

LAZYBROOK NEWS

SUMMER 2016



Membership news – Good and So-so

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Good news

Congratulations to 5 lucky neighbors who won \$100 cold hard cash. Their names were randomly selected from the pool of Lazybrookers who have paid their 2016 dues before the April 30 noon deadline. Unfortunately, no one wanted their pictures taken as each had on work clothes & no makeup (so say the women of the group, including Janell and me):

- Kelly Conklin
- Rose Kopinitz
- Deb & Rusty Sassaman
- Tom & Jeannie Scott
- Patricia Silva-Flores

So-so News





We are retiring from this committee in 2017. If you would like to take over the Membership Chair in 2017, please call. We will happily coach you through the first year.

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Lazybrook Civic Club Membership Dues

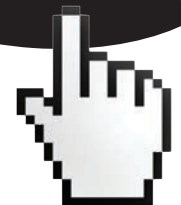
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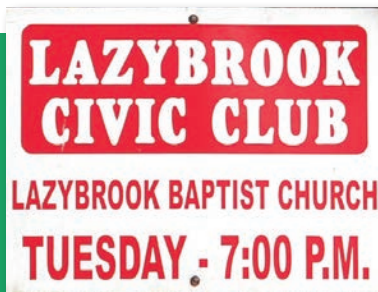
for the Lazybrook Civic Club and the
Friends and Neighbors of Lazybrook.

Lazybrook is now on Facebook. A neighbor has decided to create a new group page as its been suggested for several years. The new group page is exclusively for news and issues within the Lazybrook boundaries.

Visit <http://www.lazybrook.org/facebook> to Join the Group.

Lazybrook Nextdoor is the private social network for the residents of Lazybrook. It's a free and easy way for you and your neighbors to talk online about recommendations, lost & found, crime & safety, classifieds and more.

Visit <http://www.lazybrook.org/nextdoor> for more information.



Civic Club Meetings

The Lazybrook Civic Club meetings occur on the fourth Tuesday of every other month (Except July). Please join us to participate in cultivating our great neighborhood. You can meet your neighbors and possibly win a door prize.

**Remaining 2016 dates: May 24, September 27,
November 29 (Holiday Social)**

Printed Newsletters are published shortly before each meeting. Next issue will be mid-September



Security

Matt Herring, Security Chair (713) 823-0794 security@lazybrook.org

Citizens on Patrol Hours Logged

- March 2016- 30
- April 2016- 24.5

Crime in the Neighborhood

- 3/13- Burglary of Vehicle- 2402 Brooktree, truck broken into, ignition damaged
- 3/13- Burglary of Vehicle- 1800 Greengrass, truck window broken, ignition damaged
- 3/24- Theft- 1800 Foxwood, bicycle stolen
- 3/25- Burglary of Vehicle- 1800 Salford
- 4/28- Burglary of Home- 1800 Tannehill, home break in
- 5/4- Burglary of Home- 2100 Lazybrook, home break in, broke in thru front door
- 5/6- Auto Theft- 2000 Willowmoss, truck stolen from driveway

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/network>

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Jaycee Park Update

Darlene Wayt, TMCC Environmental Affairs, SN 14 Parks & Beautification dwayt@comcast.net



photos by Jeff Wayt

After six years as an identified need in the City's Capital Improvement Project list, the Jaycee Park Ball Field Lighting Project became reality this past January and should be completed by mid May. No more airborne electrical wiring, on old wooden poles, through huge limbs of established trees. Instead, the metal poles will bring more energy efficient lighting to the ball field with less light pollution to the neighborhood.

Three poles are equipped with a security light for use at night. The ball field lights will be off except when an HPARD-permitted night-time event has been scheduled. For individuals and sports groups, the permitting process is the same except now the lights can be operated remotely by HPARD.

From the City, we have **Lisa Johnson**, Parks Program Manager, and **Duncan Elliott**, Project Manager, to thank for their years of hard work on this project, from inception to design through construction. **Council Member Ellen Cohen** has been unwavering in her support of the project, her staff has been available and consistently willing to provide information and answer questions.

