

# LAZYBROOK NEWS

## JULY 2011

### President's Letter

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

Hello Neighbors – I hope this newsletter finds you all healthy and happy. Your 1st lady, Richard Cade, and I enjoyed a few weeks off from our hectic lives to tour Italy in May. We enjoyed our time away from the daily grind plus learned three things; Italy has great wine for cheap, the Vatican is unbelievably RICH and we two need to slow down our pace in life to make more memories.

Your LCC Executive Board was busy this summer helping fine tune the Architectural Review/Deed Restrictions Committee as this is the committee we take the most calls on. I would like to thank Gregg Kalba, Committee Chair, and his committee as they are doing great work and the board appreciates the long hours it takes to work out the details to help us become user friendly.

Neighbors/Block Captains your ONLY point of contact for anything construction is Gregg Kalba [architecturalreview@lazybrook.org](mailto:architecturalreview@lazybrook.org) phone 713 864 7369. He will keep the LCC master log and delegate to his committee.

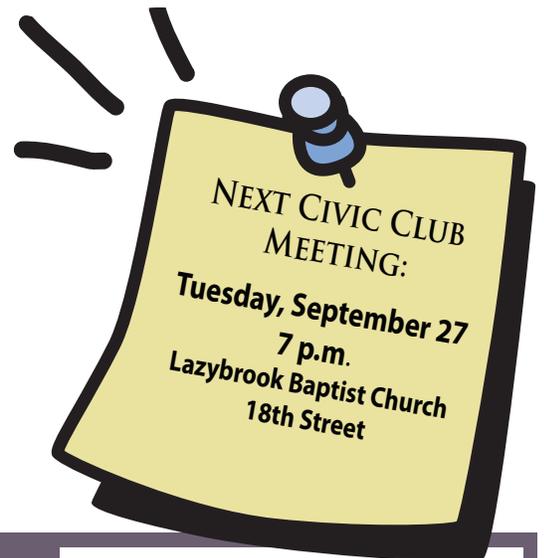
September 27th LCC Meeting will have guest speaker on Identity Theft and members will start discussions on stopping delivery of Lazybrook Civic Club newsletters for LCC non members. This meeting will be a lively one and last from 7-9PM as we have much to cover. Come on out, stay as long as you can and share your thoughts on our agenda.

Best to you and yours, Shane Davis

#### Friendly Reminder to Pet Owners:

Lazybrook residents requested that Lazybrook News print another reminder to please pick up your pet's poop on sidewalks and other neighbors' lawns. It is not a pleasant surprise for children playing in the grass or for walkers.

Thank you!



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# Membership

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Lazybrook Civic Club Membership Dues

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## Timberkids

Looking to connect with other families in our community? Join Timberkids! Families in Timbergrove, Lazybrook, and surrounding communities network via Big Tent online. Timberkids is a great way to share information, get referrals for home improvements or baby sitting, sell your stuff in our classifieds, and learn of neighborhood and local events. As a security precaution to protect our children and personal information, we require that one Timberkid parent know you in order to join. You can meet up with us at our newly formed playgroup for families with little ones 15 months and younger or at our weekly play date for all at the Jaycee Park splash pad, Fridays from 4 p.m. to 6 p.m. Contact Cheryl Erickson at illini\_civil@yahoo.com for details on membership.

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# May Meeting Highlights

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

## Guest Speaker

Matt Herring, LCC Security Chair introduced our Houston Police Dept. Storefront officer Jacob Webb who spoke on recent crimes. Officer Webb talked about neighbors closeness and how we know each other. He pointed out that we know each other, they don't. So knowing your neighbor helps keep crime at bay. He passed out Citizens appreciation certificates and was grateful for all that LCC has done for them. The storefront number is 713.803.1151.

## Crime Stats: (from Jan-May 2011)

Murder/ sex assaults- 0  
Robberies-up from 0 to 1  
Aggravated assault- up from 0 to 2  
Burglary- up from 4 to 8  
B&E- down from 13 to 8  
Theft- down from 10 to 9 (potted plants, yard art, etc)  
Auto theft- up from 1 to 33  
Narcotics- up from 0 to 1  
Increase is 14% from last year to this year.

