



Timbergrove Manor

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May Storm Resources

by John Brems

If you've found yourself singing the Beatles "Fixing A Hole" while putting up a tarp on your roof to stop the rain from getting in, and it's stopping your mind from wondering where the rainwater will now go (better yet, how will you cover the repair cost), you are not alone. I'm fortunate that my house was not as severely damaged as others', but the storm has still left Claire and me unable to live at our home.

I've been working with our City Council member's team and our Super Neighborhood to collect information and distribute it to our community via email. If you have not signed up for TMNA emails and did not receive any information on storm assistance resources, please sign up by completing the "Stay in the Know" section at: <https://tmnaonline.org/> (at the bottom of the page).

Here is a brief summary of assistance resources:

- Debris Clean Up and Tree Removal: It will take 2-3 months to collect all debris and there will be multiple pass-throughs. Please separate your debris by type and report it to 3-1-1. We notice that some houses still have debris in the property - if you need help removing



debris, please contact one of the TMNA Officers. We will try to help elevate the issue to find help for those who desperately need it.

- Reporting Damage and Seeking Assistance: The Red Cross canvassed our neighborhood in the last week of May. This event is a federally declared disaster and you can apply for assistance with FEMA. The city recommends applying even if you have insurance. Many community members have navigated this process of recovery from previous instances, so reach out to your neighbors as they might give you a helpful perspective. Additionally, please continue reporting the damage to the Texas Division of Emergency Management's iSTAT as this helps in allocating funds to rebuild to our community; along with reporting debris to 3-1-1.
- Resources: FEMA has resources based on income level and you can apply and get your questions answered at DisasterAssistance.gov. Small Business Administration (SBA) provides low interest rate loans to individuals

and households to help with rebuilding and you do not need to own your business to apply. There have been several workshops and information sessions hosted within our community, posted via Facebook or email blast.

If you need help or are able to provide help, please reach out to me.

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Executive Corner

by John Brems

We're introducing a few new faces to TMNA's Executive Committee following the election that was held at Ovinnik Brewery on May 9th. Before we welcome those that are stepping up, I want to give a special thanks to those who are stepping aside or down from the previous TMNA executive team. We thank each of you for offering up your valuable time toward improving our precious community:

- **Chris Elliot**, who's served as President for five years, stepped in and rebuilt the systems and restored trust within our community and sought balance allowing us to function properly; he's stepping into a role on the Deed Restriction Compliance Committee (DRCC) after two DRCC retirements. I also want to give thanks to Kimberly, Chris's wife, who has often silently stepped up, taking the initiative with (and without) Chris to bring major successes and functionality to the TMNA Exec team.

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- **Kathy Utsey**, who served as our honest and transparent Treasurer and maintained financial order. Kathy gave us the license to operate as a non-profit and ensured timely reimbursements to neighbors while often stepping up in leading TMNA Sub-Committees. Kathy and her husband have moved to Round Top, TX.
- **Robert Alfonso**, who served as the Recording Secretary and sound advisor who brought enlightening perspectives in Exec Committee debates and decision making. Robert stepped off the board in mid-2023 to fill a vacancy on the DRCC and is still contributing to TMNA.

With gratitude to previous Exec Committee members, I want to introduce and thank our new exec team. Returning members are:

- **John-Williams Brems** - I served as VP to Chris for the past year and am happy to step up to the role of President. I and the other exec members hope to encourage more community members to get engaged and active within our community. I'm also honored to be one of our delegates to the Super Neighborhood 14, representing our great community and advocating for city and county resources to bring positive improvements. Please reach out if you have any interest in getting involved, whether it's a brewing group or gardening and knitting hobbyists.
- **Jessica Blakey** has served as our Corresponding Secretary for two years, doing the thankless task of managing our community inbox and sending notices and email blasts to residents. Jessica is continuing in her role on this team.

New Executive Committee Members

Jason Konet - Vice President



Hi Y'all! My name is Jason Konet and I am your new Vice President. I recently moved into the neighborhood from midtown with my wife, Emma. We were looking for a place that feels more like a neighborhood and we couldn't be more excited to live here.

