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Letter From The Chairman, 3rd Quarter, 2007

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There is good news and less good news to share about the Timberlake/Cypress N Houston Intersection. Here is the short version:

- Good news: We will get a turn lane at this intersection
- Less good news: It will be several years before it happens

The long version is that I have been in communication with the county about this intersection at the request of many residents. The email below is the most recent response I received from the county:

“Just received the final study looking at signalization for the Cypress N. Houston at Tall Forest, Mile Drive and Timberlake Drive intersections. None met the criteria for signalization only a few of the accidents they found could be corrected by signalization; rear-end and spin outs type accidents could not. There were a few rear-end accidents at the Timberlake intersection that could be corrected by having a left turn lane. The Tall Forest intersection already has a left turn lane. The technical staff recognized this and requested that the Commissioner give us approval to begin a project to widen Cypress N. Houston from west of Tall Forest to N. Eldridge a few months ago. This is the last of 4 different Cypress N. Houston projects to include a continuous left turn lane from Huffmeister to Jones. Funding may be an issue depending on whether or not there is another bond election this year and whether or not it gets passed. This project will be a few years out before all the engineering is completed and ready to go to construction.”

“Regarding the safety aspect of your questions, when a major thoroughfare has as much volume as Cypress N. Houston it should have left turn lanes. Harris County's development guidelines now require left turn lanes for any development taking access from a major thoroughfare. You might have noticed the new development west of Huffmeister was required to construct a left turn lane on Cypress N. Houston recently.”

I trust this will help put you a bit more at ease that there is progress being made to make these intersections safer for automobile traffic.

Taking a brief look back at the past quarter and ahead into the next quarter...

Looking back at accomplishments for the quarter...

- The walkway to the island at the lake has received reinforcements - a special thanks to Wayne Francisco for making this happen in a very cost effective manner!
- The 2nd Annual Spring Fling was again a huge success - thanks to Paula Hughes for chairing this, all who made it a success and all who attended.
- The TEPOA website and email to residents continue to be very exciting communication tools for the neighborhood. If you have not visited the website, it is located at www.tepoa.org. Also, send your email address to Brett at bjjaq@swbell.net to be added to the email distribution list for TEPOA.

Looking forward to the upcoming quarter...

- Independence Day celebration happening in Ravensway and TEPOA is invited.
- Like last year, TEPOA will have a special security detail in the neighborhood for July 4th.
- Planning is underway for year two for TEPOA's involvement in National Night Out.

Thanks for your continued and constructive support. Peace to you and your family during the holidays – celebrate safely, have fun and do so with family and friends!

...Brett

Together – we can build “community” and make a difference!

SECURITY

Wayne Francisco

The safety and security of Timberlake residents and property owners is an ongoing process and series of tasks that require effort now and will continue to require effort into the future. There will probably never be a time when we can afford to let our guard down and assume safety and security for ourselves and our property. As the environment changes around us, we need to stay alert to these changes and how they affect our daily lives. Through communication, research, logical action, and hard work we will be prepared for issues that may arise in our community.

Part of our Safety and Security Plan is to continue our targeted patrols by law enforcement during high activity periods and we have authorized the patrols for the July 4th holiday. This roaming presence in the subdivision surely is a deterrent for unsafe or unruly behavior and the feedback from neighbors and the officers themselves attest to this fact. If you see our patrolling officer, wave and say hello, as they are looking out for us.

National Night Out 2007 is scheduled for Tuesday, August 7th and we are officially registered with the National Association of Town Watch and the Harris County Sheriff's Office. The banners we post at the entrances to the neighborhood have just arrived and we are getting ready for the event. The Cy-Creek Fire Department has agreed to assist also and we are looking forward to a fun and productive evening. We will have local law enforcement and the fire department assist in getting the word out about crime prevention on a night when communities across the country are doing the same thing. National Night Out is designed to: (1) heighten crime and drug prevention awareness; (2) generate support for, and participation in, local anti-crime programs; (3) strengthen neighborhoods' spirit and police -community relations; and (4) send a message to criminals letting them know that neighborhoods are organized and fighting back. This year's theme is "Give Neighborhood Crime & Drugs a Going Away Party".

Our plan for the evening will consist of the usual display of front porch outdoor lights and meeting our neighbors on our respective streets to exchange important contact information and communicate the need for looking out for one another. It will also include gathering at the lake to meet with law enforcement and the fire department, and obtain valuable information on how to protect our property and ourselves. Meet your neighbors, bring a smile, lawn chair, and a snack. The event will be from 6:00 pm to 9:00 pm. Together, as neighbors, we can stamp out crime. We have the power to keep our neighborhoods safe for everyone. Making a difference begins with your participation.

