



Timbergrove Manor

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2024 Run The Grove

by Scott Douglas, RTG Chairperson

The 7th annual Run the Grove 5K sponsored by **Eureka Heights**, and Kids Run sponsored by **Heights Speech and Language**, was a huge success! On April 13th we had the biggest turnout that we have ever had with over 600 runners and many more volunteers and supporters who came out to the Lorraine Cherry Nature Preserve. We also raised a substantial amount of money for the preserve, Love and Sinclair Elementary, and for



our Grow the Grove program, along with other TMNA beautification projects. The Grovechella after-party kept many folks out on the field for most of the morning with sponsor handouts, food trucks, field games, silent auction, and a live musician. There were many volunteers who contributed on race day, and all of their help was immensely appreciated! None of this would have been possible, however, without the extremely dedicated efforts of the RTG Task Force. I want to recognize each of them here:

- Erik Ruediger – Sponsorship Coordinator
- Travis Britt – Race Day Coordinator

- Samantha Anderson – Social Media and Advertising
- Kimberly Elliott – Marketing & Design
- Tommy Britt – Advisor & Permitting
- Renee Anagnostopoulos – Kids Run Coordinator
- Mandi Badrak – Kids Run Coordinator
- Skye Mansfield – Silent Auction
- David Templeton – MC Manager
- Tim Hassett – Newsletter & Photography
- John Brems – Volunteer coordinator
- Jessica Lasseigne – Treasury Handover
- Chris Elliott – Presidential Support

Support from local businesses and neighbors was incredible this year! We want to send a huge thank you to all 50 sponsors. In addition to the Title Sponsors, **Eureka Heights** and **Heights Speech and Language**, we also want to recognize all Live Oak Sponsors for their contributions, including **TNT Shirts** for sponsorship towards the cost of the T-shirts, **HEB** for providing water and snacks for all runners, **Facet 7 Fitness** for hosting a warm up for the 5K, **Flys-a-Bunch** for taking drone footage for the event, **Tommy Vaughn Ford** who has loyally supported us since the beginning, and **Howard Moon** who has personally taken initiative to continue supporting and to bring in many more

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TMNA Quarterly Meeting

Thursday, May 9th

Location: Ovinnik Brewing

7201 Wynnpark Dr.

Time: 6:00pm - 7:30pm

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New Newsletter Distributors

by Sharon Balke

I love neighbors who volunteer and we have two residents who have recently accepted the position of newsletter distributor.

After 27 years of walking Worthshire and Bay Oaks on the south side of 11th Street once a month, Pete Nordloh stepped down. It took just one phone call to Travis Britt who was happy to help (he is also the new block captain for Worthshire). Ross Hancock, who used to fill in for Pete when he wasn't available, will continue as backup.

When TMNA treasurer, Kathy Utsey, moved to Round Top, her neighbor, Patricia Martinez, gladly took her spot as distributor. She will distribute newsletters to homes on Bay Oaks north of 11th St.

If you see Travis, Ross or Patricia, please thank them for their service and for the others who put your neighborhood newsletter in your mailbox monthly.

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Little Libraries - Part II

by Leah Braden

This is the second of two articles about the little libraries in our neighborhood. The Little Free Library is a worldwide nonprofit organization and our featured library this month is maintained by Chrissy and Tim Maune at 1522 Glen Oaks. In talking with Chrissy, I learned you can register your library and that their library is registered with the Little Free Library organization!

Chrissy and Tim have lived on the Glen Oaks cul-del-sac for five years. About a year ago, Tim's dad decided to make a contribution to the neighborhood - he completely rebuilt their library! Chrissy is pleased with the new structure because

it holds more books than the original library. Children's books are on the bottom shelf and adult books are on the top shelf. Chrissy and Tim enjoy seeing neighbors walking on the cul-de-sac, borrowing and returning books. Since



they moved to Timbergrove, Chrissy and Tim have welcomed their two children to the family - Oliva, who is three, and James, who is eight months. Their original children are still living at home - their two dogs, Sophie and Scotty! Thank you to the Maune family for sharing the wonderful world of reading with your Timbergrove neighbors.

