



# The Timbergram

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## TMCC General Meeting

*Tuesday,  
January 11*

**6:30 PM**

Zoom meeting link  
accessible at  
[timbergrove.org/  
calendar](http://timbergrove.org/calendar)

### *Guest Speaker*

Leigh Kilgore  
President, SNC-14

Leigh will share updates and  
an outlook for the year from  
Super-Neighborhood 14

### *Door Prizes!*

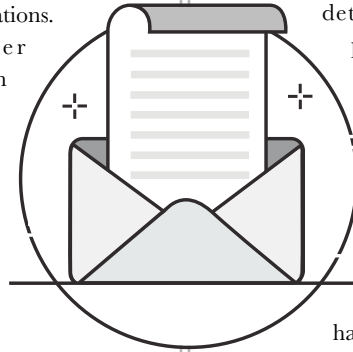
## Will This Be Your Last Timbergram?

Submitted by *Timbergram* Committee

Dear Readers,

Happy New Year! We hope that 2022 is off to a wonderful start for everyone.

We'll get right to it: the *Timbergram* committee is in need of help in order to continue its operations. Our current volunteer resources will be moving on to new roles within the Civic Club in 2022, and **unless we find new volunteers to take over, this January issue will be the last one we produce in print format.**



Please reach out to [timbergram@timbergrove.org](mailto:timbergram@timbergrove.org) if you'd like to learn more. The next regularly scheduled print issue is typically distributed in March, and we're looking to onboard new volunteers in early February. We hope to see that happen!

We know the printed newsletter is a beloved part of our neighborhood communications—and is essential to our residents who are not online. We don't want to see it go away, but it doesn't happen without a labor of love by a group of dedicated volunteers.

For more than a decade, the *Timbergram* has been the Civic Club's primary source of communicating with the neighborhood about all things: upcoming

social events and general meetings for the membership; security news and statistics; updates from Sinclair Elementary; developments at our nearby parks; environmental and area development news—and so much more!

Below we have broken down the details of what goes into producing the *Timbergram* hopes that some will be encouraged to get involved in a small way. You could be part of a committee of individuals that can make the whole production happen!

### **Advertising**

The newsletter benefits from a dedicated, core group of regular advertisers, and occasionally a handful of "seasonal" advertisers. All are local businesses to the Timbergrove Manor neighborhood. For each issue, a volunteer(s) conducts email outreach to all advertisers to confirm their participation in the issue, follows up for their artwork by the deadline, organizes received artwork for layout, and manages invoicing to ensure timely payments are made. For each issue, advertising management takes about 3-4 hours of time total.

### **Editorial**

For each issue, a volunteer(s) conducts email outreach to a core group of contacts

### INSIDE THIS ISSUE

#### **It's Time to Pay Your Dues!**

Join the Civic Club in 2022! Complete the enclosed membership sign-up form, or conveniently pay your dues online.

#### **'Run the Grove' Returns**

Commit to that New Year's resolution and gear up for a neighborhood 5K to come in 2022

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. The volunteer(s) follows up to receive submissions by the deadline. Each issue may vary in the number of editorial submissions. The volunteer(s) will organize and send all submitted content to our printer to be put into layout. For each issue, editorial management takes about 3-4 hours of time total.

### Layout

Until now, the Editorial manager has also been responsible for the layout design of the newsletter. This requires a bit of a specialized skill, and knowledge of and access to publishing software. Realizing this may limit our volunteer search, the Committee has secured a vendor to handle the newsletter layout going forward. The cost will be covered by a combination of Civic Club funds and advertising revenue. If we find a volunteer(s) who is skilled in publishing

layout, they would be welcome to manage this part of the process.

### Distribution & Delivery

Once the issue is printed, boxes of flat newsletters are delivered to a volunteer to be prepared for distribution to the neighborhood. Each copy is folded in half, and issues are organized into groups by block. The volunteer maintains a signup system and a distribution list of dozens of delivery volunteers. If not all blocks are claimed, the volunteer liaises with Block Captains to try to arrange for a volunteer to deliver the remaining blocks. Our delivery volunteers then hand-deliver issues to the front doors of every home in Timbergrove Manor Sections 5-14.

