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Independence Day Ice Cream Social

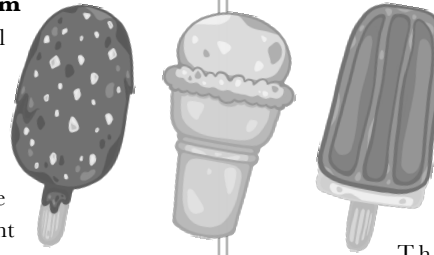
Sunday, July 4
3:00 - 5:00 p.m.
Jaycee Park
1300 Seamist Drive

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*Jennifer Vickers, Vickers
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TMCC
General Meeting
Tuesday, Sept. 14
6:30 p.m.
*Zoom meeting
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Annual Independence Day Ice Cream Social

The Civic Club is thrilled for the return of our favorite summer activity — the annual Independence Day Ice Cream Social! Mark your calendar for **Sunday, July 4th from 3:00 - 5:00 p.m.** We'll beat the heat together and gather in **Jaycee Park** for some deliciously cool ice cream, thanks to the generosity of our event sponsor **Jennifer Vickers**, current TMCC Board Director and local Realtor® with **Vickers Properties Group at KSP.**



Kids and pets can join in on a patriotic parade through the park. Bring

your bikes, trikes, scooters, wagons and strollers, and don't forget to decorate! Residents of all ages - and their adorable furry friends - should don their most festive red, white and blue. Let's see your best patriotic looks! Count on a sidewalk chalk contest to really bring things to life.

Those interested in volunteering to help with the event should email volunteer@timbergrove.org. There are opportunities to assist before, during and after the event. We'd love your help!

See you on the 4th!

HAPPY INDEPENDENCE DAY!



*From your Timbergrove Manor Civic Club family, we hope you enjoy a safe and happy holiday!
Thank-you to Beautification Chair Paula Dixon for the patriotic decorations and beautiful landscaping at our neighborhood monuments.*

INSIDE THIS ISSUE

Remembering Lisa Mills

The neighborhood pays tribute to a beloved Heights Mobile Car Care employee.

Bird Walks at W. 11th Street Park

Join the Friends of WESP for an educational outdoor stroll and learn about the flying friends in our area.

Neighborhood News

Requests for Area Traffic Studies

Submitted by Peter Davies, Secretary

Two requests are being prepared by the TMCC Board to be sent to the City of Houston Traffic Department to request traffic calming studies.

The first target area is around Sinclair Elementary School, because of concerns for the amount and speed of the traffic, especially along Ella Boulevard at Grovewood. As the result of changing demographics, there has been an increase in children in the neighborhood, resulting in more pedestrian and bicycle traffic, as parents escort them to school.

The second area is Shirkmere, south of West 11th Street, in Section 5 where drivers cut through the neighborhood to access Hurst Street. This section of roadway is posted as “No Thru Trucks.”

There is a combination of commercial truck, church and construction traffic. Some of the persistent truck traffic includes tankers from SouthWaste, which hauls liquid sewage and spent cooking grease for treatment and disposal into the City of Houston’s sanitary sewer system.

The possible outcomes of the studies would be for the City to employ traffic calming measures to reduce the overall speed and volume of traffic in the areas. Some residents in Section 5 have advocated for the closure of Hurst Street at Shirkmere. We will keep the TMCC Members updated on all efforts.



Honoring Lisa Mills of Heights Mobil Car Care

Submitted by Courtnie Hays, Director

On Tuesday, June 1, Timbergrove neighbors and family members of Lisa Mills gathered to honor the late Heights Mobil Car Care employee who passed

Dear Friends,

For the past 14+ years I have been working on behalf of many of you, your family, your neighbors and some of you more than once.

As we all continue to heal and adjust to our new normal, I feel it is important that you know that if you require my services I will be there.

I have a great team of Realtors at Abundant Living Real Estate – Pamela Efferson Properties and we are still selling real estate in Houston and the surrounding areas.