For more information, go to www.nationaltownwatch.org. Please mark your calendars for August 7th.

VICE CHAIRMAN/LEGAL

Jeff Gunn

We have received and approved many Home Improvement Requests (HIRs) this spring; our neighbors have been VERY busy this year! Several questions have been asked about property improvements, so here is a recap of the HIR process.

1. The Property Owner receives the HIR application form. This is available online at www.tepoa.org/forms.htm or call Jeff Gunn or any Board member for a hard copy.
2. The Property Owner fills out the application and submits the HIR to Jeff Gunn or any Board member. Please include all relevant information, such as a copy of your plat showing the location of the proposed improvement, paint color chips, roofing samples, etc.
3. The more information included the more quickly your HIR can be approved. If you have hired a contractor to do the work their bid proposal will usually include all the information you need submit.
4. Jeff Gunn scans the HIR and submits it to the other Board members via email for their review and comment. If there are questions or missing information, the Property Owner will be contacted.
5. Upon receipt of approval from the other Board members Jeff Gunn will contact the Property Owner to confirm approval of the project, and the Property Owner may begin work on the improvement.

Please remember that we are a volunteer Board with work and family commitments outside of TEPOA. We endeavor to approve all HIRs as quickly as possible, but legally we have 30 days from the submission date to review and approve or reject HIRs.

Thanks again to all our neighbors who have been following the process and complying with the Deed Restrictions. Working together, we can preserve and improve the beauty and character of Timberlake Estates.



YARD OF THE MONTH

Buddy & Elaine Gibson were the winners of *Yard of the Month* for April, 2007. Buddy & Elaine have since moved out of Timberlake. They will be missed!

Honorable mention for April was Marlen & Catarino Bazan residing at 12114 Timberlake.

Dale Stogsdill & Giovanna Pfeiffer, residing at 12818 Park Forest Drive, were judged best in May.

Don & Sharon Dobyanski, residing at 12703 Pebble Creek, were winners in June.

A \$25.00 gift certificate to Buds & Blossoms nursery is awarded to each winner.

Congratulation neighbors for keeping a consistently beautiful environment!

Control those annoying weeds by spraying with white household vinegar! In the garden, spray with vinegar, cover with several layers of newspaper and top with mulch. It's easy, safe and CHEAP!



WELCOME TO TIMBERLAKE!

Gary & Elizabeth King have moved in at 12715 Drumwood. Elizabeth is the daughter of Chick & Paula Hughes.

Chris Walla, Nicole Rawlins and Paul Rawlins have moved in to 12702 Pebble Creek.

Please be sure to welcome them to Timberlake if you see them around!



GARDEN CLUB NEWS

The Garden Clubs of America sponsored a fabulous flower show at the Museum of Fine Arts in May. The Timberlake Garden Club took the opportunity to visit the Museum during May and was able to enjoy the exhibits of the French Masters as well. It was quiet an experience seeing those beautiful original works of art on loan to the Museum from the Metropolitan Museum of Fine Arts in New York City. After walking for hours and waiting just as long, we finally enjoyed lunch at Café Express.



John Carter admires the 1941 Cadillac on display. It was filled with yellow chrysanthemums. Inside the Carolyn Weiss Law building were displays of succulents as well as Azaleas, Roses and Orchids. Garden Clubs across the United States took part in this exhibition.



If you would like more information on joining us, contact Ann Pavalock at 281-469-5395. Our next meeting is scheduled for September.

VEGETABLE PASTA SALAD

For a cool and refreshing summertime lunch, try this delicious pasta salad!

- One cup uncooked corkscrew macaroni.
- Two small carrots cut into 2" strips.
- 2 green onions, chopped
- 1 (2oz) jar diced pimiento, drained
- ¾ cup sliced celery
- ¼ cup frozen green peas, thawed
- Two tablespoons chopped fresh parsley
- 10 cherry tomatoes, halved
- ¼ cup commercial Italian salad dressing
- Two tablespoons mayonnaise
- Salt & pepper.
- Lettuce leaves

Cook macaroni according to package directions, omitting salt; drain/rinse with cold water. Combine pasta and remaining ingredients except lettuce, tossing well. Chill at least 1 hour. Spoon into a lettuce-lined bowl and ENJOY!

FOR YOUR INFORMATION

CY-FAIR CITIZENS...

