



# Timbergrove Manor

*Neighborhood Association News*

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## **Join Us in Shaping Our Community's Future - TMNA Needs You!**

**by John Brems**

Dear Neighbors, as we embrace the unique leap year and the last stretch of winter this February, it's a time of renewal and new beginnings in our neighborhood, and to some a chance to leap into action. That's why your TMNA Executive Committee is taking to the streets, with a mission to knit our community closer and invite each of you to play a pivotal role in our collective future.

For years, TMNA has been the heartbeat of our neighborhood, bringing us together through a host of activities and events. From Run The Grove to Turbogrove, from beautifying and maintaining our esplanades to the ever-popular Halloween parade, TMNA has worked tirelessly to make our neighborhood not just a place to live, but a place to thrive.

However, the truth is that our association runs on the fuel of volunteerism, driven by a handful of dedicated neighbors who have, year after year, poured their time and energy into crafting these memorable experiences for us all. But as some of these faces move away or step back to catch their breath, the future of these cherished activities hangs in the balance. This is where we turn to you, our neighbors.

As we canvas our streets in the coming weeks, our goal is not just to raise awareness about our upcoming activities. We're on a mission to understand how we can grow together, how TMNA can better serve each of you, and importantly, how

you can be a part of this journey.

We believe that every voice matters and every hand helps. Whether you can spare a few hours a month or just a few minutes, your involvement can make a monumental difference. It's not just about keeping our traditions alive; it's about bringing in fresh ideas, new perspectives, and diverse talents to ensure that our neighborhood continues to flourish in ways that matter to all of us.

During our canvassing, we'll be eager to hear your thoughts - What do you love about our neighborhood? What could be better? How would you like to contribute? Whether it's organizing events, sharing your gardening skills, or simply spreading the word, there's a place for everyone in TMNA.

Remember, a strong community is built on the foundation of active participation and shared responsibility. So, let's come together to ensure

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## **TMNA Quarterly Meeting**

**Sunday, February 4th**

**Location: Collina's Italian Cafe**

**502 W. 19th Street**

**Time: 4:30pm - 6:30pm**

Pizza will be provided for those who have paid their 2024 TMNA dues or who pay at the door.

Feel free to bring an adult beverage of your choice!!

## TMNA OFFICERS

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## Help Prevent Street Flooding

by Sharon Balke

This picture was taken on January 20th, just two days before our neighborhood received 5.5 inches of rain in a little over 48 hours. There is a storm drain underneath all of those leaves. Imagine where most of those leaves ended up after the heavy rains? A spot check on January 25th, the day after the rains ended, showed very few leaves.



Please, please, keep leaves and other debris from blocking the street storm drains. Even better, consider formally “adopting” a storm drain of your own. Houston has an “Adopt A Drain” program and it doesn’t take much effort - to sign up, go to <https://mapsop1.houstontx.gov/Adopta/>. Those of us who have flooded in the past appreciate it.

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## Welcome Aboard

by Sharon Balke

Thank you, Andy Houser, for volunteering to deliver the newsletters to the 1100 block of Prince. Andy and his wife, Louise, have lived in Timbergrove since 1990. Their first house was on Wynnwood. After that house flooded in 2017 from Hurricane Harvey, the couple decided to move but wanted to stay in the neighborhood. They found what Andy describes as a “unicorn in Timbergrove”, a new one-story home. They moved in and sold the house on Wynnwood.

Andy takes over for Driscoll Bowman who moved from the neighborhood but delivered for newsletters for many years. Thank you both for your service. I’m certain your 20 neighbors appreciate it.

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## Run The Grove 2024

by Scott Douglas

TMNA is getting excited for the 7th Annual Run the Grove 5K and Kids Fun Run which will be held on Saturday, April 13, 2024! After huge success in 2023 with more runners than ever, we have been

working on preparations for continued growth and to provide positive impacts for sponsors, runners, and the surrounding community. This year, proceeds will go for Lorraine Cherry Nature Preserve improvements, donations to Love and Sinclair Elementary Schools, and to fund a new “Grow the Grove” initiative that will plant mature trees in the neighborhood. Similar to last year, the 5K will start and end at the Lorraine Cherry Nature Preserve field. The post-race Grovechella party will host an awards ceremony, silent auction, live music, refreshments and games for both kids and adults!

TMNA Residents: it’s time to register! Scan the QR code in this article and use code: **TMNA10** for a 10% discount on race registration. Stay tuned for more details on what RTG 2024 has in store! If you have any questions or would like to volunteer, contact us at: [timbergrove5k@gmail.com](mailto:timbergrove5k@gmail.com)



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## Yard of the Month

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Congratulations go to Jackie and Salvador Maida for winning Yard of the Month for February. Their yard at 1130 Worthshire Street is designed to survive cold snaps (like we just experienced) much better than the average yard. Jackie loves to work in the yard and has learned over the years to focus on perennials and plantings in pots. She also incorporates rocks and Lantana to fill in blank spots and change up the landscape.