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**Sincerely,
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away in the fall of 2020 due to complications from lupus. Lisa was well known by the neighborhood and will be deeply missed by her friends and colleagues. Neighborhood residents donated \$360, which was matched by the Sinclair PTO, leading to the donation of a buddy bench and little library in Lisa's honor at Sinclair elementary.

Section 5 Is Ready for Summer!

Submitted by Courtnie Hays, Director

(Pictured top left) Jan Durham, one of Timbergrove Manor's original residents, celebrates Memorial Day kids in the neighborhood. Look at those shades!

(Pictured top and bottom right) Nearly 200 adults and kids gathered for a block party and parade through the streets of Section 5. Everyone enjoyed a warm summer night on June 11 to celebrate the end of the school year.



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Security Update

Submitted by Larry Scruggs, Security Chair

Security Tips at Home: What TMCC Home Owners Can Do to Secure Our Neighborhood

The Timbergrove Manor Civic Club Security Team is working for you to provide more tips on how to reduce your chances of being a victim.

In the Month of May, there were no reported crimes. Then on June 1st we were hit with a theft. There was an incident in our community where a thief driving a U-Haul truck broke into a detached garage. The thieves got away with a couple bikes and a drill. The neighbor wasn't moving, so there shouldn't have been a truck at that house.

Also, the detached garage was not on the security alarm.

This month we will focus on security at home. Things each neighbor can do to help deter crime in our neighborhood.

1. Turn on your exterior lights— front porch, back patio, and sides of the house.

Keep your porch light on at night. Lights are a great deterrent to thieves. They look for the dark spaces and hide in the shadows. Turning on your lights helps to keep them away. Lights on timers and motion sensors help ensure the lights come on when needed.

2. Get to know your neighbors— front, back and side.

Neighbors watching out for neighbors is another good deterrent to thieves. Let your neighbors know when

you are leaving town and they can help watch out for strangers while you are away. They can pick up your mail and papers, park in your drive way and many other ways to help it look like you are home.

If it looks suspicious, check with your neighbor, then report it. Knowing your neighbors can help. A watchful neighborhood is harder to steal from and it is one of the best deterrents available to us. If you see something, say something. Good neighbors can make all the difference.

3. Home alarms and cameras

Lock your doors and windows when you aren't using them. Thieves avoid houses with alarms and cameras. Cameras catch them in the act and help the authorities with convictions. Don't forget to add any unattached

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buildings to your alarm system. There are many companies today offering alarms with free cameras.

4. Park your cars in the garage and driveway whenever possible.

Thieves are looking for easy things. Cars in the street are easier than those near the house. Truck catalytic converters are easy to cut off with a saw, but it's loud. It's too loud to saw near the house as it could wake up the owners.

5. Car Alarms

Car alarms help deter the theft of the car. Alarms with vibration and tilt sensors also deter cars being jacked up (to steal the rims) and things being cut off.

6. Support the Timbergrove Citizens Patrol Team

The team is driving around at different times of the day and sometimes at night helping to keep the neighborhood safe. You can support them by waving as they drive by and reporting things you think are suspicious. If something looks suspicious, report it by calling the Houston Police Department Non-Emergency number (713) 884-3131. If you have questions or concerns, send an email to the TMCC Security Committee at security@timbergrove.org.

If something does happen to you:

Call 9-1-1 - if you are catching them in the act.

Call Non-Emergency HPD number - 713-884-3131 - if waking up or coming home to a previously occurring home burglary or finding a burglary/theft of a motor vehicle incident.

Call the Houston 311 support line and they will even transfer you to the non-emergency number.

Houston Park Rangers are available 24x7 by calling 832-395-7100.

Online - As an alternative to the non-emergency number, use the online crime report for a theft or property damage if the crime has previously occurred and is under \$5,000. https://www.houstontx.gov/police/online_report.htm.

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bit.ly/TMCCemail

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What is a good toothbrush for my kids?

Any toothbrush that has soft bristles is good for your kids. Brand, color, and shape do not make any difference except in willingness of kids to brush. So use one they choose! Spin brushes that you can buy at a grocery store are fine and fun for kids, but they are not any better than manual toothbrushes. Ultrasonic toothbrushes are better, but they are a greater financial investment.