A group of residents have organized a citizen's watchdog group to work with the Cy-Fair school district to promote a strong education system. Anyone who would like to get involved or to find out more about this group can go to www.cyfaircitizens.org.

STAR SPANGLED SALUTE...

This event will result in a contribution to benefit the Returning Heroes Home, a new 12,000 square foot assistance center on the campus of Ft. Sam Houston in San Antonio for Americas wounded heroes and their families to heal and reunite. The benefit will be held in the Grand Ballroom at the George R. Brown convention center in Houston, Friday, September 21. The keynote speaker will be Col. David Hunt (ret. Army), and Fox News Military Analyst. For ticket information, contact Ann Pavalock at 281-469-5395. For more information about the Returning Heroes Home, log onto www.returningheroeshome.org.

TAX INFORMATION...

Get on-line instead of in-line. Use your mouse to select the payment icon and pay your property tax, renew vehicle registration as well as register to vote without leaving home.

You can protest your property appraisal, view your tax and value history and find out if the taxman owes you money. Just log on to www.hctax.net.

FREE CREDIT REPORTS...

In case any of you were not aware, you can receive a free credit report every 4 months from one the credit bureaus. Make sure you are not a victim of fraud! Also, for free newsletters from Richard Alderman, the People's Lawyer, from University of Houston, go to his website peopleslawyer@uh.edu.

TIMBERGRAM COST & DEADLINES...

Business card size ad - \$15.00 per quarter
One-quarter page ad - \$25.00 per quarter
One-half page ad - \$45.00 per quarter
Full-page ad - \$85.00 per quarter
Information is due by the 18th of the month preceding the quarterly meeting. Make check payable to TEPOA and mail to Timbergram c/o TEPOA, P.O. Box 452, Cypress, TX 77140. Personal ads are free to Timberlake residents.

FRIENDLY REMINDERS...

SELLING OR REFINANCING...

If you are selling or refinancing your home, it is important to have your realtor, Title Company or Mortgage Company contacts our treasurer, Debbie Shifflet. at 281-955-8959. Contacting Debbie directly will speed the process to obtain the required information.

COUNTY LAW...

A gentle reminder to please NOT burn in the ditches; if you see someone is burning in the ditch, please call Steve Hupp at 713-920-2831 and the county will be happy to talk to the offender.

EXECUTIVE SESSION OF THE BOARD...

The Executive Board will meet on the first Thursday of the month unless otherwise noted. The meetings are usually at the home of Ann Pavalock, 12719 Oakfield Drive, at 6:30 pm. In accordance with the State Statutes, Executive Sessions of the board are open for the public to hear discussions but not participate in the discussion. The board will hold a closed session immediately following the open executive session.

SUSPICIOUS ACTIVITY...

Report suspicious activity to the Harris County Sheriff at 713-221-6000 or 281-376-2997. Watch out for your neighbor and your neighbor will watch out for you.

STREET LIGHT OUTAGES...

To report light pole outages, call Centerpoint Energy at 713-659-2111 or for faster service, log on to www.centerpointenergy.com/outage. Be sure to include the address and pole number in you web form request.

EMAIL ADDRESSES S WANTED...

If you are still getting the Timbergram by "snail mail", you may want to consider signing up for e-delivery. Getting the Timbergram by e-mail means that it will arrive first and be in color! With the cost of postage going up all of the time, it will save the association money and time.

Timberlake Estates Property Owners Association
 TEPOA P.O. Box 452 Cypress, TX 77429-0452
 Quarterly Meeting, April 9, 2007
 Cypress Creek Volunteer Fire Department, Station 22, Cypress, Texas

Agenda Item	
Call to order	Chairman
Confirm quorum You must be current on fees to vote and participate and you must conduce yourself in an orderly fashion or you will be asked to leave.	
Installation of new board members – N/A	
Reading and approval of minutes not heretofore read • 01/08/07	Secretary
Announce purpose of meeting	Chairman
Committee Reports	Board & Committee Chairs
Unfinished business	Chairman
Secretary	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Spring Fling Announcement • Online Calendar Review
Communications	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Call for Timbergram Articles • Call for e-mail addresses
Security	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • July 4th Patrol • National Night Out August 7th • Traffic control and working with Ravensway to put a reminder in both of our newsletters • Incident reporting update
Treasurer	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Q1 2007 Budget vs. Actual report • Q1 2007 Income report • CD updates • % of property owners who have paid and not paid for 2007 • Amount of money outstanding to TEPOA • Late notice mail out update
Lake	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Report out on recent lake property cleanup
Vice Chairman & Legal	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Deed restriction focus area • HIR Reminder • Deed Restriction violation updates
Chairman	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Website update – call for additional information
New business, motions and resolutions	Chairman
Special programs – none	Chairman
Close	Chairman

