

Letter From The President

While doing my citizen's patrol recently, I have noticed an increase in the vehicle, bicycle and foot traffic in our neighborhood. With summer here and more people walking, running, and riding bicycles, I want to take a moment to remind everyone to be safe, be aware, and to share the streets.

I encourage walkers and runners to keep the volume down on their headphones so they can hear oncoming traffic. I ask bicycle riders to follow the rules of the road, and teach their children the same. And for those driving, slow down a bit, don't speed around blind corners, and stay focused.

Another issue coming into full swing is Deed Restrictions, especially with all the new construction we are seeing in the neighborhood. We do enforce all the regulations, so if you have neighbors who are looking at doing any projects, please advise them to go to the website at www.lazybrook.org, read the Deed Restrictions for their area, and fill out the necessary forms for Architectural Review.

Here's hoping we all have a good, safe summer.

Your President,

Judy Dyk

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Next Civic Club Meeting

May 22, 2018 7 p.m. to 8 p.m. Lazybrook Baptist Church 1822 W 18th Street

Civic Club meetings are the 4th Tuesday of Jan, March, May, Sept, and Nov*

* If this falls on Thanksgiving it will be the first Tuesday in December

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Join the Lazybrook Civic Club

Annual Dues are just **\$40** per household (per year).

What do Membership Dues pay for?

- The Lazybrook **Newsletter** for all residents
- Gas money for neighbors who patrol our neighborhood as part of **Citizens on Patrol**
- **Mowing** of the 18th Street green area by the fences
- **Tree planting** in esplanades/bayou areas and maintenance of those trees
- **Mosquito spraying** of the streets
- Donations to neighborhood parks and other initiatives
- Minor fees for accounting, website, PayPal, etc.

You can also contribute extra monies to Beautification, Citizens on Patrol, and/or Mosquito Control. Dues help ensure that our beautiful neighborhood remains vibrant, protected, and healthy! Dues also give you voting rights at any of the Lazybrook Civic Club meetings throughout the year.

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Thanks to Pat Koteras for gathering door prizes from the following merchants for the last Civic Club Meeting:

Bargain Foods Mart - 18th Checkers - 18th & Mangum Demeris BarBQ - NW Freeway @ 18th Kojak's Fine Foods - 18th Heights Mobil - 18th Pizza Inn - 18th & Mangum Queen Donuts - 18th Tony's Mexican Restaurant - Ella The Spaghetti Western #2 - W TC Jester

Please patronize these generous businesses!

Our Neighborhood Needs You!

eighbors, Lazybrook is a wonderful place to live for many reasons, but especially because of the programs supported by the Lazybrook Civic Club. The Civic Club strives to keep Lazybrook vibrant, safe, and a great place to live but we can't do it without your help.

Thank you to our existing members, and we look forward to welcoming new members soon. Participation is critical to our successplease considering volunteering for some of the open positions and programs below. We look forward to seeing you at the next Civic Club meeting on the May 22, 2018, where you can learn more about the Civic Club, meet some of your neighbors, and help shape the future of the Lazybrook.

JOIN LAZYBROOK CITIZEN PATROL



Would you like to help keep our neighborhood safe? Citizen Patrol successfully brings together communities and police for a common goal; improving the quality of life for residents by preventing, reducing, or eliminating crime.

You can make a big difference reducing crime in our area by patrolling just a few hours per month. Patrolling can be as easy as cruising your car through our neighborhood and calling in **suspicious persons**, vehicles, or activity to our **local HPD**. Patrollers are **reimbursed \$\$\$ per hour driven** on their beat and get cool Lazybrook **Patrol signs** for their car while on duty in our Lazybrook Neighborhood.

We would like to hold a training session for new members this **May/June**. Training is conducted by HPD at Lazybrook Baptist Church and takes no more than an hour. **Be a Lazybrook Hero and volunteer today!** Please email vicepresident@lazybrook.org to show your interest.