Yard of the Month



The May Yard of the Month is 1019 Prince, home of Glen and Lacey Telge. For you old-timers in the neighborhood, you'll remember that this is the former home of Elmer and Arlene Telge, original Timbergrove homeowners. Glen inherited the home from his parents in 2017, and he and Lacey built their beautiful home on the lot in 2018. Both are avid gardeners, looking to fill their yard with constant green and blooms yearlong. They go to Buchanan's at least 3 days a week, every week, and always come home with something! I met with them on a clear, bright, sunny day that couldn't have shown off their lovely yard any better.

The front yard begins with two wonderful trees they planted, a Basham's Party Pink Crepe Myrtle and a Monterrey Mexican White Oak, both of which are flourishing. Facing the front door, a pretty bed is to the right, retained from Arlene's original garden. With Autumn Chiffon Azaleas, maidenhair ferns, dianthus, and plumbago, it is a true homage to Arlene. It is anchored to the far right by a gorgeous Crimson Queen Japanese maple that turns red twice per year.

To the left of the front door is a bed that Glen and Lacey put in, filled with wispy guarra, begonias, dusty miller, and cleomes (spider flowers), along with a large yellow daylily that they are encouraging to multiply, and anchored by a loropetalum. By the driveway is a mountain laurel surrounded by purple agapanthus ready to burst into bloom.

Their backyard is a serious sight to behold with raised beds that have produced lettuce and arugula, along with gorgeous dark pink petunias that return every year, larkspur, and snapdragons. They are devoted to natural plants and fertilizers (they use Microlife fertilizer and drip irrigation for you inquiring gardeners), creating a magnificent haven. Thank you, Glen and Lacey, for sharing your beautiful yard with us!



DRCC

by Tommy Britt

As of the publication of this newsletter, my service with the Deed Restriction Compliance Committee will come to a close. What a ride it has been!

When I volunteered 23 years ago to help re-write our deed restrictions and make them a workable document, our big issue was what to do with the cheap and unsightly aluminum car ports that the Greatest Generation had a love affair with (full disclosure, I also had one). As I exit, we are dealing with the challenges of reviewing house plans for projects valued at a million dollars or more. Without question, our sleepy days are over. Things are moving fast and the demographics of this great neighborhood are changing faster than any of us anticipated. While I feel regret every time that I see an original structure come down, I have to admit that I look forward to seeing what will replace it.

One of the benefits that this position has afforded me is the opportunity to visit with many neighbors that I ordinarily wouldn't have gotten to meet. Most were positive; others not so much. Regardless, I always felt I had my finger on the pulse of Timbergrove Manor. That really came home last week when a longtime neighbor contacted me about a property line issue. Her question was simple: "When did neighbors quit communicating with neighbors?" I'm sure she didn't intend it to be part of my exit article but it is an undeniably important topic for us all. Like it or not, intervening in neighbor disputes is a persistent element of our duties on the DRCC. I don't see that trend changing, but please consider it. Be good neighbors. Talk to each other; be respectful.

Despite my earlier proclamation to embrace change, this next subject is not an example of that. Unfortunately, we are powerless to stop it. Our deed restrictions prohibit the construction of structures, including fences, in front of the Front Building Line. The Texas legislature recently passed a bill making our prohibition null and void. Predictably, within days of that law taking

affect, a wrought iron fence was erected in front of a residence. Predictably, my phone lit up with complaints and questions. Granted, the property fronts a busy street so I'm sure the owner feels it is necessary. I just hope it doesn't become a trend.

All that said, I leave this job with some regret, but it is time for new ideas and energy. Thanks to all for the opportunity and honor of representing you.

Activity in the Neighborhood

by John Brems

The following is a short summary of ongoing and planned city projects in our neighborhood:

1. The sinkhole on T C Jester south of 11th St. at White Oak Bayou has been repaired. The sink hole was caused by a collapsed storm water drain. The city public works has upgraded the diameter of the pipe from 18" to 36". As of this writing, the project is tamping and grading the soil in preparation for the reinforced concrete pour and installing the manhole cover.
2. Dead Tree Removal on T C Jester. The city has marked the dead trees that are to be removed. There's been no update as to when this work might happen, but removal of dead and diseased trees is important to preserving our namesake, Timbergrove. Volunteers are working with Grow the Grove to identify spots where we can plant new trees to replace the dead ones. If you're interested in volunteer or contributing, please join the Grow the Grove Committee.
3. 11th St, North Sidewalk improvements. The TIRZ 5 mobility improvements planned to widen and improve the existing sidewalk on the northside of 11th St. However, this initiative has been paused for the time being. The TMNA executive team has been working with planners to make sure our neighborhood's comments are incorporated into their designs, particularly to ensure that beautification and tree replacement is included.

