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January 2023

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Next Meeting January 24th at 7pm

Meeting will be held at LifeBrook Church (formerly known as Lazybrook Baptist Church)

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Next Civic Club Meeting

January 24th, 2023

7 p.m. to 8 p.m.

At LifeBrook Church

Civic Club meetings are the 4th Tuesday of
Jan, March, May, Sept, and Nov*

* If this falls on the week of Thanksgiving it will be the first Tuesday after Thanksgiving

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Letter From The President

Dear Lazybrook,

Looking back, 2022 certainly proved to be one of the biggest years ever here in our neighborhood. Last year we spent \$12k on the beautification front alone, with new signs, brick sign repairs, landscape cleanups, esplanade pruning and more. In an even bigger development, Harris County stepped up and heard our complaints about our crumbling streets, coming to the rescue with street and sidewalk repairs to the tune of \$5-mil. We expect this work to wrap up in the next few months. Thanks to former Commissioner Cagle and current/new commissioner Briones for funding and continuing this great work in our area!

Looking ahead at 2023, there are certainly plenty of opportunities to keep up the momentum and improve our area even more. This includes: 1) New tree plantings on our esplanades funded by Dept of Neighborhoods grant, Trees for Houston, LCC, 2) Refresh of our esplanade sign landscape beds with some fresh plants, mulch. We also still have the opportunity to pursue traffic/speeding mitigation efforts on Millwood, Watercrest which is a much larger scale project that will take a much longer time to pull together.

One topic that will be on our January meeting agenda is whether or not to continue the mosquito spraying program in 2023. LCC has done spraying since 2014, when a large contingent of neighbors at the time who wanted to start a spraying program attended a meeting and forced a vote on the issue. Based on feedback from our last regular meeting when this topic came up for discussion, there remains very little interest amongst our membership to continue this program. Of course, as mosquito spraying is part of our operating budget, suspending this program requires 2/3 majority vote at any regular meeting. **If you have strong interest in continuing or stopping spraying or otherwise wish to have input, please pay your dues, show up to the January meeting, and be prepared to vote on/discuss the matter.**

Thank you in advance for your support this year as we try to not only continue improving Lazybrook, but keep things looking great for years to come.



Your President,

Kurt Swafford, president@lazybrook.org



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Events and Updates

Hello Lazybrook,

Happy New Year, I hope your 2023 is off to a great start! I wanted to update you and let you know that this is the last "book-style" Lazybrook Newsletter you will receive in 2023. We will still be producing and delivering five Lazybrook Newsletters a year but they will be one page flyer style. This not only helps us reduce the burden placed on our volunteers but also saves us printing costs.

Don't worry, we will continue to keep the website up to date where you can find most of the content presented in this newsletter. Additionally, we will be sending out digital content via the Lazybrook e-mail network and posting to our official Facebook Page and Facebook Social Group to keep folks informed. If you have not yet done so, please sign up for our emails by going to lazybrook.org/emails and follow our **Facebook Page** and join our **Facebook Group**.

In March be on the look out for the first streamlined flyer style Newsletter, we hope you like it!

Sincerely,
Jessica Swafford, newsletter@lazybrook.org
Lazybrook Newsletter

Lazybrook Mom's Club

Looking for new chair

The current Mom's Club Chair, Erin Palmer Fuchs, is looking to step down, so we are currently seeking a replacement for her. The Mom's Club Chair takes the lead on planning various events throughout the year. If you have interest in helping out or have any questions, reach out to Erin at moms@laybrook.org

Book Club

If you're interested in joining the LBK Mom's Book (and Wine) Club, reach out to Sara Hyder at sfphyder@gmail.com or Erin Hoffman at erin.r.watkins@gmail.com. We meet the first Thursday of the month, schedule permitting.

As always, if you'd like to host a meet-up, playdate, or event, you are welcome to do so through the "**Lazybrook Mom's Group**" on Facebook. This is our main avenue of communication. It's also a great place to swap kids items, give/ask for recommendations, and chat about anything mom/kid/neighborhood related. Feel free to reach out at moms@laybrook.org with any questions!

