

# **President's Letter**

Shane Davis, President (832) 659-4277 president@lazybrook.org

Hello Lazybrookers! What a winter....I keep trying to see my garden as half full but my heart aches at the lovely plants that once again didn't make it through the freeze. Why oh why do I keep planting delicate plants? Is it the thrill of a neighbor asking what is that planted in your side yard and where can I get it? I think it is more that I like to dig in the dirt, visit Joshua's and Buchanan' nurseries several times each spring for replacement plants and the ultimate thrill of conquering Mother Nature's winter whims. Our 1st Lady Richard Cade is a diehard advocate for survival of the fittest. Oh what do we do? So out the door Richard and I went with the few extra sheets we own. Were we successful? Well not exactly.... but I am thoroughly committed to snooping around my neighbor's yards this month to see what survived. Please Lord, don't let me see something delicately blooming at the nurseries and make me throw caution to the wind yet again in my Spring plantings.

About our Club - 5th Friday Social will be relocated to 2110 Millwood at Melissa and Mark Cougle's home for Friday April 29th. Handouts for the Social will be given out at the LCC meeting March 22nd at Lazybrook Baptist Church. Our March 22nd Lazybrook Civic Club meeting will have a guest speaker on the 290 Corridor expansion which is starting this year. Come hear the details 7PM.

I want to give a special THANK YOU to the Lazybrook Block Captains who stepped up to the plate and agreed to take on more responsibilities for the LCC and Ilya Martinalbo who now chairs this new committee.

Questions on the LCC Deed Restrictions? – our Gregg Kalba has organized this team with the dedicated people who have volunteered for years.

Check out Lazybrook.org it has the email addresses for all your needs associated with the LCC. We owe a thank you to our Webmaster Greg Frommert for organizing us online and you can now PAY YOUR DUES ONLINE with PayPal – thanks Greg! Greg is a real behind the scenes hero!

See you all around the neighborhood this Spring, Shane Davis LCC President and Richard Cade our 1st Lady.

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**MEETING:** 

Tuesday, March 22nd

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# Membership

Janell Bryans, Membership Chair membership@lazybrook.org (713) 426-0148

Hello Neighbors,

It is membership time again! Your voluntary contribution of \$25.00 per year enables us to make our neighborhood a wonderful place to live. It is an investment in your home's value. Please also consider a contribution to the Beautification or Security committees.

Your block captains will be visiting with you soon about the Civic Club dues. Please fill out your dues form and mail it to the address shown below or pay with our new feature **online at Lazybrook.org to pay with PayPal.** And tell your block captains "thank you" for their hard work!!!

Janell Bryans Membership Chair, 2011

# **VOLUNTEER, PARTICIPATE AND INVEST!**

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# **January Meeting Highlights**

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

# **New Lazybrook Civic Club Executive Board**

Brenda Brummett conducted the swearing in of the new members.

- President: Shane Davis is staying on for 2011
- Vice President: Richard Akin is staying on for 2011
- Corresponding Secretary: Pat Koteras is staying on for 2011
- Treasurer: Katherine Peterson is retiring. John Sutton on Locksford was elected the new Treasurer
- Recording Secretary: Susan Brawner is retiring. Sherri Oldham on Lazybrook was elected the new Recording Secretary.

## **Committee Reports**

- Membership: Janell Bryans reported that the membership drive will be in March
- Web Site: Deed restrictions will soon be posted on the site. You can also get deed restrictions from HCAD.
- Security: Matt Herring reported that 360 people were now on the security email network. Security bought a color printer, 3 digital cameras, shelving, coffee and water and a vent for the HPD storefront. Matt also reported that theft is up again. Reported break ins have been in cars, and theft of yard decorations.
- Architectural Review: Shane Davis asked for a vote to have Gregg Kalba, an architect, voted in as chairperson.
   Under consideration is the combination of several committees; deed restrictions and the architectural petition group that will go under Architectural review. There are positions available on the committee. More to come about this at the March meeting.
- Deed Restriction Enforcement: Bill Richardson pointed out that deed restrictions was more than just problems in a neighbor's garage or backyard but a lot of new building and that it involved signs and checking permits.
- Architectural Petition: Mike Brennan reported on gathering signatures for Deed Restriction petition.
- Graffiti Task Force: Dorothy Richardson reported that there was some new graffiti.
- Beautification: Carolyn Lehnert reported that wildflowers have been planted under the
- highwires and she is waiting for trees to be delivered.