There are too many hard working, persistent volunteers to thank from the neighborhoods. To do so would fill the newsletter with names! However, a few people went above-and-beyond where this project is concerned. **Ileana Desalos**, former chairperson of Friends of Jaycee Park, successfully got Jaycee Park on the City's CIP list in 2010 via the now defunct petition system. **Bill Morfey**, past president of Super Neighborhood Council 14 (SNC-14), brought consistent focus and consensus to the final plans. **Lorraine Cherry**, SNC-14 Parks & Beautification chair, provided many years of guidance and advice. **Pete Davies**, SNC-14 Secretary, as a licensed engineer, has devoted countless hours since 2013 walking the park, reviewing specifications & the City's permit set, discussing engineering concerns with the City, and visiting the job site during construction. Pete's time and engineering expertise, all volunteer, are much appreciated.

Enjoy the park this summer!



We are always looking for volunteers to help our community

Can you see yourself in the following positions, helping to keep our neighborhood great?



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Real Estate Corner

Brenda Brummett (713) 861-1710



This report covers the period of March 1 – April 30, 2016

As of April 30 there are eleven homes that are Active listed between \$329,900 and \$635,000. They range from 1,396 square feet to 2,945 square feet – 3/1.5/1 to 4/3.5/2 and have been on the market between 3 and 271 days.

There were six homes in some stage of Pending. List prices from \$349,900 to \$665,000. Square footage ranged from 1,440 for a 3/2/2 at \$410,000 to 2,686 for at 3/3/1 at \$665,000 and on the market for between 9 and 13 days.

Between March 1 and April 30 there were eight sales in Lazybrook with sales prices \$297,000 (3/1.5/2 – 1,290 sf) to \$640,000 (3/2.5/2 – 2,235 sf), two properties had pools and condition ranged from original 1959 to completely gutted and updated in 2015. There was one repair allowance given for \$2,500 and two Sellers contributed to Buyers closing costs for \$500 & \$6,000.

Lazybrook Sales


Average Days on Market: 68 days
Average Listing price: \$434,088 (\$248.18 PSF)
Average Sale price: \$421,625 (\$240.29 PSF)
Average Square footage: 1,744 SF

Lazybrook Rentals

As of May 1 three properties are actively for lease and have been on the market for an average 61 days. All are 3 bed, 2 bath between 1,528 and 2,120 square feet. The asking prices are \$2,600 to \$3,250.

Between March 1 and April 30 four properties leased, with average time on market of 32 days. All were 3 bed, 2 bath or 2.5 bath and ranged from 1,378 to 2,287 square feet. Lease prices ranged from \$1,850 to \$3,450.

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Hope all of you are doing activities that bring you joy, decrease your stress and give you a sense of purpose to enjoy your life to the fullest. Here at To Fit You my clients have various degrees of life situations that can affect their well being from time to time. Are you stressed out? Whether it's a deadline at work or a grinding traffic jam. The causes of stress range from common frustrations like these to traumatic experiences like going through a divorce, losing your job, or being a victim of violence. Most of us seem to think all stress is bad, but the stress response has a purpose too. The tense muscles, rapid heartbeat, increased perspiration and surge of hormones are all a part of what is called fight or flight response. If you are finding it difficult to find ways to relax there are many resources to help you learn ways to increase your ability to do just that. From exercise to meditation, therapy, a health coach, and spending time in nature are just some ways you may consider learning to relax.

1. Nearly three-quarters of 3,000 adults aged 18 or older reported feeling stressed about money at some point, with some respondents saying they sacrificed health care because of finances.
2. Job-related stress tops concerns 80% of workers say they feel stress on the job, nearly half say they need help in learning to manage stress, and 42% say their co-workers need help with stress.
3. Of all doctor's visits, 75%-90% are for stress-related ailments and complaints.
4. Long-term activation of the stress-response system can disrupt almost all of the body's processes and increase the risk for numerous health problems.



