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President's Letter – "Socializing with the Neighbors is around the corner"

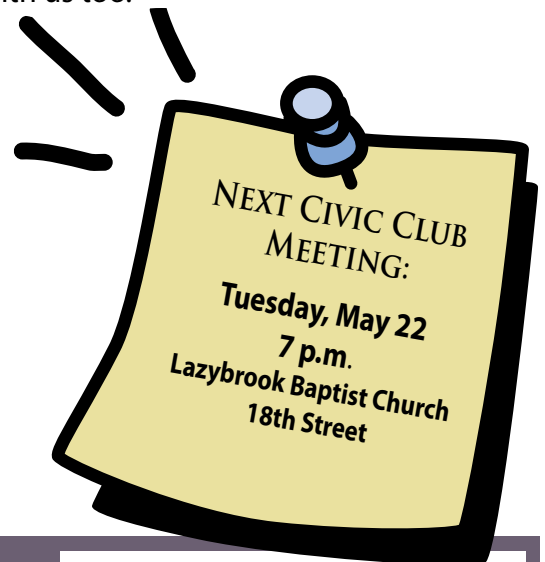
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We are currently in the planning stages of the biggest community building event of the year. That event is National Night Out (NNO). Brenda Brummett (previous Lazybrook President, Treasurer and Security Chair) planned and coordinated this event for many years. Upon her retirement, we did not have anyone to volunteer to be the NNO coordinator. Thus it faded away and we just had a few block parties. But, I am glad to announce that with the help of **Joel Copeland** (Vice President), **Eddie Yarbrough** (Block Captain Chair), **Matt Herron** (Security & COP Chair), and myself, we all will work together to re-instate the parade. Yes, I said parade. And thanks to Brenda, the holder of neighborhood history, we have the parade maps from those previous years.

For those that are new to the neighborhood, we used to have a parade on NNO. The parade consisted of the Citizens on Patrol (COP), classic cars and it was led by the Houston Fire Department and Houston Police Department. And, sometimes we would have a city official participate with us too.

NNO will occur on October 2, 2012. In Texas, we have a later date than the rest of the country due to the summer heat. It used to be in August and although the days are longer in that month, the heat and mosquitos were brutal as many will attest. As we move forward, we will need the help of the block captains to coordinate block parties. The block parties can be held by the block captain or anyone who wants to have a party in their driveway. Sometimes a few blocks combine their parties. The block party is usually "pot luck" and consists of finger foods, side dishes, and deserts. Some of the host homes would grill hot dogs or burgers, but that is not required.

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January Meeting Highlights

Highlights taken from minutes recorded by Sherri Oldham, Recording Secretary, recording@lazybrook.org

Guest Speaker - Officer with the store front spoke on security. Officer gave crime stats. Mostly down. If you see something call 911. In progress. The way you report makes a difference.

Treasurer Report- John Sutton had a work commitment. Treasurer reports were on the table.

Lazybrook/Timbergrove Super Neighborhood
Joel Copeland reported that they are focusing on odor at 11th and TC Jester. The city is consulting.

Block Captains- Eddie Yarborough got new block captains for Tattenhall

Membership- Janell Bryans is still working on the directory. Membership month is April. Fifth Friday social is at her house.

Hospitality- Jo Crawford got nine new packets out

Recycling-Not present. If you need another green container call 311.

Newsletter/Website- Crystal Frommert- for any news send to lazybrook.org

Security-Matt Herring. January-February, several burglaries. PIP next Tuesday.

Architectural Review- Deed Restrictions Greg Alba reports reviewed action items. Needs a new person on the committee. (preferably a lawyer)

Architectural Petition- Mike Brennan would like to turn it over to someone new.

Beautification- Carolyn Lehnert reports that the trees have been fertilized. May need English/Spanish signs since still getting leaves.

Advertising- Marc Cogle reports that they have picked up several full page advertisers. It helps to replace the smaller ones that have left. Almost even.

Yard of the month- Jim Gorab. Not attending.