### **Block Captains**

• Shane Davis introduced Ilya Martinalbo. Ilya is Chairperson of a new committee for block captains. Signs were given to all the block captains. They will be posted in the block captains' yards for Civic Club meeting dates.

## Volunteer of the Year "a non committee member" Award recipient, Nancy Huegel

Nancy organizes and works bagging leaves and mulching them under our trees. She was presented with a nice gift basket.

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

Heights Mobil - 18th & Ella
Pizza Inn - 18th & Mangum
Kojak's Fine Foods - 18th
Demeris BarBQ - NW Mall
Queen Burger - 18th
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Tony's Mexican Restaurant - Ella

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# Recycling

Rose Brewer (713) 880.3845 recycling@lazybrook.org

Hope you are all out enjoying the beautiful weather after our cold January and start of February. My husband and I love our walks in the mornings.

After looking over the City's website, I would like to remind you that we have a relatively new Neighborhood Depository at 9003 North Main (N Main - north of Crosstimbers). You may take your recyclables and junk waste there from 9 am to 6 pm 7 days per week. Bring your Driver's License or recent utility bill to prove that you are a resident.

There was also a bit of information new to me. The company, Jaco Environmental, has a program for recycling refrigerators, freezers, and room air conditioners. I went to their website (**www.jacoinc.net**) and there was a place to enter your zip code to start the process. I didn't enter mine as I have no appliance to recycle. But the info on the website said that they recycle 95% of the components, that pick up is free, and they give a \$25 rebate. If anyone tries this, let me know how it goes!!

Many of you know that another source of information about the neighborhood (quite complete and well researched) is the online newsletter The Nor'westener. Ben Crabb, of Timbergrove, writes it. His email is bncrabb@comcast.net and I am sure that he would add you to his readership if you contact him. Each issue has excellent info and I go there to be sure that I haven't missed something of great importance environmentally to share with you. In January, Ben wrote up a very comprehensive article about home lighting. He had a great deal to say about which bulbs (incandescent, LED, or compact florescent) are best. To boil down my views on the matter, as long as you recycle the spent florescent bulbs (IKEA), they are much cheaper and better for the environment than incandescent which squanders a large percentage of energy on making heat. LED (Light Emitting Diodes) have the potential for being the cheapest, after you factor in the length of time that they continue to work. However, they are a larger investment. I will email the article to you so that you can take advantage of all of Ben's work if you email me.

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# **Beautification**

Carolyn Lehnert, Beautification Chair beautification@lazybrook.org (713) 864-3596

By the time you read this, the tree planting for this year will be finished. Trees were added on Jester near Foodarama and also near Millwood. A few might be needed on 18th because several trees look as though they are dead. If they do not put out new leaves, they will be removed and replaced.

Unfortunately, I do not expect our wildflowers to be plentiful. The winter has been too dry. The tree watering was continued this winter because rains were so sparse.

I would like to set up an advisory committee to decide what the next step for beautification should be. For instance, do we want to try a flower display bed including putting in irrigation? Should we spent funds to add trees in the park? I'm thinking this could be done mostly by e-mail or phone. Then the ideas could be presented to the membership. Let me know if you are interested in participating.

Thanks again to Nancy Huegel for all her work on the mulching. Please watch the Lazybrook e-mail for notice to stop putting the bags on the medians. We will let you know when the job is done for this season.

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

#### **Citizens on Patrol Hours Logged**

- December 2010 61
- January 2011 54.5

I appreciate the continued support of our 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.

#### **Crime in the Neighborhood**

2/4 - Theft, 1800 block of Seamist

2/9 - Theft, 2400 block of Brookmere

2/15 - Theft, 1800 block of Crystal

2/16 - Theft, 1800 block of Tattenhall

Recently we have see a rash of thieves stealing yard decorations and statues, short of bolting them down or removing them from sight I don't think a lot can be done to prevent this, so we have requested more patrolmen and rely on our neighbors to help keep an eye out for each other.

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 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 me to let me know if you are interested.

## **Lazybrook Email Network**

We have over 350 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.







