engine, climb in, turn the steering wheel, meet firemen, take

pictures and learn about firefighting. We'll also have a balloon artist crafting custom creations on site!

You can still pay your 2017 Membership Dues, get information about area parks, make donations to support them and grab a Timbergrove car decal while you're at it!

And for all of you who are

interested in doing some last minute volunteer work for our neighborhood, get in touch at activities@timbergrove.org.

ISSUE

Get a recap on the recent happenings at West 11th Street Park.



Is crime on the rise in TMCC?

Now, more than ever, your financial support for Private Security patrols in Timbergrove is needed. See crime stats inside.





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The oldest home in TMCC territory dates to 1946. According to tax records, that's when the abode just south of W 11th St at 6210 Abington Way was constructed.

Elizabeth McCormick

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_	# Homes Sold	Average Price	Avg. Days On Market
2015			
QRT 3	17	\$480,074	64
QRT 4	16	\$524,089	29
2016			
QRT 1	12	\$518,417	99
QRT 2	18	\$479,581	73
QRT 3	24	\$474,758	71
QRT 4	13	\$458,577	68
2017			
QRT 1	18	\$483,333	50
APRIL&MA	AY 16	\$450,775	51





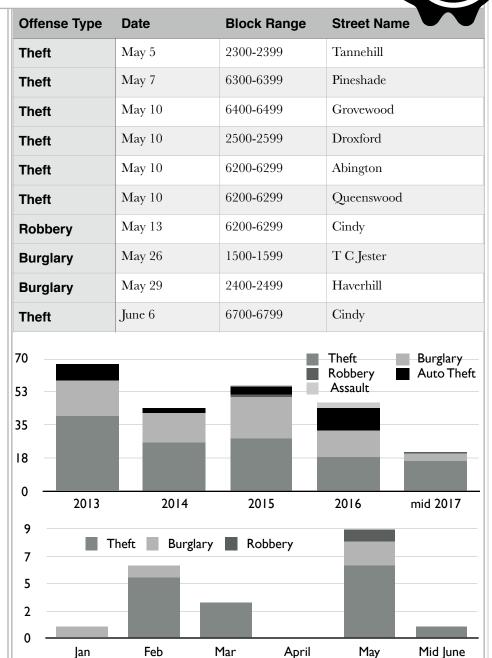
Crime in Timbergrove Manor

by the Neighborhood Security Committee

May was a challenging month for Timbergrove Manor sections 5 - 14. We exceeded the typical number of thefts, had two burglaries, and also had our first robbery since 2015. All were unfortunate incidents, though we are certainly most concerned about the robbery which occurred on May 13. A neighbor was walking his dog when he was held up by two men at gunpoint who demanded his wallet. Though May was a touch month, there were no known crimes reported for April and for het year on average we are inline with 2016.

While adjusting the timing of private security patrols by SEAL Solutions officers has seemingly helped to reduce the late night crimes, we are currently behind our fundraising goals. This means we have had to decrease daytime patrols to allow for those overnight. And, unless we are able to close the gap to raise an additional \$20,000 for 2017, we will likely need to cut back on overall frequency of patrols. Now, more than ever, we need YOUR financial support. If you have not yet made a donation to claim your benefits as a financial supporter of neighborhood security, please do it now. You can give online at timbergrove.org. Donate with your dollars today, not your goods tomorrow.

Please continue to keep a watchful eye out for one another and for suspicious activity and **report concerns to SEAL Solutions at 832-956-1966** and HPD when appropriate.



Disclaimer: Data was sourced from HPD reported crime data. Where data has not yet been made available (typical two month delay), attempts have been made to collect potentially applicable data from other sources. Data may be subject to change once HPD crime data has been published.







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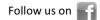


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Super Neighborhood Council-14 News

by Darlene Wayt, TMCC SN 14 Liaison

Texas State Legislature HB 62

Texting and speeding on Ella Blvd. in front of Sinclair has long been a concern of the SNC-14. Governor Abbott's signing of HB 62 on June 6 was welcome news. Texas has finally made texting while driving illegal statewide, joining 46 other states that have banned this most dangerous form of distracted driving. The new law goes into effect September 1. Those interested to learn more may visit http:// www.legis.state.tx.us/billlookup/ text.aspx?LegSess=85R&Bill=HB62 for the exact wording of the new law, which takes into consideration hands-free devices and voice-operated technology. Read the law to see the new changes for vourselves.

A Change on the Executive Council

Greg Gilbert, our neighbor in Holly Park, was nominated and unanimously elected to be the President of SNC-14 at the June meeting. Greg is the point person for the City Traffic Study of Holly Park and Timbergrove, the ultimate goal of which is to eliminate speeding and increase safety for all of us. **Thank you, Greg, for stepping up to head the SNC-14.**

Chris Ochterbeck, former SNC-14 President, was the TMCC's webmaster for a number of years, creating a state-ofthe-art TMCC website. Chris was instrumental in bringing a private





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security program to Timbergrove. While SNC-14 President, Chris worked with Greg to get the Holly Park/Timbergrove Traffic Study started. Chris successfully got the City to install limited parking signs around Jaycee Park, optimizing access to the park for park users rather than employee shift parking for a private company. These are just a few of Chris's accomplishments. Chris has moved to a neighborhood outside the SNC-14 boundary. Good luck to Chris and his wife, Paige, and **thank you**, Chris, for all you have done for our neighborhoods!

