

LAZYBROOK NEWS

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President's Letter

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Hello Neighbors – I am keeping a close eye out my kitchen window at all you new walkers/runners. So far I am still just gazing out and making promises to my 1st Lady Richard that I will join you all very soon. My apologies for the removal of the tree swing. We took it to the beach house. Now let me get on to more serious matters.

I am settling into my responsibilities as club president. It is harder than it looks and again I want to thank Richard Akin and his trusty sidekick, Adina, for filling the position all these years. Our March Civic Club meeting had two major ideas come forward.

First was mowing the TC Jester wildlife area between 610 and Ella. I researched the last vote held November 18, 2008. At that meeting after mow/not mow reasons were heard. 90+ Lazybrookers attended and 73 voted for NOT mowing. The overwhelming majority voted to keep the naturescape supporting a habitat for butterflies, lizards, bees, turtles, toads, possums, birds and other animals starved for a natural habitat inside the loop. The park has 1000+ saplings reaching each year closer to the sky and the not mowers want to give them a chance to grow to maturity. We will continue to keep the edges mowed and the strips cut across to join the walking trail at the top of the hills. I will promote organized plantings of additional wild flower areas similar to the beautiful wild flower area under the power lines on TC Jester which came back beautifully again this year to appease the few wanting to mow. I dig in the dirt over there and the soil is fantastic due to the naturalized self mulching. Lazybrookers want to give this natural area a foothold for future generations.

The second major idea came up (and it has before)
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President's Letter - Continued

on why we supply newsletters to our neighbors who do not pay the voluntary \$25 per year civic club dues. I was neutral on this idea until I found out it costs the Civic Club \$650 a newsletter to print enough for 100% of our homes to have a copy. 50% of your neighbors pay civic club dues. I am curious how you all feel about it. Please email me at shane-davis@comcast.net or drop a note in my mailbox 2111 Lazybrook (at Nauts) to let me know if you have an opinion one way or the other. Anonymous is fine. If I get enough responses to stop supplying those who do not support the community, we will announce our intentions to vote via a newsletter article and hold a vote at a Fall 2010 meeting. If the responses are everyone should get a newsletter, I'll announce that as well at a fall meeting. For those in Lazybrook who paid the 2010 dues – thank you very much.

I know the poorest of poor in our neighborhood. I've helped many and they have money for their magazines, city newspapers, special treats and yes their dues. If you truly can't afford it, I get that, and Richard and I will gift it to the Civic Club in your name, just give me a call 832 659 4277. For those of you who can afford it but do not pay – What's up with that? Please drop me an email and tell me why.

I know what you're thinking – Richard Akin is going to put his picture on a billboard on TC Jester asking "Are ya missing me yet"? ;o) I wish each of you a terrific summer with low cooling bills, backyards full of family fun and at least one neighbor you can call your good friend.

Take care. Shane Davis

Membership

Janell Bryans, Membership Chair (713) 426-0148

Hi Neighbors,

If you have a "This is membership month for Lazybrook" sign, please bring it to the next civic club meeting or drop it by Janell's house at 2406 Lazybrook.

Great news! The following blocks are 100% PAID UP on their membership dues:

- #1 1500 Tannehill, block captain is Catherine Pheiffer
- #2 1700 Guese, block captain is Bettie Whatley

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March Meeting Minutes

Thank you to Susan Brawner, Recording Secretary for providing the minutes.