# **Sinclair Elementary Update**



#### Pre-Kindergarten (Pre-K) and Kindergarten Round-up

Sinclair Elementary will be holding their Pre-K and Kindergarten Round-Up on **Thursday, April 7th**. There will be two registration times available:

- 8:30 am Children are invited to attend. They will have the opportunity to meet the teachers and create a craft with them.
- 6:00 pm This evening session will be strictly informational and for registering.

To qualify for Pre-K and Kindergarten, your child must be 4 and 5 years old, as of September 1st, 2011. Typically, Sinclair offers three types of Pre-K: Tuition-Based Pre-K, Free English Pre-K, and Free

Bilingual Pre-K (Note: families eligible for the Free Pre-K programs must meet a series of certain criteria; see www.houstonisd.org for further details).

If you are interested in learning more about Sinclair's outstanding all-inclusive, early education program, please contact the school at 713-867-5160 and ask to speak with Ms. Clark, Principal or Mr. Vogler, Magnet Coordinator.

# **Timberkids**

Looking to connect with other families in our community? Join Timberkids! Families in Timbergrove, Lazybook, and surrounding communities network via Big Tent online. Timberkids is a great way to share information, get referrals for home improvements/baby sitting, sell your stuff in our classifieds, and learn of neighborhood/local events. A new playgroup is also forming for families with little ones 15 months and younger. Contact Cheryl Erickson at illini\_civil@yahoo.com for details on membership.



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# Real Estate Corner

Brenda Brummett (713) 861-1710

As of February 27, 2011, there were eight active listings, and one pending continue to show listing in Lazybrook.



Of the 8 active listings prices run from \$260,000 to \$439,000 with an average square footage of 1,990 and an average per square foot asking price of \$160.29. The most expensive is a 3/2.5 with 2,093 square feet. The least expensive active is a 3/2 with 2,008 square feet built in 1965. The lowest per square foot asking price is \$129.48 and the highest is \$209.75. At \$285,000, we have a listing with a private pool and great landscaping. At \$439,000, we have a total remodel with a new addition, all new plumbing & electrical.

The Option Pending Continue to Show is listed at \$185,000 is a 3/1.5 with 1,192 square feet that was on the market only 7 days. It has been rental property for many years, original condition, and window a/c. Safe to say this will be a remodel and either owner occupied or back on the market at a much high price in the near future.

Lazybrook had six closings between January 1, 2011 and February 27, 2011. The sales prices were \$225,000, \$226,000, \$320,000, \$360,000 and two sold at \$425,000.

Average time on the market 96.67 days (fewest 29, longest 254)

Average Asking Price: \$343,467 Average Per Square Foot Asking: \$156.74 Average Sales Price: \$330,167 Average Per Square Foot Sales Price: \$150.67

Average Square Feet: 2,191 - 3.67 bedrooms, 2 baths

The most expensive property sold was \$425,000; the least expensive was \$225,000. Seller contribution to closing costs on the \$225,000 property was \$5,000 & \$3,000 in repair allowance.

Seller contribution to closing costs on the \$360,000 property was \$3,500.

Information as reflected on the Houston Association of Realtors web site.





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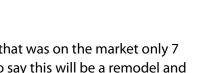
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# Yard of the Month

David Long, Yard of the Month Chair (281) 974-2561 yard@lazybrook.org

# February 2011



The yard of the month for February 2011 is at **1823 Mill Creek** and is home for the past eight years to **Bobby Orsak and Kristen Ruth**. The landscaping was installed in 2010 by Lawn Masters of Houston, a local landscaping firm. Stones which are roughly 15" X 4" X 4" form a neat border around all the beds. There are two circular beds in the front yard. One bed forms a circle around a large Magnolia tree and the second bed forms a circle around a Live Oak tree. Curved beds with the same stones are along the front of the house and down the side of the house.

In the circular beds Bobby and Kristen have planted Dianthus. The Dianthus had a lot of blooms before the freeze and new blooms are coming out again. The blooms are mostly white with some pink blooms. The bright blossoms of Dianthus will bloom from early spring through late fall in Houston gardens. They do best in full sun, preferably in well-drained soil. Hummingbirds and butterflies love their bright flowers. Most Dianthus are heat tolerant and bloom through the summer.

Along the front of the house and all down the North side are rows of Indian Hawthorne. In front of the Hawthorne the owners have planted some small Azaleas which are not blooming right now. In front of the Azaleas and along the stone border a Variegated Aztec grass looks fresh and bright.