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Here are some stats from Idea Fitness Journal

Stress has been linked to a laundry list of ailments, including heart disease, depression, insomnia, anxiety and many more. The following data shows that stress is detrimental to one's health and well being.

5. Amazingly, people who reported having a great deal of stress in the previous month, the most common change was sleeping less than usual.

There are many factors when it comes to taming our stress. From being mindful, slowing down throughout your day, reaching out to your friends, exercise especially one that you love and can do consistently. Most important is exercise

that lifts your spirits and increases your energy. We all have many opportunities to increase our health and well being yet in order to move in that direction we must first be aware of our behavior. Seek help so we can make changes to better ourselves, and in turn be better for the people we love and serve on a daily basis. I am famous for saying be the person you want to see in others so surround yourself with people who model that energy! As a health coach I am always wanting my clients to seek ways to be their best. We all deserve happiness so give yourself a break and take care of your well-being. It's like they say on any flight first put the mask on you then your child in order to be there for others you need to help yourself.

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Mid-Year Neighbors Night Out!

Erin Palmer Fuchs

Burgers, beer, and a bouncy house - oh my! National Night Out is such a hit every year with the residents of Lazybrook that the blocks of Sea Queen, Sea King, Sea Spray and Foxwood decided to have a “mid-year” celebration this May.

With over 35 neighbors in attendance, including children ranging from ages 1-7, the party was a huge success! A small grease fire didn't stop the party (though it did give us a scare!) and luckily a few burgers were spared. Our generous neighbors and owners of Eureka Heights Brewery (opening this summer on 19th St.) shared some of their latest concoctions, which were very popular amongst the adults. The kids loved tumbling around the bouncy house and if it had been a tad bigger, I'm sure some of the adults would have enjoyed it, as well. As always, it was great to get together with our neighbors and I'm sure you'll find us celebrating again soon!



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Block Captain Update

Eddie Yarbrough (713) 869-1511 blockcaptain@lazybrook.org

Thanks to all Block Captains for all that you do for Lazybrookers - you are the glue that keeps us connected! We have new Block Captains to celebrate:

Meghan McDonald & Dillon Hohertz for Locksford
Vicki Ellis for Salford
Ellie Chernosky Johnson for Sea King (even though she lives on Sea Queen!)
Caroll Herring & Cheri Mills for 2000 Willowmoss

FYI: How amazing that we have others that also deliver to blocks that they don't even live on (because no one that lives on those blocks has stepped forward):

Shawn Broussard for 2500-2600 Lazybrook
Sandy Schoellmann for 1700-1800 Haverhill
Doug & Amy Finney for 2000 Widdicomb

We still need Block Captains for:

- **2414-2451 Brookmere = 13 homes**
Annie Mae Havel is walking them until a block captain volunteers - thank you Annie!
- **1800 Watercrest = 20 homes**
Long time captains Wanda Shadle & Gail Erickson want to retire. Ashley Corbin has been walking them for years - thank you all for your volunteerism AND patience!

The Block Captain job description is pretty straightforward and doesn't require you to solicit dues in any way:

1. deliver newsletters to neighbors on your block 5 times/year
2. put out "meeting" signs 5 times a year on the weekend prior to the civic club meetings
3. put out a "membership month" sign for the month of April
4. host or recruit or join another block to celebrate National Night Out on the first Tuesday of October each year

Consider serving your community and your neighborhood. It's a positive and rewarding service to perform.

Thanks to Pat Koterias for gathering door prizes from the following merchants for the last Civic Club Meeting:

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The show examines the themes of honesty, integrity and how to make good choices.

The show was directed by Zack Varela and Tim Fried-Fiori and the multicultural cast includes Daniel Edwards as Ali Baba, Brennan Blankenship as Morgana, David Allen III as Kassim and Joseph Castorena as Dahab. Sound design is by Zack Varela; Set Design by Zack Varela and Kelsey McMillan, Costumes by Alan Gonzales and Stage Managing by Logan Vaden.