For each issue, Distribution takes about 3-4 hours of time, and Delivery takes about 30 minutes per block delivered. If you have previously signed up to deliver *Timbergroves*, you will remain on the email list for future opportunities! This opportunity is also great for kids who need service hours.

## LOG ON

Please join us for the January TMCC General Meeting!



We will resume meeting virtually until further notice.

If we cannot return to our regular meeting space, Sinclair Elementary Cafeteria, in a timely manner, the Civic Club will secure a new location for in-person gathering.

To join the meeting, visit **[timbergrove.org/calendar](http://timbergrove.org/calendar)** and click on the event link.

**Tuesday, January 11  
6:30 p.m.**



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# Kiosk Updates at LCNP

In October, Friends of W 11th Street Park (soon to be called Friends of Lorraine Cherry Nature Preserve) sponsored a renovation of the Kiosk at the entrance to the park located on Shelterwood. The roof was replaced, as was the plexiglass door which protects all of the signage on the east side of the kiosk from water damage. All of the weather beaten, sad signage inside the kiosk plexiglass was replaced as well. If you are interested in butterflies, the Butterfly Identification fold out for SE Texas is completely new! There are new announcements, and even a rudimentary map so that those who are new to the park can take a picture of the trails before entering. There is a clearly labeled, functioning Lost and Found attached to the side of the Kiosk. Lost items are being found, and we've even received a Thank You Letter from someone so happy to get their item back! Please check to see if the item you are missing is

there, and please leave any lost items there if you find any in the park. These photos help us show you the love we've given the Kiosk. Be sure to check out the back of the kiosk to see which birds have been sighted recently! No plexiglass is needed on that side because it's fully protected from weather with the roof and the forest behind. If you see something awesome while in the park, be sure to use the attached dry erase marker to let us all know What YOU Saw in the Park! If you'd like to make a donation to help efforts such as the Kiosk Renovation, or become a Park Supporter, visit [west11thstreetpark.org](http://west11thstreetpark.org).



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# Neighborhood News

## Joy to the World!

Section 6 neighbor Janis Gorton proudly shared the handiwork of her boyfriend who hand-carved the wooden letters of this sign that hung on her property, across from Sinclair Elementary. Thank you for the season's greetings, Janis!



## Holiday Lights Winners



Wow! Everyone brought their A-game this year, but, only a select few could win the coveted honor of "best lights." Congratulations to these residents who outdid their outdoor displays! Until next year, we hope everyone enjoyed a magical and festive holiday season.

### Best Original Block Theme/Decorations

First Place: 6500 Lindyann  
Runner Up: 6500 Cindy

### Best Religious Theme

First Place: 6303 Kury Ln  
Runner Up: 6419 Grovewood

### Best Inflatables Display

First Place: 6747 Lindyann  
Runner Up: 6762 Cindy

### Best Overall Use of Lights

First Place: 6209 Hurst  
Runner Up: 1618 Droxford

### Exceptional Achievement

First Place: 6203 Hurst  
Runner Up: 6418 Waltway

## Run the Grove Returns!

Our neighbors to the east in TMNA are excited to announce the return of the Timbergrove Manor "Run the Grove" 5K run on April 23, 2022! The 5K was last run (pun intended) in 2018 and



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Congratulations to Jennifer Vickers of Vickers Properties Group at KSP, a Timbergrove Manor Realtor and neighbor, on her recent designation as the 2021 HAR Realtor of the Year. Jennifer volunteers with several area organizations including as HAR Technology Advisory Group chair, a TMCC Director and webmaster, and as Treasurer of West 11th Street Park/Lorraine Cherry Nature Preserve, but her commitment and service to her clients is what makes her truly deserving of this accreditation.

