# Lazybrook Newsletter



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# Next Civic Club Meeting

# September 25<sup>th</sup>, 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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### Letter From The President

As you will see by the pictures in the Newsletter, Beth Goodner has spearheaded the cleanup and tree trimming along 18th Street, on the medians on Ella and T.C. Jester, the trimming of 3 pecan trees, as well as cleanup and trimming around our Lazybrook signs. Carolyn Lehnert is working on a grant to help with the cost of installing a watering system for the median near 610. I commend both for their efforts.

Making our neighborhood clean and special does not just happen. It takes hard work and it takes money. I am asking those of you who have not paid for your annual memberships yet to do so. Contact Heather Fedun at membership@lazybrook.org.

I would also like to thank Meaghan Greene for her service as co chair of the Membership Committee. She is leaving our area and we wish her the very best.

October 2 is National Night Out. Grab a chair, something to eat or drink and meet your neighbors.

Your President,

Judy Dyk

# Join the Lazybrook Civic Club

Annual Dues are just \$40 per household (per year) and help fund the programs we all benefit from.

As of today only **40%** of the households in Lazybrook have paid their dues for 2018.

#### What do Membership Dues pay for?

- **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
- The **Lazybrook Newsletter** for all residents
- Gas money for neighbors who patrol our neighborhood as part of Citizens on Patrol
- · Donations to neighborhood parks and other initiatives
- · Minor fees for accounting, website, PayPal, etc.

The list above highlights some of the important programs paid for and managed by the Lazybrook Civic Club. These programs help keep our neighborhood clean, safe, and well maintained but don't happen for free. Come out to the Lazybrook Civic Club meeting on September 25<sup>th</sup> to hear in detail about where your money goes and how much these programs really cost.

Please consider donating extra monies to Beautification, Citizens on Patrol, and/or Mosquito Control to keep these programs up and running.

As a due paying member you have voting rights at any of the Lazybrook Civic Club meetings throughout the year.

You can also pay online with Credit Card or PayPal by visiting www.Lazybrook.org/Join



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# Security Update

#### Citizens on Patrol Hours Logged

May 2018 - 21 hrs June 2018 - 25 hrs July 2018 - 24 hrs

#### Crime in the Neighborhood

5/12 - Theft - 2300 Lazybrook Drive

5/13 - Breaking & Entering - 1800 Sea Queen Court

7/25 - Theft from a Vehicle - 2000 West TC Jester Boulevard

8/9 - Theft from a Vehicle - 2000 West TC Jester Boulevard

8/18 - Theft from a Vehicle - 2200 Brooktree Drive

8/21 - Theft from a Vehicle - 2400 Lazybrook Drive

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

# Lazybrook Citizen Patrol - Volunteer Today!

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.** 

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.

Join us at the Lazybrook Civic Club meetings for the chance to win generous door prizes from our local businesses.

Please thank Pat Koteras for her efforts gathering donations from the merchants listed below and don't forget to patronize these generous businesses!

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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

# Community Events and Updates



ational Night Out is just around the corner, scheduled for **Tuesday, October 2<sup>nd</sup>** here in Texas.

National Night Out is an annual community-building campaign that promotes police-community partnerships and neighborhood camaraderie to make our neighborhoods safer, more caring places to live. National Night Out enhances the relationship between neighbors and law enforcement while bringing back a true sense of community. Furthermore, it provides a great opportunity to bring police and neighbors together under positive circumstances. To find out more about National Night Out's mission check our their webpage (https://natw.org/).

Contact your block captain (see page 18 for block captains' contact information) to find out what is planned for National Night Out on your block.

If you do not have a block captain and/or want to be even more actively involved in making this a great event for the neighborhood, please contact Megan Mooney at meganmooney@sbcglobal.net.

# Beautification Update

As many of you know we have been working hard to clean up debris and trash along TC Jester and 18th Street, as well as keep our signs and landscaping trimmed and looking good. This is an ongoing process and requires volunteerism and the donation of funds specifically to our Beautification budget in order to keep up with all of the work.

As a follow-up to last year's clean-up activity, this July and August, we worked on Round 2. On 18<sup>th</sup> street, we hauled away 8 truckloads of debris to the dump – logs, sticks, overgrown bushes/vines, leaves, trash and dirt. We also worked on the Lazybrook signs on Ella and TC Jester. And finally, we hired a new landscape company to maintain 18<sup>th</sup> street at a more reasonable cost. Over the next year, we plan to continue this clean-up and would appreciate your donations to the Civic Club so we can continue to make this happen. And of course, we could always use a helping hand in picking up trash as there seems to be a never-ending supply!