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Membership

It is the start of a new year for membership in the Lazybrook Civic Club. We finished last year with our highest membership rate in recent years (60%). Thank you!! Please help us keep that momentum going in 2023 by renewing your LCC membership or joining us for the first time. As we saw last year with the many beautification and capital improvement projects in the neighborhood, the LCC plays an important part in caring for our little corner of Houston. But we can't do it without you.

Please recall that our voluntary dues have increased this year to \$60 (still \$40 for neighbors aged 65 and up). Your voluntary dues payment allows the LCC to:

- beautify the neighborhood by mowing and cleaning next to the fences on 18th street, maintaining T.C. Jester esplanade trees and signs, and maintaining neighborhood entry markers;
- enhance neighborhood security through Citizen Patrol;
- enforce deed restrictions and architectural review of home renovations and construction;
- work with Super Neighborhood Council 14 and other city and county entities to ensure our neighborhood is maintained and improved;
- keep residents current on information that affects our neighborhood;
- form committees for yard-of-the-month, holiday judging, and bayou litter pick-ups etc.

If you previously set up automatic annual payment of your dues on PayPal, your automatic payment has been cancelled. Please use the QR code or visit www.lazybrook.org/membership to make your annual dues payment. Alternatively, you can use the form below to submit a check to our P.O. Box.



Thank you in advance for your new and continued support of the LCC!

Shelley White, Membership Chair, membership@lazybrook.org

LAZYBROOK CIVIC CLUB MEMBERSHIP FORM

NAME: _____

ADDRESS: _____

PHONE: _____

E-MAIL: _____

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OR

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Beautification Update

2022 was a busy year for beautification and maintenance efforts!

We completed a full replacement of two of our esplanade signs on W TC Jester that were in a complete state of disrepair and rot. We are happy to say that the new ones are installed and look fantastic!

Our metal work signs and brick walls along 18th Street were in desperate need of repair and re-coating. The work is now complete and the newly powder coated signs have been installed.

Our TC Jester Esplanade was long over due for a major pruning, it was looking unkempt and messy to say the least. After working with the COH and Urban Forestry, we were able to acquire the permits to do a major pruning of all the ornamental trees between 610 and Ella Blvd. Things are looking much improved!

2023 will bring fresh plants and mulch to our W TC Jester signs landscaping!

We hope to utilize our relationship with Urban Forestry, Trees for Houston and potentially the neighborhood matching grants program to fund and complete the planting of some large species native hardwoods along with irrigation in 2023 for some of the more sparse looking areas, for example, the section of esplanade between Lazybrook Dr and Brooktree Dr.

If you are interested in volunteering to help out with future plantings, light landscape clean-up efforts through the year or any beautification efforts please email beautification@lazybrook.org and we will be in touch.





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Holiday Decorating Contest Winners!

A big thank you to Melanie Markowski and Steve Yarbrough for organizing and judging our annual holiday decorating contest! In case you missed it, here are the winners:



Best Block - Greengrass Ct.



Most Religious - 1839 Millcreek Dr.



Prettiest - 2127 Lazybrook Dr.



Best Block - Greengrass Ct.



Best Tree - 2110 Millwood



Best Wreath - 2019 Widdicomb Ct.



Best Santa - 2613 WTC Jester



Best use of Lights - 1603 Tannehill



Best Snowman- 1838 Greengrass



Best Inflatables - 2014 Lazybrook Dr.



Most Creative - 2110 Seamist Ct.



Best Door - 2503 Brooktree



Best Window - 1834 Watercrest

Lorraine Cherry Nature Preserve News

Fall was wonderful at the nature preserve. The leaves on the trees changed into beautiful hues of gold and rust that contrasted delightfully with the bright blue fall sky. And, if there was a breeze, the leaves fell in showers around anyone who happened to be fortunate enough to be standing there. The resulting leaf litter created another new forest carpet just before the winter months set in as we watched.

Not only is leaf litter uniquely beautiful each year, the leaf litter in our forest acts as a protective layer for soil conditions. It creates a physical barrier between the soil surface and atmosphere that reduces soil drying, responds to atmospheric temperature fluctuations, and reduces erosion from precipitation events. Through decomposition, nutrients stored in the dead material re-enter the system and act as a natural fertilizer for plants throughout the year. The controls and nutrient cycling are especially important for our forest wildflowers.

If you'd like to learn more about leaf litter, click on [Carnegie Museum of Natural History](#) or [Scientific American](#) for some easy to read, fascinating articles.