General Assembly Meeting March 23, 2010

- I. Welcome & Introduction
 - a. President Shane Davis called the meeting to order at 7:04 p.m.
- II. Approval of Minutes
 - a. The minutes of the January 26, 2010 meeting were presented and approved.
- III. Treasurer's Report
 - a. Katherine Peterson presented report dated March 23, 2010 and discussed the status and function of the Oversight Committee.
 - b. Copy of financial statements filed with minutes.
- IV. Committee Reports
 - a. Membership: Janell Bryans reported that March is membership month and that block captains would be following up with residents who have not yet paid their dues.
 - b. Hospitality: Jo Crawford reported that four packages had been delivered to new residents.
 - c. Recycling: Rose Brewer reported that the new City approved compostable plastic bags will be required starting April 5th. Or, residents may put leaves around the trees on the esplanades.
 - d. Newsletter: No report.
 - e. Security: Matt Herring announced that there would be a COP training class on April 7th and asked those interested to email him to sign up for the class. 43.5 hours were reported for January and Lazybrook has 2 new patrollers.
 - f. Architectural Review: No report.
 - g. Deed Restriction Enforcement: Bill Richardson reported that he has 2 sets of plans to approve.
 - h. Architectural Petition: Mike Brennan reported on the status of the Section 8 petition.
 - i. Graffiti Task Force: No report.
 - j. Beautification: Shane Davis reported for Carolyn Lehnert that 62 trees had been planted on the TC Jester esplanades between Foxwood and Millwood.
- V. Unfinished Business
 - a. Shane Davis presented Richard Akin with a thank you gift for his service as President.
- VI. New Business
 - a. Matt Herring made a motion to "donate up to \$1,000 from the security fund to the Height's Storefront." The motion was seconded and approved. Matt will coordinate with Ben Crabb to approve the expenditures.
 - b. Discussion regarding mowing the weeds along the bayou was tabled until next meeting because Carolyn Lehnert, Beautification Chair, was not in attendance.
 - c. Dorothy Richardson suggested inviting the Storefront officers to the next meeting
- VII. Announcements & Door Prizes
 - a. Next Executive Board Meeting – TBA
 - b. Next General Assembly Meeting will be held May 25, 2010 {later changed to May 18, 2010}
 - c. Thanks to the following merchants for donating door prizes:
 - d. Shane Davis announced that the next Central Division PIP meeting will be held on Wednesday, March 24th at 7:00 p.m. At 1600 State St.
- VIII. Adjournment : The meeting adjourned at 7:58 p.m.

Thanks to the following merchants for donating door prizes:

Clean This - Mangum
Heights Mobil - 18th & Ella
Pizza Inn - 18th & Mangum
Kojak's Fine Foods - 18th
Demeris BarBQ - NW Mall
Foodmart - 18th
Tony's Mexican Food - Ella
Queen Burger - 18th
Queen Donuts - 18th
HEB - 18th

Jaycee Park Update

Ileana Desalos, Contributor friendsofjayceepark@yahoo.com

Successful Tree Planting

50 volunteers came together ready to plant over 150 trees. After a breakfast provided by realtor, Sharon Ettinger, and a brief tree planting demonstration by one of the foresters, we went to work and planted all the trees in about an hour and a half! We had volunteers from Timbergrove, Lazybrook, Heritage Creek, Timbergrove Point, Oak Forest and even 1 from Spring Branch that read about the planting in the newspaper and 2 from Humble that work in the area. We planted a mix of Shumard oaks, 'Texas' redbud, red maple, hickory, blackgum, Mexican plum, pine and cedar elm.

Timbergrove resident, Ben Crabb, hauled out the watering tank in his pickup truck and gave the trees their first watering and continues to care for them. Please stop by the park and check them out whenever you get a chance. They really have given the park a softer and more welcoming look.

Benches

Four of five benches have been installed and getting lots of use at the park. The plaques are being engraved and will be installed soon. If you would like to honor a loved one, your family or company, you can donate a bench with a personalized plaque for a \$1500 donation. Please contact Ileana Desalos at 713-922-6742 or friendsofjayceepark@yahoo.com.



Contact Ileana Desalos at 713-922-6742 or friendsofjayceepark@yahoo.com. You can also see more information at the Houston Parks Board website under 'Projects' where you can find Jaycee Park www.houstonparksboard.org.