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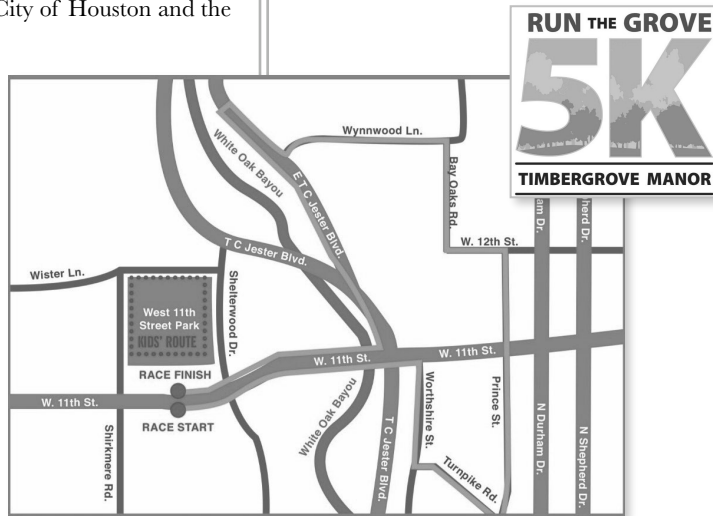
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brought Houston residents, runners, and businesses together in our community. Funds that are raised will be used to beautify our neighborhood including a donation for the maintenance of the Lorraine Cherry Nature Preserve (formerly known as W. 11th Street Park). It will also provide an opportunity to bring our community together after the challenges of the last two years.

The date of the run has been secured with the City of Houston and the race course map is shown below.

However, we are still in the process of securing sponsors and are always in need of volunteers to assist with the event. Please contact Scott

Douglas (scottdouglas86@gmail.com) if you have questions, would like to be a sponsor/know someone who would, or are willing to help out in any way. Registration for this event will begin early next year on the TMNA website (www.tmnaonline.org) - note that the website is undergoing maintenance and will be available in January. We greatly appreciate your support in making the return of "Run the Grove" a success!



# Volunteer with TMCC

Looking to get involved with the Civic Club in 2022? We have opportunities in two specific areas:

## Beautification

Help ensure our green spaces are well-maintained. Work with a contracted landscape company to look after the esplanades within our neighborhood.

## Environmental Affairs

Liaise with the community, the City of Houston and other entities to champion for environmental issues in the neighborhood.

## Learn More:

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Bring in the new year with a spring cleaning! As we get ready to usher in a new season, it is important to clean those areas often ignored in your home.

**1. Behind the toilet** – You probably clean the inside of your toilet bowl quite often. But how many times do you actually clean behind it? The back of the toilet is a place dust, hair, and other debris can build up quite frequently.

**2. Cabinet tops** – These can build up with dust and grime. A step stool or a ladder may be needed to reach the far back and corners.

**3. Ceiling fan** – With spring on the way you may be turning on your ceiling fans. Now is the time to clean those fan blades.

**4. Dishwasher filter** – Use an old toothbrush to get down in the nooks and crannies of the dishwasher filter and scrub away and buildup that may have built up.

**5. Mattress top** – Sprinkle a little bit of baking soda on your mattress and then use the upholstery attachment on your vacuum to suck up any dirt, dust or debris that may have built up.

**6. Refrigerator** – The top of the fridge can become a collection area for dust, grease and debris. Break out the rubber gloves and use a mild detergent to remove build-up. This is also a good time to clean out your refrigerator of old/expired food and wipe down the entire inside of it.

**7. Walls and baseboards** – After the long winter, your baseboards and walls will need a good cleaning. Using a sponge and dish washing soap, gently wash in sections. Then dry woodwork with a clean cloth.

Do you have a real estate question you want answered? Feel free to call or text me at 713-822-8555. Perhaps I'll feature your question in the next issue!

# It's Time to Join the Club!

## Why Do We Pay Dues?

As 2021 came to a close, membership in the Timbergrove Manor Civic Club was at 466 members, which represents only 38% of the neighborhood. Before Covid, we often saw membership rates upwards of 50-60%. Let's make 2022 the year we return to those numbers!