This production is underwritten in part by a grant from the Brown Foundation, Inc.

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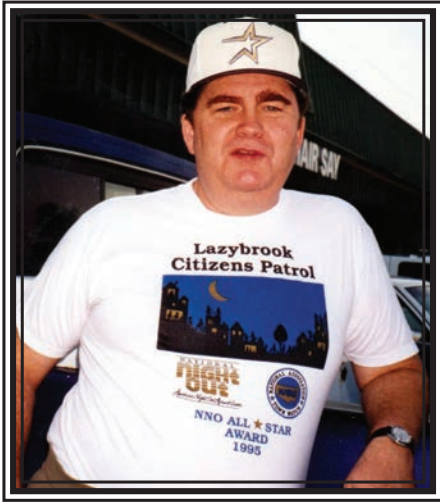
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Brennan Blankenship, Daniel Edwards and David Allen III in Ali Baba and the 40 Thieves.



In Memory of

Michael W. Brennan passed away on April 2, 2016 having just turned 68 in February. While Mike did have some health issues his death was unexpected. If you've lived in Lazybrook for more than a few years or attended a civic club meeting you know, or know of Mike. He moved to Lazybrook in 1991 and was active in the Citizens On Patrol program from inception until his death. Mike as served on the Deed Restrictions committee and later chaired the committee charged with re-instating the Architectural Review Committee.

A matter of concern for each and every one of us...

Submitted by Brenda Brummett and Eddie Yarbrough In Fond Memory of Mike Brennan

Mike's sudden death was an eye-opener and should be a call to action for all of us. Why? No one knew how to contact his next of kin. Mike had nothing in his wallet or "in case of emergency" (I.C.E.) info on the fridge or in the hands of a neighbor. His cell phone had died. One neighbor knew he had had a sister in New Orleans, but that was a slim lead and proved insufficient. Eventually connections were made but no one or their family should experience such a grievous and easily preventable situation.

Whether we are married or single, young or old, alone or communal, we could die or experience an emergency rendering us unable to communicate who to contact In Case of Emergency.

Please take the time right now as you read this, to make sure your I.C.E. is listed on bright paper and/or laminated, then

- posted on your fridge or
- shared with one or more neighbors or
- placed prominently in your wallet or
- worn as a medical alert fob, necklace or bracelet or
- carried on your person as you walk, jog, exercise away from home and
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Pick one way or several ways...but do it!

For further consideration, do you have a will, a directive to physicians, a durable power of attorney, and power of attorney for healthcare? You have to be conscious and competent to execute these documents – do not delay, do it now! And once you've done it, please make sure your executor/executrix, emergency contact, and/or next of kin knows where the documents are actually located.

This isn't a to-do list just for seniors. All of us will die, some tragically young. If you have no will, the courts will decide who will take care of your children, or the state will determine how your assets are divided. Do you want, at any age, to allow the government to make those decisions? Do you want to burden your family and loved ones with the weight of handling your estate or medical decisions because you procrastinated or were squeamish? If you don't have a will or any of the other documents listed, you've done exactly that.

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MAY

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1	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 Armed Forces Day
22	23	24 Civic Club Meeting 7pm	25	26 	27	28
29	30 Memorial Day	31	 = Mosquito Spraying after 10:00 p.m.		 = Heavy Tree Waste	

JUNE

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
 = Heavy Trash Junk (Tree waste is also OK)			1	2 	3	4
5	6	7	8	9 	10	11
12	13	14  Flag Day	15 	16 	17	18
19 Father's Day Juneteenth	20	21	22	23 	24	25
26	27	28	29	30 		

JULY

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
 = Heavy Tree Waste	 = Mosquito Spraying after 10:00 p.m.				1	2
3	4 Independence Day @Jaycee Park	5	6	7 	8	9
10	11	12	13	14 	15	16
17	18	19	20 	21 	22	23
24 31	25	26	27	28 	29	30