



Timbergrove Manor

Neighborhood Association News
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The Great Pumpkin Carve

by Chris Elliott

This year TMNA sponsored a new event ahead of our Giant Halloween Spooktacular. Our amazing Halloween committee dreamt up and created a Great Pumpkin Carving & Decorating Contest. The event was held on Sunday, October 28th from 3pm to 6pm and was hosted by Alana Koos at the intersection of Prince & Turnpike, with the assistance of David and Skye Templeton. The stage was set among all the neighborhood Halloween decorations with tables, chairs, supplies, snacks, and coolers in the front yard. The neighborhood

kids arrived with their parents and were instantly filled with Halloween spirit when they encountered the large variety of pumpkins all set to be carved, painted, and decorated. Creativity was on high display as kids and adults helped each other turn pumpkins into jack o' lanterns. The weather was perfect and it truly was 3 hours of pure joy and community. As the kids completed each pumpkin and jack o' lantern, they were submitted to the contest table for judging, and were ultimately used to decorate our Halloween parade route two days later. Everyone who participated could sense how exciting it was to be part of a brand new TMNA tradition.



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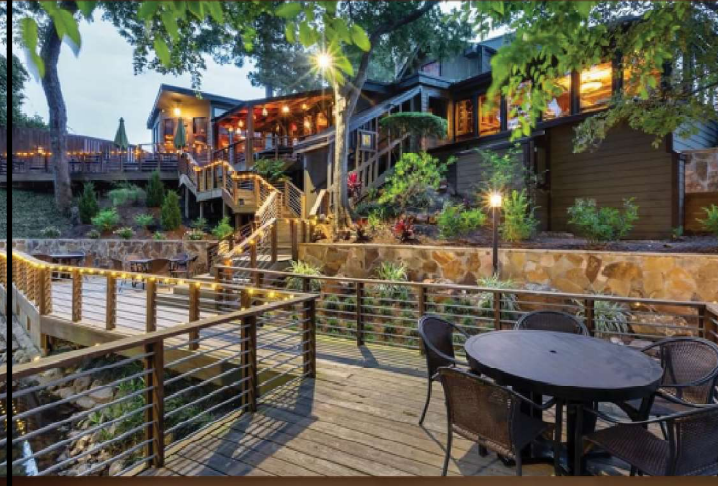
Hang those lights and freshen the ribbon on the wreath. The holiday decorating contest is just weeks away.

Two judges from outside of the neighborhood will hit the streets beginning at 6:30 on the evening of **Sunday, December 17th**, accompanied by two members of the Yard of the Month team. As in the past, there will be three overall winners and one best door/window. Pictures of the winners will be in the January newsletter.

Please remember that, while your neighbor's house may be drop dead gorgeous, if they have won in the past two years, they won't be eligible to win again this year.

We have some very creative people in the neighborhood and I look forward to seeing what they will come up with this year.

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Deed Restriction Compliance Committee
by Tommy Britt

Election season is upon us. That necessarily carries with it all the emotions that politics thrives on. Good vs evil, hot button issues regarding voting rights, discrimination, economy issues, foreign affairs. You would have to be living under a rock to not feel the temperature rising each day in our hyper polarized environment.

What, you are wondering, does any of that have to do with deed restrictions? Signs. Signs declaring your support of a candidate, a slate of candidates or ballot issues like bond elections and amending the state constitution. It just so happens the deed restrictions speak to this issue directly.

Section IV, E addresses several issues regarding signs: the size of the signs, how long they can be displayed and their purpose.

- A. Sign size: The size of any sign in a yard in Timbergrove Manor is limited to 9 sq. ft. or simply put, think 3 ft X 3 ft.
- B. Length of time for political signs to be displayed: Political signs are limited to 30 days prior to the election and 5 days after.
- C. Length of time for Holiday decorations to be displayed: 45 days prior to the holiday and 30 days afterward.
- D. Purposes prohibited: Bill boards, posters or advertising devices for commercial use.

The DRCC made a decision several years ago that we were not going to involve ourselves in length of time political signs can be displayed. It's unsightly but the 1st Amendment to the US Constitution makes a strong case for us to keep our distance. We can request voluntary adherence to the deed restrictions, but even then, it would have to be an aggravated situation. The DRCC reserves the right

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Yard of the Month



Congratulations to our November Yard of the Month winners: Gina and Joe Carroll at 903 Wynnwood Lane. The Carrolls moved into the neighborhood in May, 2023 and made a decision to keep the existing pine and magnolia trees a part of their front yard design. The added olive tree, bottlebrush, and rose bushes highlight their home's exterior aesthetic. Welcome to the neighborhood, Gina and Joe!

TMNA Halloween Decoration Winners



1st Place - Scariest
1022 Bay Oaks
Jeffrey Wood



1st Place - Most Creative
1127 Woodhill
Alan Shand



2nd Place - Scariest
1019 Waltway
Ronnie Kirschner &
Bethany Morris



2nd Place - Most Creative
933 Wynnwood
Ryan Howse

Special thanks to our contest judges: Wren Weirsma (12 yrs old), Hayden Donnelley (13 yrs old) and Lani Driscoll (14 yrs old)

2023 HALLOWEEN



EXTRAVAGANZA!!



Halloween Costume Winners!

Many thanks to our contest judges: Mandie Badrak & Travis Britt



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to demand that the size of the sign adhere to the limitations so stated but we would tread slowly and cautiously. Our hope is that our neighbors would listen to their better angels and try to stay within the bounds of the document.

Holiday signs & decorations on the other hand are still fair game. How many jokes have you heard about neighbors that leave their Christmas lights up all year. All I can say is, please don't do that.

Commercial advertising is a whole other animal. It's prohibited. This is a residential neighborhood, not a commercial zone. It is probably one of the few things the City of Houston might help us enforce. The city has a whole host of ordinances that govern signs and property use. Again, please don't test this one out.

There you have it. The deed restrictions are available to anyone in case you have a question about this issue or any other. Go to www.tmnaonline.org and select the tab titled Deed Restrictions.



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NOVEMBER / DECEMBER 2023 EVENTS CALENDAR

| | SUN | MON | TUE | WED | THU | FRI | SAT |
|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----------------------------|---|---|---|
| NOV | 12 | 13 | 14 | 15 Tree Waste Pick-up | 16 Garbage Pick-up | 17 | 18 |
| | 19 | 20 | 21 | 22 | 23  Thanksgiving Day | 24  Garbage Pick-up | 25 <i>Newsletter Articles Due</i> |
| | 26 | 27 | 28 | 29 | 30 Garbage Pick-up | DEC | 1 <i>Newsletter Distribution</i> |
| | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7  Garbage Pick-up | 8 | 9 |
| | 10 | 11 | 12 | 13 | 14 Garbage Pick-up | 15 | 16 |
| | 17 | 18 | 19 | 20 Junk Waste Pick-up | 21  Garbage Pick-up | 22 <i>Newsletter Articles Due</i> | 23 |