On each side of the sidewalk each bed begins with a large Sago Palm and at one end of the house in the bed the owners have planted a Japanese Blueberry which is still a small tree. At the other front corner of the house they have planted a Little Gem Magnolia tree.

### March 2011



As we drove all around the Lazybrook subdivision on the last days of February looking for the "yard of the month" for March, we finally came back to our own street and selected our next door neighbors, **Duane and Betty Davis**' yard. Duane is meticulous in the way he takes care of their yard. We have observed him on many days during February hand pulling weeds from his front lawn and distributing weed and feed fertilizer. His efforts show in a very neat overall appearance even though the grass is not totally green – there are NO weeds!!

Duane and Betty have lived at **2430 Willowmoss Court** since 1997. Before that they lived on Sea King in Lazybrook for 10 years so that adds up to almost 25 years as Lazybrook residents.

Their driveway and front sidewalks are a dark gray pressed concrete and they are very attractive. Along the front of the house a short, curved boxwood hedge provides continuity as its graceful lines move across the entire front of the house. Large variegated Pittosporum plants frame the double front doors and salmon Azaleas behind the boxwood are beginning to bloom.

A large Magnolia tree is near the house on the left and a large Water Oak is on the other side. Across the driveway are two smaller Red Oaks. A raised bed around the first Red Oak is bordered by three layers of stone. Duane and Betty have selected some dark red (almost maroon) Verbena and some white Alyssum for color in the bed. The same Verbena is planted in front of the boxwood and behind the sidewalk from the front door to the driveway. Again three layers of stone form a nice border to the bed. Across the sidewalk a small area of red and white Dianthus provide a nice color accent.

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

# Small bits of exercise go a long way

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#### Gardener's fitness. Are you ready?

Finally, spring is in the air the birds are chirping. Butterflies are showing up and it is not getting dark so early. It is also nice to see some of you out walking, working in your yard and yes even washing your cars. Of course I notice these things being a fitness enthusiast and wanting my Lazybrook neighbors to be in better shape.

The rains are ready. The tools are ready. Is your body ready?

Gardening is a pleasure that is hard to explain. You may use your whole weekend days to make your yard into the oasis that you envisioned - and beat up your body in the process. You might end up with lower back pain from bending over more in one day than in the last four months, or shoulder and wrist pain from picking all this weeds, not to mention how exhausted your legs feel.

The great thing is you don't have to feel this way. You can do a few exercises on a constant basis to help strengthen those areas, so you can enjoy and reap the rewards of a beautiful yard without suffering for the following week or two.

You can do these simple exercises at home or in the gym. They demonstrate the movements typically used while gardening. Try doing them as a circuit, going from one exercise to the next with little or no rest. Work up to 2 circuits, 3 times a week.

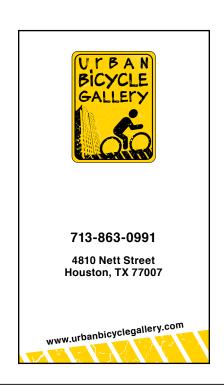
"Gardener's moves you can use" (diagram on next page)

- 1. One arm rows with Swiss ball or chair
- 2. Rear delta raise w/ resistance band
- 3. Lumbar extensions (can be performed on all fours)
- 4. Body weight squats

You want to get your body ready for the things you love to do. Not only will these moves help with your gardening, they will also increase your strength and stamina during all your activities from washing the car to taking a brisk walk in the neighborhood. The more energized you feel the more active you will be. The healthier and happier life you want is closer than you think. So if you're' ready to get that life I'm here to get you there.

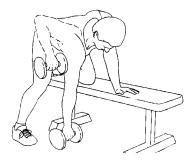
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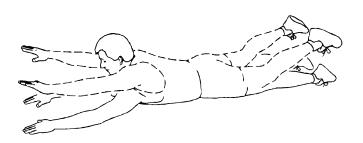
BACK: LATS - 2 Row: Bent Over - Single Arm (Dumbbell)

Lift weight to side of chest, keeping elbow close to body.



Do 2-3 sets. Complete 10-12 repetitions.

# BACK: LOW - 2 Extension: Superman



Arms and legs as straight as possible, raise both simultaneously.

Do <u>2-3</u> sets. Complete <u>10-12</u> repetitions.