To help with that effort, the Membership Committee is looking for volunteers to help organize a member recruitment event or two. You may remember the highly successful "Project Dogway" event from early 2020, or the Membership Contest from 2019. We are hoping to put together something similar this year. If you're interested in helping out, there is room for you! Just email [membership@timbergrove.org](mailto:membership@timbergrove.org).

The TMCC is a non-profit organization, run 100% by volunteer residents, that is charged with caring for our amazing neighborhood, and it's all made possible by the support of our gracious members.

Membership dues are \$30 per voting person for a calendar year, or \$60 for two voting members per household. This is significantly less than most HOAs in Houston and allows us to sustain Timbergrove Manor as one of the most desirable neighborhoods in the city. So, what does the Civic Club do exactly? Here are some select efforts:

### Beautification

The Beautification Committee regularly works to maintain the common grounds of Timbergrove Manor. This involves liaising with landscapers who maintain the esplanades along the borders of our neighborhood, as well as maintaining the marquee monuments by replacing

broken letters and decorating at holidays.

### Community Events

Each year the TMCC typically hosts an Easter Egg Hunt, Fourth of July Ice Cream Social, National Night Out, SnowFest Holiday Social and a Volunteer Appreciation Event, which are designed to build community among our neighbors. While most of the organizing and staffing is done by volunteer neighbors, we have terrific sponsors that help to offset the cost of refreshments and entertainment.

### Environmental Affairs & Civic Engagement

Our Environmental Affairs Committee is very active in the maintenance and development of our neighborhood parks and spearheads involvement with sensitive projects like Bryce Chemical Feed Station. They also actively work with Super Neighborhood Council 14 and other city and county entities to ensure our neighborhood is maintained and improved.

### Deed Restrictions & Design Review

We have a thoughtful and diligent Deed Restrictions Committee focused on ensuring that deed restrictions are understood and observed. This Committee works hand in hand with our Design Review Committee as it guides residents through remodeling or building new homes in the neighborhood.

### Neighborhood Security

Neighborhood security is of paramount importance. The TMCC Security Committee regularly liaises with HPD to track reported incidents in the neighborhood. In 2020, the Citizen Patrol program was reinstated, in which volunteer residents patrol the neighborhood in

their vehicle to report and deter crime. Numerous additional ideas to improve neighborhood security have been researched and will continue to be developed in the future.

### Support TMCC Today!

To become a member, you can pay dues online at [timbergrove.org](http://timbergrove.org) or mail a check using the enclosed form.

## Meet the Membership Chair!

Submitted by Tanya Chaney

Hello neighbors! I've actually been serving as the Membership Chair for the past year, but haven't had a chance to introduce myself! I have lived in Timbergrove with my two kids since 2016, first in a rental home on Nashua, before purchasing our home on Queenswood in 2017. Like probably all of you, we love the friendly community, the beautiful trees and natural spaces, and the convenient location. I have a Bachelor's degree in Mechanical Engineering from the University of Texas, along with a law degree from the University of Houston. I spent almost 20 years as a trial lawyer, before leaving law firm life to become a mediator. It turns out that I would rather help people get along than help them fight! This career shift has also allowed me to spend more time with my kids. My daughter started high school this year, and my son started middle school, so I know I don't have much time before they're all grown up. You might see me around the neighborhood walking our big Doberman, or in our front yard helping my son practice whatever sport has caught his attention that week. (Past interests have included football, soccer, basketball, baseball, lacrosse, and even cricket, so who knows what might be next?!) Feel free to say hi—we love meeting our neighbors!"

# Annual Volunteer Appreciation

Submitted by Cynthia Schwendeman, Director

After a hiatus in 2020, we celebrated our annual Volunteer Appreciation with a luncheon at Tony's on Ella on November 14<sup>th</sup>. The event was generously sponsored by **Height Mobil at 18<sup>th</sup> & Ella**. For the first year, all volunteer families were included in the festivities. We especially enjoyed the festive balloon decorations by **Balloon Bar HTX**, which some took home with them after lunch!