It's been a great 4 months settling into our home. I was looking for a way to get more involved in the area and am excited to serve as Vice President. In my free time, I like to golf, cook and hang out with our cat, Beck. I look forward to meeting more people in the neighborhood and contributing to its continued growth!

Alan Shand - Treasurer



One half of our volunteering couple from 1127 Woodhill, I moved into the neighborhood in July 2021 and I'm honored to be treasurer for TMNA. I have a finance and accounting background and it'll be fun to apply that to the position. Hailing from Scotland, I have

been in Houston since 2017 and am delighted we found Timbergrove to buy a house and meet the great people in the community. I enjoy sports and I'm up for a game of golf at any time, so if you fancy a round, or have any questions/suggestions to help TMNA, then don't hesitate to give me a shout.

Wendy Wilson - Recording Secretary



As the other half of the volunteering couple from 1127 Woodhill, I moved to the neighborhood a few years ago, am a Sustainability professional, enjoy serving on a Houston Livestock Show & Rodeo Committee, and am a passionate fundraiser/rider for the Texas MS Society. I was drawn to Timbergrove by its abundance of greenery and the warmth of the neighbors I met. I joined TMNA in hopes of preserving that.

DRCC

by **Nicholas Banks**

As the newly appointed Chair of the Deed Restrictions Compliance Committee, let me take a moment to introduce myself. I am Nicholas Banks, a five-year resident of the neighborhood. I joined the DRCC four years ago in response to a call for volunteers, and now find myself its most senior member! I believe that my architectural background equips me with a keen eye for design and compliance, ensuring that the neighborhood's guidelines are met with precision and fairness. I am committed to upholding the community's standards while fostering a collaborative and welcoming environment for all residents. My wife and I live along TC Jester, near the bayou. You can often find me walking the south portion of the neighborhood in the morning and evening with our cocker spaniel, Annie.

Our fellow neighbors, Bill Caldwell and Tommy Britt, decided to step down from the committee. Throughout their tenure, they have been instrumental in ensuring that community guidelines are upheld, fostering a harmonious and conforming environment for all residents. Tommy had dedicated over 20 years to serving on the Deed Restrictions Compliance Committee, and was instrumental in the updating of the deed restrictions in the early 2000's. His deep knowledge of the neighborhood's history, combined with a fair and respectful approach to enforcement, has earned him the respect and gratitude of our community. Bill Caldwell will also be leaving the committee after serving as the corresponding secretary, keeping track of the approved projects and notices over the last 5 years. Their service embodies what makes Timbergrove a great place to live.

Joining the committee is former TMNA president Chris Elliot, who has offered to step up as corresponding secretary, as well as Niko Anagnostopoulos - we will introduce them in a future issue of the newsletter. Continuing their terms will be Robert Alfonso and Zach Lewis.

Turning to DRCC business, after the storms in

May, we have agreed to put a moratorium on yard violations for the next month, allowing all of us to focus on repair and rebuilding efforts. However, the DRCC is ready to review any submission and respond timely to questions to reduce any burden or frustration.

I'm sure some are considering this as an opportunity for renovations and additions. Please keep the deed restrictions in mind during your planning. Please feel free to reach out with questions prior to submission. Also note that our deed restrictions require that all additions and new construction be permitted by the City of Houston. The deed restrictions are available at <https://tmnaonline.org/deed-restrictions/>. As a general rule of thumb, if you're making repairs that do not change the exterior, roofline or appearance of your home, you do not require DRCC approval; however, I encourage you to email the DRCC at tmnadrcc7723@gmail.com to double check and to give us a heads up. Any changes to the exterior, elevation or square-footage of the house need to be approved by the DRCC prior to construction. You can find the submission form online.

We also want to discourage the complete tear down of existing structures prior to submitting plans for replacement - exceptions would be made for hazardous conditions and safety of the structure. If you're planning on tearing down any portion of your property, please contact the DRCC for evaluation and approval.

To help expedite reconstruction of our neighborhood, the DRCC has a short list of approved materials and styles below:

Roofing materials

- Architectural asphalt shingles and standing seam metal roofing are acceptable materials. Avoid 3-tab shingles unless repairing existing.

