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TMCC General Meeting

Tuesday, September 14

6:30 PM

Zoom meeting
accessible at
[timbergrove.org/
calendar](http://timbergrove.org/calendar)

National Night Out

Tuesday, October 5

6:00 - 8:00 PM

Look for an email from your
Block Captain with details

Houston City Council Approves Local Park Rename

Submitted by Friends of W. 11th Street Park

On June 9, 2021, City Council unanimously passed the recommendation from Kenneth Allen, Director Houston Parks and Recreation Department to rename the City of Houston West 11th Street Park, located at 2400 West 11th street, to the LORRAINE CHERRY NATURE PRESERVE.

"The Parks Department is pleased to honor the memory of this outstanding Houstonian with the renaming of this park," said Kenneth Allen, Interim Director, Houston Parks and Recreation Department. "When citizens like Dr. Cherry are invested in making their neighborhoods better, they do the work that needs to be done to make it happen. That's what Dr. Cherry did with this park, and because of her efforts we're a much better City. I want to give a special thanks to all of our great partners for coming together for this great cause."

District C Council Member, Kamin, stated "this is a beautiful way to preserve her memory and dedication to improving green space in the City of Houston." Dr. Lorraine Cherry is best known for her activism to preserve the 20-acre natural area that was acquired by the City in 2007. Starting in 1998, she led a group of volunteers and coordinated with community leaders, local business leaders, government officials and Houston Parks Board in the successful nine-year campaign to raise the funds to purchase the property from HISD.

"Renaming the park to honor Dr. Lorraine Cherry was the least we could do as a city to recognize her tireless work and dedication. She was a fierce community advocate, a role model, and an inspiration to so many. I ask that people visit the nature preserve and enjoy what Dr. Cherry worked to protect. Her memory will be a blessing to all, especially those who enjoy green space," said Mayor Sylvester Turner.

"West 11th Street Park is a true natural treasure, and because of Dr. Cherry's commitment, we were able to preserve this land for generations to come. It is only fitting that the park be renamed to the Lorraine Cherry Nature Preserve in her honor," said Beth White, President and CEO of Houston Parks Board. "Protecting and growing Houston's parks and green space portfolio requires the passion of individuals, and Dr. Cherry's legacy is a shining example of what can be achieved through community service."

"Many, many people and volunteers helped to make the purchase of the Park happen," stated Robert Delgado, Board Member of Friends of West 11th Street Park. "At any point in time the deal could have fallen through. Lorraine was the glue at several crucial points that held it together. She was successful in this endeavor because she approached all politicians with a kind heart and assumed that they were there to help the community."

Texas State Senator Whitmire stated, "Lorraine's passion and dedication to West 11th Street Park inspired me to pursue

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Environmental Update

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency will begin an asbestos clean-up project in a nearby area to last several months.

Get Ready for a Fun Fall!

National Night Out, Volunteer Social and Halloween are all approaching. Get more details on these neighborly events.

Neighborhood News

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state funding to purchase the remainder of the property for the park. Generations of families can pay tribute to Lorraine's legacy when they visit and enjoy the nature preserve she worked so hard to protect. I applaud the Houston City Council for unanimously voting to allow the renaming of the West 11th Street Park to the Lorraine Cherry Nature Preserve."

"Dr. Cherry's community service was not limited to her work for the preservation of West 11th Street Park. She also served on the Timbergrove Manor Civic Club as chairperson for Environmental Affairs for more than 10 years. She was also an active member of the Lazybrook/Timbergrove Super Neighborhood Council 14, chair of Parks and Beautification," said Darlene Wayt. "It was a privilege to serve with Lorraine on both the TMCC and the SNC-14 for several years and as a member of Lorraine's committees. No matter the wide-ranging issues that came before both organizations, we all looked to Lorraine as a voice of reason and mediation. Lorraine's only agendas were community service, problem-solving and getting the jobs done. Lorraine treated everyone with respect, consideration and was willing to listen to various points-of-view."

