



Timbergrove Manor

Neighborhood Association News
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TMNA Executive Corner

by John Brems

If you have been receiving the email blasts, you will know that we've been busy staying connected with our Super Neighborhood and City Council member's office on all updates regarding traffic, tree care and deed restriction enforcements. As part of this engagement, as well as better connecting across the neighborhood, we're looking to restart our TMNA block captains list. A block captain is an individual who can help advocate for their street, and keep the executive team aware of any city or CenterPoint issues. They're also a person who, with the executive team, can help coordinate Neighbor Night Out events and block parties.

If you're interested in taking on the role of a block captain for your street (or previously were a block captain - I just can't find the list), please reach out to John Brems (JWB.TMNA@gmail.com)

Tree Stumped

Some neighbors have reached out to me asking about the City's process and rules on tree stump and root removal. I have a mixed bag of news. If you've been able to split it up and drag it to your curb, there's a high probability of it being picked up by either the regular bi-monthly tree waste or the ongoing storm debris pick up crews.

If you're stuck with an uprooted tree trunk (like me) and don't possess Olympian strength to remove it, most tree removal companies will be able to stump grind it into mulch. I'm in the process of dealing with that right now, and advise getting at least two quotes to ensure you're getting a fair deal. In my

most recent quote, a stump grind of the tree that was in my front yard, came in around \$300 before tax. If you'd like their contact information, please reach out to me at (JWB.TMNA@gmail.com).

Grow The Grove Update

by Scott Douglas

Congratulations to everyone who will be receiving a tree for their front yard this fall, courtesy of the TMNA "Grow the Grove" program! Twenty-five trees will be planted during the first week of October, 2024. This timing avoids the summer heat and allows them to settle in during the fall and winter period. These big, 95-gallon live oaks will immediately have a positive impact on the beauty of our neighborhood and will soon have an impact on shade (with regular watering and a lot of TLC).

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TMNA Members Meeting

It's that time of the year!
Mark your calendars and plan to join us:

- Sunday, Sept 8th -

Location

Star Sailor

1710 W. 18th Street

- Social time starts @ 4:00 pm -

- Meeting starts @ 4:30 pm -

If you have any questions or concerns,
please reach out at

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Tips on Replacing Lost Trees

by Sharon Balke

City of Houston Councilperson Abbie Kamin and “Trees for Houston” teamed up to present a program on planting trees to replace those lost in May’s derecho and in June from Hurricane Beryl. Barry Ward, Executive Director of Trees for Houston, referred the audience to the website texastreeguide@tamu.edu as a valuable resource for selecting the right tree for your yard.



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2024 Halloween Call for Volunteers

by John Brems

TMNA plans on hosting our most exciting event of the year with our Trick-or-Treat Parade, Yard Contest, Children's Costume Contest and Carnival games for the kids! We're seeking 10 volunteers who can help on Halloween evening, 6pm - 8:30pm, to help bring the Halloween Extravaganza back to its pre-covid size and excitement. This won't be possible without volunteers.

If you live on Turnpike, Glen Oaks or Nashua south of 11th Street, and would either be willing to host carnival games on your lawn or a Haunted House in your garage, please reach out to Jason Konet (jrkonet@gmail.com) or John Brems (JWB.TMNA@gmail.com). TMNA will provide all of the carnival games and spooky decorations (as well as candy & prizes to pass out).

We will also carry on the TMNA Halloween Decoration contest starting in October. Awards will be presented for Scariest and Most Creative home and yard decorations. Last year was a hard one on the judges with lots of great decorations.

We look forward to hearing from all that want to keep this great tradition alive, and provide a spooktacular evening to the kids and families!

Storm Debris Collection Update

by Tim Hassett

The City of Houston's Department of Solid Waste Management (SWMD) expects to conclude the first pass of storm debris collections from Hurricane Beryl on August 31st. The second pass of collection will begin in earnest on September 2nd.

Unlike during the Derecho storm debris cleanup, which primarily impacted northern Houston, residents do not need to report their storm debris to 3-1-1. Storm debris contractors will drive down every street and collect storm debris piles in all public rights of way. SWMD encourages Houstonians to view the storm debris collection progress tracker at bit.ly/HTXStorm, which the department has updated to reflect specific collection progress in neighborhoods.