What about Sonicare Toothbrush?

Sonicare designed a toothbrush called Sonicare For Kids. It has kid-friendly features such as a larger, easier to hold handle. It comes with 2 sizes of heads (one for ages 4-6 and the other one for ages 7-9). It also has two power modes that make brushing more pleasant for the kids. Sonicare For Kids is a great "transfer toothbrush" that helps parents teach their children to brush independently. It's the only toothbrush that has clinically proven results on improved oral hygiene. We easily see changes in our patients who move on from manual to this particular toothbrush! Call us to schedule an appointment today!



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Join a West 11th Street Park Bird Walk

Submitted by Laura Bradham, Friends of West 11th Street Park

Bird Walks in the Forest have started at West 11th Street Park! You are invited to join us every Tuesday morning at 8 a.m. and the first Thursday of the month at 5:30 p.m. (weather permitting) to explore our park and learn about the birds among us. Every first Thursday of the month, our Beak of the Month will be revealed. The Beaks of the Month to date have been:

- May: White Winged Dove
- June: Blue Jay
- July: Purple Martin

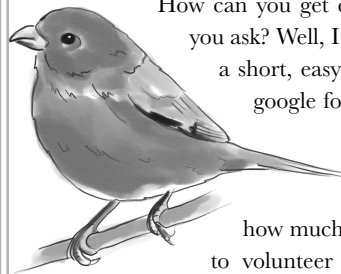
Each month, check out the Observation Board on the East side of the park to see what's been seen lately and learn about the Beak of the Month. I am truly enjoying meeting my neighbors weekly in our wonderful forest.

Volunteer at the Park

The Board of the Friends of West 11th Street Park is seeking to build a volunteer base. I've met many of you in the park that are passionate about it for one reason or another. Have you ever thought about volunteering some of your time for your passion?

There are several ways you can volunteer—a one time, one day commitment, a semi-occasional commitment, or even a monthly or weekly commitment. Some of you have been watching the park for years and you

know where past bird nests have been as well as present ones. Some of you have seen box turtles, or know what each and every tree or plant is called. Some of you love the butterflies and bugs of the forest, and some of you admire the wildflower gardens. I've even met a couple of you who are still regularly seeing the bunnies at the park. Whatever your passion or time availability, there is a volunteer opportunity for you!



How can you get connected, you ask? Well, I've created a short, easy to fill out google form so that you can let me know how much you'd like to volunteer and what your areas of interest are. Access the form by visiting this web address: <http://bit.ly/wespsvolunteer>.

When I get your form, I can connect you to the person that heads up your area of interest for the park. That person will contact you and you will be connected! It's easy!

I've also placed a copy of the questions for the google form here that you can fill in, take a photo, and email it to me at laurabradham@gmail.com. That's also easy!

We are excited to start building a volunteer base and are looking forward to getting to know you! Thank you and I hope to see you at the next Bird Walk in the Forest.

West 11th Street Park Volunteer Questionnaire

What is your name?

What is your e-mail address?

What is your phone number for texts?

How often would you like to volunteer?

- Just a one time, one day gig for me
 I would commit to helping once a quarter
 I'm interested in a monthly or weekly opportunity

I have a particular area of expertise and I'd like to volunteer to share my knowledge. My area of expertise is:

What are you most interested in at W. 11th Street Park?

- General park maintenance
 Leading "tours" for kids
 Leading "tours" for adults
 Working in the Wildflower/Butterfly Gardens
 I'm a natural fundraiser and would love to put my skills to use
 Other:

What sort of activities would you like to see at W. 11th Street Park?

- Weekly or Monthly Outdoor Yoga
 Weekly or Monthly Mindfulness Meditations
 Weekly or Monthly Forest Bathing
 Yearly Run (Walk or Stroll) the Grove 5K
 Bird Walk Birthday Parties for Kids or Adults

Would you be interested in leading any of these?