Lorraine assisted in the creation of the Friends of Jaycee Park and provided the group with guidance in their successful goal of renovating the Jaycee Park. The renovations featured a 1/3-mile walking trail, new basketball court, renovated tennis courts, new playground, H-E-B

Water Playground, reforestation, picnic tables, benches and new baseball field lighting.

In addition, Lorraine acted as liaison for both SNC-14 and the Houston Parks Board regarding the design of the Bayou Greenways, White Oak Bayou and Bryce - West 11th Gateway Trailhead. This three-year project required numerous hours spent in meetings discussing revisions and incorporating community comments.

"Dr. Cherry's legacy is one of phenomenal community service due to her unrivaled dedication to the creation, preservation and improvement of green space in the city. Friends of West 11th Street Park have raised funds for several amenities the Park enjoys, such as raised trail system and a wireless cellphone tour. The Park is part of the Buffalo Bayou Loop in the Great Texas Coastal Birding Trail. This is why in 2017, the community responded with 788 signatures on a petition campaign to rename the Park after her death," said Delgado. "The effort to honor her by renaming the Park was truly a community grassroots event. Generations to come will continue to enjoy the fruits of Dr. Lorraine Cherry's labor." Visit the Friends of West 11th Street Park's website for additional information, west11thstreetpark.org

Notice for Local Asbestos Cleanup

Submitted by Chanel Richbourg,
Environmental Chair

Our City Council District C Office notified TMCC of an upcoming asbestos cleanup effort starting August 16, 2021. The EPA recently sent out a one-pager to 200+ residents and businesses within the vicinity of the clean-up site for full transparency.

The cleanup will involve the removal of approximately 28,000 tons of asbestos-contaminated soil as well as abatement of asbestos-dust from two structures located on and near the Vermiculite Products Inc. facility located at 3025 Maxroy Street in Houston. The cleanup to be conducted by EPA will require up to 5 months to complete. This cleanup action is being conducted by the EPA due to the fact that the asbestos in the soils and the two onsite structures pose a potential risk to the health of nearby residents as well as onsite workers. Given the rapid conversion of industrial/commercial properties to residential properties in this area of Houston, the EPA is taking into account the potential risk to future residents that will likely live on the property to be cleaned up.

If you have any questions or concerns regarding the asbestos cleanup announcement, please reach out to the EPA contacts below:

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METRO Rapid: Inner Katy Project

METRO recently hosted an online self-guided presentation to inform the public about the proposed METRO Rapid: Inner Katy Project, a 7.6-mile transit line along the I-10 Inner Katy corridor connecting Downtown Houston to the Northwest Transit Center. Eventually, the line will also connect to the planned high-speed rail terminal at Northwest Mall (see graphic at right.)

The latest update is based on community input received from the impacted Super Neighborhoods: SN22 - Washington Avenue Coalition/Memorial Park; SN14 - Lazybrook/Timbergrove, and; SN15 - Greater Heights. It details the three options under consideration for proposed route alignment and several proposed station locations, including a possible TC Jester station.

According to the project schedule, the Planning, Design and Environmental Studies phases are all under way and will

continue through 2023. Construction is slated to begin in 2024, and service will start in 2027. While the latest comment period has closed, you can learn more about the project online and participate in future public comments. [https://](https://metrorapidinnerkaty.meetsyou.online/)

metrorapidinnerkaty.meetsyou.online/
Graphics courtesy of METRO.



Traces of Timbergrove



September, 1967: New school zone signs are installed at Manville and Grovewood, next to Sinclair Elementary. City Council approved the signs to ensure students' safety for the new school year.

— Chris Daigle
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The Timbergram Seeks Advertising Manager Volunteer

The Timbergram Committee is in search of a new volunteer(s) to take over management of newsletter advertising. The role typically requires 3-4 hours of work for each edition, which is published six times per year: January, March, May, July, September and November.

If you excel at deadlines, details, and e-mail communication, and would like to learn more about getting involved, e-mail timbergram@timbergrove.org!