SWMD urges residents to continue to separate storm debris from bulk waste, and demolition and construction debris at the curbside. Contaminated debris piles might delay collection until the next bulk waste month. Please ensure that tree trunks are 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 onto private property lines as crews cannot encroach beyond that limit.

Yard of the Month



The September Yard of the Month honor goes to Parmita and Winston Derden of 2015 Cranston Court. A huge live oak in the back yard caught the eye of the couple who bought the property and built a Spanish style home on the lot in 2021. Parmita is the gardener in the family and has enhanced the front flower bed with a variety of plants. Pink, white and magenta pentas cluster near the front steps. Plumbago and holly bushes are in the back of the flower bed, along with Chinese fringe, Pride of Barbados, lots of white vincas, miniature boxwoods, salvias, camellias and drip roses. It's nice to see plants thriving in Houston's extreme heat. Congratulations to the family!

Game Day Feast!

by Jason Konet

August is over! Fall is in the air. Ok maybe not yet, but it's around the corner and that only means one thing. It's football time! That's right, the long abyss of months separating February from September has been crossed. It's time to celebrate. Whether it's under the Friday night lights, College Gameday Saturdays (Go Gators!) or NFL Sundays with the Texans, we get to break out the crock pots, grills and smokers, crack open a nice beverage of choice and enjoy some football. My favorite go-to game day meal is some crispy chicken wings slathered in some buffalo sauce. This recipe is inspired by Kenji Lopez-Alt and his folks over at *seriouseats.com*.

Twice Fried Chicken Wings and Homemade-ish Buffalo Sauce

- 4 lbs Chicken flats/drumettes
- 1 bottle of any oil that has a high smoke point (Vegetable, Canola, etc. NOT OLIVE OIL)
- 1 Stick of butter (no one said it was healthy)
- 1 cup of Frank's Hot sauce
- 2 cloves of Garlic minced

Pour oil into a large Dutch oven and place over medium-high heat until the thermometer reads around 250 degrees. Make sure there's enough oil that will cover a layer of wings. Working in batches, place chicken into the Dutch oven and cook for 20 minutes. A wire-mesh spoon works best for this. Occasionally check the temperature of the oil making sure it never gets too hot or too cold. The idea is to "slow cook" the chicken the first round, then we crank up the heat for round 2. Once the chicken is cooked through and you start to see some bubbles forming on the outside,

place on a wire rack with paper towels underneath. Repeat with the next batch until all the chicken is cooked through.

After all the chicken has been cooked and on the wire rack, increase the temperature of the oil to 400 degrees. While the oil is heating up, mince the garlic, and place the butter into a sauce pan on low heat. Once the butter has melted, add the garlic, and stir until fragrant (30 sec-1 min). If the butter is bubbling, turn the heat lower. Once garlic is fragrant, add in the Franks Hot Sauce and stir to incorporate. Reduce down to a simmer just to keep warm while you finish the wings.

Once the oil is up to 400 degrees, again in batches, place chicken back into the oil. The chicken will have a tendency to stick to each other; use the wire-mesh spoon to stir/separate. After about 5-7 minutes, remove chicken and repeat until all the chicken has been flash-fried a 2nd time. Place the chicken into a bowl and pour the sauce over the top. Mix until the chicken is fully covered. It's time to plate up with some carrots/celery and ranch and enjoy the game!

A mystery landscaper is loose in Timbergrove! A couple of neighbors were going to mow the triangle at Bay Oaks and Worthshire only to discover it had already been mowed! We're sending a big shout out to whomever took the initiative to get that project done!

We also want to thank the Elliott and the Maida families who are taking on maintenance of the triangle. And "Thank You" to everyone who recognized the need for maintenance so the Texas Sage can be the focal point for that area.