## Advice:

Don't open the door if you don't know who it is  
Don't leave window shades up  
Don't advertise your goods (Don't put boxes out for trash of TVs or expensive gifts)

## Committee Reports

- **Membership:** Janell Bryans reported that you can PayPal your dues online now.
- **Security:** Matt Herring asked to take a vote on the \$1,000 contribution to the storefront. Vote passed.
- **Architectural Review:** Greg Alba reports deed restrictions are up on the website.
- **Graffiti task force:** reported new graffiti at Ella and T.C. Jester on the signal box
- **Beautification:** Carolyn Lehnert got new trees from IKEA- planted on T.C. Jester. Also said we don't need any more leaves right now. (Tell your yard guy not to leave them.) Watering has paid off.
- **Advertising:** LCC voted to pay neighbor Matt Ripley \$100 to adjust 2 ads for the website.

## New Business

- Crystal Frommert suggested a vote for 5 newsletters per year (eliminating July issue). Vote passed.

## Announcements

- Yard of the Month Chair- is now Jim Gorab 281.881.4800. David Long has relocated.
- Spark Park- Richard Akin and family attended the dedication of Spark Park. He also said we are now a part of District C and part of an existing super neighborhood.
- Julie Kleine on Tannehill will now organize the 2011 Around the Neighborhood section for the LCC newsletter. jkeine@stewart.com 832.971.4731
- Health- Birgitt Haderlein of To Fit You is starting a strengthening/walking class in the neighborhood starting June 22 at 6:00 am
- 5th Friday Social- Thank you Mark and Melissa Cogle for hosting 5th Friday

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

**Heights Mobil** - 18th & Ella

**Pizza Inn** - 18th & Mangum

**Kojak's Fine Foods** - 18th

**Demeris BBQ** - NW Mall

**Queen Burger** - 18th

**Queen Donuts** - 18th

**Bargain Food Mart** - 18th

**Dominos Pizza**- 18th St.

**Clean This**- Mangum

**Protect Controls** - Shane Davis

Please patronize these generous businesses.

# Recycling

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This last Thursday, I saw some things out for recycling in Lazybrook that I would like to talk to you about. Some of the plastics were Styrofoam. I'm really sorry, but the city cannot recycle those; you will have to throw them away or find a use for them. We could always start a letter campaign to educate businesses to use more green packing material. Call me if you are interested!! 713-880-3845.

I know we are all hot, but I want you to read this from the planet green site: "Air conditioning takes indoor heat and pushes it outdoors. To do this, it uses energy, which increases production of greenhouse gases, which warm the atmosphere. From a cooling standpoint, the first transaction is a wash, and the second is a loss. We're cooking our planet to refrigerate the diminishing part that's still habitable."



Think about it and let me know what fun/credible ideas you have for keeping cool without using so much air conditioning!! The planet green site is [planetgreen.discovery.com/home-garden/quick-tips-for-cooling-off-without-air-conditioning.html](http://planetgreen.discovery.com/home-garden/quick-tips-for-cooling-off-without-air-conditioning.html)

I wanted to share this email with you that I received from the City:

***Effective Friday, July 1, 2011, the City of Houston Solid Waste Management Department will change days of operation at the six neighborhood depositories (junk waste & recycling drop-off sites). "The days of service will resume to Wednesday through Sunday (closed Monday and Tuesday)," said Harry Hayes, Solid Waste Management Director.***

***Full operations and services will be maintained at these six facilities (listed below) five days a week except holidays, from 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. for the convenience of the residents of the City of Houston. Citizens are encouraged to arrive at least 30 minutes before closing to allow adequate time to unload.***

***The six neighborhood depositories are listed below, our nearest is "North" at 9003 North Main. Remember that to take things to drop off, you must prove (with a recent utility bill) your residence in Houston.***

- Northeast - 5565 Kirkpatrick, 77028 - 713.675.3208***
- Northwest - 14440 Sommermeyer, 77041 - 713.895.1002***
- North - 9003 North Main, 77022 - 713.694-8435 - NEW!***
- Southeast - 2240 Central, 77017 - 713.847.1188***
- South - 5100 Sunbeam, 77033 - 713.738.1936***
- Southwest - 10785 Southwest Fwy, 77074 - 713.837.0311 - NEW!***

Also, to close, I want to share with you an article from the Chronicle. It was entitled, "Cable box pushing electricity bills up" from June 26, 2011. The gist of the article was about how costly those set-top boxes are "because their drives, tuners, and other components are generally running full tilt or nearly so, 24 hours a day, even when not in active use". It just goes to show how much electricity we use without even realizing it. Anything that you can turn off when not using it usually is a good thing. For instance, did you know that as long as you do not use the light again for 25 seconds, it is energy efficient to turn it out when you leave a room? That amazes me, but Myth Busters tested that claim and I believe them.