SHOULDERS - 20 Rear Deltoid Raise: Standing Single Arm (Cable)

Knees slightly bent, torso forward, back straight, raise arm to shoulder height.

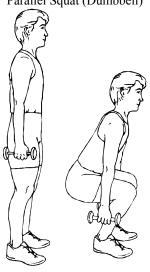


Complete \_\_\_\_\_ repetitions.

LEGS: GLUTES / THIGHS - 4 Parallel Squat (Dumbbell)

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# **Jaycee Park Update**

Ileana Desalos, Contributor friendsofjayceepark@yahoo.com



#### **Construction at Jaycee Park!**

It is hard to believe, but just 1 1/2 years since our first meeting, construction at Jaycee Park has begun!!!!!

The work they are doing at the park today is the silt fence, which is to prevent construction sediment and debris from running into the storm water system. It will remain up for the duration of the water playground project.

The contractor should be excavating the area of the splash pad in the coming week.. Next week we should see the subsurface components begin to be installed. After that the sidewalk and splash pad concrete will be formed up and poured. The playground and donor seating plaza will begin after that. These are only estimates since several factors, including weather, City Permitting and Inspections, as well as delivery times for components will play a part in the schedule. The contractor will be leaving the sidewalk intact as long as possible to limit the inconvenience experienced by park users. The baseball field is still open and will remain open for the duration of the construction. (If you would like updates, please send a message to friendsofjayceepark@yahoo.com and you can be added to the email list)

Since the project is a little farther behind schedule than we had originally planned, there is still time to purchase pavers (bricks) for the donor seating plaza. They are \$150 for a 4x8 and \$200 for an 8x8. Please let us know if you would like to purchase one.

### Jaycee Park on the City's CIP List

Jaycee Park has been put on the Capital Improvement Project (CIP) list for the budget years 2011-2015 (see http://www.houstontx.gov/cip/11cipadopt/parklist.pdf). I believe this is due to the hard work and \$\$ we have all put into this park as well as all the CIP requests that were sent in online last year. It is good news in that we are on their radar now, the funds are dependent on a future bond election and also the support of our future council member. If council decided, they could just "delay" the project/funding. We may really have to petition our future council member in order to make sure these funds go to this park and not a park in another part of town.

Thanks for all your support in improving this park! It is truly paying off!

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.



# **Around the Neighborhood**

Crystal Frommert newsletter@lazybrook.org 713-802-0120

#### **Births:**

• Clifford Edward-Laich Rock, Jr. born January 21 at 11:40am, 5 1bs 14 oz., 18 inches is our newest neighbor to Lazybrook. His proud and thrilled parents are Jolene and Cliff Rock of the 1800 block of Widdicomb Court. Zia, the family dog, is adjusting and both Zia and Clifford Jr. are ignoring the noise of the extension being put on the back of the house.



### **Happy Birthday:**

Happy Birthday to Betty Smith of the 1800 block of Salford on March 18.

#### **Happy Anniversary:**

Anna Mae and Malon Meyer of the 1800 block of Greengrass are celebrating their 65th wedding anniversary
on March 21st. They have lived on Greengrass for the last 41 years. Congratulations to the Meyer family.

#### **Get Well:**

• Neighbors are sending virtual hugs to **Bettie Whatley on Guese**. Bettie has been ill but seems to have turned a corner and is feeling a bit better. Everyone hopes to see her back out and about soon.