New DRCC Member

Niko Anagnostopoulos, originally from Greece, is an engineer and owner of a company that focuses on commercial interior construction. He and his wife, Renee, moved to Timbergrove in 2015, living on Worthshire Street, and have since embraced the community. Niko enjoys taking daily walks around the neighborhood with his dog, Archie, appreciating the peaceful atmosphere. He values the strong sense of community in Timbergrove and is dedicated to helping preserve the neighborhood's unique character and appeal.



Run, Don't Wok, to LÚA Viet Kitchen!

by Alan Shand

Wendy and I, along with some visiting family members, made the short trip to try out the new local eatery located at 1215 N. Durham Drive. A casual dining spot, it has a great menu with appetisers, salads, noodle dishes, pho, rice and vermicelli entrees, plus house favourites. Lots of vegetarian, gluten free options, along with a near whole page of plant-based options.

With the 6 of us, I was able to try out quite a few items from the menu...

Drinks

There is beer and wine mentioned on the menu, but their licensing is still in progress, so currently it is down to some usual soft drink options: Topo Chico, Mexican Coke, etc. and a selection of fountain drinks. They also have some organic fresh pressed juices – I tried the strawberry, pomegranate & dragon fruit one, lovely and refreshing (I will admit that I am biased to anything strawberry).

Food

- Egg Rolls (2 or 4 generous sized rolls per portion) – Really good flavours and great start to the meal. Piping hot! With dipping sauce, mint, butter crisp lettuce, carrots, chili fish sauce.
- Fresh Spring Rolls (2 rolls, good size, per portion) – More good flavours and so fresh. Shrimp, fresh mint and some nice sun butter dipping sauce.
- Lemongrass Chicken – Very nice spice and flavours, great balance with the lemongrass. Red Bird Farm chicken breast with minced lemongrass, garlic, celery, onions, jalapeños and chilli peppers. Served with jasmine rice.
- Broad Noodle with Chicken – Vegetable is very fresh with sweet savoury flavor. Red Bird Farm chicken breast. Wide egg noodles, bok choy, snow pea tips, napa cabbage, broccoli, carrots, cremini mushrooms and crispy shallots.
- Pho with Beef – Nice broth, medium rare and

tender beef. Asked for this one spicy and it had a real nice kick to it. 44 Farm's Certified Angus beef. Comes with bean sprouts, onions, basil, cilantro, rice patty herbs (citrusy with mild cumin flavour) and jalapeño.

- Curry Chicken – This was my favourite dish by far: fantastic yellow curry, good mix of chicken and veg. I asked for this one extra spicy and it did not disappoint. Red Bird Farm chicken breast with celery, onions, mushrooms. Simmered in coconut curry with glass noodles. Served with jasmine rice.
- Garlic Noodle – Noodles were al dente, really nice flavors and the garlic is not overpowering at all. Red Bird Farm chicken breast. Egg noodles, bok choy, broccoli and napa cabbage.
- Wok-tossed Beef Noodles – Very tender beef with some nice crunchy vegetables. 44 Farms Premium Angus beef. Wide rice noodles, snow pea tips, bean sprouts, onions, minced ginger.

I highly recommend this restaurant... especially for anyone who has a taste for the flavors that are mentioned. The pricing is very reasonable, the menu talks to their locally sourced and fresh ingredients, and the food does not disappoint. Go try it out, if you haven't already.. and it is so close you can Wok over anytime (even in the recent heat).

Free Wellness Offering Sessions

by Laura Bradham

We are excited to let you know that two types of free Wellness Offerings will be available at the Lorraine Cherry Nature Preserve on 11th Street this fall! A "First Saturday of the Month Morning Mindfulness" session will begin on September 7th at 9:30 am across from the corner of Pineshade and Shelterwood. Dress comfortably, bring a folding chair (or a blanket for the ground), water, and bug spray. We will be adding a "Second Saturday of the Month Yoga" on September 14th at 9:30 am. These yoga classes will be led by an experienced instructor from Facet Seven. Meet at the picnic table across from the corner of Pineshade and Shirkmere (in the Ball Field). Dress comfortably, bring a yoga mat, water, and bug spray.