Block Captains Wanted

lock Captains are the pulse of Lazybrook. They deliver your newsletters 5 times a year, put out signs reminding you to attend civic club meetings and to pay your annual dues, and they host or organize National Night Out gatherings for your block.

We are looking to fill open Block Captains positions for the following blocks. It is not a requirement to live on the block to volunteer. If you don't want to tackle this alone, grab a neighbor or a friend and become Co-Captains!

Here are the blocks needing Block Captains:

Brookmere (2414-2451) – 13 homes Haverhill (1700-1800) – 22 homes (could be split into 2 positions for 1700 block & 1800 block) 1800 Watercrest – 20 homes (and a volunteer walker is included!)

Please contact Block Captain Chair, Eddie Yarbrough, if interested. 713-823-8430 (text or call), blockcaptain@lazybrook.org

Open Positions: Advertising/Donations

Keep In Touch

There are many ways to stay connected these days. Aside from attending the Civic Club meetings, you can stay in touch through the Lazybrook social media accounts on facebook and Nextdoor, or on our website, www.lazybrook.org.

lazybrook.org/facebook



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We are currently working hard to get our website up to date, please be patient during this process.

If you have specific ideas for the Civic Club or information you would like to share please e-mail the appropriate board member or committee chair.

As alway, if you have community news updates for the Newsletter please contact Jessica Swafford at **newsletter@lazybrook.org**



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Security Update

Citizens on Patrol Hours Logged

January 2018 - 17hrs February 2018 - 18hrs March 2018 - 18 hrs April 2018 - 27 hrs

Crime in the Neighborhood

3/6 - Theft of a Vehicle - 1800 Willowmoss Ct
4/16 - Theft from a Vehicle - 1700 Guese Rd
4/16 - Theft from a Vehicle - 1700 Haverhill Dr
4/21 - Breaking & Entering - 2600 West TC Jester Blvd

I encourage everyone to report any suspicious persons or vehicles immediately to HPD. If you are unsure about a person or situation please let a trained HPD officer assess the situation and take any action needed. Please call HPD to report all crimes and get a case number, this is how we are assigned manpower from HPD.

HPD Dispatch 713-884-3131

Crime Statistics

The latest crime statistics are posted on the web at: www.crimereports.com http://mycity.houstontx.gov/crime/ http://www.houstontx.gov/police/cs/beatpages/cs2a60htm

Lazybrook Email Network

Lazybrook has an email network to keep neighbors up to date on important neighborhood info and security concerns. I encourage everyone to send me a detailed email if you have a crime to share with the neighborhood so hopefully we can work together to prevent further crime and help police catch the offenders. If you are not currently receiving the email you can join by emailing: lazybrook.security@gmail.com

Be a Good Neighbor

Your next door neighbors may be as effective as any alarm system. Speak with your neighbors often and establish trust. Good, trustworthy neighbors are often the first to spot when something is amiss. They can keep watch over your home when you're away and report any suspicious activity to the police. If you're able, consider attending our next Lazybrook Civic Club meeting or joining our neighborhood Citizen Patrol.

Ben Dolan, Vice President (281) 802-0358 vicepresident@lazybrook.org

Crime Prevention Tip of the Month



Light 'Em Up! Outdoor lighting not only adds beauty and dimension to a home, but it is also an integral part of an effective home security system. Outdoor lighting discourages would-be intruders from targeting your home by increasing the risk of being caught. Burglars typically search for homes that appear to be unoccupied. The best lighting design allows physical detection, improves facial recognition for security cameras, minimizes hiding spots, increases your sense of safety, and adds curb appeal.

When designing a security lighting system, consider the following:

- 1) Every outside door has a bright, working light to illuminate visitors.
- 2) Flood lights are used appropriately, with motion-sensors and focused away from neighbors windows.
- 3) Your house number is clearly displayed so police and other first responders can find the house quickly.
- 4) Keep porch lights on in the evening, whether someone is at home or not.
- 5) Adding security doesn't have to be boring, spice things up by spotlighting that specimen tree in your front yard.