We kicked off the lunch with a "Find a Neighbor Who" Bingo game. The first five people to call Bingo took home Fluff Bake Bar gift certificates! **Laura Bradham & Ryan Derong** were awarded our 2021 TMCC Volunteers of the Year. Please join me in celebrating them for how much they have contributed to our neighborhood!

Laura Bradham is actively involved as our Block Captain Committee Chair, and in her previous role as Membership Committee Chair, she worked tirelessly to promote and increase TMCC membership. She genuinely cares about building community in our neighborhood. An avid birder, Laura also leads neighbors on bird walks in 11<sup>th</sup> Street Park. Thank you, Laura!

Ryan Derong is sadly moving out of our neighborhood this year. He has spent years contributing to our Design Review Committee. This committee ensures neighborhood construction complies with our deed restrictions and makes this look like the community it is today! Ryan also served on our board as a Director for two years. Thank you, Ryan!

Thank you to everyone who joined us this year, and thank you to every single one of our volunteers who contributed to the Timbergrove Manor Civic Club in 2021—Citizen Patrol, Block Captains, Event Volunteers, Committee Members, Timbergram Deliverers, and more. Do you want to join us at our 2022 Annual Volunteer Appreciation celebration? Please reach out to **volunteer@timbergrove.org** to hear what opportunities are available.

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## Do I really need to floss?

Flossing is important not just for teeth and gums, but for your overall health. Flossing removes particles of food from areas where a toothbrush cannot reach, preventing cavities from forming between teeth. Flossing also cleans gums, averting periodontitis and gum disease. Periodontitis causes irreversible bone loss and contributes to other inflammatory diseases such as arthritis, heart problems, lung disease and diabetes.

## Floss or floss picks?

As long as you are committed to regular flossing, either works! However if you analyze the two, a floss pick has a small piece of floss strung tightly on a fork. This does not allow for cleaning the full surface of a rounded tooth. Given the choice, we recommend regular floss. Flossing allows the string to fit around the entire tooth, reaching all the way down to the gums. Flossing before bed and before brushing is the best time. Flossing before brushing allows you to dislodge all the particles between the teeth before brushing them away. After your finished, have yourself a floss dance to celebrate shiny, clean teeth!



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# Meet Your New TMCC Board Members

Dear Timbergrove Manor,

Happy New Year! At the risk of sounding cliché, I know the past couple of years have brought unprecedented challenges to our community. Not surprisingly, our neighborhood continues to thrive and shine brightly within the city of Houston, and our unwavering commitment to each other as friends and neighbors is part of what inspires me to continue to give back to our neighborhood. It is my honor to kick off a new year for the Civic Club as President!

I want to thank our immediate past President, Miles Sasser, for leading the Civic Club for the last three years, including through the thick of the 2020 pandemic in which we were challenged to pivot and find new ways to engage our membership. Miles, you consistently gave us your positive attitude and your steady voice of thoughtful input, never letting us forget why we're here: a shared love of our beautiful neighborhood. I hope to carry that same spirit forward.

A little bit about me: I grew up in Kingwood, a Houston suburb, and attended the University of Texas at Austin. I lived in New York City post-college and worked in the publishing industry for several years before deciding to move back home. While working at the *Houston Chronicle*, I met my would-be husband Brian, a University of Alabama grad and fellow journalism major. We bonded over football and Oxford commas. I now work full-time for a global law firm headquartered in Houston, overseeing our Digital Marketing department. Brian and I bought our home in Section 6 of Timbergrove Manor in 2017, and since then, our appreciation for this amazing neighborhood has grown exponentially.

I learned the value of volunteerism at a young age, so I quickly found a way to get involved within the Civic Club. For the last



three years, I have produced *The Timbergram* newsletter, and I've served two years on the Board as Vice President. During this time I've seen up-close many issues that have a direct impact on our future, such as the preservation of our deed restrictions; the increasing commercial and residential development in the area and resulting impact on our environment and infrastructure; the support of our local elementary school; or the protection and enhancement of our green spaces—these issues and more I hold very dearly, and will continue to champion for them during my term in 2022.