TEPOA Article of Incorporation, 11/12/85, Article Four

The specific and primary purpose for which the Corporation is organized is to own, operate and maintain recreational property exclusively for the use and benefit of its members, and to enforce, defend and maintain those deed restrictions in effect and filed of record in the Real Property Records of Harris County, Texas for the Timberlake Estates, Section One, a subdivision of Harris County, Texas as such deed restrictions may be in force at this time or as amended from time to time.

Minutes Summary April 9, 2007

Chairman Brett Basford called the meeting to order at 7:02 PM. A quorum was confirmed. Ann Pavalock, sitting in for Secretary Pam Thompson, read the minutes from the January meeting. George Franklin made the motion to accept the minutes as read and Julia Gaitz seconded. Motion carried. Brett gave a brief update on the spring fling and to contact Paula Hughes or Pam Thompson to volunteer. Contact Jeff Gunn if you have a car or bike to show.

Ann Pavalock reported that we are still trying to increase our e-mail list for distribution of the Tmbergram. Jeff Gunn reported that property maintenance is the focus for this quarter. Debbie presented a copy of the budget to the membership. Late notices will be mailed out by May 15, 2007. Wayne Francisco reported that we have security patrols two times a year; on July 4 and December 31. Incident reporting update was explained comparing 2005 to 2006. Actual crime is down by 2% although there was a spike in vehicle stops. Robert Key said we will update the park rules and will start on the bridge with the riprap. George Franklin made a motion to adjourn. Julia Gaitz seconded it and the meeting adjourned at 7:51PM.

LONGTIME ELK & TIMBERLAKE
RESIDENT LEADS EFFORT TO
FORM NEW LODGE

Long time Timberlake resident, Ed Reid, has been successful in forming the northwest Houston Elks lodge. Ed has been a member of the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks of the U.S.A. Lodge for 28 years. Northwest Houston's Elks lodge closed in 1999. Edna, Ed's wife of 60 years, said the lodge closed because the "energy was not there."

Ed said in 1868, members of a traveling theater company formed the Elks as a means of meeting with other companies in town. The meeting places became open to everyone, not just actors. The Elks evolved into a service organization focused on youths and patriotic programs. "We still have a lot of characters," said Reid. "We have fun raising money to give away." The Texas Elks State Association camp for special needs children in Ottine, Texas receives money from the Elk's chili cook-offs, raffles, ice cream socials and dances. Patriotic endeavors include donations to the refurbishment of the Statue of Liberty and, Reid said, the Elks are the largest distributor of anti-drug literature in the U.S. Reid, born in Longview, moved to Houston at age 11 when his father went to work for Shell Oil Com. He and Edna both graduated for John. H. Reagan High School in the Heights. When not involved with the Elks, Reid, a retired electrician for Stewart and Stevenson, enjoys researching his family's genealogy and fishing with his wife at their Crystal Beach weekend home. He said that while fishing he spends most of his time taking fish off Edna's hook. The couple settled in Cypress in 1965 where they raised five children. The Reids have nine grandchildren and will welcome a third great-grandchild in June.

Chairman Tom Brodell said by fall the lodge forming committee should have the 50 signatures necessary to petition the state association for a charter. The committee meets at 7pm the second and fourth Thursday at Los Cucos Mexican Café in Willowbrook Mall and welcomes new members. For more information, contact Ed Reid at 281-469-0387.
HOUSTON CHRONICLE –
5/17/07

The Uniqueness of the American Flag

Our flag is unique – America is the only country that rallies around and by its flag – it is the center of our patriotism and patriotic energy. America is the only country that has given its flag life:

Our flag is our messenger to the world, carrying the message that Americans hold freedom from tyranny above all, and a concept so precious that we will do whatever it takes to protect it – even die for it. Our flag reminds us that freedom is the purpose of our prose, music, and essay, and tells our history and story as a nation every time it unfurls. It bears witness to who we are – servants and protectors, not conquerors. The wars of all our past generations secured the future on their watch for generations to come and validate us as Americans, who love and live freely our country as the land of the free.

