



Timbergrove Manor

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TMNA Halloween Event

by Tim Hassett

Despite the threat of rain, the Timbergrove magic prevailed and resulted in a great evening of Halloween fun! The crowd of costumed revelers, both young and old(er), partook in trick-or-treating, games, costume contests and food & drinks. Thanks go to Leah Braden, Jason Konet, John Brems and Sharon Balke who led the planning and running of this event, to Marjana and Rachel who judged costumes, and to our neighbors on Nashua and Turnpike who decorated their yards and held games for the young goblins & ghouls.

Neighborhood Garage Sale - Nov. 16th

by Amy Carter

Hopefully, you've already seen the news articles and the social media posts on FB, Instagram, and our own TMNAonline.org; but if you haven't, there is a neighborhood wide garage sale on Saturday, November 16 from 8:00am - 11:00am. Set-up shop in your own driveway, sell your goods and donate a percentage of your proceeds to the neighborhood association (10% is suggested, you are on the honor system to give). Behind the scenes, TMNA volunteers have been working to get the word out and have signs made (will go in esplanades day of) to direct shoppers where to find sales in the 'hood.

If you are reading this article, I encourage you to talk to your neighbors about this. Several folks I've talked to while walking our dogs said our conversation was the first they heard about it. Please help spread the word! The more participation the

better. I mean - who can drive by a ton of garage sales? I can't, which is probably why we have so many things to put in our own garage sale!

Thus far, we have houses participating on:

- Wynnwood (5 houses in 900 - 1100 blocks)
- Waltway (1 house in 1000 block)
- Worthshire (1 house in 900 block)
- Nashua (1 house in 800 block)
- Cranston (1 house in 2000 block)
- Bay Oaks (2 houses in 1100 & 1200 blocks)

If you would like to participate email Amy Carter (amycarter1@aol.com). We'll add you to our list and this helps us with sign placement on the day of the sale. After the event concludes, please donate your chosen amount via Venmo (@[Timbergrove7723](https://venmo.com/Timbergrove7723)), via PayPal (link: www.paypal.com/paypalme2/tmna) or the old fashioned way via check made out to TMNA and mailed to PO Box 7723, Houston, TX 77270-7723.

TMNA Members Meeting

Mark your calendars and plan to join us:

- Sunday, Dec 8th -

Location

Ovinnik Brewing
7201 Wynnpark Dr.

- Social time starts @ 4:00 pm -
- Meeting starts @ 4:30 pm -

If you have any questions or topics for the meeting, please reach out at tmnacorresponding7723@gmail.com

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CenterPoint Loves the Holidays

by Sharon Balke

It's time to help Centerpoint regain a profit after spending millions on repairing the electric lines following this year's two storms. Do your part by decorating with lots of lights both indoors and out and you could be a holiday decorating winner.

Two judges from outside the neighborhood will hit the streets beginning at 6:30 on the evening of Sunday, December 15, accompanied by two members of the Yard of the Month team. As in the past, there will be three overall winners and one best door/window. Pictures of the winners will be in the January newsletter.

Winners from 2022 and 2023 aren't eligible, but we encourage them to brighten the neighborhood just the same.

We have some very creative people in the neighborhood and I look forward to what you will come up with this year.

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TMNA Needs You!

by Sharon Balke

In September 1990, my dear neighbor, Mozelle Wilkes, and I chose the first Yard of the Month winners. They were Colzie and Julian Britt of 1006 Worthshire, original homeowners and active TMNA members. Throughout the years, I have met many neighbors and seen tons of lovely yards.

Some of our current YOM committee members have served for nearly as long as I have. We all like the activity and feel it helps bring the neighborhood together. However, a couple have chosen to pursue other interests for 2025. That's where you come in.

We are looking for several new members. Ideally, you would only pick 1-2 houses a year. On your assigned month, which you choose at our holiday decorating party in December, you drive around the neighborhood looking for an appropriate house. The landscaping can be professionally done, one that has been designed and cared for

by the homeowner, or a combination of the two. You contact the winner, set up a brief interview (15 minutes), take a photo and then write a brief article for the newsletter. On the first of the month, you move the sign to the winner's yard. The entire process takes no more than an hour, maybe an hour and a half if you find a lot of prospective winners and have to narrow it down to one.

Judy Britt sends you a reminder when it's your month to pick and also sends a list of previous winners. If something happens your month and you can't make it, you can trade with another committee member.

Please text or call me at 713-249-5446 if you are interested. The more the merrier!

Save The Date!

2025 Run The Grove 5K

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

Yard of the Month



As with many home projects, Joe and Emily Morrel had an idea of what they wanted to do in their front yard - a simple stone path to the side of the house and some new plants. Then the landscaping company stepped in and offered a terraced look. The result is a colorful yard at 1003 Wynnwood and the Yard of the Month for November. Near the sidewalk is a bed with Gulf Coast muhly, bright white lantana, a vitex and pink salvia. Along newly installed steps are clay pots filled with a variety of flowers, including asters and zinnias. Fronting the house are pink hibiscus. Next to the driveway is delicate airy bamboo muhly. Near the front porch are two large Adirondack chairs and a smaller one for son, Jack, who is two. It's a great look for the neighborhood.

CenterPoint Obstacle Course

by Tim Hassett

If you walk to Kroger along 11th Street, you will notice CenterPoint's latest faux pas - a power pole installed right in the middle of the sidewalk!! Not only is this impossible to understand, it constitutes a significant obstacle and safety hazard to anyone in a wheelchair or pushing a stroller. I submitted a 311 request to have this addressed only to receive an email advising me to contact CenterPoint. Really?? Ok, let's give them some feedback! Please take a moment and call CenterPoint at **713-207-2222** to complain about this situation. For good measure, send an email requesting action to District C Councilperson Abbie Kamin at districtc@houstontx.gov.



DRCC - Sidewalks & Recreation

by Chris Elliott

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 three months removed from the July hurricane, the Committee has recently resumed sending out notices to properties with obvious violations. Here are 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. In addition, parking on the strip of grass between the sidewalk and the street is a violation. Cars need to park along the curb "on the street".

During the summer holiday season, recreational vehicles have been brought out of storage for a little bit of fun. However, our deed restrictions 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,

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HALLOWEEN 2024



Halloween Decoration Winners



1st Place - Scariest
1130 Bay Oaks



1st Place - Most Creative
831 Nashua



2nd Place - Scariest
1007 Bay Oaks



2nd Place - Most Creative
1609 Turnpike

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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. We typically resolve most issues with a courtesy letter, but each situation is handled on a case-by-case basis.

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when building and planning
home improvements.**



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					Garbage Pick-up		<i>TMNA Garage Sale</i>
	17	18	19	20	21	22	23
				Tree Waste Pick-up	 Garbage Pick-up		
	24	25	26	27	28	29	30
					 <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px; width: fit-content; margin: 5px auto;">Thanksgiving Day</div>	<i>Newsletter Articles Due</i> Garbage Pick-up??	Garbage Pick-up??
DEC	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
					 Garbage Pick-up		<i>Newsletter Distribution</i>
	8	9	10	11	12	13	14
	<i>TMNA Qtrly Meeting 4:00 PM @ Ovinnik Brewing</i>				Garbage Pick-up		
	15	16	17	18	19	20	21
				Junk Waste Pick-up	 Garbage Pick-up		