In addition, if Beautification funds allow, we plan to add landscaping to the area near TC Jester and 610 where TXDOT damaged the existing landscaping. Please pay your dues and include extra for beautification. All funds earmarked for that category go for maintenance of the esplanades and, when possible, for new projects. Join us at the Civic Club meeting to provide input and ideas on future landscaping and beautification projects.

Thanks in advance for the support.

Beth Goodner (832) 624-6778 treasurer@lazybrook.org

and

Carolyn Lehnert beautification@lazybrook.org







These are just a few of the images showing trash and debris removed from the neighborhood as a part of the beautification projects described above.

# Landscaping Lazybrook

Relow are images of the recently landscaped Lazybrook signs along TC Jester and Ella Blvd.











Tree trimming along 18<sup>th</sup> Street





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# Lazybrook Mom's Club

ummer is coming to an end and hopefully everyone had a blast! Now it's back to school and (if we're lucky) some fall weather. Here's a recap of a few of the events we had this summer:

<u>Summer pool party at Afton Village Pool:</u> This hidden gem close to the neighborhood was a great spot to host the families from Lazybrook! Kids had a blast and lots of hot dogs and popsicles were consumed. A huge thank you to the Corbell and Newell families for reserving the pavilion for our party!

<u>July 4th....well, we made the most of it!</u> Our shindig on Sea Queen had to take a "rain check" as July 4th was one of the wettest on record! Luckily, an awesome family opened up their garage and home brew for anyone who wanted to brave the weather. Sharon Ettinger sponsored James Coney Island who served hot dogs in the rain. Thanks for turning lemons into lemonade (or in this case, beer-mosas)!

<u>Mom's Night at Bungalow Heights:</u> This new spot in the neighborhood was more than accommodating for a large group of the moms to great away on a school night! Great food and drinks – and kids welcome until 8pm!

This Fall/Winter we're looking forward to:

- Halloween Parade: Come out to see the little ones in their costumes! Route TBD.
- Holiday Hayride: This was so much fun last year that we'll be doing it again this year.

We'll have a Mom's Group planning meeting to help organize these events and more in the next few weeks.

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.

Also, if you're interested in joining the **Lazybrook Dad's Club** send an email to Taylor McKay at taylormccay@hotmail.com. They will be having an event at the new Legal Poker club in September!



## Real Estate Corner

Report Covers: May 1 – August 15, 2018



s of August 15, there are thirteen homes that are Active listed between \$435,000 and \$575,000. They range  $\checkmark$  from 2,308 square feet to 2,828 square feet – 3/2.5/3 to 6/3.5/2 and have been on the market between 151 and 270 days. The minimum psf asking price is \$162.05 and the maximum psf asking price is \$203.32.

There are four Pending or Option Period Pending as of August 15. These properties range from 1,336 to 2,445 square feet offered from \$398,000 to \$560,000. These went under contract in 4, 5, 8, and 103 days.

Between May 1 and August 15 there were eleven closings in Lazybrook. The lowest sales price was \$338,000 for a 3/1.5/2 with 1,445 square feet that was on the market for 186 days. The highest was a 3/2/3 with 2,317 square feet beautifully remodeled on an 11,400 square foot lot that sold at \$672,000 (\$22,000 over asking) after being on the market for 4 days. The shortest time from listing to accepted contract was 2 days – the longest was 186 days. Three sellers contributed to Buyers closing costs from \$3,850 to \$16,000. One seller contributed \$3,100 for repairs. Nine Sellers paid for the Owners' Title policy and the Buyers paid for two.