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Citizens on Patrol Hours Logged

- January 2010 – 48.5
- February 2010 – 40.25
- March 2010 – 43

I appreciate the continued support of our patrollers and the interest from new patrollers that have completed the training course. Thank you very much for keeping a watchful eye on the neighborhood.

Crime in the Neighborhood

- 4/12 Theft from vehicle 2300 block of Lazybrook
- 4/20 Theft from vehicles 1800 block of Tattenhall
- 4/20 Theft 1800 block of Locksford
- 4/26 Attempted home break-in 2400 block of Brookmere
- 4/28 Theft 1700 block of Willowby

As you can see, we are experiencing a rise in criminal activity. Please make an extra effort to watch your surroundings, and report any people or activities that seem suspicious or otherwise out of the norm. It will take a combination of HPD Officers and alert neighbors to improve this trend and continue to make Lazybrook the safe place we all love to live.

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: <http://mycity.houstontx.gov/crime/>

Citizens on Patrol

Since we are experiencing a rise in criminal activity we are in need of more neighbors actively patrolling our streets to help curb this trend. I urge everyone to contact me so that I can schedule a COP training class for you. Just a few minutes a week can really make a big difference in keeping Lazybrook safe. Patrolling is as easy as driving or riding a bike through the neighborhood with a cell phone and calling in any suspicious persons or activities. We will train you, the hours are flexible to fit any schedule, and you are reimbursed for the cost of gas. Please email lazybrook.security@gmail.com to let me know if you are interested.

Lazybrook Email Network

We have over 315 neighbors signed up to receive email updates. If you are not currently receiving the email you can join by emailing: lazybrook.security@gmail.com If you change your email address please drop me a line so I can make the change and keep the list current.

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Timberkids is a great neighborhood group for families of young children looking to connect with other neighborhood families. We have a lot of fun planned for the summer, and want to be sure to spread the word! Our Playgroup will meet every Monday this summer. Outdoor activities generally start at 9 am instead of our usual 10 am meet-up time to try and beat the heat. There are also some Family Nights and Mom's Night Out (MNO) planned in the evenings. We are open to moms, dads and caregivers, so please feel free to come to any of the listed events—and bring a friend!

To receive daily digests of group conversation topics, participate in our community classifieds, access our archived resources, and just get to know more about other young families and activities in our neighborhood, please contact Cheryl Erickson at illini_civil@yahoo.com

Monday Playdates	Family Nights and Mother's Night Out
June 7th Nottingham Spray Park @ 9 am 14205 Kimberley Ln	June 10th Family Night at Berryhill @ 5:00-7:00pm 702 E. 11th St. in the Heights
June 14th Children's Museum @ 10am -- \$8 per person 1500 Binz Street (713) 522-1138	
June 21st Playground for All Children @ Hermann Park @ 9am *We will meet up at the Playground for All Children, but feel free to bring money to ride the train, bread to feed the ducks, or take in the show "Hear Ye, Hear Ye" @ 11am at the Miller Outdoor Theater	June 24th MNO at Cedar Creek @ 7:00pm-?? 1034 W 20th St. (713) 808-9623
June 28th Noah's Ark Pool @ 10 am - \$6 per person over 1yr. 10570 Westpark Drive 1-800-652-2999	
July 5th Holiday – No Playdate	July 7th Family Night at Double Dave's @ 5:00pm-7:00pm 3322 Ella Blvd (713) 686-3283 *This is buffet night, so come & feed the family!
July 12th Pump It Up @ 10am -- \$5/ child (ages 2 to 5) 7620 Katy Freeway (713) 686-7867	
July 19th HPD Mounted Patrol Horse Stables @ 9am 5005 Little York (832)-394-0394 *Bring your apples, carrots & peppermints and join us to visit and feed the horses (Free)	Thursday, July 22nd MNO at Pie In the Sky @ 7pm-?? 632 West 19th Street (713) 864-3301
July 26th Chuck E. Cheese's @ 10am 4432 North Freeway (713) 697-7000	

Sinclair SPARK Update

Have you pre-registered your child for Pre-K or Kindergarten? Spaces are filling up and you don't want to miss out! Pre-registration will continue until the 1st week of June.