Unfinished Business

- LCC Directory for 2012. Sign up yes or no.
- NNO- National night out. Looking to start parade again
- Neighborhood signage- Marc Cogle is getting prices. We have to apply for a permit to adopt an esplanade. They approve the signage. There is funding available from local businesses and grants.

Paid Patrol- Sharon ettinger proposed that interested parties pool funds to pay for a Constable patrol outside of LCC budget. It is \$93,000 a year for a constable. 40 hr wk, 2 wk vacation, still on county time. Private security is \$63,000 a year and they can't make arrests. A separate account can be set up.

Thanks to Pat Koteris for gathering door prizes from the following merchants:

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President's Letter continued

Each guest usually brings a lawn chair and drinks of their choice. Some have the kids make NNO signs & decorate their bicycles. But, the purpose is about getting together so that you know your neighbors.

Anyone in the neighborhood who has a classic car is welcome to join the parade caravan. The block captains will be receiving information on NNO. If you would like to host a party in your driveway or participate in the parade, please reach out to your block captain to let them know of your interest. I guess with this said, I will need to spend a little less time on my tractor in the country and more time tuning up the old '59 Plymouth Sport Fury so that she can cruise too.

Need for Food Donations


Please bring nonperishable food items to the next Civic Club meeting for the Lazybrook Baptist Church food pantry. As you know many needy people/families stop by the church for assistance. The church staff always gives them a package of food to tide them over. Anything that we bring on the night of the meeting is placed in the pantry to help with this effort. The church has been very kind to offer the use of a comfortable meeting place. The need for food to help some of our community members is great. Thank you for any donation you can bring.



Help is Here

If you would like to have your contact information published in the next newsletter, we are looking for residents who would like to help out fellow Lazybrookers. Possible services:

Computer/Technology	House Sitting
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Come and join the discussion! All are welcome to participate in the cultivation of our great neighborhood.
Door Prizes will be available!
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Paver Push and 2nd Annual Coin Drive for Jaycee Park
by Lazybrook Civic Club - August 29th, 2010

Your generosity and that of local businesses has allowed us to change the park considerably and soon we'll add a new playground, splashpad, and renovate the basketball court. However, we still need to fund the walking trail, tennis court renovations, and a new open pavilion. So, save your coins (we will even take checks and cash!) over the next four weeks

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- February 2012 – 47.25
- March 2012- 47.25

I appreciate the continued support of our patrollers and welcome the new patrollers. We are looking for more volunteers to join our Citizens on Patrol program to help do our part to protect ourselves and our neighbors. If you are interested please send an email to security@lazybrook.org to learn more.

Crime in the Neighborhood

- 4/9 Theft - 1800 Tattenhall, tailgate stolen
- 4/15 Burglary - 1800 Tattenhall, 2PM back door broken
- 4/18 Burglary - 1800 Millwood, 3PM

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 is 713-844-3131

Crime Statistics

The latest crime statistics are posted on the web at: <http://mycity.houstontx.gov/crime/> or www.spotcrime.com

Citizens on Patrol

Citizens on Patrol successfully brings together communities and police for a common goal, to improve the quality of life for residents by preventing, reducing, or eliminating crime. You can really make a big difference in crime in our area by patrolling just a few hours a month. Patrolling is as easy as driving a car 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 security@lazybrook.org to let me know if you are interested.

Lazybrook Email Network

We have over 420 neighbors signed up to receive email updates. If you are not currently receiving the email you can join by emailing: security@lazybrook.org 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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My apologies to all of you who thought this column had been discontinued – it was not – I just slept through the deadline. This issue will catch you up on everything since January 1.

As of April 30, 2012 were 5 active listings, 1 in option pending stage, 2 pending continue to show and 1 pending listing.

The five active listings prices range from \$190,000 to \$548,000 with an average square footage of 1,797 and an average per square foot asking price of \$172.72. The most expensive is a 3 bed/4 bath (yes 3 bed – 4 baths) with 2,928 square feet, sitting on two lots, with a pool and a sauna. The least expensive is a 3/2 with 1,406 square feet built in 1960. The lowest per square foot asking price is \$135.00 and the highest is \$191.00. The homes have been on the market between 5 and 182 days as of May 1.