Siding materials

- Cedar shakes, wood siding, and fiber cement siding (sizes 2", 4", 8", 10", & 12" heights) are acceptable materials. Stucco is an acceptable

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Grow The Grove

by Scott Douglas

Neighbors, I think I speak for all of us when I say we just can't catch a break! The latest devastating storm in our area not only wiped out a massive number of mature trees in our neighborhood, but also left many of us with crushed or damaged homes. Hope for a quick rebuild and recovery to all those affected. Now more than ever, we need the Grow the Grove program to replace what we have lost. Most of these trees were pine and water oak trees, by sheer volume. Other than some small limbs, I did not see any big live oaks down after this storm. I think this reinforces the importance of live oaks as our tree of choice for target replacement. It

also gives confidence that if these trees are taken care of, they will flourish for many years to come, regardless of what tornadoes, hurricanes, droughts, or freezes will bring.

We already have almost as many applications as trees that we have allotted for fall of 2024 (25 total). However, we are considering planting all 50 trees this year if we have enough folks interested after tree-magaddon. If you are interested, please reach out to us and let us know you are considering. We are extending the application deadline to the end of June and we will make the decision at that time. We would love to see more trees in the ground sooner than later given the latest tree destruction. We look forward to new growth!

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Neighbor helping neighbor



A sad but frequent sighting



The iconic Tommy Vaughn sign



A very unnecessary Stop sign!



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For CoH information on tree debris pickup, go to: https://www.houstontx.gov/solidwaste/debris_04182016_faq.html

Bagging Made Easier

by Sharon Balke

By the time you read this, you may have already picked up all the tree debris from your yard following the May 16th storm that left Timbergrove Manor littered with tons of wood waste. Not to be the harbinger of bad news, but hurricane season is with us through the end of November. With NOAA predicting a banner year for storms and hurricanes, I forecast more yard pickup in the future.

The City of Houston just made it a little easier by now allowing different kinds of biodegradable bags for yard waste. In the past, the bags had to have the city's seal on them. Now, any 100% biodegradable bag meeting the American Society for Testing and Materials (ASTM) D6400 or EN13432 is acceptable.

I looked at various bag options on Amazon.com. You can buy twelve 55-gallon compostable trash bags for \$30. That's \$2.17 a bag. Scroll down

a bit and Lowe's has 30-gallon heavy duty paper bags, 10 count for \$15. Costco features the same size bag, 30 count for \$34 and Home Depot's bags are 15 bags for \$15. Price wise, Home Depot is the most cost effective.

Remember that the standard black heavy-duty trash bags are not allowed.

In addition, you can place yard waste in a personal reusable container. Just set it at the curb. The city will dump it and leave the container. That seems a bit risky to me unless the yard waste is clearly visible (no lid).

As always, the solid waste department will collect small bundles of twigs tied with twine no longer than 4 feet in length.

As I write this on May 30th, I have my fingers crossed that NOAA is wrong and we will not experience any major storms this summer, but we need to be prepared.

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material, but must include finishing details.
Brick and stone are acceptable materials

Fences and Masonry Walls

- No fence shall be constructed forward of the front corner of a new or existing house/garage.
- Cedar, red wood, fiber cement material, treated wood, wrought iron, heavy gauge chain link and heavy gauge plastic are acceptable materials for new fences.
- Fences shall be no taller than 8'-0".

- Masonry walls may only be constructed on the back Property Line of lots that back up to Durham. In no event shall such masonry wall exceed 10' in height.

As always, we want to preserve the harmony of our neighborhood and the collective community landscape with emphasis on helping each other. We are so proud to be part of the TMNA community. If anyone needs help in the coming days, or can lend a hand for their community, please contact any of your TMNA officers.



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					Garbage Pick-up		
	16	17	18	19	20	21	22
<i>Father's Day</i>				<i>Juneteenth Day</i>	 Garbage Pick-up		
	23	24	25	26	27	28	29
					Garbage Pick-up	<i>Newsletter Articles Due</i>	
	30	1	2	3	4	5	JUN 6
					 <i>Independence Day</i>	 Garbage Pick-up	<i>Newsletter Distribution</i>
	7	8	9	10	11	12	13
					Garbage Pick-up		
	14	15	16	17	18	19	20
				Tree Waste Pick-up	 Garbage Pick-up		