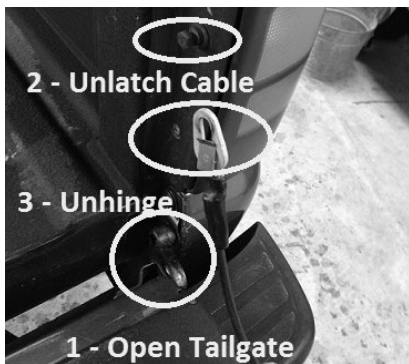
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Security Tip: Tailgate Party Crashers

Submitted by TMCC Security Committee

Hardly a week goes by without a social media post alerting us to the theft of another neighbor's tailgate. It's a crime that is on the rise; keep reading to see why and tips for prevention:

1. **It's Simple:** Stealing a tailgate only involves opening the tailgate, unhooking the cables and lifting from the hinges. It's a process that takes less than one minute!



2. **Big Payoff:** The time invested to steal, post online and sell is as little as 15 minutes for an approximate \$300 return!

The cost for an OEM replacement, matching paint, installation, etc. is often greater than \$1000 to the victims when options like backup cameras are included. Even filing through insurance claims will leave a victim out of pocket a deductible.

We can deter tailgate thieves but there are no perfect solutions to stop a dedicated thief with the right tools and enough time. Deterrents include:

1. **Parking:** Trucks parked in streets are easy targets. When possible park in driveways or behind locked gates. It is also preferable to back up to a house, building, fence, etc. to inhibit opening of the tailgate.

2. **Built in Handle Locks:** An easy and reliable solution is to lock tailgates using the built in handle locks provided on newer vehicles. If thieves cannot open it they cannot steal it. Make it a habit to relock tailgates after use.

3. **Aftermarket Hinge Locks:** There are a number of aftermarket devices that install over the hinge which are intended to mitigate removal of the tailgate. We tested the Master Lock 8253 and the Bully LH-090. To our disappointment both allowed the relatively easy removal of the tailgate on a 2000 Chevrolet Silverado. The primary issue with these two products was that the tailgate hinge was much smaller (1.375") than the locks (1.750") and this left a notable gap which still allowed removal of the tailgate.

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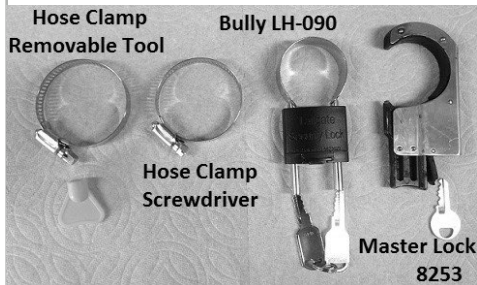
NOTABLE CRIMES REPORTED TO HPD IN 2021

Date/ Time	Crime	Location Type	Location
7/17/21 2:00 p.m.	Theft from motor vehicle	Parking lot, garage	1100 Bryce
7/31/21 2:00 p.m.	Burglary, breaking and entering	Residence, home	6400 Cindy
8/1/21 5:00 a.m.	Theft from motor vehicle	Resident, home	6200 Cindy

Thank You

Timbergrove Manor Citizen Patrol

4. **Hose Clamps:** The cheapest option tested was the installation of a \$2 hose clamp around outside of the hinge. This option worked surprisingly well and prevented easy tailgate removal. While standard hose clamps, installed via screwdriver, can be easily removed, the use of a clamp with a detachable key makes removal more difficult.

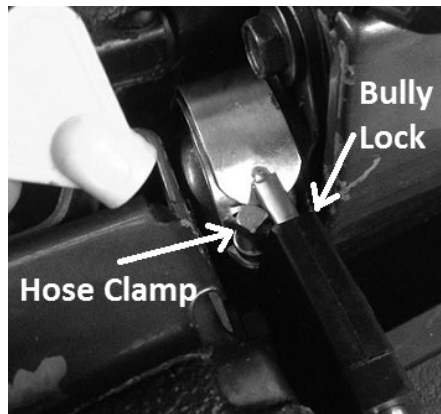


5. **Hose Clamp and Lock:** The preferred aftermarket solution of those tested was the combination of a hose clamp (with removable key) followed by the installation of the Bully lock on top of the hose clamp. This prevented the removal of the

2000 Chevrolet Silverado tailgate via the hose clamp while also preventing the easy removal of the hose clamp which was blocked by the Bully lock.