In closing, within this issue you'll find an opportunity to join the Civic Club for 2022. If you're a regularly contributing member—thank you for your support! If you're new to the neighborhood, or are considering joining the Civic Club this year, you'll find more information on its purpose and how your dues are used in this newsletter. The Civic Club thrives on its members and volunteers, and we need the support of as many as possible!

I look forward to meeting many more of you in the year to come. Cheers!

—Alison Reynolds, TMCC President, 2022

## Additional New Board Members

### **Courtnie Hays (Vice President)**

Both Native Texans, my husband and I grew up in the Houston area and moved to Timbergrove in 2008. After flooding during Hurricane Harvey and witnessing, first hand, the community effort that it took to rebuild our house, we knew we were never leaving! We currently live on Linton Rd. (woo hoo!) with our three children and lazy,

American Bulldog, Cooper. I attended college at the University of North Texas where I earned a Bachelor of Science degree in Early Childhood Education and a minor in Spanish. Years later, I went back to school to pursue a degree in nursing. I am currently a registered nurse and after some time working in the ER and having young children, I have found my happy place as an elementary school nurse. As a family we spend most of our time outside in the driveway with our neighbors or most recently, at the TSA ball fields watching our kids play. My passion is definitely investing in people, helping others and creating that sense of community that will result in life-long memories. We love our Section 5 group, and I am looking forward to meeting everyone else in our wonderful Timbergrove community.

### **Roxanne Hall (Treasurer)**

Roxanne is our current Treasurer and has lived in Timbergrove since 1993, 26+ years. First, she lived on Cindy Lane and now lives on Pineshade Lane. She raised her children here in Timbergrove and they are now thriving adults. Through the years raising her children, she was on the PTA and lead the 4th and 5th grade trips ensuring the students received great new experiences. Business wise, she manages global teams, global services and multiple projects with large complex project budgets. She looks forward to giving back to her community.

### **Peter Davies (Secretary)**

Peter is a Licensed Professional Engineer and has lived in Section 5 since 1988 and raised two daughters who attended Sinclair Elementary School. He has served as the Secretary of TMCC since 2010 and SNC-14 since its founding.

### **Jennifer Vickers (Director)**

Jennifer Vickers has lived in Timbergrove Manor since 2011 and began volunteering with TMCC as editor of *The Timbergram* newsletter in November 2012. She currently serves as Webmaster and Director for TMCC. She and her husband Kirk Guy live with their chihuahua Diego on Pineshade Ln.



As a HAR 2021 Realtor of the Year and Top-Producing Realtor with Heights-based boutique brokerage KSP, Jennifer sees the direct correlation between strong neighborhood organizations, high quality of life and property values. A native Texan, Jennifer moved to Houston from Beaumont to attend the University of St. Thomas more than 25 years ago and is the city's self-proclaimed biggest fan. She enjoys Houston's diverse and vibrant cultural arts and dining. In addition to her support of TMCC, Jennifer is honored to serve as Treasurer for Friends of the Lorraine Cherry Nature Preserve and is a proud supporter and volunteer with many area organizations.

**Mallory Dean (Director)**

While my husband Chris and I are not native Houstonians, we got here as fast as we could! We are both graduates of Texas A&M with degrees in Economics. Our family moved to Timbergrove in 2019 and have loved living in such a kind and friendly community. We enjoy spending as much time as possible outside with our three year old twin girls and four year old son. After the

dreadful freeze of 2021, we recognize how great neighbors can come together and take care of each other in uncertain times. I look forward to meeting other neighbors in Timbergrove and serving our community.

**Rafael (Ralph) DeAyala (Director)**

Ralph grew up in the Memorial area of Houston. He and his husband Jared originally moved to Timbergrove in 2013, and moved into their second home two years ago, in Section 5. He received his B.A. in biology from UT Austin, his M.D. from UT Southwestern Medical School in Dallas, and completed a residency in obstetrics and gynecology. He currently has a busy practice at Memorial Hermann in Memorial City. Ralph has two daughters and so far, three grandchildren. He and Jared love meeting new Timbergrove neighbors and consider it the best neighborhood in Houston. They travel when time permits and enjoy spending time with family and their dog Albert.