The June Meeting

At the June meeting, HPD Officer Rene Ledesma reviewed SNC-14 area crime stats. All categories were down except for Burglaries from Motor Vehicles (BMVs). The Heights Storefront officers are currently located at 802 Westheimer. A storefront location in the Heights area is still not settled. Contact O f fi c e r L e d e s m a a t Rene.Ledesma@HoustonPolice.org or 832-658-3829. Ongoing issues include odors still coming from the Bryce Chemical Feed Station. Please



Chemical Feed Station. Please use 311 to report odors. Besides the Holly Park/ Timbergrove Traffic Study, an 11th Street Traffic Study has been requested of COH Public Works and traffic issues on Ella in front of Sinclair are of ongoing concern.

All Meetings and the Future of SNC-14

All SNC-14 meetings are open to the public. In addition to HPD officers, a COH Department of Neighborhoods (DON) representative attends the meetings, offering a good opportunity to voice concerns and ask questions directly of HPD and the City. Visit www.snc-14.org for info. The next SNC-14 meeting is Wednesday, August 9, from 6:15 – 7:45 p.m. in the Meeting Room at Heights Library, 1302 Heights Blvd. Frequency of meetings will be among the agenda topics.

Yard of the Month

To win Yard of the Month you must be a current dues-paying TMCC members and cannot have won a YOTM award within the past year. **Congratulations** to the following neighbors for their attractive, well-groomed yards!

May

6711 Cindy – Darren Barlow 6222 Linton – Emily Elliott 6326 Wister – Kendall & Jordan Smashey 2530 Willowby –Conrad Feritta & Gary Barnes

June

6615 Kury – Holly & Erich Rosenow 6146 Queenswood – Lonny & Andrew Hoffman 6315 Lindyann – Karen Howard 2218 Tannehill – Dennis Wessels & Roy Hankins

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Q. I just took my home off the market because it didn't sell. What can I do now to try to sell it again?

A. The biggest things to consider are the home's price and its condition.

You may have set the price too high, keeping buyers and real estate agents away. If you lowered your price in increments, it may have been too late since it was already viewed as an "overpriced" home. Also, look at your home's condition from a buyer's perspective. Is there more you can do to make it stand out from other homes for sale?

It may be time to hire not just a REALTOR®, but a Home Marketing Expert. This is an agent who understands your needs and can use their expertise to re-evaluate the price plus share easy ways to make your home appear more attractive to buyers.

To learn more about how to sell your home quickly using proven marketing strategies call me I am always happy to assist a neighbor.

Quarterly Maintenance Checklist For Your Home

Keeping your home in tip-top shape requires regular maintenance. Keep this list handy for tasks that should be done every three months. Next month I will feature some seasonal tips. (Save these lists!)

Test smoke and carbon dioxide detectors. If the alarm doesn't sound, change the batteries.

Let water run in unused sinks and flush unused toilets. This helps flush out built-up grime.

Clean out gutters. Removing leaves and other blockages keeps build-up from molding and allows water run-off to flow properly.

Check water softener. Add salt if necessary.

Trim trees and bushes. Keep hanging branches clear from house walls, the roof, and the air conditioner.

Do you have a real estate question you want answered? Feel free to call me at 713-822-8555.

Thank You! Thank You! Thank You!

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Solid Waste Collection Schedule

Tree Waste:

Wednesday, July 19 Wednesday, September 20

Junk Waste/Heavy Trash:

Wednesday, August 16 Wednesday, October 18

Recycling - every other week:

Thursday, July 13 Thursday, July 27 Thursday, August 10 Thursday, August 24

Please Note: Trash and lawn waste are collected each week on Thursdays.

Update on West 11th Street Park

by Jennifer Vickers, Friends of West 11th Street Park

Visitors of all ages come to West 11th Street Park for a hands-on look at indigenous flora and fauna. But in May, a very special group of visitors from one of our local Daisy Scout Troops joined WESP board member and

Master Gardener Wally Ward in the Park.

Ward led the troop and their parents on an adventurous a n d educational j o u r n e y through the park. About a d o z e n t r o o p members



helped Ward plant a

new bed of Indian Blanket in the park. They also toured the trails in the more than 20-acre habitat learning about some of the fascinating creatures that call the park home, such as the Hercules Club Tree and unique species of migratory birds and the new summer fauna.

According to Ward, the troop absolutely fell in love with the park, and practically had to be dragged off at the end of the day! Nancy Zey, Troop Leader and Timbergrove resident said she had never been to the park before, but would definitely be back.

Not only did the Troop work hard to help with the new wildflower additions in the park, but generously donated a box of dog-waste bags — a much needed resource Friends of West 11th Street Park provide to visitors.

Make your plans to visit West 11th Street Park this summer. You can see the flowers planted by the Daisy Troop just coming into bloom and enjoy a custom tour via the Park's award-winning, self-guided Wireless Wilderness cell phone tour. (Just look for the signs.) We'll see you in the park!





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