## REMEMBER:

**REDUCE**

**REUSE**

**RECYCLE**

**REPAIR**

## Around the Neighborhood

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### In Memory:

- **James Corbin of Watercrest** died on Sunday July 10th. He had been in ill health for some time. Funeral services were held at 10:00am Wednesday, July 13th at Oak Forest Baptist Church. Mr. Corbin was a member of Oak Forest Baptist Church and Oak Forest Masonic Lodge; he served in the United States Army during the Korean Conflict. Please pray for the Corbin family. He is survived by his wife Margie, son Brad and daughter-in-law Ashley and their children who also live on Watercrest.
- **Nick and Nora Escobedo, long time residents for the 1800 block of Greengrass, lost their daughter** to a brief illness. Isabel Pacheco passed away, Thursday June 30th. Isabel leaves behind her 4 children, Carmen, Jessica, Angel and Ashley. Our hearts and prayers go out the Isabel's family.
- **Domnick "Nick" Mauro of Tannehill** passed away on March 3, 2011. He is survived by his wife Sandra. Our thoughts and prayers go out to the Mauro family during this difficult time.
- **Mary Bryant of Tannehill lost her mother.** Our sympathy goes out to her family.

### Birthdays:

- **Gail Erickson of Watercrest** celebrated her 60th birthday on July 8th. We hope you had a wonderful birthday!

### Get well soon:

- Please pray **Beverly Kealey daughter of Ralph and Wanda Shadle of Watercrest.** She was admitted to the ER on Thursday July 7th, because of severe back spasms and myofacial knots on her back and hips.

Have Announcements to share with your neighbors?

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# Security

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

## Citizens on Patrol Hours Logged

April 2011 – 72.25

May 2011 – 62.25

I appreciate the continued support of our patrollers and welcome the new patrollers that have completed the training class. 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

5/10 – Burglary, 2000 Lazybrook, 10:45AM broke gate locks

5/17 – Scam reported, 2500 Lazybrook, three people with no identification were posing as power company tree trimmers and wanted the home owner to let them enter the back yard, they were denied entry and became more persistent even threatening fines if they could not enter the back yard, owner called cops and persons drove off

5/17 – Theft, 2000 Crystal, 11PM

5/19 – Burglary, 1800 Seamist, 2PM

5/25 – Burglary, 1800 Millcreek, 10AM

5/26 – Burglary, 1800 Tattenhall, 2PM

6/15 – Theft, 2400 Brookmere, 1AM

6/18 – Suspicious person in back yard, 2300 Brookmere 3:45AM

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

A COP certification/re-certification class was held on June 16 at Lazybrook Baptist Church. I am very happy to say that there were about 20 Lazybrook neighbors in attendance with familiar faces to re-certify and several new people that were attending for the first time. Thank you for all of the neighbors that made the meeting, I look forward to working with all of yall in the future.

## Lazybrook Email Network

We have over 370 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.

## Security Tip for Neighbors

If you hear a noise outside your home or someone trying to get in your house, just press the panic button for your car. The alarm will be set off, and the horn will continue to sound until either you turn it off or the car battery dies.

Next time you come home for the night and you start to put your keys away, think of this: It's a security alarm system that you probably already have and requires no installation. Test it. It will go off from most everywhere inside your house and will keep honking until your battery runs down or until you reset it with the button on the key fob chain. It works if you park in your driveway or garage.

If your car alarm goes off when someone is trying to break into your house, odds are the criminals won't stick around. After a few seconds, all the neighbors will be looking out their windows to see who is out there and sure enough the criminal won't want that. And remember to carry your keys while walking to your car in a parking lot. The alarm can work the same way there.



**Now's The Time For Change!**

If you're thinking about selling your home, you'll want to carefully choose the real estate professional you work with. You should choose someone who specializes in residential real estate and has specific knowledge of the area. You should choose me ... as a resident of Lazybrook, I have a vested interest in keeping the values of the neighborhoods as high as possible. *So, when you're ready to sell, give me a call. Your profit is my priority!*



**JANELL BRYANS**  
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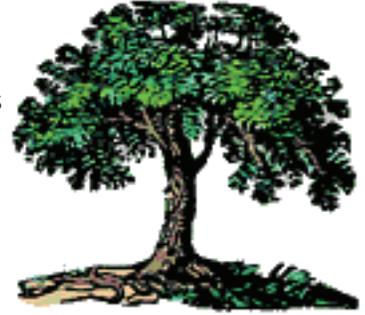
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# Beautification

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Tree watering is ongoing. Because of advice from the Houston Parks Department and Trees for Houston, the watering has been increased from once a week to twice a week for the new trees. Also, some of the four-year-old trees on 18th Street are being heavily watered occasionally. Thanks to all of you who have donated to the beautification fund. The expenses have been increased due to our continuing drought.



