

# LAZYBROOK NEWS

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## JANUARY 2012

### President's Letter

Shane Davis, President (832) 659-4277 [president@lazybrook.org](mailto:president@lazybrook.org)

Hello Neighbors, I believe some of you have heard from the November Lazybrook Civic Club meeting that my family business is relocating to Conroe TX.

I've really enjoyed working with LCC but my 1 hour and 15 minute commute each way starting March will be too hard for me. The 1st lady is retiring this Spring and he wants to go to the lake with his retired Harley buddies. My son lives in Conroe. My daughter is up at SHSU. My extended family is all around the lake. Moving is the only real option for my family.

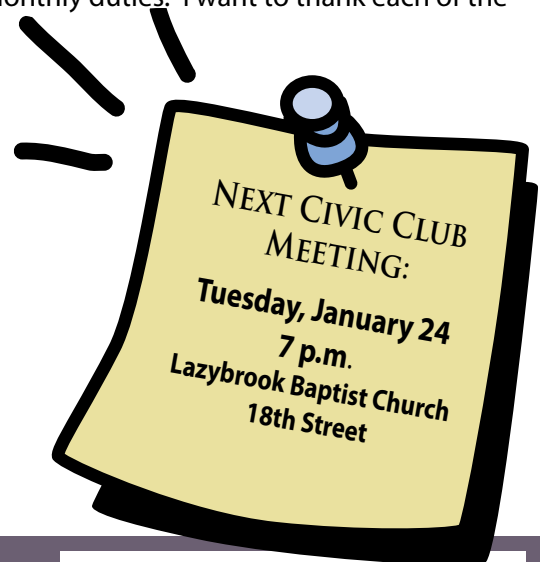
That being said, the Executive Board and the many committees have spent the past few years organizing our civic club to be very efficient for the volunteers. Each LCC Committee Chair has a clear understanding of their functions and have been very organized so as not to stress out any one volunteer with too many monthly duties. I want to thank each of the Committee Chairs and their volunteers for their help.

The President of Lazybrook Civic Club has a very clear job. With the support of the Executive Board and the committees the job is very easy to perform.

We are seeking a civic minded neighbor to step up and take on the Presidency. Please consider taking on this prestigious position for our neighborhood.

Thank you, Shane Davis

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# Membership

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# 2011 Holiday Lighting Contest Winners

*Judges Melodie Matlock and  
Lillian Blinka*

**Prettiest**  
2406 Brookmere

**Best Front Door**  
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**Most Religious**  
2314 Brooktree

**Best Block**  
1800 Widdicomb

**Best Santa**  
1822 Watercrest

**Best Nativity**  
2007 Greengrass

**Best Use of a Cartoon Character**  
1719 Guese

**Most Patriotic**  
1830 Crystal Ct.

**Most Childlike**  
1827 Salford

**Most Creative**  
2314 Lazybrook

**Best Animation**  
2507 T.C. Jester

**Best Lights in Motion**  
1802 Widdecomb

**Best Single Color**  
1822 Greengrass

**Honorable Mention**  
1814 Haverhill

**Honorable Mention**  
1822 Foxwood

*The judges the Lazybrook Holiday Lights this year were Melodie Matlock and long time Lazybrook resident Lillian Blinka. We offer Congratulations to everyone who worked so hard to get their holiday lights out this year. There were many more lights in Lazybrook than in recent years and it was a wondrous sight to see. I hope everyone in the neighborhood had an opportunity to drive by and enjoy them.*

*Happy New Year!*



## Real Estate Corner

Brenda Brummett (713) 861-1710



As of January 1, 2012 were 10 active listings, 1 in option pending stage and 1 pending continue to show listing in Lazybrook.

The 10 active listings prices range from \$215,000 to \$429,900 with an average square footage of 1,606 and an average per square foot asking price of \$182.66. The most expensive is a 4/2 with 2,044 square feet completely remodeled in October. The least expensive is a 3/2 with 1,461 square feet built in 1957. The lowest per square foot asking price is \$152.37 and the highest is \$210.32. The homes have been on the market between 2 and 162 days as of January 1.

The one Option Pending is listed at \$284,000, a 3/2/2 with 1,569 sq. ft. built in 1955 and was on the market for 45 days.