Bird Walks in the Forest resume on Tuesday mornings at 8:00 am on January 10. Check out the white board in the "Bird Nerd" area at the kiosk to see what has been sighted lately. Join us on any Tuesday morning at 8:00 am

at the kiosk across from the corner of Shelterwood and Pineshade. Wear comfortable shoes, bring bug spray, and bring your binoculars if you have them.

Evening Bird Walks return on February 2, March 2, April 6, and May 4 at 5:30 also meeting at the kiosk. After the Evening Bird Walks, our new sponsor, **Eureka Heights Brewery**, is offering us a "**Bird Walk Special**" pricing for a beer or seltzer on tap. They have a food truck on Thursday evenings, so dinner is available as well.

Did you realize the Nature Preserve has "hours?" The nature preserve, like most Houston City Park spaces, is open from dawn to dusk. If you see flashlights or other lighting as you are driving by at night, please help us by making a phone call or sending an email to alert the Park Rangers. The **contact information for the City of Houston Park Rangers is: 832-395-7000, askparks@houstontx.gov**. It's important to say something if you see something for everyone's safety. If you are concerned during the day-time for any reason, please use the same contact information to let the Park Rangers know that something isn't right at the nature preserve. If you can't get a hold of anyone and you think something needs attention immediately, call 311 day or night and they will put you in touch with the right person.

Please mark your Calendars and join

us for the following free events this spring semester:

February 11, 2023, 9:30 am - Morning Mindfulness - Please bring a folding lawn chair and join us at the kiosk across from Pineshade and Shelterwood for a meaningful morning focusing on nature.

February 25, 2023, 10:00 am - Wildlife Center of Texas will visit The Lorraine Cherry Nature Preserve. Come and learn about their work with injured and orphaned animals, learn how to coexist with wild animals in our area, and learn about the specific animal ambassadors that they will bring when they come visit. You will be able to hear how their orphaned animals have adapted to the world around them in captivity, and how their relatives are adapting to the world around them with us. This will be an exciting, free presentation, fun for the whole family.

March 4, 2023, 9:00 am - Wildflower Gardens Workday - No doughnuts, just digging, done by 11:00. We will plant some seeds for our spring and summer wildflowers.

Visit the nature preserve soon to get some much needed outdoor time in the midst of the busy winter months. You'll love the way you can feel lost in the middle of the city, see the wintering birds, and enjoy the sun streaming through the trees.

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December

Yard of the Month



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Locksford
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January
Yard of the Month

Citizen Patrol

Joel DuBois
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security@lazybrook.org
(Please text, calls from unknown numbers
go directly to my mailbox).

Citizen Patrol Hours Logged

Oct 2022 (revised) - 8.0 hrs
Nov 2022 - 7.0 hrs
Dec 2022 - 7.0 hrs

We need more patrollers, please let me know at security@lazybrook.org if you would like to participate. No minimum number of hours are required, but a brief (~one hour) training session with an HPD officer is required. I have been trying to get training set up for the 5 volunteers, but have had very little response from HPD. I will continue to work to get training set up.

Crime in the Neighborhood

The following burglaries and auto thefts were reported in Lazybrook proper, per communitycrimemap.com.

01 Dec 22 – Theft, Other - 2600 block WTC Jester Blvd.
12 Dec 22 – Theft, Other - 2300 block WTC Jester Blvd.
24 Dec 22 – aggravated Assault - 1800 block Haverhill Dr.
11 Jan 23 – Burglary from Motor Vehicle - 1800 block Millwood Dr.

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

Be a Good Neighbor

Your next door neighbors may be as effective as any alarm system. Speak with your neighbors often and establish trust.

Good, trustworthy neighbors are often the first to spot when something is amiss. They can keep watch over your home when you're away and report any suspicious activity to the police. If you're able, consider attending our next Lazybrook Civic Club meeting or joining our neighborhood Citizen Patrol.