This May, following the election of TMNA and DRCC, the TMNA Executive Committee is

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donations on his own. Other local businesses in this category that supported us include **Move Me To Texas, Memorial Hermann Go Health Urgent Care, Central Bank, Oaks Point Pediatric Dentistry, ScapeHTX, Dougwood Design, and Kimberly Kleiser Design.** We had a huge turnout for in-kind contributions from sponsors on race day bringing swag, food, and drinks. All sponsors that contributed to this event's success are listed on page 8.

A sample of photos from the event are provided on pages 6 & 7. To see all of the photos, please go to www.tmnaonline.org/run-the-grove and click on the event photos at the bottom. Congratulations to all the race winners this year! For full race results, please visit runthegrove5k.itsyourrace.com.

In total, TMNA made more than **\$20,000** from Sponsorships, Race Registration, and the Silent Auction after all expenses and donations to the **Lorraine Cherry Nature Preserve, Love Elementary, and Sinclair Elementary!** This

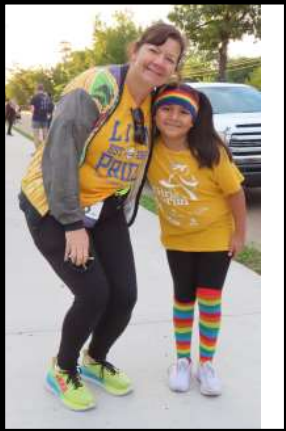
is an incredible way to continue to revitalize our neighborhood and our community. The efforts that go into planning this event are immense; however, seeing the impact is well worth it. Not only does it allow us to improve Timbergrove Manor by taking on beautification programs, it is a valuable way to bring neighbors, businesses, and runners together in a great local event. It has also allowed us to kick off the **Grow the Grove** tree planting initiative which will begin in the fall of this year! If you are interested in getting a tree planted in your yard, there is still time, so please reach out!

Finally, mark your calendars for next year's event on **March 29, 2025!** Planning is already underway and we NEED all the neighbor support we can get on race day. Our goal next year is to improve neighbor participation through more volunteer support and by cheering on the runners on the race course while the runners go by. Let's continue to make this OUR neighborhood event! If you are interested in volunteering in any way, please contact me at Timbergrove5K@gmail.com. Thank You.



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excited to announce that we'll be canvassing the neighborhood! Our mission? To spark enthusiasm about our upcoming events and bolster participation in the Neighborhood Association. Our community thrives on engagement, and this is a fantastic opportunity to learn about the vibrant activities we have planned. Whether it's community clean-ups, festive parades, or engaging workshops, there's something for everyone. This initiative is crucial for keeping our neighborhood dynamic and connected. We're calling on all residents to join

us in this effort. By getting involved, you're not just contributing to the events themselves, but also shaping the future of our community. Let's come together to make our neighborhood an even better place to live. See you soon!

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MAY 5	6	7	8	9 TMNA Qtrly Mtg <hr/> Garbage Pick-up	10	11
12 <i>Mother's Day</i>	13	14	15 Tree Waste Pick-up	16 Garbage Pick-up	17	18
19	20 <i>Start of Early Voting - Primary Runoff Election</i>	21	22	23  Garbage Pick-up	24 <i>End of Early Voting - Primary Runoff Election</i>	25 <i>Newsletter Articles Due</i>
26	27  <i>Memorial Day</i>	28 <i>Primary Runoff Election Day</i>	29	30 Garbage Pick-up	31	JUN 1 <i>Newsletter Distribution</i>
2	3	4	5	6  Garbage Pick-up	7	8
9	10	11	12	13 Garbage Pick-up	14	15