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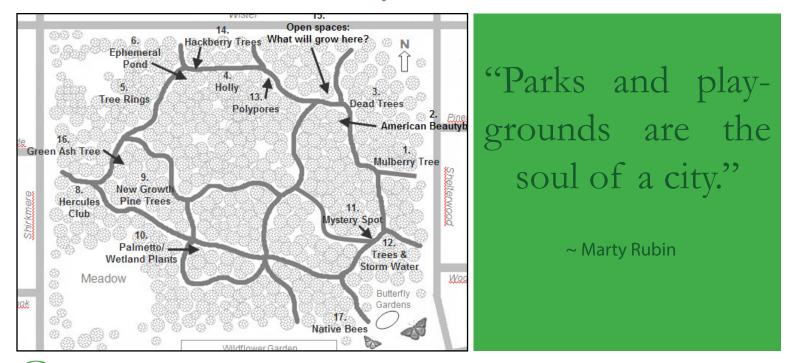
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Lorraine Cherry Nature Preserve



ur Super Neighborhood Council SNC-14 has requested that the City of Houston rename 11th Street Park to Lorraine Cherry Nature Preserve, in honor of Lorraine M. Cherry, Ph.D. She was involved with dedicated efforts to establish the park for nearly 20 years and passed away on November 25, 2017.

Beginning in 1998, Lorraine led a successful multi-year, multi-faceted campaign that enabled the City to acquire the property that became W. 11th Street Park. In 2005, she founded and served as president of Friends of W. 11th Street Park so that the land would be preserved as a natural habitat to promote conservation, education, appreciation and enjoyment of nature.

As a result of these efforts, W. 11th Street Park was officially established in 2007. Since that time, Lorraine's efforts resulted in the creation of park amenities such as gardens, a trail system and a Wireless Wilderness Cellphone Tour. In addition, walking nature tours were periodically arranged for school children and scout groups. This unique park offers a peaceful wildlife haven in the middle of an urban residential area thus improving the health and quality of life to all those who visit the Park.

Lorraine was part of a core group of organizers that formed the Lazybrook/Timbergrove Super Neighborhood Council 14. When the SNC-14 was recognized by the City in 2011, she chaired the Parks & Beautification Committee until her recent passing. In addition to her leadership of W. 11th Street Park, her guidance, advice and support impacted the 2010-2016 Jaycee Park CIP and the recently constructed Bryce Trailhead Park.

For decades, Lorraine has made exceptional contributions to the Houston Parks Systems and the communities of our Super Neighborhood. She deserves to be honored so that her work continues through The Lorraine Cherry Nature Preserve.

~ Trail at 11th Street Park



Lazybrook Mom's Club

ello families of Lazybrook! We had a fun spring and are looking forward to a fun (and hot) summer.

Here's a quick recap of some of the moms' group events that took place:

Spring Recap:

Annual Easter Egg Hunt: Kids of all ages enjoyed the annual Easter Egg Hunt at Sinclair Elementary and got to meet the Easter Bunny. Thank you to the Dad's Club for helping the Easter Bunny hide hundreds of eggs!

Earth Day Crafts: Thanks to the folks of Sea Spray for hosting Earth Day crafts in April! The weather held out so kids could paint terra cotta pots and plant different types of seeds.

This summer we're looking forward to...

- **Summer pool party** at Afton Village Pool– most likely end of June, but still confirming date with pool. Announcement will go out via the "Lazybrook Moms Group" Facebook page.
- Mom's day out at Pure Lux Nail Spa on Shepherd (Kroger shopping center). We'll plan to have a get together here this summer, but if you haven't been you should check it out! Treat the special mama in your life to a pedicure with a mimosa.
- Parents Night out at the new La Vista restaurant on 18th St., opening in May date TBD
- July 4th at Jaycee Park! Come enjoy the splash pad, a July 4th parade, and ice cream sundaes!