Deed Restriction Compliance Committee

by Nicholas Banks

Last week, I took a drive-around tour of the entire neighborhood to survey the state of the community and observe how everyone has been progressing with repairs after the two severe storms. Honestly, I was impressed to see that debris piles were minimal, lawns were well kept, and repairs were in progress if not completed.

Our neighborhood thrives when everyone contributes to maintaining a safe, clean, and pleasant environment. Now that we are almost two months removed from the July hurricane, however, the committee has recently resumed sending out notices to properties with obvious violations.

I want to take this time to bring up a few key points on property maintenance, parking regulations, and general neighborly conduct, all of which help keep Timbergrove the vibrant community we love.

Front Yard Care

A well-maintained front yard contributes greatly to our neighborhood's charm. Section IV-S of our deed restrictions states, "The owner of property in the Subdivision shall be required to keep the grass and weeds cut and sidewalks edged on the particular lot(s)...".

Prune shrubs, and trim trees to prevent them from becoming overgrown, obstructing the front of your home, and potentially damaging your building siding. Keep your yard free from fallen leaves, branches, and other debris to prevent creating a home for pests and unwanted critters.

Additionally, keep sidewalks in front of your property free of weeds, and obstructions. When your sidewalk starts resembling a patch of grass more than concrete, it's probably time to break out the edger or shovel. Additionally, make sure any remaining debris doesn't obstruct pedestrian use.

Parking Etiquette

Sidewalks should be clear for pedestrian use, and parking regulations are in place to maintain order

and safety. I have noticed an increase in individuals parking on sidewalks, including sidewalks on the south side of 11th Street. Parking on the sidewalk is a violation of city ordinance and can result in a ticket. The city's concerns are twofold. First, it's a safety issue—sidewalks are meant for pedestrians, keeping them out of the street. Second, sidewalks aren't designed to bear the weight of vehicles. Over time, parking on sidewalks will cause them to crack and break down.

Additionally, while we are still in the summer holiday season, recreational vehicles have been brought out of storage for a little bit of fun. Our deed restrictions, however, prohibit the parking of these vehicles in front of your building line per Section IV. H: "...in excess of seventy-two (72) consecutive hours during any thirty (30) day period in such a manner that it is visible from a public street.". Additionally, parking of recreational vehicles on the street for longer than two hours is prohibited by local ordinances, and violators may be reported to the city.

These restrictions are basically about showing respect and consideration for those around us. Letting a vehicle sit on the street indefinitely, neglecting your yard, or disregarding basic property upkeep can indicate a neighborhood in decline. By adhering to these guidelines we can all help ensure that Timbergrove remains a beautiful and thriving community. Let's continue to work together to uphold the standards that make our neighborhood such a wonderful place to live.

If you notice a violation or have a concern, please don't hesitate to reach out to the Committee by sending an email to tmnadrcc7723@gmail.com. We typically resolve most issues with a courtesy letter, but each situation is handled on a case-by-case basis.

**Remember to consult
the TMNA Deed Restrictions
when building and planning
home improvements.**

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Now more than ever we need new tree growth in our neighborhood - recent freezes, droughts, and storms have cleared out many aging mature trees. We could not have picked a better time to launch this initiative. This multi-year program will plant an additional 25 trees next year, and hopefully even more beyond that. Our highly successful Run the Grove 5K event provides TMNA with the funding to continue this initiative until we have filled our neighborhood with a "Grove" of beautiful trees.

Thanks to all for your support in getting this program started. If you are interested in registering to get a tree next year, or if you have any feedback, please reach out and let me know. Let's continue to bring back the timber in Timbergrove!

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***** March 29, 2025 *****



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SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
SEP 1	2	3	4	5	6	7
	<i>Labor Day Holiday</i>			Garbage Pick-up		
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
<i>TMNA Qtrly Meeting 4:00 PM @ Star Sailor</i>				 Garbage Pick-up		
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
			Tree Waste Pick-up	Garbage Pick-up		
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
				 Garbage Pick-up	<i>Newsletter Articles Due</i>	
29	30	31	OCT 1	2	3	4
				Garbage Pick-up		<i>Newsletter Distribution</i>
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
				 Garbage Pick-up		