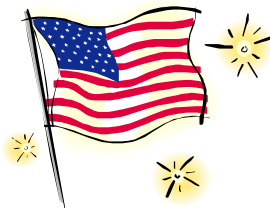
It gives testimony of our love of God and neighbor and country; it welcomes those who flee and warns those who make war; it is terror to the terrorist. It says we've been here in the name of peace and promises we will not leave until it is achieved. It guarantees our freedom to assemble.

It gives us security in times of peace; it warns our enemies of our nature to unite; it leads us into battle in times of war; and it covers our warriors' coffins with a promise that they will never be forgotten. It can evoke laughter, joy, and tears.

The fabric of Old Glory is the fabric of every American and stirs us in action against oppression and to seek justice where there is none. It has been hated, spit on, and burned, and is the object of disdain for those who hate freedom. Nevertheless, it is resilient, strong, and patient and always our witness and our messenger of these truths.

As we raise our heads and face our flag let's think solemnly and soberly about what we are willing to sacrifice on our watch for our children and their generations. Let's once again unite as Americans and pledge our allegiance to our flag.

Sue Richardson
The Texas Star 2006



A Blast from the Past



1978 – Jim Pavalock & John Hadjk catch this 6lb. Bass in Timberlake!

The Island Bridge



All of the concrete riprap has been placed at the lake and it is a remarkable improvement. Instead of paying \$2,000 for material and having to wheelbarrow it with our volunteer help, the material was free (we paid trucking) and we had a contractor place it with a bobcat and georgia buggy. It actually took seven dump truck loads.

With the new picnic tables in place and most of the clearing done, the lake is really looking good.

SPRING FLING & ANTIQUE CAR RALLY 2007



Another beautiful April Sunday afternoon and another successful Spring Fling & Antique Car Rally for Timberlake Estates is just a memory. More than one hundred of our friends and neighbors turned out for a fun filled afternoon of good food and games. The moonwalk was again the biggest hit with the kids as was the snow cones, pop corn, and sodas.

Looking over the many beautifully restored "muscle" cars on display really brought back memories to those of us over fifty but still young at heart. Eleven antique autos were on display: two Impalas, a Firebird, two Corvettes, a Dodge Charger, a VW Beetle, a Caprice, a Javelin, a 1969 Chevelle and a beautiful purple 1939 Buick Century. Wow! That is some collection!

Of course, the only reason to come out was for one of Jeff's wonderful hot dogs and some of Pam's "to die for" chili.

Over \$200 was collected in the 50/50 jar and Liz King was the winner of the drawing winning \$110. A special thank-you to Paula Hughes and Pam Thompson for volunteering as event chairpersons. You are the greatest! Remember, this is going to be an annual event in Timberlake, so if you missed this year remember to mark you calendars for next spring!

HAVE A SAFE AND HAPPY 4TH!

PRAYER REQUEST

Please keep Brendia and Bill Watts in your prayers. Brendia recently spent 58 days in the hospital and is now home recovering from surgery. Bill says she is now able to talk a little but is still weak.

GOD BLESS OUR TROOPS!

Dear Neighbors,

On November 17, 2007, I will be cycling in the Tour de Tucson for a reason much more important than the personal challenge of completing a 109-mile bicycle ride. As a member of The Leukemia & Lymphoma Society's Team In Training® program, I have pledged to train on the behalf of Emeri Beitler, a 2-year old leukemia patient, to help raise money for leukemia, lymphoma, Hodgkin's disease and myeloma research and patient assistance programs.

Many people are not aware that leukemia is the #1 disease killer of children and the leading fatal malignant disease of men and women under the age of 35. Although the cause of leukemia remains unknown, recently developed treatments and steady advances in research bring us closer to a cure every day.

These research advances were only achieved because of contributions made by companies, foundations and individuals. The Texas Gulf Coast Chapter of The Leukemia & Lymphoma Society has a goal of raising \$1 million this year through Team In Training...won't you help us meet this goal by sponsoring my efforts? Your donation will make a difference, and it is 100% tax deductible.

My goal is to raise \$5000 by July 28, 2007, when my training for the ride begins. If you would like to donate, you can use your credit or debit card online at <http://www.active.com/donate/tnttxgc/jeffgunn>, or you can mail a check payable to The Leukemia & Lymphoma Society to me at my home address. In doing so, you will be supporting The Leukemia & Lymphoma Society's vital mission, which is to cure leukemia, lymphoma, Hodgkin's disease and myeloma, and to improve the quality of life of patients and their families. With the generosity of people like you, there is every reason to believe that a cure for blood-related cancers is in sight.

Thank you for helping me ride for a cure. If you have any questions please feel free to call me at home (281-970-1279).

Jeff Gunn





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