

LAZYBROOK NEWS

JANUARY 2014



Membership

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

The community spirit of Lazybrook dates back to 1955, the beginning of our subdivision. The Lazybrook Civic Club has been instrumental in many projects that benefit our community:

- Tree planting and maintenance
- Enforcing deed restrictions
- National Night Out
- Citizens on Patrol
- Cleanup projects
- Newsletter
- Beautification
- And more!

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for up-to-the-date
news, events and more!



Thanks to Pat Koteris for gathering door prizes from the following merchants for the December Civic Club Meeting:

Bargain Food Mart - 18th
Demeris BarBQ - NW Freeway @ 18th
Flying Dragon Chinese & Vietnamese - 18th
Heights Mobil - 18th & Ella
Kojak's Fine Foods - 18th
Pizza Inn - 18th & Mangum
Queen Donuts - 18th
Tony's Mexican Restaurant - Ella
The Spaghetti Western #2 - W. TC Jester @ 18th and Ella

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Security

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Citizens on Patrol Hours Logged

- November 2013 - **64**

Crime in the Neighborhood

- 12/3- Burglary- 1700 Willowby
- 12/4- Attempted Break-in- 1800 Millcreek, attempted break-in at the back of the home
- 12/25- Burglary- 2017 Lazybrook

In early January we have had several neighbors report that men were knocking on their door or entering their back yard and claimed to be doing work for the power company. These individuals did not have any company ID or vehicle and gave varying company names. Anyone working for the power company will have on clothing that has the company logo or be able to provide ID or a call in phone number to verify they are legitimate and have reason to enter your yard. If you feel that things are not right call 911 immediately and HPD can verify they have a reason to be on your property or arrest the individuals if they are scamming.

I encourage everyone to report any suspicious persons or vehicles immediately to HPD. If you are unsure about a person or situation please let a trained HPD officer assess the situation and take any action needed. Please call HPD to report all crimes and get a case number, this is how we are assigned manpower from HPD. **HPD Dispatch 713-884-3131**

Crime Statistics

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

Citizens on Patrol

Citizens on Patrol successfully brings together communities and police for a common goal, to improve the quality of life for residents by preventing, reducing, or eliminating crime. You can really make a big difference in crime in our area by patrolling just a few hours a month. Patrolling is as easy as driving a car through the neighborhood with a cell phone and calling in any suspicious persons or activities. We will train you, the hours are flexible to fit any schedule, and you are reimbursed for the cost of gas. Please email security@lazybrook.org to let me know if you are interested.

Lazybrook Email Network

Lazybrook has an email network to keep neighbors up to date on important neighborhood info and security concerns. I encourage everyone to send me a detailed email if you have a crime to share with the neighborhood so hopefully we can work together to prevent further crime and help police catch the offenders. If you are not currently receiving the email you can join by emailing security@lazybrook.org or visiting <http://www.lazybrook.org/directory>

Updates From Neighbors

NOTICE: Regarding the yellow door tag from City of Houston Department of Public Works and Engineering; for those residents that received a tag the City of Houston will be replacing the underground water supply line in the area beginning in January and estimated to be completed by May of 2014.

Per the conversation between myself and the project inspector/manager the current water lines are having chronic issues and repairs needed mostly due to the age of the lines. When asked if this was in response to chronic low water pressures reported or if this will improve the water pressure, his response was that once the repairs are completed it may improve the water pressure. However during construction lower water pressure can be expected.

Again per the conversation, McKinney Construction has been contracted to perform the work to repair the lines, with most of the work being done in the waterline easement in the front or side yard of the homes (about 5 feet into the property from the road), with minimal road work required except where it crossed the roadways.

- Marc Cogle

On Saturday, 1/4/14 a resident's pet cat did not return after being let out that morning (2500 block of Lazybrook). That evening, she noticed a box which had been placed to cover rosebush from cold had been moved. She left it alone until next morning and that's when she discovered partial remains of a cat in the box.

This has been happening since 2008 in both Lazybrook and Timbergrove, leading many to think the perpetrator lives among us, could be someone we would never suspect. Of course it is possible it someone passing through and we are not the only neighborhood this is happening in. There have been reports of same type crime in Oak Forest, Heights and Montrose.

There may have been many more than reported because often times people discover remains, then bury or put in trash and maybe only mentioning it to others later on. Through hearsay, there could be a lot more than the close to twenty documented cases.

If you make such a gruesome discovery or hear about such, please contact police immediately @ **713-884-3131** and also alert me at jjesto@comcast.net or **713-880-9043** so I can follow-up and make sure the report is connected to the ongoing investigation within HPD. The investigating officers are **Off. Suzanne Hollifield** and **Sgt. Gary Bender**. They would prefer all calls go through dispatch first. I've been making best efforts to help in this matter because I'm an animal lover and longtime resident of Lazybrook. Once the pet's pain and suffering has ended there is lingering heartbreak for the pet owner. This is an awful crime and this person needs to be stopped.

- Jennifer Estopinal

Have Announcements to share with your neighbors?

