



# Timbergrove Manor

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## DECEMBER 2024 / JANUARY 2025 EVENTS CALENDAR

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
<b>DEC 8</b> TMNA Qtrly Meeting 4:00 PM @ Ovinnik Brewing	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>12</b> Garbage Pick-up	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b> TMNA Garage Sale
<b>15</b> TMNA Holiday Decoration Judging @ 6:30pm	<b>16</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>18</b> Bulk Waste Pick-up	<b>19</b> Garbage Pick-up	<b>20</b>	<b>21</b>
<b>22</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b> Christmas Eve Observed - City Holiday	<b>25</b> Christmas Day	<b>26</b> Garbage Pick-up??	<b>27</b> Newsletter Articles Due Garbage Pick-up??	<b>28</b>
<b>29</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>31</b>	<b>JAN 1</b> New Year's Day	<b>2</b> Garbage Pick-up??	<b>3</b> Garbage Pick-up??	<b>4</b> Newsletter Distribution
<b>5</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>9</b> Garbage Pick-up	<b>10</b>	<b>11</b>
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### Executive Corner by John Brems

Happy Holiday Neighbors! This rollercoaster of a year has almost come to an end. As a community, we have:

- Held our most successful Run-the-Grove fundraiser to date.
- Had new faces step up to volunteer on our neighborhood association and deed restriction compliance committee.
- Gained a seat on our Super Neighborhood Council SN14, improving our representation to the City Council.
- Weathered through May's derecho and July's hurricane, While they severely damaged many of our homes, cars, utilities and treescape, nobody sustained life-threatening injuries.
- Become home to the first raingarden in Houston, piloting future projects across the city.
- Planted 26 live oaks via our Grow The Grove initiative, helping to replace lost trees and to transform our neighborhood for years to come.
- Had record turnout at our Annual Halloween Spooktacular block party

This year, the Executive Committee has established three new standing committees to help manage our neighborhood activities:

- Fundraising & Philanthropy Committee - raises funds for TMNA and makes recommendation on TMNA donations. Scott Douglas is a natural fit for Chairman of Fundraising as he's led TMNA's Run-the-Grove event for several years and is thoughtful on how we give back within and outside of our community.
- Beautification & Community Readiness

Committee - manages the landscaping and beautification efforts within TMNA boundaries. Travis Britt, a long-time resident and arboriculture professional, was unanimously confirmed as Chairman of Beautification.

- Community Engagement and Outreach Committee - manages activities that promote social connection and membership participation. The chairperson position is open to any TMNA member who is willing to help with Welcome Wagon, plan our TMNA Annual Social, engage with Block Captains, and manage other community-outreach ideas. If you're interested, please reach out to me.

While I have the honor of being TMNA president, many of these activities could not happen without my fellow Executive Committee members and neighbors who volunteer their time and effort to make such activities possible, often without recognition. As the saying goes, many hands make light work. I encourage everyone to get involved to whatever degree that they can; otherwise, those who TMNA continuously rely upon get burnt out. Without them, it would be nearly impossible to provide these benefits to our community.

### TMNA Members Meeting

**- Sunday, Dec 8th -**

Location

**Ovinnik Brewing**  
7201 Wynnpark Dr.

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

## TMNA OFFICERS

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Queries concerning TMNA should be made to the  
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## COMMITTEES

### Run & Grow The Grove Events

**Chairperson: Scott Douglas**

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### Deed Restriction Compliance

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2. Zach Lewis
3. Robert Alfonso
4. Chris Elliott
5. Niko Anagnostopoulos

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**The next input deadline is: Dec 27th**

## Helping The Zoo

by Sharon Balke

For the seventh straight year, the Houston Zoo is collecting Christmas lights for recycling (whether they are working or not). Over the past six years the Houston Zoo has recycled 35,831 pounds of lights, which is the approximate weight of six female Asian elephants. The money received from the sale of the lights goes toward animal care (think food, medicine or equipment).

If you wish to drive to Hermann Park and deliver your lights in person, a large bin will be located just outside of the zoo entrance and you can deposit your lights there. On the other hand, if you want to save time and gas you can drop them off on my front porch at 1020 Waltway Drive and I will take them for you. Please note that the last day to deposit lights at the zoo is Sunday, January 5th. If you prefer to drop them off at my house, please do so by Saturday, January 4th.

*Recycle, make a difference...it's your world, too.*

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**Neighborhood Garage Sale - SUCCESS!!**

by Amy Carter

Perfect weather. Great participation. Lots and lots of shoppers. Do it again please. These are some of the phrases that we've heard about our neighborhood wide garage sale hosted on Saturday, November 16th.