Again, no solution is impenetrable but using one or more of these options may just deter a thief looking for an easy target. Just make certain to test your chosen solutions. Happy tailgating!

We welcome your comments, feedback, specific testing questions and other possible solutions. Please email those to security@timbergrove.org.



Join the Civic Club Today! _____



It's not too late to join the Civic Club for 2021. Membership is open throughout the year, and your club dues are greatly needed to support our neighborhood, such as beautification of common green space, events, security and more. As a paid member, you are able to vote in our annual elections and invited to attend neighborhood events. Two easy ways to pay:

- Visit timbergrove.org and click 'Pay Your Dues' in the upper right corner.
- Mail a check made payable to TMCC to P.O. Box 70977, Houston, TX, 77270

Dues are \$30 for a single member and \$60 for a dual household member.

Save the Date!

2021 Volunteer Appreciation

We are excited to announce our annual Timbergrove Manor Civic Club volunteer appreciation event is back! Please save the date as we will be hosting a family friendly luncheon on **November 14th at Noon.**

Our neighborhood would not be what it is without all of you! This time of year, we recognize all of our volunteers for the time you spend making Timbergrove Manor a great place to live. You could have delivered *Timbergrams*, served as a block captain, or have monitored neighborhood security on the Citizen Patrol. Maybe you were part of one of our committees or perhaps you helped to make an event like our Independence Day Ice Cream Party a success! You are all essential to the community of Timbergrove Manor.

We could not recognize our volunteers without our amazing event sponsor **Heights Mobil Car Care.** Please offer your appreciation the next time you stop by.

By mid-October, every volunteer household should receive an invitation to the luncheon in the mail. If you have served your Timbergrove Manor Civic Club and haven't received your invitation by October 15th, please contact Cynthia Schwendeman at directorcschwendeman@timbergrove.org

Thank you! Hope to see you there!



Houston Heights Women's Club Kicks Off 2021

Submitted by Amy Amos

Through two World Wars, a couple of global pandemics, and enormous social change, the Houston Heights Woman's Club has endured. Not just endured, but strengthened in its outreach to the community.

On September 1, the Club's Heritage Group hosted its 120th annual Kickoff meeting. Members enjoyed catching up with old friends and meeting new members. President Rosina Chevalier welcomed all and presented a prodigious program of speakers, activities and community outreach projects for the coming year.

This year's meeting was held at the Club's historic clubhouse on Harvard. Last year it was via

Zoom, and during the great world wars when the clubhouse was turned over to the Red Cross, the ladies met at a nearby church. Still going and growing every year. Not many organizations in Houston can claim such a long, uninterrupted history.



HHWC Clubhouse located on Harvard

About the Club: The Houston Heights Woman's Club (HHWC) was founded in 1900 as part of larger women's club movements around the county. The club is committed to serving the local community – the greater Heights and surrounding areas, through outreach initiatives. The club strives to be fun and an inclusive place for all women.

There are two distinctive groups within the HHWC.

Heritage Group: In keeping with time honored tradition, members gather regularly for educational meetings and potluck/brown bag luncheons at our historic Clubhouse at 1846 Harvard. In addition, members participate in field trips, community service projects, and social events.

Evening Group: The Evening Group



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QTR 3	18	\$495,543	44
QTR 4	13	\$564,462	43
2020			
QTR 1	9	\$658,397	63
QTR 2	11	\$533,045	42
QTR 3	20	\$632,000	32
QTR 4	14	\$557,857	28
2021			
QTR 1	14	\$501,453	101
QTR 2	27	\$607,554	40

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was created specifically for those who wish to participate with a more flexible schedule. Some notable social events include the legendary Witches' Luncheon and the Victorian Tea. Community service projects include an annual School Uniform Drive and Women's Studies Library Initiative.