In case you haven't heard, Sinclair Elementary is an Exemplary School and has great things in store for the future! Amongst their achievements this past year, Sinclair opened their first tuition based Pre-K class and identified more GT students than ever before. In addition, the school's

SPARK park was "re-sparked" and they now have a ¼ mile track around the perimeter of their campus. They are also in the process of getting new fences around the school to help beautify the campus.

At Sinclair, children are provided a well rounded education, blending the academics with motor development, drama, technology and much more. If you have any questions or would like a tour, please contact Bob Vogler, Magnet Coordinator, at (713) 867-5160.

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Safety Reminder

Suzan Pickels, Resident

Spring is here and Summer is on the way! Convertible tops are peeling back and lawn mowers are whirring. People are out walking, kiddos are playing outside, and dogs are getting much needed exercise. Lazybrook is a BUZZ with activity, so please be sure to drive slowly through our thriving neighborhood! I know we are all busy and in a hurry to get to and fro - so let's put safety first and watch the speed on our streets! Any and all friendly and helpful reminders to your neighbors would be much appreciated.



Enjoy and Keep Well!

Yard of the Month

David Long, Yard of the Month Chair (281) 974-2561 dlong27@comcast.net

April 2010



We had many beautiful yards to choose from this month but after driving every street in Lazybrook, we finally came back to our own block and selected the home of **Dennis and Vickie Krolczyk** for April Yard of the Month.

Dennis and Vickie have lived at **2011 Willowmoss Ct** for seventeen years and they do all their own landscaping and planting. They even put the landscape brick around their flower beds. Their design of this feature in the yard is very graceful and presents a very nice appearance from the street. This yard is more beautiful during April than any other part of the year because the Azaleas were in full bloom. Across the entire front of the house, the Krolczyk's have white GG Gerbing Azaleas and in the large bed on the right side of the sidewalk they have a large mass of Formosa Azaleas which are covered with dark pink colored blooms. Near the right corner of the house in front of the GG Gerbing azaleas, Vickie and Dennis have planted some smaller Azaleas which have salmon colored blooms and near the sidewalk around the large Pine tree they have some light pink Encore Azaleas and some Agapanthus.

All the Azaleas are very neatly trimmed. Vickie says that she trims them immediately after they finish blooming to avoid cutting off next years blooms. In front of the large window just to the right of the front door the Krolczyk's have planted boxwoods and variegated Aztec grass is planted in front of the bed along the sidewalk. A single Firespike which is still recovering from the freeze is planted behind the Boxwoods.

A neatly trimmed Japanese Yew is planted near the front door and a brightly colored pot of Impatiens is near the door. Cast Iron plants fill the space between the driveway and the side of the house.

The photo shows the beautiful mature Water Oak, Red Oak and Pine trees that surround the house.

If you would like to nominate a yard for "Yard of the Month," send your nomination to me at dlong27@comcast.net or telephone your nomination to me at (281) 974-2561. Thank you to all who have submitted nominations.



For May we selected the yard at **2019 Sea King** for Yard of the Month owned by **Jennifer and David Bowes**. I was surprised when Jennifer told me that the landscapers just finished putting in the new landscaping the day before I showed up to select the yard of the month. David thought they were not quite ready to be selected since the new plantings will look better after they mature a bit. I agree with David that the yard will improve over the summer but it is great now and reflects the kind of landscaping that make our Lazybrook houses look great.

The Bowes' selected Garden Jules, a landscape firm to design and install their new plants. All the plants that bloom will have white blooms and a few of them are already blooming. The front yard has a large maple tree and a pecan tree. Two other trees were lost or damaged badly by Hurricane Ike and they have been replaced with Laurel Oak trees. These trees are a little faster growing than Live Oaks and have a canopy which is not as full which the Bowes believe will avoid future hurricane damage.