- Weekly or Monthly Outdoor Yoga
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Is there something else that you would like to see at W 11th Street Park?



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National Night Out

Save the Date for National Night Out on **Tuesday, October 5!** National Night Out is a country-wide event designed to encourage community and security among neighbors. Getting to know your neighbors helps deter crime—if we all look out for each other, we can keep our community safe! Your Block Captain will be sharing more information as the event approaches. Email blockcaptains@timbergrove.org if you are interested in helping out!

The Timbergram Seeks Volunteers!

Volunteers are the heartbeat of our neighborhood, and much like our Board, Committees, and other programming, *The Timbergram* is run by a group of volunteer residents who coordinate its publication.

Alison Reynolds manages the print edition of the newsletter, collecting content from neighborhood constituents, designing the layout, and liaising with our printer to ensure hard-copy issues are finished on time.

Jennifer Vickers oversees the newsletter advertising, which includes soliciting new advertisers for the newsletter, confirming advertising commitments for each edition, organizing artwork submissions, and invoicing.

Michelle Kern orchestrates the delivery of the print edition to all 1,275 homes in the neighborhood, folding, bagging and coordinating delivery volunteers. And of course, our many **delivery volunteers** sign up every other month to walk and hand-deliver the newsletter, block by block, where it finally makes it to your doorstep!

The Timbergram Committee is in search of a new volunteer(s) to take over management of newsletter advertising. The role typically requires 3-4 hours of work for each edition, which is published six times per year: January, March, May, July, September and November. If you excel at deadlines, details, and e-mail communication, and would like to learn more about getting involved, email timbergram@timbergrove.org!

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QTR 2	24	\$533,553	67
QTR 3	18	\$495,543	44
QTR 4	13	\$564,462	43
2020			
QTR 1	9	\$658,397	63
QTR 2	11	\$533,045	42
QTR 3	20	\$632,000	32
QTR 4	14	\$557,857	28
2021			
QTR 1	14	\$501,453	101
April-May	22	\$621,395	41

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Block Captains Building Community

Submitted by Laura Bradham, Block Captains Chair

Timbergrove Manor has a Block Captain system in place where every block has a Block Captain. The main job of the Block Captain is to connect everyone on his/her block to the neighborhood at large by keeping everyone up to date and informed.

The Block Captains have had a three month orientation this year getting settled into their Block Captain role. At this point, all of them are collecting contact information so that they can keep their neighbors on their blocks informed of the happenings in Timbergrove! If you haven't been getting emails from your Block Captain, please email me at blockcaptains@timbergrove.org with your name and address and I can connect you to your Block Captain!

Fun things are happening in our near future in Timbergrove including our **July 4th Ice Cream Social Event** as well as the upcoming **National Night Out on Tuesday, October 5**, which is a great excuse to get outside and chat with your neighbors! For both of these events, your Block Captain will keep you informed with the information you need to participate.

Right now, I need a new Block Captain for **6302-6435 Pineshade**. If you are interested in being the Block Captain for your block, please contact me and I'll get you started!

Our Block Captains are wonderful individuals that are working to build community on their blocks. I appreciate each and every one of them working behind the scenes to make our neighborhood a happier, friendlier place to live.

Join the Civic Club Today! _____

It's not too late to join the Civic Club for 2021. Membership is open throughout the year, and your club dues are greatly needed to support our neighborhood, such as beautification of common green space, social events, security and more. As a paid member, you are able to vote in our annual elections and invited to attend neighborhood social events. Two easy ways to pay:



- Visit timbergrove.org and click 'Pay Your Dues' in the upper right corner.
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Solid Waste Collection 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. Below are the remaining tree waste collection dates for the year:

- Wednesday, July 21
- Wednesday, September 15
- Wednesday, November 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. Below are the remaining junk waste collection dates for the year:

- Wednesday, August 18
- Wednesday, October 20
- Wednesday, December 15

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 8
- Thursday, July 22
- Thursday, August 5
- Thursday, August 19
- Thursday, September 2

Trash & lawn clippings are collected each Thursday.