Plans are being made for a new project planned for next November. This will be to plant trees in homeowner's own yards at very low cost. Labor will be provided.

This project is being co-sponsored by Trees for Houston. They will probably be at our September meeting to explain all this. Thanks to Ralph and Mary Ann Bullard for this great idea. We lost trees during Ike and this is a good chance to replace them or to get new trees where there are none. Both large growing and smaller trees will be available.

Please consider watering your trees and shrubbery if you are not doing this already. Damage may not become apparent until a year or two later and you know that landscaping is very expensive. We would like to see Lazybrook stay green. Also, watering around your home will protect your foundation and keep your walls from cracking.

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## Real Estate Corner

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As of July 5, 2011, there were 11 active listings, 1 in option pending stage and 2 pending listings in Lazybrook.

Of the 11 active listings prices range from \$225,000 to \$489,000 with an average square footage of 2,023 and an average per square foot asking price of \$173.22. The most expensive is a 4/2.5 with 2,528 square feet. The least expensive is a 3/2 with 1411 square feet built in 1960. The lowest per square foot asking price is \$134.65 and the highest is \$217.97. The homes have been on the market between 1 and 272 days as of July 5.

The Option Pending listing is listed at \$320,000 (2,034 sq. ft. 3/2). The two that are in Pending are listed at \$395,000 (2,445 sq. ft. 3/2.5 on the market 18 days) and at \$624,900 (3,737 sq. ft. 4 bedroom 3 full and 2 half baths on the market 1 day). Both properties are scheduled to close before the end of July.

Lazybrook had eight closings between May 1 and July 5, 2011. The sales prices ranged from \$198,000 to \$521,000. These were very clean sales: one transaction had the seller assist \$1,563 for closing costs, and one transaction received a \$1,000 repair allowance. Six of the eight had been remodeled ranging from moderate to extensive; one had a pool, two had outdoor kitchens.

Average time on the market 96.13 days  
Average Asking Price: \$368,325  
Average Per Square Foot Asking: \$179.93  
Average Sales Price: \$343,645  
Average Per Square Foot Sales Price: \$167.88  
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## Yard of the Month

Jim Gorab, Yard of the Month Chair yard@lazybrook.org (713)636-2530

### June 2011



The June award for the yard of the month is the home of **Marc and Melissa Cogle of 2110 Millwood**. The Cogle's bought their home in October 2009 and spent the better part of a year remodeling the house. During some of their slow periods of construction work, they began to work on their yard. They started with their back yard to get as early a start as possible with their palms trees anticipating many years to maturity. Their improvements has also included some significant work to their front and side yard.

They expanded the existing flower beds, added a flower bed into the front circle portion of their yard, relocated their rose garden and added several trees. Some of recently planted trees include a large magnolia, live oak, dawn redwood Leland cypress and corkscrew willow. Their expanded and newly planted beds include shrubs that were pre-existing such as wax leaf ligustrums and azaleas and they have added new planting such as African lilies, lily of the valley, blanket flowers, dianthus, flowering thyme, mums, giant canna, holly, forsythia, and juniper. They also created a patch for native Texas wildflowers to grow and flourish.

On their side yard, the Cogle's have also added a "mini-orchard" with a large fruit and vegetable garden. Their orchard includes a nectarine, pomegranate, Anna apple, peach, keiffer pear, apricot, cherry and Melissa's favorite, an Asian pear. The garden was recently built by Marc in February and includes raised beds and is surrounded by a small iron fence. It has fruits such as yellow watermelon, strawberries and blackberries as well as southern standards such as cucumbers, yellow, acorn and spaghetti squash, purple and mix green leaf lettuce, "chocolate", orange, yellow, red and green bell peppers, jalapenos, yellow, orange pear, cherry and big boy tomatoes, eggplant, purple okra, yellow and red carrots, Easter egg radishes and potatoes.

They wish the weather this season had been kinder, but are happy to have made the progress in their yard over the past couple of years and look forward to many continued years of yard work in Lazybrook.