With more than a dozen homes participating, most families had steady traffic the entire morning and sold the majority of what they put out. The feedback has been 90% positive with folks hoping we make this an annual or bi-annual event. While we are still gathering data, the current contribution to TMNA from this event is over \$200. Thanks for all of the volunteer efforts / donations of resources and time – this undertaking costs the neighborhood association zero dollars, so all monies made are profit. Great news!

**Neighborly News!**

A big thank you goes to Regan Nielsen on Glen Oaks who worked with his "super-dad" to get the wooden fence repaired at the end of the cul-de-sac. Like many other fences in our neighborhood, this fence suffered damage in the derecho. Thank you to Regan for getting the fence repaired and making this section of the neighborhood a safer place!



Twenty-seven neighbors gathered for good food (thanks to Scott Silvas) and great conversation at Waltway's National Night Out. It provided a chance to meet the newest Waltway residents, twins Rowan and Noah Clavell-Head and Oliver Johnson, all born this year.

**Hooked on the H&B**

by Sharon Balke

On more than one occasion, when I ask a new resident how they found Timbergrove, they reply that they were walking/running/biking on the hike and bike trail and spotted our great neighborhood. It has happened again.

Lisa Monroe was biking on the trail, training for next spring's MS150 ride (her third one) when she saw an open house sign for 1003 Waltway. She toured the large white home on the corner lot and called her realtor to make an offer. She and her husband, Bill Lawton, moved in in August.



Lisa is from Florida and Bill is from Louisiana, although Lisa has lived in Houston for the past 40 years so she is practically a native. She worked on the finance side with ExxonMobil most of that time,

traveling all over the world to set up new offices. She retired last summer. Bill, who is still working, works for the drilling side of O&G. He too, has traveled all over the world. She jokes that they have been all over the world, just not together.

The couple has a home in the Florida Keys so they and their cat, Floki, split their time between the two homes. When in Florida they enjoy diving and fishing. Back in Houston Lisa bikes. She is certified to teach Zumba and plans to teach financial planning classes for single moms.

Welcome to Timbergrove Lisa and Bill!

**TMNA Holiday Yard  
Decoration Judging takes place  
on Sunday, December 15th**

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## **Astros and More**

**by Sharon Balke**

The stories Haley Reiser could tell if she was so inclined would be most interesting. Haley home-schooled the children of a former Astros baseball player, living with the family in their River Oaks home and traveling with them to spring training in Florida. She is still a big Astros fan and enjoys other sports as well.



Haley, who lives at 1115 Grovewood, got her degree in sports management and taught for Spring Branch ISD for several years. She is now in software sales. Haley bought the house in Timbergrove in 2023, but leased it to friends until October of this year when she moved in.

She had her home remodeled prior to her friends' stay so it was "move-in" ready for her. When she isn't working, she enjoys pickleball, playing the acoustic guitar and spending time with her two nieces and two nephews.

Welcome to Timbergrove, Haley!

## **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!

## **Age Doesn't Matter**

**by Leah Braden**

Working in the financial services industry, I am witness to the people (young and old!) who are victims of fraud or scams. The fraudsters are unbelievably convincing and those scam emails and phone calls appear legitimate. As we enter the holiday season, we are on the computer ordering gifts or we are pulling out the credit card at retail outlets. Now is the time to SLOW down, be careful, and think twice about every link you click and every time you pull out your credit card and every caller who is asking for money.

Let me share some "red flags":

1. Urgent deadline in an email or phone call - scammer posing as a charity stating urgent deadline. A legitimate charity will accept

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donations anytime.

2. Send gift card, wire or crypto - criminals do not always ask for cash. They will ask you to convert cash into another form of payment. Buying Bitcoin at a kiosk at the gas station because someone tells you to convert your cash and send them Bitcoin is a scam.
3. If you receive an email thanking you for a donation, asking you to click a link to learn more, but you did not donate to the organization - it's a scam.

To protect yourself online, use long, complex passwords with letters, numbers and symbols. It's a hassle - I understand - but it's worth the time. Ask someone who has been hacked if they would rather take five more seconds to log in than to change all their banking accounts, credit cards, auto debits/credits, etc. It takes 62 trillion times longer to crack a 12-character password than a six-character password that can be cracked in a few seconds. And do not use the same password for multiple accounts; change your passwords frequently. It's a hassle - I understand - but it's worth the time.

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