Many women choose to join both groups, attending meetings and events as schedules permit. For more information about the Houston Heights Woman's Club, scan the QR code at right or email hwhcheritagegroup@gmail.com.



Take a Bird Field Trip in Timbergrove

Submitted by Laura Bradham, Friends of W. 11th Street Park

The Birdbrain at West 11th Street Park wants you to know that the Beaks of the Month for our most recent months are:

August:

Northern Mockingbird

September:

Northern Cardinal

Come by the park for a Bird Walk in the Forest on Tuesdays at 8:00 a.m. and the First Thursday of the Month at 5:30 p.m., and let's spot some of them together!

Even though summer is winding down, you could take a Summer "Bird Field Trip" right here in the neighborhood!

Starting at the park, take W. 11th Street west to Ella and take a right on Ella. Go north on Ella and take a left on Cindy Lane (Cindy Lane is the first street north of

Sinclair Elementary). Go down the 6500 block of Cindy until you reach the power line easement.

Look up at the power line towers to see HUGE nests. Those nests are home to Timbergrove Manor's feral

Parakeet population! They "squawk" as

Monks are a brilliant green with smooth, round heads, which is why they are called "monk" parakeets. They are active all day long and are beautiful to see on a sunny summer day! While you are looking up, you may see a Red Tailed Hawk, a Red Shouldered Hawk, or even a Cooper's Hawk out hunting the grass below the power line towers. Perhaps you will see a Yellow Crowned Night Heron perched on the ground below the power line towers if it's recently rained.



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Lunchbox Do's and Don'ts

Do's: As we start the new school year, here is a quick reference for some teeth (and body) friendly snacks. Fruit or fruit skewers to add variety. Veggies such as peppers, tomatoes, celery sticks, broccoli or carrots paired with a dip like peanut butter mixed with honey, ranch dressing or yogurt. Fun shaped sandwiches (break out those cookie cutters)! Yogurt, apple sauce, veggie squeezers, crackers, pretzels and granola bars are all great ideas.

Don'ts: Avoid anything goeey, chewy or sticky. Fruit snacks, fruit by the foot, gummies, raisins, craisins and sticky candy such as Skittles or Starbursts. For a tooth friendly fun treat choose chocolate! We also suggest sticking with water or milk for drinks. Pack water bottles to keep them hydrated through the day and milk as an option for lunch. Kid's teeth do not need the extra sugar packed in juice, sports drinks or lemonade on a daily basis. Use those as rewards for successful weeks or good test grades! Have a great school year and we look forward to seeing you at the office.



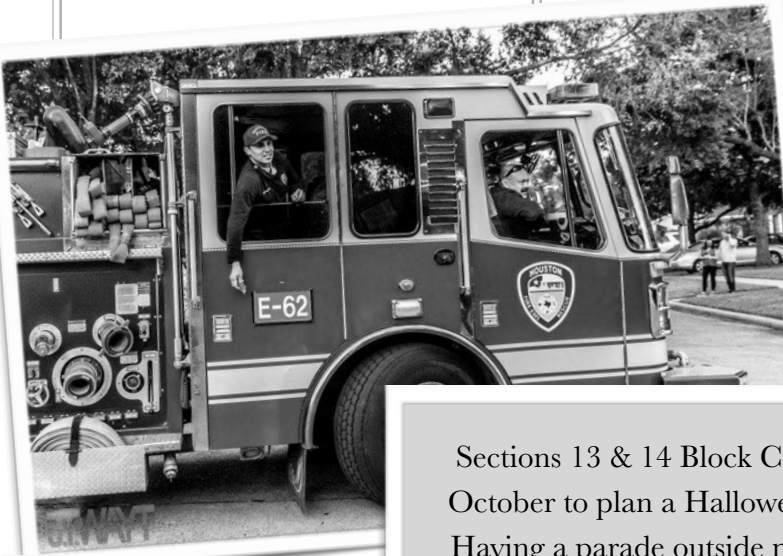
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Block Captains Building Community