Rose and Ed Stone of 1807 Salford celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary on July 9th, and they have lived in Lazybrook for 41 of those years. Not only do they live in the neighborhood, but Rose's mother lives on Millwood and her brother lives on Widdicomb, making living in Lazybrook a real family affair.

Their lovely home has great curb appeal. Two large staghorn ferns frame a big oak tree with a smiling face sculpture on the trunk. (Ed recently divided the Texas-bred staghorn ferns into ten separate plants.) Begonias in planters and hanging baskets and a variety of roses and beautiful annuals bloom across the front yard. Ed always cared for the yard himself until a recent health problem caused him to hire a lawn service. He wasn't happy with the results and now, back in good health, he's taking care of the yard again himself.

The Stone's house doesn't see a lot of traffic since it sits near the end of the cul-de-sac on Salford, but it's worth taking a drive by to see this pretty yard. Congratulations Rose and Ed, and thanks for being good neighbors for 41 years!

**If you would like to nominate a yard for "Yard of the Month," send your nomination to me at [yard@lazybrook.org](mailto:yard@lazybrook.org) or telephone your nomination to Jim Gorab at (713)636-2530. Thank you to all who have submitted nominations.**

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## Strengthening and Walk Class

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(Don't let the name fool you. It's not for sissies.)

Wow! What a hot summer it has been. Well since my last article which talked about importance of exercise and plenty of research to support that exercise is medicine. I hope all of you are taking this to heart and taking care of your health. Having said that, I started a "strengthening and walk" fitness class for the neighborhood. The class is going on its fourth week and we are having a great time.

It is Wednesday mornings at 6 am for 6 weeks and I want to share with you how the residents in our neighborhood have been improving their health and well being one step at a time. I had quite a few calls and most of the questions and comments were well I know how to walk will this be challenging enough for me. After listening to several people it came to me to ask; well maybe it's not the know how but are they actually walking regularly as part of their fitness plan.

That is when it got interesting. 75% were not consistent with walking and the other 25% were not walking at all. So why are your neighbors gearing up at 6 in the morning to sweat and miss out on some extra shut eye? Because they are having a great time meeting one another getting fitness tips, lifestyle coaching tips and learning how to improve their posture, strength and stamina. Last but not least we are touring our cozy streets of Lazybrook which is a great way to let burglars know we are watching our neighborhood.



So here are some personal comments from class participants that they want to share with you. The importance of accountability is what people need help most to keep them motivated. There is power in participating in groups and having people around to learn from. So sit tight and read what your neighbors are getting out of this class:

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*"Thank you so much for offering this class. I am really enjoying it and it is the perfect time of day." - Long-time Lazybrooker*

*"From Anonymous (I don't want anyone to know how unfit I am): I signed up for the walking class thinking what an odd idea, a class on walking, but felt it would be fun to meet the neighbors and rejuvenate my weight loss efforts. I've been walking around the neighborhood, on my treadmill, at school tracks off and on for years. How hard is it to walk? Well neighbors I am at the back of the pack of neighbors zipping about the neighborhood with fast pace, interval walking (slow and fast pace), pre walk stretching exercises, post walk exercises, life coach tips of the week, water consumption advice, answers to why what part hurts while I am walking, down 5 pounds and the best change – MORE ENERGY. Sign me up for the next one. This is a blast!"*

*"The class has been a great way to meet neighbors and exercise with a fun and supportive group." - Jenny Sulak*

*"I have really enjoyed the strength/walking class! It has helped me increase my walking pace and stamina. As an extra bonus, my weight has gone down!" - Sherri Oldham*

*"Birgitt's class has been a great jumpstart for us to get back into walking regularly and rethinking our daily fitness habits. It's also a powerful reminder of how motivating and fun it is*

to exercise with a group. And having such an enthusiastic and knowledgeable coach as Birgitt is a real bonus! What a great way to get energized on Wednesday mornings!" - Lynn & Herb



So for those of you thinking wow I wish I would have done the class! No worries starting Wednesday September 14 @ 6:00 will be the next class. If you want to have fun meet your neighbors or increase you strength and stamina this

is the class for you. I am on a quest to get Lazybrook on the road to healthier and happier community. The next class starts September 14, 2011 and February 8, 2012. Hope to see some of you there.

Keep moving all year round with these strengthening and walk classes. They keep you consistent with exercise and fit all year round. For those of you repeating the class you will receive a \$30.00 discount.