The Pending Continue to Show is at \$294,900. It is a 3/2/2 with 1,501 and was on the market 12 days.

Lazybrook had seven closings between November 3 and December 31. The sales prices ranged from \$160,000 to \$330,000. These were clean sales no seller assist for closing costs or repair allowance.

Average time on the market 49 days (Minimum 22 day, Maximum 135)  
Average Asking Price: \$250,897 Average Per Square Foot Asking: \$170.79  
Average Sales Price: \$231,571 Average Per Square Foot Sales Price: \$157.64  
Average Square Feet: 1,469  
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## 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.



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# Security

Matt Herring, Security Chair (713) 864-2823 security@lazybrook.org

## Citizens on Patrol Hours Logged

- October 2011 – 43.5
- November 2011 – 78
- December 2011 – 60

Total for 2011 – 734 hours

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

- 11/3- **Burglary**, 2100 Widdicomb, 11AM, broke in back doors, alarm went off
- 12/1- **Theft**, 1700 Willowby, catalytic converter stolen from vehicle in driveway
- 12/7- **Burglary**, 2400 Brooktree, 8AM, shattered back door, alarm went off
- 12/7- **Theft**, 2400 Brookmere, Christmas decorations stolen
- 12/13- **Theft**, 2300 Lazybrook, 4PM
- 12/16- **Burglary**, 1800 Seamist, mid-day, kicked in front door
- 12/19- **Burglary**, 1800 Millwood, 11AM kick in front door, alarm went off
- 12/29- **Theft**, 2500 T.C. Jester, Christmas decorations stolen

We have seen an increase in home burglaries, typically occurring during the middle of the day with the criminals typically gaining entry by kicking in the side door or back door to the house and stealing electronics and other small valuables. I encourage everyone to report any suspicious persons or vehicles immediately to HPD at 713-844-3131 or 911 for cases of emergency.

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

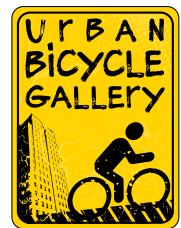
The latest crime statistics are posted on the web at: <http://mycity.houstontx.gov/crime/> or [www.spotcrime.com](http://www.spotcrime.com)

## Citizens on Patrol

Just a few minutes a week can really make a big difference in keeping Lazybrook safe. 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](mailto:security@lazybrook.org) to let me know if you are interested.

## Lazybrook Email Network

We have over 400 neighbors signed up to receive email updates. If you are not currently receiving the email you can join by emailing: [security@lazybrook.org](mailto: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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## Beautification

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Occasional tree watering is being continued through the winter as needed. No new trees are being planted.

I'm sorry, but I was unable to work out the details for the home tree sale with Trees for Houston. They do run sales at area locations with some very good deals on hard to obtain native trees. I will let you know if I hear of these sales.

I have noticed neighbors putting yard clippings, pruning waste, etc. out for the trash pick-up using black plastic or other such bags. The city will not take these. Waste must be in the city approved biodegradable bags only, normally available at grocery and home supply stores. As of this date they seem to be in scarce supply, but I guess more will be available soon. Also, if you hire a contractor to work in your yard, there is an ordinance that they are supposed to take the waste with them. If you do allow the waste to be left with you, please be sure it is not left at the curb until trash day. Help keep Lazybrook beautiful!

Thanks to Shane for putting up holiday decorations on our entrance signs.

## Around the Neighborhood

Julie Kleine, (832) 971-4731 [jkleine@stewart.com](mailto:jkleine@stewart.com)

- Sympathies to **Nathan & Janet Tritico of Salford on the passing of Nathan's brother Joseph Frank Tritico**. Mr. Tritico was born January 13, 1943 and passed on December 13, 2011.
- Our thoughts go to **Betty Smith of Salford on the loss of her daughter-in-law, Elizabeth Smith**. Elizabeth is survived by her husband of 32 years, Terry Smith, and their four children.
- Congratulations to **Elizabeth & Andrew Allcorn of Willowby** on the birth of their first child. Travis Andrew Allcorn was born December 14, weighing in at 7lbs 9 oz. and 21 inches long.
- **Julie & Erich Kleine of Tannehill** are proud to announce the birth of their first child, Isabelle Victoria Kleine. Isabelle was born on December 29, weighing 7lbs 14oz and 20 inches long.
- Crystal Court Neighbors were saddened to learn that another long time neighbor **Darlyne Stewart** died on December 1. Darlene worked 23 years for Shell Oil Co. She is survived by her daughter Sheryl Patton and her granddaughter Penny Patton who also live on Crystal Court.