This fall Jackie and Salvador added two new beds in the front yard and filled them with Foxtail ferns, Aztec grass, Giant Liriope, and Ice Plants.



Jackie chose them because they are perennials and can survive our Houston heat. She accents them with Drift Roses and Knock Out Roses. In the large pots in the front, Jackie has used Kimberly Queen Ferns, Lantana, Begonias, and Elephant Ears. Jackie says that she has learned to stick with the plants that she knows well rather than trying something unusual.

## TMNA Dues Update

by Kathy Utsey

Outstanding! We have started off 2024 with a bang. We had 21% dues participation in just the first three weeks of the year (plus some early December members). Let's keep that momentum going! A big **Thank You** to all of the neighbors who have paid their dues. I am excited to see such great participation.

Really, our dues are quite low - only 100 dollars for those under 65-years-old and just 40 dollars for those over 65! You can't beat it! With membership, you have a voice on how TMNA spends the money raised from dues and fundraisers. TMNA membership is also required for participation in programs like Grow the Grove. Let's GO!

In case you have forgotten what your dues pay for....

- Esplanade maintenance
- Neighborhood Newsletter and TMNA Website
- Insurance for our neighborhood/officers
- Halloween Extravaganza
- Neighborhood Meetings and Socials
- New projects and so much more!!

Paying your dues couldn't be easier - just go to the TMNA website using the following link:

***<https://tmnaonline.org/membership/>***

Once at the TMNA membership page, you can either fill in the requested information on-line and submit your payment via PayPal or you can print out the membership form, complete it and mail it to TMNA along with your dues check. All information provided is solely for use by TMNA and will not be provided to any other party. Please reach out to me if there are any issues with the new website and paying your dues.

If you prefer to mail a check, please make it out to TMNA and mail it to:

TMNA  
PO Box 7723  
Houston, TX 77270

## Our New Neighbors

by Sharon Balke

Welcome to Alex, Mary and Ethan Lopera, new neighbors at 919 Nashua. They moved from a



home just off Main Street to our neighborhood last October. They have found everyone to be friendly here. They also like the quiet nature even though we are in the heart of Houston.

Alex, a native of Boston, has a medical auditing company. He works for doctors, helping them settle claims with insurance companies. Mary, a Houston native, works from home as a recruiter specializing in oil and gas and architecture. Ethan, 5, is in kindergarten at Travis Elementary.

The family loves to travel. Recent trips have been to Phoenix, Disneyland and Austin. This summer they are headed to Mexico City and Columbia.

Alex, Mary and Ethan, we are glad you found us.

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that our neighborhood remains a vibrant, inclusive, and nurturing place for us and for generations to come.

We're excited to meet you at your doorstep, to chat over the fence, and most importantly, to welcome you into the heart of our neighborhood's journey. Together, we can ensure that the spirit of TMNA – and our neighborhood – remains strong and enduring.

## **TMNA Help Wanted**

by Tim Hassett

Thank you's are in order for Robert Alfonso who has served as the TMNA Recording Secretary for the last two years. Robert is "stepping up" to fill an opening on the Deed Restriction Compliance Committee due to the departure of Kevin Abrahams who is unfortunately departing the neighborhood (thanks similarly go out to Kevin as well!). Robert's dedication to our neighborhood has unfortunately left a hole on the TMNA Executive Committee.

If you have been thinking about getting more involved in the neighborhood, this is a perfect opportunity. Responsibilities of the Recording Secretary are to keep an accurate record of the proceedings of general meetings, act as custodian of records, and file and maintain up-to-date membership lists and attendance records for TMNA. You'll be working on a great team and likely will have some fun in the process. Interested yet? Just send an email to Jessica Blakely at ***TMNACorresponding7723@gmail.com*** - it's that easy!



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SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
<b>FEB</b> 4	5	6	7	8	9	10
TMNA Quarterly Mtg 4:30pm-6:30pm @ Collina's				Garbage Pick-up		
11	12	13	 14 Valentine's Day	 15 Garbage Pick-up	16	17
18	19 Presidents' Day	20 Start of' Early Voting for Primary Elections	21 Junk Waste Pick-up	22 Garbage Pick-up	23 Go Texan Day Newsletter Articles Due	24
25	26	27 Primary' Elections	28	29  Garbage Pick-up	<b>MAR</b> 1 End of' Early Voting for Primary Elections	2 Newsletter Distribution
3	4	5 Primary' Elections (both Parties)	6	7 Garbage Pick-up	8	9
10	11	12	13	14  Garbage Pick-up	15	16