*Snowfest!*

We finally got our Christmas wish—a chilly day in Houston to enjoy our holiday social event! It almost felt like the real North Pole with a visit from Santa Claus, trackless train rides and *real* snow for all to enjoy. Thank you to our event volunteers for getting us into the holiday spirit!



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Timbergrove Manor Sales Statistics  
2019 - 2021

	#HOMES SOLD	AVG PRICE	AVG DAYS ON MARKET
<b>2019</b>			
QTR 3	18	\$495,543	44
QTR 4	13	\$564,462	43
<b>2020</b>			
QTR 1	9	\$658,397	63
QTR 2	11	\$533,045	42
QTR 3	20	\$632,000	32
QTR 4	14	\$557,857	28
<b>2021</b>			
QTR 1	14	\$501,453	101
QTR 2	27	\$607,554	40
QTR 3	37	\$663,769	35
OCT-NOV	13	648,000	15

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# Put the Brakes on Wheel Theft

Submitted by Larry Scruggs, Security Chair

The Timbergrove Manor Civic Club Security Committee continues to work for you by providing tips on how to reduce your chances of being a victim. Up next: wheel theft.

## Security Tip – Protecting Your Wheels

It has already happened to many of our neighbors and you could be next. You wake up in the morning, get ready for work, and go out to your car to find that, at some time in the middle of the night, someone has put the car on blocks and drove off with the wheels!

Wheel thieves usually work in groups during the overnight hours, in the openness of your driveway, and in a matter of minutes, going unnoticed while you slumber.

The best defense is to make your vehicle less of a target—nothing will eliminate you from the possibility of becoming a victim, but here are some steps you can take to deter a wheel thief and lower the odds that you will be impacted.

### 1. Lock your wheels with better wheel locks

Install wheel locks on each wheel. These can be purchased at your local auto parts store, tire store, or online for

somewhere around \$20-\$30. These are a replacement to one lug nut on each wheel and come with a special key that is used to remove the locking lug nut. Avoid using the typical pattern-type, shown below. These are more easily removed with an undersized socket hammered onto the locking lug. Opt instead for something more difficult to remove like the sleeved-type shown below.

### 2. Park in a garage or alternatively as close to the curb as possible

Parking in an enclosed garage or behind a fence is your best option if that is available to you.



Alternatively, parking close to a curb makes it harder to take all 4 wheels, where lifting the car and accessing



*Pattern-Type Wheel Lock*



*Sleeve-Type Wheel Lock*

## Sinclair Elementary Updates

### SPARK Park re-Park

Extreme Makeover: Playground Edition. Sinclair has been selected for a re-SPARK of our playgrounds and outdoor areas! SPARK Park will contribute \$50,000 towards this project and the Sinclair community will raise \$75,000, with the goal of installing new play equipment by Fall 2022.

Help and input is needed from students, teachers, parents and community members!

Upcoming input opportunities:

- Teacher and staff interviews (December)
- Dream Playground student artwork (December)

- Student design projects (Winter break)
- Community playdate (December 12)
- PTO meeting (January 13)

A professional SPARK Park designer will incorporate input from students, teachers, and the community in January. Proceeds from the February 11 Sinclair PTO Auction will benefit this project. We are kicking off with the \$9,000 raised at the 2020 Auction for playground equipment. New play equipment will be ordered and installed for Fall 2022.

Visit <https://www.sinclairpto.org/sparkpark/> to learn more and to

access a SPARK Park Input Questionnaire.

### Save the date!

Sinclair Elementary Kindergarten roundup will take place **Saturday, January 8 from 2-3 p.m.** There will be a presentation from Principal Mashburn, and then there will be small group guided tours given by PTO and a community play date on the playground.

More information can be found on the school's website:

[www.houstonisd.org/Domain/11089](http://www.houstonisd.org/Domain/11089)



the curbside wheels becomes much more challenging. Thieves prefer all 4 matching rims, as it's harder to sell just two rims, which also carry a lower street value.