An Almond Verbena (*Aloysia virgata*) is prominently planted at the corner of the front porch in a bed which extends even further from the foundation. This extension has very large beautiful moss rock around the outside perimeter of the bed. Near the garage on the Seaspray side of the house, Jennifer and David selected a Natchez Crepe Myrtle for the feature plant to go in an extension of the bed which also has large and beautiful moss rock around it. The Almond Verbena blooms are wonderfully fragrant and will provide a pleasant welcome to the Bowes' front porch.

Five frost proof Gardenia plants and several Ducher roses (a china rose) are included in the front flower bed as well as an espaliered Little Gem Magnolia. A Wimbei Ligustrum is the feature plant at the end of the house opposite the porch. Clusters of Salvia which will produce white blooms and White Pentas are planted in the front bed. White blooming verbena is planted on each side of the sidewalk which leads to the front porch. A Starshooter (looks like a green grass with white flowers) is planted at the end of the front porch. Along the Seaspray side of the yard the bed has new Citrus Jasmine along the back of the bed and Serissa Kowloon which is a variegated plant near the front. More white Pentas are included in this bed.

One special environmentally friendly feature of the Bowe's new landscape is their Pine Straw mulch. All the new beds are mulched with Pine Straw. After a rain or a few waterings the pine straw will appear very natural and when it decomposes it will provide nutrients for the bed. The landscaping company furnished the pine straw for the Bowes' beds but Pine Straw is available free along the curb in nearby neighborhoods on the day before trash pickup.

Things Your Burglar Won't Tell You

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THINGS YOUR FRIENDLY NEIGHBORHOOD BURGLAR WON'T TELL YOU:

1. Thanks for letting me come in to use the bathroom, love those flowers. That tells me you have taste ... And taste means there are nice things inside. Those yard toys your kids leave out always make me wonder what type of gaming system they have.
2. Yes, I really do look for newspapers piled up on the driveway. And I might leave a pizza flyer in your front door to see how long it takes you to remove it. Keep mail box empty.
3. If decorative glass is part of your front entrance, don't let your alarm company install the control pad where I can see if it's set. That makes it too easy.
4. A good security company alarms the window over the sink. And the windows on the second floor, which often access the master bedroom-and your jewelry. It's not a bad idea to put motion detectors up there too.
5. It's raining, you're fumbling with your umbrella, and you forget to lock your door-understandable. But understand this: I don't take a day off because of bad weather.
6. I always knock first. If you answer, I'll ask for directions somewhere or offer to clean your gutters. (Don't take me up on it.)
7. Do you really think I won't look in your sock drawer? I always check dresser drawers, the bedside table, and the medicine cabinet.
8. Here's a helpful hint: I almost never go into kids' rooms.
9. You're right: I won't have enough time to break into that safe where you keep your valuables. But if it's not bolted down, I'll take it with me.
10. A loud TV or radio can be a better deterrent than the best alarm system. If you're reluctant to leave your TV on while you're out of town, you can buy a device that works on a timer and simulates the flickering glow of a real television.
11. Sometimes, I carry a clipboard. Sometimes, I dress like a lawn guy and carry a rake. I do my best to never, ever look like a crook.
12. The two things I hate most: loud dogs and nosy neighbors.
13. I'll break a window to get in, even if it makes a little noise. If your neighbor hears one loud sound, he'll stop what he's doing and wait to hear it again. If he doesn't hear it again, he'll just go back to what he was doing. It's human nature.
14. I'm not complaining, but why would you pay all that money for a fancy alarm system and leave your house without setting it?
15. I love looking in your windows. I'm looking for signs that you're home, and for flat screen TVs or gaming systems I'd like. I'll drive or walk through your neighborhood at night, before you close the blinds, just to pick my targets.
16. Avoid announcing your vacation on your Facebook page. It's easier than you think to look up your address. This is a big one, I see people do this all the time.
17. To you, leaving that window open just a crack during the day is a way to let in a little fresh air. To me, it's an invitation.
18. If you don't answer when I knock, I try the door. Occasionally, I hit the jackpot and walk right in.
19. Always tell a friend or a neighbor to get your mail, newspapers and to watch for cars that they do not know. Most will work in teams, drop one off and come back and get them.

