



Timbergrove Manor

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May Storm Recovery Update

by Tim Hassett

After picking up more than 1.55 million cubic yards of storm debris, the City of Houston's Department of Solid Waste Management (SWMD) will begin the second and final pass of debris collection in earnest on July 8, 2024. Houstonians can expect the second pass to last for 30 days. At the conclusion of the second pass, the remainder of the storm debris operation will consist of completing reduction and restoration.

The first pass of storm debris collection ended on June 30th. The period between the first and second pass is intended to provide a break for the contractor crews, who have been working seven days a week on their respective routes, and to provide residents with additional time to prepare their debris for collection. SWMD urges residents to separate storm debris from bulk waste. Please ensure that tree trunks are 2-3 feet or less in diameter and 3 feet or less in length and tree branches are 6 feet or less in length. In addition, debris piles must be within 10 feet of private property lines as crews cannot encroach beyond that limit.

The May 16, 2024, Derecho that took Houston by storm is estimated to have created 1.8 million cubic yards of storm debris. So far, the city has collected roughly 1.55 million cubic yards, enough to fill 50% of NRG Stadium. The City of Houston and SWMD brought in two debris collection contractors and a project monitor to pick up the City's storm debris. Additionally, in compliance with FEMA requirements for public safety disposal of the storm debris, all the storm debris collected

must go to one of four temporary collection sites for reduction. The sites were selected by the storm operations contractors and approved by the City of Houston and the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ).

All vegetative storm debris accumulated at the temporary debris sites, will be processed through woodchippers and grinders. Onsite personnel will maintain safety and minimize the operation's environmental impact by watering the debris sites to prevent fires and reduce the spread of dust throughout the nearby neighborhoods. Additionally, after-hours security will remain at the temporary debris staging sites during non-operating hours.

The City of Houston expects storm debris operations to conclude in 90 days from the onset (approximately end-August), barring any weather delays or additional storms that may produce more vegetative waste debris. Included in the 90-day timeline is the collection, reduction, cleanup, and restoration of the temporary sites back to their original states.



To aid in the coordination of collection efforts, SWMD encourages residents in impacted areas to **report all debris removal needs to Houston 311 or call 3-1-1** and to visit their website at HoustonSolidWaste.org.

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Grow The Grove Update


by Scott Douglas

Grow the Grove has officially kicked off! We are excited to announce that we have secured 25 applicants to receive 95 gallon live oak trees in their front yards! Now more than ever we need new tree growth in our neighborhood, with freezes, droughts, and strong storms clearing out aging mature trees!

We plan to begin planting these trees in late September or early October to avoid the heat, allowing them to settle in before the spring. This will be a multi-year program planting an additional 25 trees in 2025. With Run the Grove success, we plan to continue this initiative until we have filled TMNA with a "Grove" of beautiful trees. Thank you all for your enthusiasm and support to get this program started!

If you are still interested in getting a tree, please reach out. We may be able to accommodate you in the fall if we have any changes, or at least in 2025!

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Rain Garden Update

by John Brems

Exciting developments are unfolding at the corner of E TC Jester and Grovewood! After two years of planning and discussions with neighbors and the TMNA, Harris County Flood Control has commenced work on our neighborhood rain garden. The work crew has been exceptionally friendly and efficient, working swiftly to complete the project. By the time you read this, the rain garden will likely be finished!

A rain garden is designed to collect and absorb stormwater, reducing flooding and benefiting the environment. It involves shaping the land to act as a basin and using native plants that serve as natural sponges. Our community's rain garden not only helps manage water, but also beautifies the area

and supports local ecology, making it a valuable addition to our neighborhood and a rare feature in Houston.