Please email neighborhood@lazybrook.org

Knitting Hearts

Darlene Wayt, dwayt@comcast.net



The Women of Knitting Hearts raised about \$700 at their annual pre-Christmas sale of all handmade items and made 300 Christmas stockings that the Girls-in-Action stuffed with crayons, coloring books and small puzzles. The funds and stockings were used to benefit children in Houston and Mexico.

The photo is a latch-hook rug designed and hand made by Cathy M. of Knitting Hearts. The etched, wooden frame was designed and built by Dave C., a church member and Knitting Hearts supporter.

Knitting Hearts is a women's outreach ministry that facilitates projects that benefit our local community as well as missions; promotes community friendship and interaction; and offers women of all ages a chance to relax for a few hours a month in a supportive, friendly, non-stressful environment.

Women of all skill levels – and even no-skill levels – are welcome and may participate as much or as little as desired and, if wanted, will receive instruction from the more advanced women who function as teachers for the rest of us. The Christmas stocking project involved cutting an outline from felt. Most women and girls knit or crochet, some do latch-hook, sew, make jewelry and some come to visit with friends and make new friends.

Knitting Hearts meets the first and third Saturday of each month from 10:00 a.m. to noon at Lazybrook Baptist Church, 1822 W. 18th Street. There is no cost and no need to buy supplies. Hope to see you in 2014. If you have questions, contact Mandy at (713) 516-2063 or Darlene at (713) 385-4465.



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Are your goals S.M.A.R.T.

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Another new year another new you! Clients ask me all the time is goal setting important to increase my health and happiness factor. And I say with out a doubt they will keep you on track and help you stay motivated to your path of self improvement. Now some of you may be thinking this is a waste of time, it doesn't work, I have done this before and nothing changed.

The first thing I say to my clients when they are in this state of frustration is "what have you done that has helped you be successful; weight loss, a promotion at work, or going back to school or any change that you have made in the last year. "After thinking for a while they respond with "I did set some goals and priorities to help me achieve this." Then I ask them "what can you use to help you become more active, lose weight, feel great or just increase your confidence and self awareness." I then use my wellness plan (pictured right) to help them move forward on their path.

I use **S.M.A.R.T.** Goals to help my clients get from point a to point b. What does this acronym stand for? **S** specific, **M** measurable, **A** attainable, **R** realistic, **T** timely. Now let's get started and get you in the grove of health and well being.

Three month goals

(doing three months consistently from now)

Priority 1 (exercise)

1. Do aerobic activity 3 times per week at an intense level for 30 minutes.
2. Do strength training 2 times per week for 15 minutes
3. Do a relaxation activity with my wife or children two times per week for at least 30 minutes.

Priority 2 (food)

4. Make nutritious choices 4/5 times per week while dining out at lunch or dinner in order to lose 5-10 pounds
5. Reduce wine consumption from 2 glasses daily to 2 glasses 4 days per week.

Sample Wellness Plan

My wellness vision is important because this paints a picture for my client to build from

My wellness vision includes

- Being a great role model for my family
- Being physically active as long as I can
- Making weight management and stress management a part of my day everyday
- Eating a balanced diet

My main motivators are to set a great example for my clients and family and to feel physically strong and energized so I can handle anything life sends my way

My main obstacles are long hours and running my own business as a health and wellness coach

My strategies to overcome my obstacles are to schedule my exercise sessions and my Sunday relaxation activities in my planner. That way I am refreshed for my work week. I can also shorten my activities if need be instead of missing them when in a time crunch.

My main strengths

- are determination, planning ahead and keeping my health and well being at the forefront by looking at my commitments that help me be my best.
- An accountability partner to remind me that I am important and my health is what keeps me able to be my best.

My weekly goals

Priority 1 (exercise)

1. I will do 2 aerobic workouts on my spin bike for 20 minutes at moderate intensity on Tuesday and Thursday morning at 5:30.
2. I will do a strength training routine Sunday morning at 8:00
3. I will clean the garage and play with my dog for 30 minutes on Sunday.

Priority 2 (food)

4. I will limit my wine intake to 2 glasses on 5 days this week (no wine on Tuesday and Thursday).
5. I will select a salad with low-fat protein for lunch (no bread or chips) 3/5 workdays.
6. I will keep a food and exercise log for 3 days to track my food intake and help identify other areas for improvement.

Now that you have a recipe for success give yourself a chance to keep your energy up and feel the best you can when it comes to living a healthier happier life. This is a road map for you to follow so I hope you give it a try. My clients and I have benefitted, in more ways than I have space to write about, using a wellness plan to keep inspired. It reminds me about what I am capable of doing to decrease my stress and increase my happiness. So let this be the year you decide to be a different person and give yourself permission to finally live the life you want and deserve.

Let me know what you want to hear about. You can email me at tofityou@sbcglobal.net and check out my blogs on tofityou.com. Let me know what matters to you.

Are you ready to get the gift of happiness and health? 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 also check out my website at www.tofityou.com.