The one Option Pending is listed at \$299,000, a 3/2/2 with 1,643 sq.ft. built in 1970 and was on the market for 1 day.

Two Pending Continue to Shows - 1 listed at \$275,000 is an updated 1,589 sq ft with 3 bedrooms, 1.5 baths, and 1 car garage. The second is a 4 bedroom, 2 bath, & 2 car garage listed at \$368,900 with 2,040 square feet sitting on an oversized lot.

One property is Pending. This property has 3 bedrooms/2baths and 2 car garage on a corner lot. It has 1,729 square feet and was listed at \$279,000.

Lazybrook had fifteen closings between January 1 and April 30. The sales prices ranged from \$228,000 to \$459,900.

Average time on the market: 68 days (Minimum 0 day, Maximum 227)

Average Asking Price: \$311,940

Average Sales Price: \$300,941*

Average Per Square Foot Asking: \$173.78

Average Per Square Foot Sales Price: \$167.66*

Average Square Feet: 1,795 (3.07 bedrooms, 2 baths)

* Unlike the last part of 2011 where sellers were not contributing to closing cost nine of the fifteen sales in 2012 included seller contributions ranging from \$1,000 to \$8,000. One property also shows Seller paid repairs of just over \$7,000. The average sales price and average per square foot sales price reflect these Seller paid repairs or assists. Without the adjustments the average sales price would have been \$303,860 and \$169.28 per square foot.

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As I write this article, Summer is approaching, and by the time this article gets to you, it will be here. Last summer was so hot and dry that many of us developed some water saving habits that allowed us to water our plants and yard and keep them through out that long summer, even with restrictions on watering. I know that I kept a bucket in the shower and ran the water into it when I was waiting for it to get warm, and I did the same thing in the kitchen with a pitcher. It really came in handy when I needed to water the potted plants.

Other water saving habits are to keep a washcloth in the shower and wipe down the area after showering. Then, the residue from the minerals & soap will not build up and requires less water to clean later. We also have a plastic container that has a lid and we let the rain run off from the roof into it. Then, we water using that. In fact, rain water is much better for your plants than water with additional chemicals from the faucet. I know that there are several systems that you can buy to use rain water and I might do some research into those for the next article.

I would love to hear your water saving ideas. I'll share them with anyone who wants to call, and will share them in the next article. 713-880-3845

I also thought you might need a reminder about heavy trash and where you can take it, like the neighborhood Depositories/recycling centers. This is a portion of the section of the "Trash Facts" from the City of Houston Solid Waste website: www.houstonsolidwaste.org

Residents may dispose of heavy trash at one of the City's neighborhood depository facilities (addresses and phone numbers are included below). Each user must provide proof of residency, including a Texas Driver's license or ID, a current utility bill or city property tax receipt. The depositories accept the same materials as the heavy trash collection (furniture, stoves, refrigerators, etc.). Depositories will accept up to 10 automobile tires per trip per residential unit. Citizens must unload their tires and place them in a specified trailer. Materials brought in a commercial vehicle will not be accepted. SwMD personnel will not unload your tires or heavy trash. Residents may use depositories four times per month. Locations are now open Weds. - Sun., except

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The poster features the Solid Waste Management Department logo on the left, which includes the letters 'SWM' and the text 'SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT DEPARTMENT' and 'City of Houston'. To the right of the logo, the text 'Solid Waste Management Department' is written in a large, blue, sans-serif font. Below this, a table titled 'TREE WASTE SCHEDULE' is presented. The table has two columns: the first column lists the months from January to December, and the second column lists the waste collection type for each month. The collection types alternate between 'Tree Waste ONLY' and 'Junk Waste'.

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Summer Workout Motivation

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This is the time of year that we tend to stay indoors more often due to the amazing heat we experience from May - October. I walk the streets of Lazybrook often and see plenty of neighbors getting in some form of exercise. Of course I love that since I do want our neighborhood to stay vibrant and healthy. Yet with summer already upon us I hope those of you will continue to stay consistent and fit.