**Have Announcements to share with your neighbors?**  
Please call or email Julie Kleine at [jkleine@stewart.com](mailto:jkleine@stewart.com) or 832.971.4731



# Volunteers Needed

Fellow Lazybrook neighbors,

If you are looking for a rewarding way to give back to your community please consider the following volunteer opportunities within the Lazybrook Civic Club.

• **Lazybrook Civic Club President Needed posted by Shane Davis:**

The President of Lazybrook Civic Club has a very clear job. With the support of the Executive Board and the committees the job is very easy to perform. We are seeking a civic minded neighbor to step up and take on the Presidency. The position has two main jobs, answer questions of the Committee Chairs and run Bimonthly meetings (6 per year) off an agenda our past President Richard Akin handed down to me. I am willing to stay on to help with the transition and train my replacement until March 2012. I will always be available by cell phone or to help our new volunteer run meetings during 2012. Consider taking on this prestigious position for our neighborhood. Please contact myself at [president@lazybrook.org](mailto:president@lazybrook.org) or Richard Akin, LCC VP. at [vicepresident@lazybrook.org](mailto:vicepresident@lazybrook.org)

• **Block Captains Needed posted by Ilya Martinalbo:**

The following blocks need Block Captains. Please contact Ilya Martinalbo at (281) 785-9540 or [blockcaptain@lazybrook.org](mailto:blockcaptain@lazybrook.org), if you're interested.

**2000 Crystal  
1800 Locksford  
2211 T.C. Jester  
1800 Watercrest**

**1600 Haverhill  
2011 T.C. Jester  
1800 Tattenhall  
2002-2111 Lazybrook (position available soon)**

*The newsletter packets for these blocks are available for pickup on Eddie Yarbrough's porch at 2003 Seamist (at the corner of Seamist & Brooktree). If you know someone without a newsletter and a block captain, please pass on this information.*

• **Newsletter Chairperson posted by Crystal Frommert:**

I have thoroughly enjoyed working on Lazybrook News since 2008. I am committed to stay with the newsletter until late 2012 or sooner if a replacement is found. If you are interested in this position, I would be happy to start working on a transition with you. Putting together a newsletter is a fun and interesting job and we only have 5 issues per year. Please consider it. Thank you. Please email me at [newsletter@lazybrook.org](mailto:newsletter@lazybrook.org) for more information.

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# Jaycee Park Update

Ileana Desalos, Contributor [friendsofjayceepark@yahoo.com](mailto:friendsofjayceepark@yahoo.com)

The year 2011 brought the major transformation of Jaycee Park. A once under-utilized and "shady" park, that was mostly avoided by the neighborhood, is now thriving with young families from all the surrounding neighborhoods. With the increased traffic from families and individuals, we have seen the disappearance of the once very prevalent undesirable element and the blossoming of a fun family neighborhood park. This year will see the completion of all the major projects at Jaycee Park.



Maintaining our investment in Jaycee Park is important, so if you would like to see the maintenance of this park continue into the future, consider volunteering to host an event to raise funds for the park or to lead a committee to maintain the park (trash clean up, splash pad cleaning, tennis coordinator, trees and plants). Neighborhoods such as West

University and Bellaire have done wonderful work through volunteers stepping up to lead events and the park groups they each have in their neighborhood (see [www.westuparks.org/](http://www.westuparks.org/) and [patronsforparks.org](http://patronsforparks.org)).

## Trees

Jaycee Park has been selected by Trees for Houston as one of a few parks to be the first to receive a special treatment for the trees that will help increase their chance of survival from the damage caused by the drought. We were selected solely based on the efforts the Friends of Jaycee Park has made to take care of the trees at the park since the first planting two years ago. It is truly an honor to be recognized in this way and is a tribute to those in the community that have given their time (and sweat) to make this project as successful and worthy as it has grown to be.