Be sure to join the Lazybrook Mom's Facebook Page (search "Lazybrook Moms Group") if you haven't already. If you're not on Facebook just send us a note and we'll make sure to include you in our email blasts. As always, if you're interested in being a part of the Moms club or have an idea for an event, please email us at **moms@lazybrook.org**





Lazybrook Mom's Club - Easter 2018

2003 Willowmoss

Starbursts!

Yard of the Month

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Yard of the Month

1819 Sea Queen Ct





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Security Patrol Survey Update

hank you to those who have completed the survey! It is now a live link on the Lazybrook home page. There are only 30 reponses out of the 668 homes in Lazybrook. Take the survey and have your say! Perhaps you'd like someone patrolling the neighborhood during night time hours when residents are asleep or watching your house while you're away. If so, you might be wondering how much this type of service costs and what they really offer. After reaching out to SEAL security I can provide a few of the detail below.



Here are just a few of the highlights of their service:

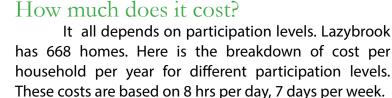
- Uniformed, Fit, Commission & Armed Security Guards with K-9
- Authority to Arrest

Absolutely not

- Marked & Visible Patrol Cars
- Officers on GPS monitoring every 4 min
- Emergency 24/7 Hotline
- Vacation Watch, Welfare Check-ins, and Safety Escorts

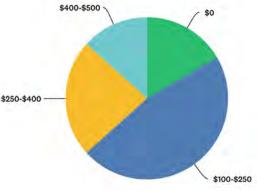
Summary of Survey Results to Date:

Q1: Select the option the best describes your feelings about hiring a part time security patrol for Lazybrook.

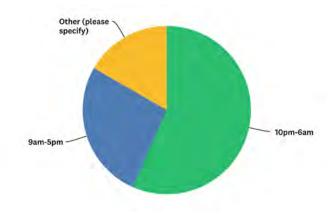


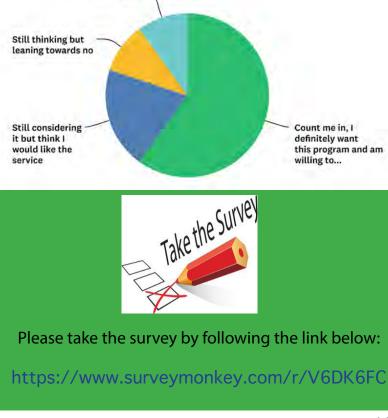
200 houses = \$472 annually 300 houses = \$315 annually 400 houses = \$236 annually

Q2: Specify the amount of money you are willing and able to contribute to funding the security patrol program on an annual basis.



Q3: Assuming minimum funding is reached to cover an 8hr shift, please specify your preferred time window for security patrol to be provided.





Wildflower Season Comes to a Close

Dear Lazybrook,

Anyone driving along TC Jester or walking along the bayous and parks the last couple of months undoubtedly noticed that we had another great wildflower season this year. Every spring draws out amateur photographers, including myself, who enjoy getting snapshots of the beautiful backdrops and scenery.

As someone who moved to Texas in 2010, the local pride and fascination with the bluebonnet was something I noticed right away. I thought it would be fun to share a few facts about bluebonnets for anyone new to Texas, or really anyone else who maybe doesn't know much about them.