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Judge Melodie Matlock



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2403 Brookmere

Best Front Window

1835 Salford

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Best Animation

2507 W TC Jester

Best Lights in Motion

2348 Brookmere

Best Use of a Single Color

1826 Mill Creek

Best Decoration with Wreaths

2110 Mill Creek

Best Blocks

- 1800 Block Widdecomb
- 1700-1800 Block Haverhill

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2406 Brookmere

Thanks to all the participants and congratulations to all the winners! We look forward to continuing this tradition next year so start planning your decorations now!



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During the last two months of 2013 there were 3 sales; the average time on market was 9 days.

As of January 1, 2014 we have 4 homes that are either Active, Option Pending or Pending Continue to Show ranging in price from \$319,000 for a 3/1.5/2 original condition property to \$439,500 for a 3/2/2 home renovated in 2007.

Lazybrook had three closings between November 1 and December 31 asking prices ranged from \$299,000 to \$395,000 and the sales prices ranged from \$290,000 to \$395,000.

Average time on the market 9 days (Minimum 3 day, Maximum 17)

Average Asking Price: \$360,800

Average Per Square Foot Asking: \$243.43

Average Sales Price: \$359,000

Average Per Square Foot Sales Price: \$242.08

Average Square Feet: 1,486 - 3 bedrooms, 1.5 baths


One sale was cash; the other two conventional loans. None of the properties had a repair allowance; one had \$7,000 of Seller contributions for closing costs.

Lazybrook Rentals: There is currently one Lazybrook home listed for lease. It is a 3/1.5/2 with 1,496 sq. ft. listed for \$2295.

Between November 1 and December 31 three Lazybrook properties were leased for between \$2000 and \$2590. The average time on the market before a lease was signed was 22 days (11, 17, 37 days).

Information as reflected on the Houston Association of Realtors website.

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Beautification

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

The big news for beautification continues to be the destruction of our trees on T.C. Jester by TXDOT.

I am to meet with a landscape architect hired by them before our next Civic Club meeting. They say they will plant trees after the construction is finished. At this point I do not know what number or type of trees they have in mind, and who will water them for two years. I should have more news at the meeting. It is certainly good that someone is asking for our input.

If you would like to plant any new trees or shrubbery in your landscape, now is the time to do it, so roots can establish before the summer. Happy gardening!

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Jaycee Park Update

Darlene Wayt, Friends of Jaycee Park dwayt@comcast.net

For the **Jaycee Park CIP #F-000758**, the Parks Program Manager is getting the design teams under contract.

Trees for Houston will be in the park on January 25 from 9:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m. supervising volunteers who will be pruning and trimming about 30 of the Seamist trees. To help, email Darlene at dwayt@comcast.net.

Boy Scout Troop 604 will be in the park in January and April 2014 cleaning the splash pad and de-littering the grounds, the date and time will be posted on FB Friends of Jaycee Park. For info, contact **Ed Sherwood** at e1sherwood@bop.gov or **David Jackson** at david-a-jackson@att.net.

Give Green in 2014







If your 2014 charitable giving includes giving “green,” consider Houston Parks Board for Jaycee Park at www.houstonparksboard.org. Click on Projects, Past Projects, Jaycee Park, Donate, choose Jaycee Park from the dropdowns and go from there. Private funds were largely responsible for the renovation and shade canopies, as I’m sure most of you know because so many of you and your civic club contributed, and private funds are being used for maintenance needs that public funds do not cover. For example, this past year, the private fund replaced the splash pad bench coating that cracked and fractured, replaced a damaged donor plaque, paid for pruning and landscaping of the crepe myrtles and some trimming of the Seamist trees. For questions about this fund, contact Trent Rondot of Houston Parks Board at (713) 942-8500 or trent@houstonparksboard.org.

Snow Day in Jaycee Park sponsored by **Carolyn Bryant** was Dec. 7. It was “iffy” because of the weather but we went ahead with the event and had a good crowd in spite of the extremely cold weather.






photo credits: Jeff Wayt

JANUARY

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
			1	2 	3	4
5	6	7	8	9 	10	11
12	13	14	15  Heavy Tree Waste	16 	17	18
19 Chevron Houston Marathon	20 Martin Luther King, Jr. Day	21	22	23 	24	25
26	27	28 Civic Club Meeting 7pm	29	30 	31	

FEBRUARY

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
						1
2 Groundhog Day	3	4	5	6 	7	8
9	10	11	12	13 	14 Valentine's Day	15
16	17 Presidents' Day	18	19  Heavy Trash Junk	20 	21	22
23	24	25	26	27 	28 GO TEXAN DAY	

MARCH

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
						1
2	3	4 Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo Begins	5	6 	7	8
9 Daylight Savings Time Begins	10	11	12	13 	14	15
16	17 St. Patrick's Day HISD Spring Break	18 HISD Spring Break	19  Heavy Tree Waste HISD Spring Break	20 HISD Spring Break 	21 HISD Spring Break	22
23 30	24 31	25 Civic Club Meeting 7pm	26	27 	28	29