We are grateful to Trees for Houston for supporting our efforts since the very beginning of this park project. They have been there to answer tree questions, donate trees, plant trees and even showed up to shovel mulch with us. If you feel helpless when you see so many of Houston's beautiful trees dying, consider supporting Trees for Houston's efforts to save them by making a donation to tree maintenance (it takes \$75 to water a tree for one year). [www.treesforhouston.org](http://www.treesforhouston.org).

## Trail Completed

Thanks to a generous grant from the Kinder Foundation, the .4 mile trail is now complete. It winds around the perimeter of the entire park and is out of the way of the busy traffic on Seamist and Grovewood. Eventually, it will even feature several pieces of exercise equipment!

## Basketball Court

The Mendenhall Foundation sponsored the renovation of the basketball court, which is now about 90% complete. The new design features an oval court and a center goal with two half courts. We are awaiting the installation of the post and goals as well as the painting of the lines. Both should be complete very soon.

## Tennis Courts

The tennis court renovation is funded! We received grants from Houston Tennis Association, United States Tennis Association-Texas, and we are awaiting the response from United States Tennis Association-National for a grant, which we feel we have a very good chance to receive. The completed courts will feature: new smooth tennis court surfacing (no more grooves from where tiles once were), real nets (no more chain link fence nets), completed fencing, and wind screening.

The most exciting change will be the inclusion of 2 permanent Quick Start courts for kids on the practice court (making the practice courts dual purpose) <http://www.tennisforlife.net/QST.html>. These permanent QuickStart courts will be the first ones at a City of Houston park! The Houston Parks & Recreation Department will also offer FREE tennis lessons for kids through their Tennis in the Parks summer program! We will forward the schedule when it is out. Eventually we would like to see a junior tennis league formed in the neighborhood, but this would require a neighborhood tennis lead/coordinator. Here is an opportunity for you neighborhood tennis pros (or those with knowledge of the game) to help out! If the team is formed, you will have an opportunity to name the team too (Timbergrove Tennis Team?)

**Thanks!**

Thank you to those of you that have come out to plant trees, spread mulch, water trees (Ben), attend events, made donations, picked up trash while at the park, made calls to help enforce park rules, brought snacks for volunteers and to those that have taken the time to thank the volunteers and many organizations that have helped make this amazing park transformation become a reality.

If you are interested in helping with any aspect of Jaycee Park let us know. The new and improved Jaycee Park is proof of what can be accomplished when a group and individuals step up to lead (even when they are personally already very busy) and a community pulls together and works toward a common goal. Great job everyone!

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# Get the life you want in 2012!

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Happy New You! I hope everyone had a fantastic holiday season with family and friends. It is that time of year when we reflect on what worked and how to improve the areas that we didn't get to. That is what goal setting is all about. You will take side trips and maybe what you thought the focus was last year changed and you went another direction. Don't beat yourself up. Use what you learned and ask yourself how you can apply this to an area you need improvement in.

Having said that I hope most of you were able to stick to an exercise program regardless of the busy season. I know what some of you might be thinking. I didn't do enough or who had the time. Regardless of your experience I hope you took care of yourself the best you could.

So one of my new years resolutions is to obsess on the good. So when my mind wonders to the negative or worst case scenario I start shifting the focus to what the best outcome can be. I am a work in progress and will commit to my well-being.

You have a clean slate with a brand new year spread out in front of you, filled with endless possibilities.

How will you harness your potential to be the very best you in 2012?



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I recommend using the teachings of Dr. Maxwell Maltz in his legendary book 'The New Psycho-Cybernetics'.

Dr. Maltz created the original science of self improvement and success. So who better to turn to when you're ready to take your life to another level. His teachings have stood the test of time.

Take the following and get all that you want out of 2012:

## 1) Use Your Imagination

If you thought that imaginations were only valued in preschool, think again. One of the key points in 'The New Psycho-Cybernetics' is the technique of using your imagination to reprogram and manage your self image.

You may have been exposed to self improvement strategies that tell you to 'act as if' or to 'fake it till you make it.' Those typically don't work because your self image is still the same.

According to Dr. Maltz, your self image is the key to changing your actions and habits. If you want to lose 50 pounds, you first have to think of yourself as someone 50 pounds lighter.

Spend time in your imagination. See yourself 50 pounds lighter. Experience a day in your life at this slimmed down size. Imagine everything down to the smallest detail.