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Athas Florist - Ella Blvd

Dak & Bop - 18th

Queen Donut - 18th

Spaghetti Western #2 - WTC Jester

Magic Nails & Facials - Ella

Preslee's Southern Good Eatery - 19th

Block Captain Directory

Block Name	Block Captain/s	Contact Information
Brookmere	Carolyn Da Silva	713-864-8227
Brooktree (2002-2230)	Jeanne McDaniel	713-862-1833
Brooktree (2302-2510)	Barbara Lewis & Shawn Broussard	281-501-8888 / 832-474-2665
Crystal (1800)	Pat Koteras	713-864-4490
Crystal (2000)	Denise Conine	832-647-4982
Foxwood	John Kaehler & Joe Ratsky	713-861-4177
Greengrass (1800)	Steven Yarbrough	713-540-9949
Greengrass (2000)	Lindsey O'Kelley	713-591-2780
Guese	Erik Ledvina	281-638-0181
Haverhill (1600)	Eva Paek*BLOCK CAPTAIN NEEDED	281-300-5896*VOLUNTEER TODAY
Haverhill (1700-1800)	Cayce Colley	512-751-5898
Lazybrook (2002-2111)	Jenny Estopinal	713-828-7165
Lazybrook (2114-2223)	D.J. Blanchard	713-791-3532
Lazybrook (2302-2327)	Mary Ann Bullard	281-794-9864
Lazybrook (2402-2423)	Crystal Hansen	512-461-0849
Lazybrook (2500-2600)	Shawn Broussard	832-474-2665
Locksford	Alison McGallion	832-423-3925
Mill Creek	Norma Sanchez	281-433-0338
Millwood (1800)	Cindy Magouirk	281-924-0149
Millwood (2000)	Melissa & Mark Cogle	832-510-6272
Nauts	Bill Hunter	713-862-4809
Salford	Vicki Ellis	713-875-6890
Sea King	BLOCK CAPTAIN NEEDED	VOLUNTEER TODAY!!
Sea Queen	Maria Flores	713-545-6266
Seamist (1800)	Heather Fedun	281-744-6860
Seamist (2000)	Amy & Doug Finney	713-557-2339 (Amy)
Seaspray	Matt & Elissa Ripley	713-906-3382
Tannehill (1500)	Jorge Sera	713-862-1360
Tannehill (1600)	Roger Lawson	713-201-2407
Tannehill (1700-1800)	Helen Brown	713-880-2445
Tattenhall	Jennifer Ofsowitz & Tony Sullivan	713-306-0795
Watercrest	Catherine Sala & Dionne Ukleja	281-615-0624
W. T.C. Jester	Rose Lopez	713-869-1942
Widdicomb (1800)	Gary & Ann Zallar	713-299-6919
Widdicomb (2000)	Amy & Doug Finney	713-863-1666
Willowby (1600)	Laura & John McCarver	713-504-8821
Willowby (1700-1800)	Christy Bergeon	281-794-3302
Willowmoss (1800)	Patrice Tucker*CO-CAPTAIN NEEDED	713-862-7886
Willowmoss (2000)	Carol Herring & Cheri Mills	713-252-2972 / 713-553-1029

Please contact Nicole Fuhrmann, block captain chair, at blockcaptain@lazybrook.org to volunteer.

January

* Please defer to the HTX Collects app for the latest information on collection information including delays, holidays, and cancellations.

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 NEW YEARS DAY	2	3	4	5 TRASH & RECYCLING	6	7
8	9	10	11	12 TRASH	13	14
15	16	17	18 TREE WASTE	19 TRASH & RECYCLING	20	21
22	23	24 Civic Club Mtg @7pm	25	26 TRASH	27	28
29	30	31	The City of Houston picks up tree waste only on ODD months and heavy trash on EVEN months. Pick-up is scheduled for Lazybrook on the 3rd Wednesday of the month.			

February

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1	2 TRASH & RECYCLING	3	4
5	6	7	8	9 TRASH	10	11
12	13	14	15 HEAVY TRASH	16 TRASH & RECYCLING	17	18
19	20	21	22	23 TRASH	24	25
26	27	28	Regular yard waste is collected every Thursday, this includes bundled branches and debris in compostable COH approved bags.			

March

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1	2 TRASH & RECYCLING	3	4
5	6	7	8	9 TRASH	10	11
12	13	14	15 TREE WASTE	16 TRASH & RECYCLING	17	18
19	20	21	22	23 TRASH	24	25
26	27	28 Civic Club Mtg @7pm	29	30 TRASH & RECYCLING	31	