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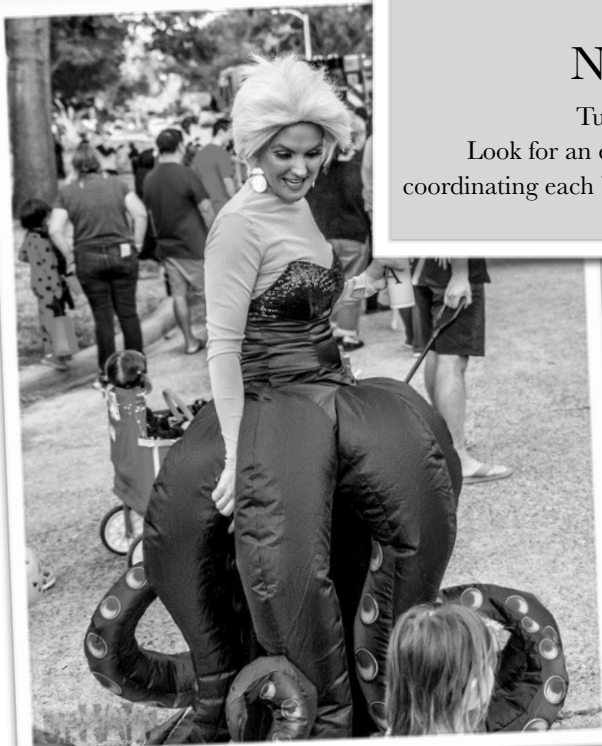
Sections 13 & 14 Block Captains got together last October to plan a Halloween Parade for their kids. Having a parade outside meant they could socially distance and still have a good time together. They planned a route, made flyers, and invited the fire truck and everyone in both sections to take part in the parade. If you weren't walking in the parade, you were invited to cheer for and throw candy, Mardi Gras style, to the kids as they walked by. A good time was had by all, as the pictures attest. Thank you, Block Captains, in all sections, for continuing to come up with fun ways that build community for our neighborhood!

Save the Date:

National Night Out

Tuesday, October 5, 6:00-8:00 pm

Look for an email from you Block Captain, who will be coordinating each block for a fun time with your neighbors outside!



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Yard of the Month

Submitted by Sandra Crook

To win Yard of the Month **you must be a current dues-paying TMCC member** and cannot have won a YOTM award within the past year. Please note that your yard may have been selected, but if you are not a current dues-paying member, you are not eligible for the YOTM award. Please pay your dues and help us continue to make our neighborhood beautiful! Congratulations to the following neighbors for their attractive, well-groomed yards!

If you have a neighbor whose yard you would like to nominate, please email yardofmonth@timbergrove.org. Just remember, to win they must be current dues-paying members.

July

Section 5 - 6222 Linton
 Section 6 - 6426 Wister
 Section 7 - 6527 Lindyann
 Section 8 - 6619 Grovewood
 Section 10 - 6719 Kury
 Section 11 - 6427 Kury
 Section 13 - 2511 Haverhill
 Section 14 - 2214 Tannehill

August

Section 5 - 6234 Abington Way
 Section 6 - 6303 Wynwood
 Section 7 - 6406 Cindy
 Section 8 - 1314 Valleta
 Section 9 - 1330 Foxwood
 Section 10 - 6719 Cindy
 Section 11 - 6410 Kury
 Section 12 - 1823 Droxford
 Section 13 - 2522 Willowby
 Section 14 - 2206 Droxford

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Houston Park Rangers:
 832-395-7100

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Solid Waste Collection Schedule

Tree Waste:

Wednesday, September 15
 Wednesday, November 17

Junk Waste/Heavy Trash:

Wednesday, October 20
 Wednesday, December 15

Recycling - Every other week:

Thursday, September 2
 Thursday, September 16
 Thursday, September 30
 Thursday, October 14
 Thursday, October 28

Trash & lawn waste are collected each Thursday.