The class lasts 6 weeks starting Wednesday's at 6am outside 2222 Lazybrook Dr. Registration and more information can be found at [www.toftyou.com](http://www.toftyou.com) or call 713.410.3376

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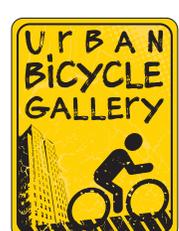
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## Jaycee Park Update

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**The playground is done!!** Thanks to the contributions from so many of you in the community we now have a BIG new playground in the neighborhood to go along with our beautiful splash pad. It features 3 see-saws, a tire swing, an 8' climbing wall and a large main play structure. Jaycee Park has been transformed into a park that brings builds community and brings pride to those in the area. It is no longer a park that is under utilized and a magnet for vagrants up to no good. A typical day now has people walking the one-half mile loop, neighborhood families playing at the splashpad while chatting with neighbors and kids playing on a great playground.

If you enjoy the park and would like to see it continue to be a really nice place to bring your kids, please, please pitch in and help to keep it looking good.

### Why Do We Need to Do So Much to Maintain a City Park?

This is our community park and is up to us to keep it looking great. Unfortunately, the Parks Department does not have the time or money to devote to maintaining a park beyond basic trash pick up and mowing. If you have enjoyed the changes at Jaycee Park and would like to pitch in, please consider volunteering in some capacity to help keep it a park that will look great far into the future.

### Some very Quick, Big Impact Ways You Can Help

- Pick up litter (even litter that isn't yours) every time you visit. You could even use one of the plastic bags from the doggie poop station as a trash bag while you are picking up litter.
- Scoop leaves and sticks out of splash pad while you are watching your kids. Again, you could use plastic bag from doggie poop station to help.
- **Help Us Keep the Splash Pad Clean!**  
We are looking for people that could come spray down the splash pad occasionally. It takes about 45minutes and works best with 2-3 people, 1 to spray and 1-2 to use a push broom to brush out all the leaves. It is a good project for 1 or 2 families (or even a playgroup) to do and is actually kind of fun and gratifying especially when you stand back and see how clean it looks when you are done. We have the kit to clean it (sprayer, irrigation attachment, hose and, if you need it, a push broom). We can meet you the first time to show you how it works.
- **Movie Night Planners Needed!**  
Everyone has enjoyed Movie Night at Jaycee Park for the past 2 years and we have had many requests to bring it back again this fall. Cheryl Erickson and I are really hoping that there are a couple of people out there that will chair the event this year and to help it to become a tradition in our area. It is really not a very hard event to coordinate and we have written out how we did it and what/who we used to make it happen. You can make it as simple or elaborate as you like. The event is not a huge fundraiser for the park, but it still brings in something through the sale of pizza, cookies, hot chocolate and lemonade, which will help with park maintenance. Please let us know if this is something you would like to host this year (it is fun to do it with a co-chair). Cheryl and I will be available for questions if you need help during the planning and execution of Movie Night.

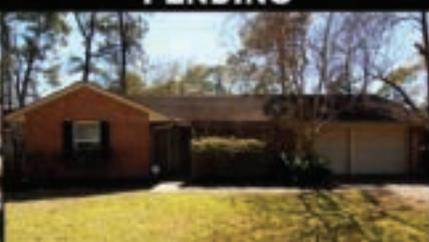


Above: Local boy parades his festive bike at Jaycee Park in the Annual 4th of July Ice Cream Social and Parade hosted by Realtor Sharon Ettinger



Contact Ileana Desalos at 713-922-6742 or [friendsofjayceepark@yahoo.com](mailto: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](http://www.houstonparksboard.org).

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Please note: = Heavy Tree Waste 					1	2
3	4 Independence Day	5	6	7 	8	9
10 Newsletter Deadline	11	12	13	14 	15	16
17	18	19	20	21 North 	22	23
24 31	25 South 	26	27	28 	29 <b>5<sup>th</sup> Friday Social</b>	30

# AUGUST

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	15	16	17	18 North 	19	20
21	22	23	24	25 	26	27
28	29 South 	30	31			

# SEPTEMBER

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
Please note: = Heavy Tree Waste 				1 	2 Newsletter Deadline	3
4	5 Labor Day	6	7	8 	9	10
11	12	13	14	15 North 	16	17
18	19	20	21	22 	23	24
25	26 South 	27 Civic Club Meeting 7pm	28	29 	30 <b>5<sup>th</sup> Friday Social</b>	