#### **Stats for sales:**

Days on Market: average 28 days

Listing price: \$506,800 (\$285.63 PSF) average Sale price: average \$504,818 (\$284.03 PSF)

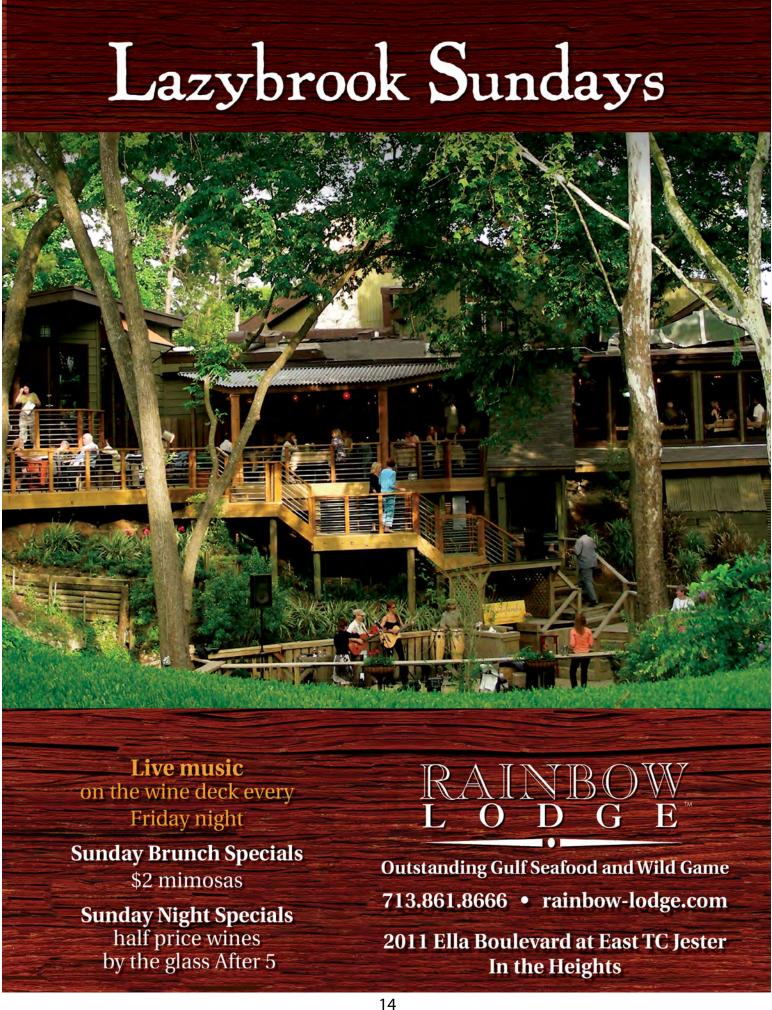
Square footage: average 1,774

Lazybrook Rentals: Six rentals closed during those this period. They were on the market from 4 to 77 days, 1,250 square feet to 2,304 square feet and leased from \$1,750 to \$3,330 per month. As of August 15, there were four properties actively for lease. Those currently available have between 1,413 and 1,924 square feet and are offered from \$1,995 to \$2,795.

Information as reflected on the Houston Association of Realtors website. **Brenda Brummett** (713) 861-1710

brendabhouston@comcast.net





# Security Patrol Survey Update

 $\Gamma$ hank you to those who have completed the survey. As of the end of August we have only received 41 responses out of the 668 homes in Lazybrook, therefore, we will likely be taking the survey down before the end of the year. I am providing this final update on the responses for those of you who are interested. If you are curious about the survey or still wish to submit a response follow the SurveyMonkey link in the lower left corner of this page.



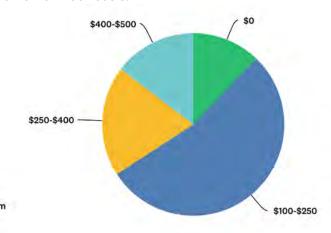
#### **Summary of Survey Results to Date:**

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

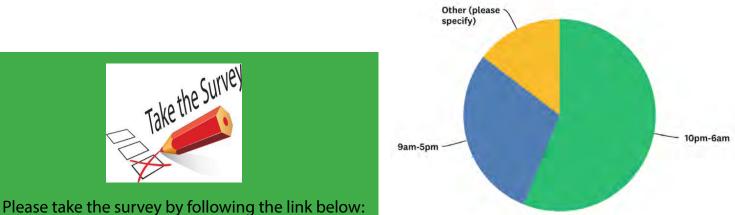
Still thinking but leaning towards no it but think I definitely want

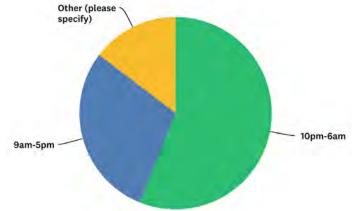
https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/V6DK6FC

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.