According to Dr. Maltz, this imagination time will begin to change your self image to that of a person 50 pounds lighter, and your actions and habits will fall into place.

## 2) Reject Negative Thoughts

Negative thoughts will undoubtedly arise as you use your imagination to see your ideal self. "I'm not really going to lose 50 pounds." "I've tried losing weight before and it never works. I'm always going to be overweight." "This imagination stuff is bogus. It won't work for me."

Dr. Maltz says that the instant you receive a negative thought simply dismiss it. Don't spend any time on it at all.



The quicker that you dismiss negative thoughts, the less impact they will have on your self image. Also you'll find that fewer and fewer negative thoughts arise once you get into the habit of dismissal.

### 3) Be Nostalgic For The Future

It's so easy to be nostalgic for the past, especially when you only remember the good stuff. But what good does it do for you to wish for things that are long gone?

Dr. Maltz recommends developing nostalgia for the future.

In your imagination you've already lost the 50 pounds, so start pining for the future! Your self image will lock onto that picture and your nostalgic feelings will fuel the fire.

### 4) I'm The Kind Of Person That...

What kind of person are you?

I'm the kind of person that loves sweets.

I'm the kind of person that hates exercise.

I'm the kind of person that can't lose weight.

OR

I'm the kind of person that eats fresh and healthy food.

I'm the kind of person that keeps fit.

I'm the kind of person that maintains an ideal body weight.

Your self image will fulfill any label that you put on yourself. The power is all in your hands.

What kind of a person do you want to be in 2012 it is closer than you think? 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 one of my fitness classes listed below.

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# Recycling

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Dear Lazybrook,

I hope that you have had a wonderful Christmas Season and I look forward to an even more wonderful New Year in 2012.

I have recently been asked some questions about Heavy Trash so I thought I would send the basic info about that in this article. Our heavy trash days depend on whether you are north of 20th St. or not. Those who are north of 20th St have heavy trash on the third Thursday every month and those south of 20th are on the fourth Monday of the month. Below is the City's web info. That web address is [www.houstontx.gov/solidwaste/treewaste.html](http://www.houstontx.gov/solidwaste/treewaste.html).

The image shows a graphic from the Solid Waste Management Department. It features the department's logo on the left, which includes the letters 'SWM' and 'City of Houston'. To the right of the logo, the text 'Solid Waste Management Department' is displayed. Below this, a table titled 'TREE WASTE SCHEDULE' lists the months of the year and the corresponding waste collection type. The table is as follows:

TREE WASTE SCHEDULE	
January	Tree Waste ONLY
February	Junk Waste
March	Tree Waste ONLY
April	Junk Waste
May	Tree Waste ONLY
June	Junk Waste
July	Tree Waste ONLY
August	Junk Waste
September	Tree Waste ONLY
October	Junk Waste
November	Tree Waste ONLY
December	Junk Waste

The background of the graphic shows a city skyline with several skyscrapers under a blue sky.

In alternating months, residents may dispose of their Tree Waste, and Junk Waste at their curbside. This new method of collecting your large waste comes with the benefits of diverting materials that can be recycled from landfills, saving landfill space and your valuable tax dollars. The Tree/Junk Waste schedule changes each month from Tree Waste to Junk. Tree Waste months are January, March, May, July, September, and November. Junk Waste months are February, April, June, August, October and December. "Tree Waste" is defined as "clean" wood waste such as tree limbs, branches, and stumps (lumber, furniture, and treated wood will NOT be accepted).

"Junk Waste" is defined as items such as furniture, appliances, and other bulky material. Junk Waste may not be placed for collection during a Tree Waste Month.

A maximum of four cubic yards of building material (not including brick, plaster or concrete) generated by the resident in connection with the maintenance of the resident's property will be collected on your Junk Waste collection date. Please Note: Tree Waste is accepted during Junk Waste Months. However, to ensure that your Tree Waste is recycled, you may hold your tree waste materials until the next Tree Waste designated month or bring it to a Neighborhood Depository.

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# JANUARY

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1 New Year's Day	2	3	4	5 	6	7
8	9	10	11	12 	13	14
15	16 Martin Luther King Day	17	18	19 North 	20	21
22	23 South 	24 Civic Club Meeting 7pm	25	26 	27	28
29	30	31				

# FEBRUARY

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

# MARCH

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