So here are 3 questions you want to start asking yourself now while you are in the mind set of exercising. My clients have several reasons why they can't work out but I always challenge them to write out all the reasons they can exercise and post it somewhere where they can be reminded of their commitment to living a healthier and happier life.

Ask yourself these three simple questions often:

1. What is the best time to exercise?

With this heat the morning or evening would be the best option. Preferably not between 10:00-4:00 since this time frame is when the heat index is the highest and the ultra violet rays the most damaging to your skin. Remember to drink plenty of water before heading out while you exercise and afterwards to stay well hydrated. Wear light color clothing or reflection attire if it is dark so drivers have a better chance to see you.

2. What are some easy weight loss tips I can use to keep me trim during the summer?

We all know the "secret" of successful weight -loss: Eat less and exercise more. It's not always easy, but by adopting healthy eating habits and a regular exercise routine you are sure to improve your health and well-being.

Avoid artificial sweeteners and synthetic fat substitutes. They are unhealthy and don't help you develop good eating habits.

Dietary supplements or "fat-burning herbs" are usually just stimulants - don't rely on them. The pounds will surely return once you've stopped taking them.

Build lean body mass. Strength training burns excess calories and influences the way your brain regulates hunger, making you less susceptible to food cravings.

Pay attention to the mental and spiritual aspects of weight control. Use relaxation exercises - instead of food - to combat anxiety.

Accept your body. You may see it as less than perfect, but it is beautiful just the same.

Photo credit: Europe District hosts Organizational Day 2010 for employees, families by USACE Europe District, on Flickr

3. Is there a class in the neighborhood that I can join to keep me motivated?

Well as a matter of fact there is. My next fitness camp class is July 11, 2012. So if your trying to get back to fitness or stay fit this is a perfect class for you. You can meet some of the wonderful Lazybrook residents, stay accountable, have fun and last but not least improve your look, stamina, and attitude.

With these 3 questions you can get your mind right to stay active and fit all year long in spite of what you tell yourself. The healthy food trap is another challenge my clients tend to fall into. Are you eating healthy, exercising regularly and yet haven't been able to achieve your goal weight?

Your not alone . You've fallen into the healthy food trap. This is the faulty belief that as long as the food you're are eating is healthy then you don't have to worry about portion size.

The bottom line is if you eat more calories than you burn, you'll gain weight - even if those calories are healthy. Reduce the size of your portions and watch as the weight falls off.

Last but not least something very dear to my heart is our animals. Remember they have a fur coat and this heat is really hard on them. Walk them early or late in the evening and leave plenty of fresh water out. I water my dogs down while I walk them I take a water bottle with me just in case they get to heated. I am planning in the near future to have a dog/people fitness class to get even our lazybrook canines in shape along with there owners. So stay tuned for a ruff and tuff doggone good time. And remember, their feet get burned on hot pavement too.

Are you ready to take your health and well being to the next level? If you are stuck and need some accountability, call me at 713-410-3376 to coach you in the direction you want to explore. You can start today by signing up for my fitness camp classes listed below.

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The City will collect tree waste exclusively on designated months (odd months) on the resident's current heavy trash collection day. "Tree waste" is defined as "clean wood waste", which consists of tree limbs, branches or stumps. Lumber, furniture and treated wood will not be accepted. On the alternating months (even months), residents may set out their junk waste at the curb for city collection. "Junk waste" is used to describe items previously referred to as "heavy trash" such as furniture, appliances and other bulky material. These items should be placed adjacent to the front curb in a location easily accessible to the person collecting.

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Remember that we are trying to rejuvenate the world by having a smaller impact. The earth has a great ability to repair itself - just look at the beautiful plants all around Houston after our lush and wet winter and spring!! But, if you think about the plants you put out, (i.e. which ones are more hardy and can live without so much water), and if you put mulch over the dirt to save all that water that you do have use to keep them healthy, it will do a lot to save water.

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MAY

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

JUNE

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

JULY

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