#### In Memory:

- **Howard Stewart of the 2400 block of Lazybrook** died on December 25, 2010. He was preceded in death by his wife Marjorie. He is survived by his daughter Susan Allen, husband Buddy and a grandson named Devin Gibbs. He was one of the first homeowners in the neighborhood and he & his wife hosted many block parties over the years. After the funeral, neighbors brought food to his home to visit with each other and his family, to celebrate his life.
- We said goodbye to a dear friend and neighbor on January 7,2011. Anyone who drove on Lazybrook Drive during the early evening hours would know **Bernice Smith of the 1800 block of Seamist Court** as the lady who would be walking her little dog and being followed by two or even three of her beloved cats. From our first meeting on the morning as I was awaiting the moving van to arrive with our belongings, Bernice remained a friend for nearly 19 years as our neighbor across the street. She would surprise me with a coconut cake for my birthday and remembered us each Christmas with cookies or a homemade pie. During one of our early evening talks several months ago while she was passing by on her nightly stroll with her pets, she stated "I don't want anyone to cry for me when I go, since I have lived a good life." I appreciated Bernice sharing the thought with me when she did, as it was comforting to know her feelings when thinking of saying goodbye to a good friend and neighbor... submitted by Ray Saillant
- Longtime Lazybrook resident, **Helen Cirzewski of the 1800 block of Willowby Dr.** passed away after an extended illness on Sunday, February 27. Sympathies are extended to her daughter Hedwiga Weatherford and Maria who had been Helen's live-in caretaker for many years. Maria's health has declined over the years and she will be returning to her native Poland. We wish her safe travel and improving health.
- Sympathies are extended to **Jen Kirby of the 1800 block of Willowby Dr**. on the February 10 passing of her first born, **Diana Kirby**. Diana, 53, a Rockport resident was Historical Site Supervisor with the Texas Historical Society. She loved to travel and was loved by all that knew her.

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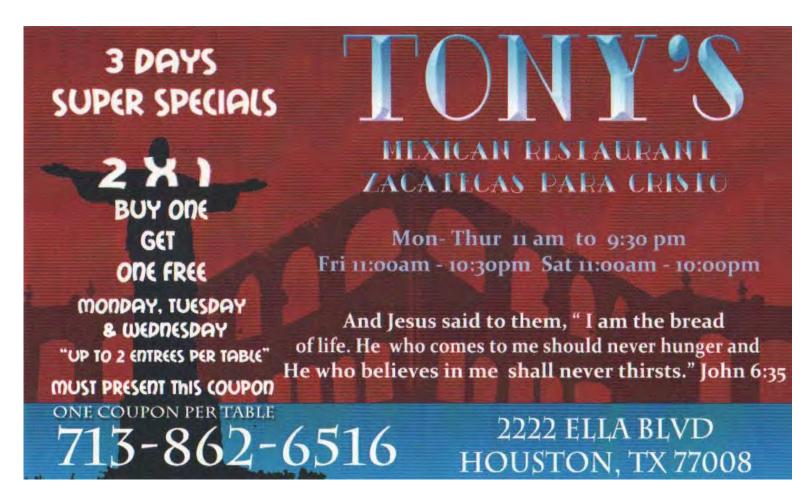
# **Block Captain Duties**

Ilya Martinalbo, Block Captain Committee Chair blockcaptain@lazybrook.org

Agreed to at the 1st ANNUAL Block Captain Dinner held on 01/12/2011:

- Around 90% of the block captain job should be accomplished via email, with only a few phone calls and/or notes dropped in mailboxes (for our non email using neighbors).
- Block Captain's thank you dinner attend dinner hosted by Lazybrook Civic Club (LCC) at Kojak's in January of each year to give your input on any needed changes to Block Captain's duties.
- LCC newsletter distribution Receive the newsletter from Eddie Yarbrough (2003 Seamist, 713- 869-1511, eyarbrough@stcl.com) and distribute the newsletter to your block.
- Publication of contact details in newsletter Allow publishing of your name in the newsletter with email and phone contact information.
- LCC Membership Drive Support the Membership Chair by posting a "LCC Membership Drive" sign in your yard in March and collect dues to turn into the Membership Chair. Brainstorm ideas via email with Membership Committee Chairperson and Block Captains on how to collect 100% dues for your block. Janell Bryans (2011 Membership) –membership@lazybrook.org 713-426-0148 (Now dues can be paid online at lazybrook.org via PayPal.)
- LCC meetings signs Support the President of LCC by posting a NEW "Lazybrook Civic Club Meeting this Tuesday" sign in your yard one week before each meeting to encourage attendance. 2011 Year 1/25, 3/22, 5/24, 9/27, Social 11/29. The block captain chair will notify all BCs about when to put up signs.
- LCC meetings attendance Attend SOME of the 5 LCC meetings each year to stay informed on the Lazybrook Civic Club happenings and VOTE on how we spend our funds.
- New neighbor packages Note when a new neighbor moves in a "sold" home on your block and notify Lazybrook Hospitality Chairperson (Jo Crawford, 713-864-0685) with the address. Jo will deliver a welcome packet to the Block Captain to place on the new neighbor's porch.
- Update your contact details when needed Let the Block Captain Committee Chair, Ilya Martinalbo (281-785-9540 blockcaptain@lazybrook.org) if your phone or email changes for the Block Captain MASTER spreadsheet.
- Update of block's contact details LCC will supply preliminary list of your block's email addresses from 2010.
   Going forward, keep and update your block's email addresses for ease in distribution of information to your neighbors.
- National Night Out Organize or promote attendance at one of Lazybrook's National Night Out events (If your block held a NNO event, feel free to send info to the newsletter newsletter@lazybrook.org).
- Block captain sign Place a new small sign "Block Captain" in your window to notify our neighbors. This is voluntary only not mandatory. Signs will be available later in 2011.
- Architectural committee Contact Gregg Kalba (Architectural Review Committee, architecturalreview@lazy-brook.org, 713-864-7369 and 713-426-7464) when you see new construction or heavy remodel activity on your block with the home address of the new construction/remodel activity. Gregg will be keeping up with a spread-sheet on submittals and notify LCC president for president to request submittals from neighbors who pulled a permit but did not get the plans approved in advance.
- Opt out from being a Block Captain Let the Block Captain Committee Chair, Ilya Martinalbo (281-785-9540 blockcaptain@lazybrook.org) if you do not wish to continue into the next year as a Block Captain (or if you cannot fulfill your duties in the current year)