Around the Neighborhood

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Block Captains Needed

- Thank you to new block captain **Patricia Leno**. We still need block captains for the following blocks. Responsibilities: Watch for new home sales and call our Hospitality chair to deliver a WELCOME PACKET, retrieve announcements for birthdays, births, deaths, graduations, etc and forward to the newsletter editor and host (or get someone to host) the National Night Out in October of each year. Please call Shane Davis 832 659 4277 if you can help your community in 2010-2011. Watch for the fall newsletter. Block captains names will be announced and the Civic Club will host an annual dinner to say THANK YOU FOR SERVING.

2000 block of Crystal
1600 block of Haverhill

1800 block of Tattenhall
2500 - 2600 blocks of Lazybrook

Anniversary

- Happy 30th Wedding Anniversary on May 27th to **Eddie and Rita Banks of the 1800 block of Nauts Ct** and happy late birthday to Rita on March 23. Much love from your son, Nicholas Banks.
- **Bill and Blanche Henry of the 1800 block of Watercrest** will celebrate 50 years of marriage on June 4th. Bill and Blanche built their home on Watercrest in 1960 and were newlyweds when they moved in. They raised their 5 children there, and 2 of their daughters and their families are Lazybrook residents themselves. With love from your daughter, Vonda Bonte of the 2200 block of Brooktree.

Get Well Soon

- CORRECTION from March issue: Howard Stewart, 2400 block of Lazybrook.

Please e-mail your announcements to lazybrook.newsletter@gmail.com or call (713) 802.0120



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As of April 29, 2010 there ten active listings, two option pending, and one pending listing in Lazybrook.



Asking prices run from \$265,000 to \$489,500 with an average square footage of 2,420 and an average per square foot asking price of \$153.64. The least expensive isv a 3/2 built in 1965 with 2,008 square feet. The most expensive is a 4/3.5 with 2,945 square feet.

Lazybrook has had seven closing between February 22, 2010 and April 26, 2010.

Average time on the market 58.57 days

Average Sales Price: \$295,771.43

Average Square Feet: 1,765, three bedrooms, 2 baths

Average Per Square Foot Sales Price: \$167.55

The most expensive property sold was \$449,900; the least expensive was \$188,000. The home for \$188,000 was a cash sale, original condition, 3/1 1,209 square foot home. The \$449,900 sale was completely redone with an addition to become a 4/2, 2,165 square foot home.

Seller contributions in the amount of \$2,500 & \$5,000 for Buyer Closing Cost are reflected on HCAD. One property granted a \$1,200 Repair Allowance.

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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
2	3	4	5 Cinco de Mayo	6 	7	8
9 Mother's Day	10	11	12	13  	14	15
16	17	18 Civic Club Meeting 7pm	19	20 North  	21	22
23	24 South 	25	26	27  	28	29
30	31 Memorial Day					Please note:  = Heavy Tree Waste

JUNE

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
Please note:  = Heavy Trash - Junk		1	2	3 	4	5
6	7	8	9	10  	11	12
13	14 Flag Day	15	16	17 North  	18	19
20 Father's Day	21	22	23	24  	25	26
27	28 South 	29	30			

JULY

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
Please note:  = Heavy Tree Waste				1 	2	3
4 Independence Day	5	6	7	8  	9	10
11	12	13	14	15 	16	17
18	19	20	21	22 North   	23	24
25	26 South 	27	28	29 	30	31