- The bluebonnet was officially designated the state flower of Texas by the state legislature in 1901, beating out the cotton boll and the cactus flower.
- Since 1934, the Texas highway department has had rules in place to delay all mowing during the spring time to encourage the preservation of natural wildflowers.
- TxDOT buys and sows about 30,000 pounds of wildflower seed each year to keep the flower population strong.
- Contrary to popular belief, picking bluebonnets on public land is not against the law. It is illegal in any Texas state park, which is the case for any flower, plant, or rock, and is a class C misdemeanor that carries up to \$500 fine.
- There are a total of six different species of Bluebonnets that currently grow in Texas, and all are technically defined as being the state flower.
 - Jessica Swafford Newsletter Editor



Realizing how active this reporting period has been I looked back to the past twelve months, May 1, 2017 through February 28, 2018. Lazybrook has 667 homes and there were 35 sales or 5% of all properties in Lazybrook sold.

During the current two-month period 2% of all properties sold! That only reflects those listed on MLS and I believe there are a few more that sold privately.

As of April 30, there are thirteen homes that are Active listed between \$349,000 and \$619,000. They range from 1,266 square feet to 3,102 square feet – 3/1/2 to 6/3.5/3 and have been on the market between 3 and 246 days. The minimum psf asking price is \$172.81 and the maximum psf asking price is \$356.97.

There are four Pending, Option Period Pending or Pending Continue to Show as of April 30. These properties range from 1,474 to 2,271 square feet offered from \$385,000 to \$575,000.

Between March 1 and April 30 there were eleven closings in Lazybrook. The lowest sales price was \$365,000 for a 3/2/2 with 1,399 square feet that was on the market for 78 days. The highest was a 4/3/2 with 2,385 square feet very nicely remodeled that sold at \$634,000 (almost \$15,000 over asking) after being on the market for 39 days. The shortest time from listing to accepted contract was 7 days – the longest was 292 days. Four sellers contributed to Buyers closing costs from \$1,975 to \$10,700. There were no contributions designated for repairs.

Stats for sales:

Days on Market:	average	109 days
Listing price:	average	\$533,526 (\$260.95 PSF)
Sale price:	average	\$525,273 (\$256.71 PSF)
Square footage:	average	2,072

Lazybrook Rentals: No rentals closed during those this period. As of April 30, there were three properties actively for lease and one pending. Those currently available have between 1,220 and 2,100 square feet and are offered from \$1,950 to \$2,750. The pending rental is shown to be 2,101 square feet and listed at \$3,300.

Information as reflected on the Houston Association of Realtors website. Brenda Brummett (713) 861-1710 brendabhouston@comcast.net



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Community Events and Updates

t's impossible to drive around our area these days without noticing the rapid development and many new businesses joining the community. Here are a few of the awesome places that have opened recently in our neighborhood or will be opening soon.

- Tea and Victory (2030 ETC Jester Blvd) a board game cafe
- BEYOGA (718 W 18th St.) a new yoga studio opening May 12
- La Vista 101 (1805 W. 18th St.) a popular Briargrove Italian restaurant relocating to our neighborhood
- Bungalow Heights (1919 Beall St.) sister restaurant to Front Porch Pub, a 5,000 sq foot up-scale eatery and bar.

- **Wicklow Heights** (1027 W 19th St.) Bungalow and Garden Bar, check their facebook page for up to date information on events

- **EggHaus Gourmet** (next to King' s BeirHaus on ETC Jester) German inspired breakfast and brunch, expect to open this summer

- Heights Mercantile (Heights Blvd and 7th) Lululemon, Local Foods, Define, Postino Wine Café, Cloud 10 Creamery and more!



Beautification

Now is the time to plant sunflower seeds. They will reward you with pretty flowers and if you leave the heads on , you will get a bonus of watching birds eat the seeds. I get pretty little Red Finches in my yard, doing acrobatics to get a snack.



Since the city has announced resumption of heavy trash, maintenance of the esplanade trees can begin with pruning, mulching, and fertilizing.

Please let me know if any trees are obstructing your view when driving and I will get them pruned. If you go through the city's 311 system they might cut the whole tree down!

Thanks,

Beautification Chair Carolyn Lehnert beautification@lazybrook.org 713-864-3596





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