# **Community Shred-It Event Schedule**



In an effort to help prevent identity theft, Sheriff Adrian Garcia is extending an invitation to the public to come and shred old documents such as, old

tax records, old medical records, and other personal documents free of charge. Identity theft has become one of the costliest crimes in the nation.

With that in mind, the Harris County Sheriff's Office has teamed up with the company, Shred-It, to wage a war against identity thieves and heighten the awareness of the general public on ways to reduce their chances of becoming a victim of identity theft.

Batteries, glass and needles will not be allowed. Documents will only be accepted if they are received in file/banker boxes. Each household will be limited to 5 boxes.

Following are the scheduled dates for the Shred-It Program. All Shred-It services will be provided at the scheduled locations from 9am-12pm.

- 3/26/2011 Harris County Sheriff's Office District 2
   Substation
   7900 Will Clayton Parkway, Houston, TX 77396
- 5/21/2011 Harris County Court Annex 10851 Scarsdale, Houston, TX 77581
- 8/27/2011 George Bush Park
   16756 Westheimer Parkway, Houston, TX 77082
- 11/12/2011 Harris County Sheriff's Office District 1 Substation
   6831 Cypresswood, Houston, TX 77379

Please contact the Community Services Section at 713-759-9454 if you have questions regarding this event.

Approved By: Deputy Reaves (713) 759-9454

# LAZYBROOK



Come and say hello to your neighbors. Each month containing 5 Fridays we host a meet and greet for all Lazybrook residents on the 5th Friday of the month.

In the 1960's when our neighborhood began, impromptu social gatherings were the norm. Families got together for no reason other than saying hey and catching up. The Hooper House driveway was active most Fridays. 50 years later we are in a fast paced world and we have to actively seek our neighbor's company. The Hooper House is now our home and we too love to visit with our neighbors. This past gatherings have been full and fun. We have some very colorful folks in Lazybrook. If you aren't coming you are missed. Come help us get to know the new neighbors, visit with the original neighbors and hear about what's up on the different blocks.

Who: Lazybrook Residents and families

What: Dinner will be provided

(Bring a small dessert or bottle of wine and

your TO GO bags for the many desserts left over)

When: April 29, 5:30PM - 7:30PM

Where: Melissa and Mark Cougle's home

2110 Millwood Drive

Why: Why live in a neighborhood where you don't

know you neighbors? Come say hello!

No unattended minors. No pets. No RSVP required.



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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	
13 Day Light Saving Begins	14	15	16	17 North St Patrick's Day	18	19	
20	21	22 Civic Club Meeting 7pm	23	24	25	26	
27	28 South	29	30	31			
APRIL							

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
Please note: = Heavy Trash - Junk					1 April Fool's Day	2
3	4	5	6	7	8	9
10	11	12	13	14	Tax Day	16
17	18	19	20	21 North	<b>22</b> Good Friday Earth Day	23
24 Easter	25 South	26	27	28	29 5 th Friday Social	30

# MAY

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