# 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





#### lazybrook.org/nextdoor

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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# Block Captains

For the many neighbors who have requested, we have put together a complete list of the current Block Captains and their contact information. These volunteers are very important to Lazybrook and the Civic Club -- please thank them for their service!

As you will see from looking at the list, there are still several blocks that need captains. Please consider becoming one. You don't need to live on that block to volunteer, although that is ideal. You can also team up with a neighbor to work as a co-captains.

The job duties of the block captains are:

- 1) Hand deliver the newsletter to the houses on your block five times per year
- 2) Put out Lazybrook Civic Club (LCC) meeting reminder signs five times per year
- 3) Put out LCC reminder signs to pay dues once per year (in March/April)
- 4) Work with neighbor(s) to organize a party or join a nearby block to co-host a National Night Out gathering on the first Tuesday of October each year

Please contact me, Block Captain Chair (Ms.) Eddie Yarbrough, if interested.

713-823-8430 (cell)
713-869-1511 (home)
blockcaptain@lazybrook.org
yarbro52@att.net







# Block Captain Directory

Block Name	Block Captian/s	Contact Information	
Brookmere	Carolyn Da Silva	713-864-8227	
Brooktree (2002-2230)	Jeanne McDaniel	713-862-1833	
Brooktree (2302-2510)	Barbara Lewis & Shawn Broussard	281-501-8888 / 832-474-2665	
Crystal (1800)	Pat Koteras	713-864-4490	
Crystal (2000)	Karen Bordas	713-306-0543	
Foxwood	John Kaehler & Joe Ratsky	713-861-4177	
Greengrass (1800)	Trish Cato	713-862-2427	
Greengrass (2000)	Ilya Martinalbo	281-785-9540	
Guese	Andy Diaz	713-725-0297	
Haverhill (1600)	Sandy Schoellmann		
Haverhill (1700-1800)	BLOCK CAPTAIN WANTE	D - VOLUNTEER TODAY!	
Lazybrook (2002-2111)	Jenny Estopinal	713-828-7165	
Lazybrook (2114-2223)	D.J. Blanchard	713-791-3532	
Lazybrook (2302-2327)	Mary Ann Bullard	281-794-9864	
Lazybrook (2402-2423)	Barbara Stegent	713-864-0238	
Lazybrook (2500-2600)	Shawn Broussard	832-474-2665	
Locksford	Jerry Hatten (temp) - BLOCK CAPTAI	N WANTED - VOLUNTEER TODAY!	
Mill Creek	Norma Sanchez	281-433-0338	
Millwood (1800)	Cindy Magouirk	281-924-0149	
Millwood (2000)	Melissa & Mark Cougle	713-371-6467 / 713-444-3351	
Nauts	Bill Hunter	713-862-4809	
Salford	Vicki Ellis	713-875-6890	
Sea King	Ellie Johnson	713-253-6607	
Sea Queen	Erin F. Palmer	713-253-3746	
Seamist (1800)	Heather Fedun	281-744-6860	
Seamist (2000)	Amy & Doug Finney	713-863-1666	
Seaspray	Jo Crawford	713-864-0685	
Tannehill (1500)	Jorge Sera	713-862-1360	
Tannehill (1600)	Jessica Grizzaffi	832-316-2255	
Tannehill (1700-1800)	Helen Brown (temp)	713-880-2445	
Tattenhall	Jennifer Ofsowitz & Tony Sullivan	713-306-0795	
Watercrest	Catherine Sala & Dionne Ukleja	281-615-0624 / 713-542-8007	
W. T.C. Jester	Rose Lopez	713-869-1942	
Widdicomb (1800)	Judy Dyk	713-426-0502	
Widdicomb (2000)	Amy/Doug Finney	713-863-1666	
Willowby (1600)	Sandy Schoellmann		
Willowby (1700-1800)	Christy Bergeon	281-794-3302	
Willowmoss (1800)	Patrice Tucker	713-862-7886	
Willowmoss (2000)	Carol Herring & Cheri Mills	713-252-2972 / 713-553-1029	

	September									
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday				
The City of Houston picks up tree waste only on ODD months and heavy trash on EVEN months.  Pick-up is scheduled for Lazybrook on the 3rd Wednesday of the month.										
2	3 Labor Day	4	5	6 TRASH RECYCLING	7	8				
9	10	11	12	13 TRASH	14	15				
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28	29	30	31 Halloween  = Mosquito spraying Thursday after 10pm April - October, subject to change due to weather and vendor availability							
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