If you do park your car in the driveway, you can also turn your car's

steering wheel completely to one side to make it harder to get a lug wrench or other tools to work.

### 3. Car Alarms

If you must park in a driveway and are more exposed to potential theft, consider having a vibration-sensitive, or better yet a tilt-sensitive, car alarm installed. The act of jacking up the car will set off these alarm types and alert the owner and other neighbors to the crime taking place. These criminals work in silence, and these types of alarms disrupt that peace. This may also help to lower your insurance rate.

### 4. Security: Video Cameras & Motion Sensing Lighting

Installing security cameras will help capture the thieves in the act and could make it easier to engage law enforcement's help. The presence of visible cameras can also act as a deterrent.

Leave on Porch Lights At Night (PLAN) and install additional motion activated lights. These will activate when thieves get close. They typically prefer to work under the cover of darkness and react to sudden lighting changes, both of which can act as an additional deterrent.

### 5. Serialize Your Wheels

Your wheels are likely copied thousands of times over. This makes wheel identification online, in pawn shops and similar nearly impossible during after-the-crime



investigations by you or the police. How can you know that a particular set of wheels is yours? A cheap die punch set can be used to mark initials or some other distinguishing code on the hidden/backside of your wheel for future ID. Make sure to take photos of the markings and locations for future proof.

### 6. Know your neighbors

Knowing your neighbors is always helpful. Talk to your neighbors often and trade contact information. A watchful neighborhood is tough on thieves and one of the best deterrents available to us. If you see something, say something. Good neighbors can make all the difference.

#### If this does happen to you:

- Call 9-1-1 if you are catching them in the act.
- Call the 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.
- Online – As an alternative to the non-emergency number, use the crime report online about a Theft or Property Damage if the crime has previously occurred and is under \$5000. [https://www.houstontx.gov/police/online\\_report.htm](https://www.houstontx.gov/police/online_report.htm)



# Car Decals

Do you have a TMCC sticker for each of your vehicles? Members who tag their cars help neighbors and private security patrols know which vehicles belong in the neighborhood. Not to mention, a TMCC logo decal is a great way to show your neighborhood pride!

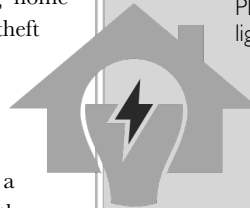


Dues-paying members can collect their stickers at the general meetings or by emailing [membership@timbergrove.org](mailto:membership@timbergrove.org)

## Don't forget to PLAN

PLAN to turn on your porch light tonight — and every night.

The **Porch Lights at Night (PLAN)** initiative is an easy, affordable way to help make Timbergrove Manor as safe as possible for all of our residents. Do your part and **flip the switch!**



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# Yard of the Month

Submitted by Sandra Crook

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 may have 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 the following neighbors for their attractive, well-groomed yards!

If you have a neighbor whose yard you would like to nominate for YOTM, please send us an email to [beautification@timbergrove.org](mailto:beautification@timbergrove.org). Just remember - to win they must be current dues-paying members.

## November

- 6207 Hurst
- 6303 Grovewood
- 6211 Cindy
- 1306 Valleta
- 6619 Grovewood
- 6751 Cindy
- 6403 Kury
- 6526 Kury
- 2419 Tannehill
- 2306 Droxford

## December

Congratulations Holiday Lights Winners!

## Solid Waste Collection Schedule

### Tree Waste:

- Wednesday, January 19
- Wednesday, March 15

### Junk Waste/Heavy Trash:

- Wednesday, February 16
- Wednesday, April 19

### Recycling - Every other week:

- Thursday, January 6
- Thursday, January 20
- Thursday, February 3
- Thursday, February 17

*Trash & lawn waste are collected each Thursday.*

## Helpful Phone Numbers

Houston Police Non-Emergency:  
713-884-3131

Houston Park Rangers: 832-395-7100

Report Air Pollution (Foul Odors): 3-1-1