New Rain Garden Under Construction

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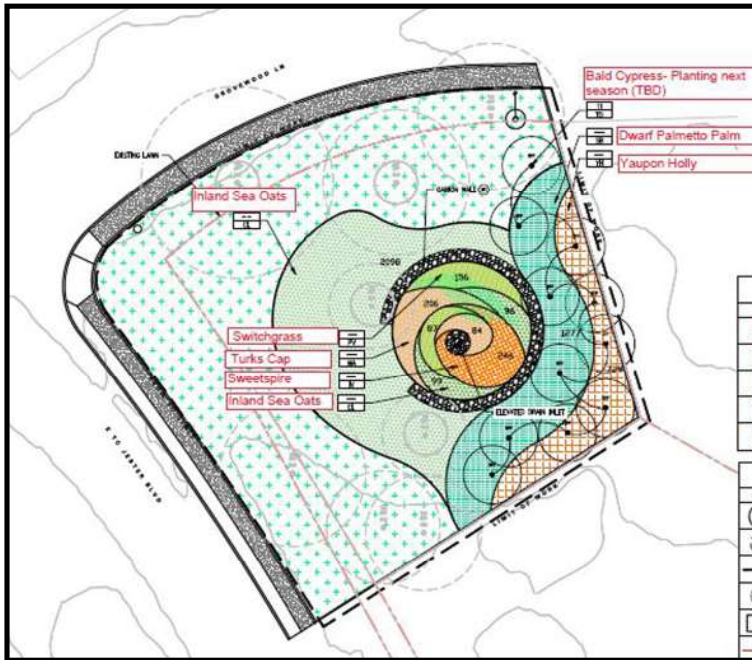
Yard of the Month



Good luck walking by the yard at 1222 Timbergrove Lane without stopping to stare at the lush Bermuda grass and perfectly manicured flower beds. The variety of flowers and shrubs in the three-tiered flower bed add color and character to this beautiful set up. It is hard not to notice the large agave plants that tie the whole thing together while giving this yard a Texas feel. Then there is the grass! The rain has certainly helped this Bermuda grass transform in the lush green carpet that we see today. It makes you want to get out your golf clubs and take a few hacks, or enjoy a nice picnic, although, I wouldn't recommend picnicking in your neighbor's yard. Congratulations to Derek and Jacqueline Steele, the owners of this beautiful yard and the recipients of Yard of the Month honors for July!

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The garden will feature a slate gabion wall around the central drainage area, surrounded by approximately 2,000 native plants, including grasses, flowering bushes, and shrubs. The county



Rain Garden Planting Plan

will handle the initial planting and maintenance, ensuring the plants are well-established, even watering them in case of drought.

We understand there may be concerns about pests or mosquitoes. Rest assured, the design minimizes standing water through a well-planned ecosystem that includes a drain connected to the bayou, facilitating excess water discharge.

Once established, it's crucial for our community to protect this natural preserve, ensuring it's not damaged by accidental mowing or other activities. We're considering enhancing this space with park benches, bird houses, a crushed rock pathway, and informative signage, pending approval from Harris County Flood Control.

We value your feedback and ideas! Please share your thoughts at our next quarterly meeting or via email at JWB.TMNA@gmail.com. Let's cherish and enjoy this wonderful addition to our neighborhood!

A large advertisement for Plumbco Plumbing. The word "Plumbco" is in blue with a white outline, and "Plumbing" is in yellow with a black outline. Below it, the text "For all your Plumbing Installations & Repairs" is in white. The website "www.plumbcohouston.com" is in a yellow box. The phone number "713-721-PLUM (7586)" is in large black letters. The entire ad is framed by a silver pipe graphic.

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Hurricane Season Preparation

by Tim Hassett

While we have all been busy recovering from the May derecho, hurricane season has begun. The following are tips on preparing for this period:

- Write down emergency phone numbers, post on refrigerator and add to your mobile phone.
- Prepare an emergency supply kit consisting of at least three days of food, water, medicines, spare batteries & chargers, a first aid kit and baby, children & pet items as needed.

- Develop an emergency evacuation plan and identify an out-of-town evacuation location(s). Review the plan with family members.
- If/when a hurricane is projected to possibly strike the Houston area, keep your car's gas tank full and store your emergency supply kit in your vehicle.

For detailed hurricane preparation information, visit the following website:

<https://cp4.harriscountytexas.gov/Assistance/Hurricane-Prep/Before-the-Storm>



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14	15	16	17 Tree Waste Pick-up	18  Garbage Pick-up	19	20
21	22	23	24	25 Garbage Pick-up	26 <i>Newsletter Articles Due</i>	27
28	29	30	31	AUG 1  Garbage Pick-up	2	3 <i>Newsletter Distribution</i>
4	5	6	7	8 Garbage Pick-up	9	10
11	12	13	14	15  Garbage Pick-up	16	17