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TIMBERGRAM

The Official Newsletter of Timberlake Estates

Letter from the Chairman – Third Quarter, July, 2010.

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The beautiful spring weather is long gone and the summer heat is upon us. The days of meeting neighbors around the lake and commenting how we should appreciate the low humidity and cool days while we can seem very distant, but we do have fond memories. This year's spring was one of the most pleasant in years and we are thankful for that and all of the nice conversations that take place when the weather is so pleasant. Unfortunately, the spring weather also did not allow for our annual Spring Fling outing since we had several inches of rain that morning and the organizers just could not work through the setback. Since more rain came later that afternoon, the decision to cancel the activities was appropriate. Food that could not be stored or frozen was given away and the remainder will be utilized on National Night Out when we will resume our grilling efforts to create an even more eventful evening. Mark your calendar for October 5th and meet us at the lake for an informative and fun, safety and security get-together.

As we move forward into summer, we spend less time outdoors and more time thinking about our air conditioning and electric bill – whew! We look around the neighborhood though, and see some very nice results of recovering from a harsh freeze and the impact on our yards and landscaping. Many property owners have really done a fine job of replacing losses and upgrading their landscaping to create beautiful yards. I'm sure the judges for the Yard of the Month award are having some tough decisions to make. Thanks so much to our residents that have worked hard to make their homes look very nice this year. It is appreciated by all and especially the Board of our property owners association, TEPOA. As a board of directors, we are concerned for everything that happens in the neighborhood, good or bad, controllable or not. As volunteers, fellow neighbors, and friends, it is easy to commend those doing the right thing and very difficult to challenge those who are not contributing positively to the care and maintenance of our precious subdivision. The deed restrictions were written and implemented to ensure a neighborhood in which we can all thrive and grow. Please take a personal approach to maintaining your property in a manner that will make everyone here proud to be residents.

We are looking for volunteers to serve on a deed restriction enforcement committee, identifying properties that need attention and notifying them. Please consider serving in this capacity or any other way that benefits our area, such as helping around the lake or greeting new neighbors. We have many needs and all help is appreciated. There are also some board positions available for appointment as current members are, or may be, moving soon. Rebecca Kramer is moving in June and Jane Plumlee will be moving when their home sells. We offer many thanks to both of these individuals for their commitment to serve. The positions they are vacating can be appointed by the board for the remainder of their terms ending December 31, 2010, then eligible for nomination and election in October, taking office in January 2011 for a two year term. Contact any board member if you are interested, as we are all very receptive to additional assistance. Please consider contributing your time and effort to making our neighborhood a great place to live.

Wayne Francisco

TEPOA TREASURER REPORT

6/15/2010

BALANCE SHEET

1/1/10 Starting Balance:	\$28,673.41
Plus Credits:	\$32,296.83
Less Debits:	<u>(\$50,556.37)</u>
Current Bank Balance:	\$10,413.87
Savings	\$29,980.00
CD #1	\$11,400.09
CD #2	\$11,400.09
CD #3	<u>\$11,400.09</u>
Investment Balance	\$64,180.27
Capital Available	\$74,594.14

TAXES

	<u>Dividends</u>	<u>Taxes Paid</u>
2007	\$1,788.91	\$536.29
2008	\$1,175.60	\$323.00
2009	\$376.31	\$94.00

2010 FEE COLLECTIONS

Outstanding	51	21.8%
Paid in Full	<u>183</u>	<u>78.2%</u>
# of Owners	234	100.0%
Outstanding Fees	\$46,112.13	

Care and Feeding of the Lake and Park Area Of Timberlake Estates

By Jane Plumlee

Want to manage a lake and park? Well, here are some guidelines to help you get started. All you have to do is the following:

- (1) Make sure you do not pump over 4 million gallons of water per year, or else we will get in trouble with the Harris-Galveston Subsidence District!
- (2) Read meter on pump monthly and record any water pumped, and file timely reports. Also, file the annual application for, and permit for the water well. The Harris-Galveston Subsidence District sends reminders for all the above.
- (3) Try to keep the water level in our shallow lake up to near the bottom of the pier.
- (4) Negotiate contract every 2 years with a Contractor to mow and park grounds. Get quotes from several contractors. Make sure Contractor abides by agreement before paying him each time he mows, trims, and etc.
- (5) Keep an eye out for dead trees that need cutting. Get bids to cut trees.
- (6) Open and close parking lot gate daily (or ask a friendly neighbor to do it on his/her morning walk).
- (7) Check all 6 trash cans, empty when necessary, and replace the bags with contractor bags.
- (8) Check on signs, swings, picnic tables, volleyball net, bridges, and pier for damages and possible repairs.
- (9) Check to see if too much plant undergrowth in bottom of lake. May need to schedule someone to dye the water.
- (10) Prepare reports for TEPOA quarterly meetings, and Timbergrams.
- (11) Go fishing, take a regular walk around the lake, and swing once in awhile. You deserve it!

Lake Report

By Jane Plumlee

It's time to replace our picnic tables, as they are falling apart faster than Wayne can repair them! It has been recommended that we purchase either all-concrete or all-steel tables for durability. Some commercial products and their prices will be researched and reported back to the Board soon for its consideration.

Also, the lake water was recently dyed to help retard the growth of weeds, and Brenham Fisheries released 100 bass (6"-8") to complete the re-stocking process. For future grass control, BF suggested that we consider applying to the State for 40 sterile grass carp that will eat their weight in grass each day, as it is cheaper and safer than using herbicides.

Extra volunteers are needed to empty trash cans, especially during the summer months, as they fill up quickly.

FOR YOUR INFORMATION

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.

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 77410.

Personal ads are free to Timberlake residents. If you have something to sell or a service to offer, call 281-469-5395 or e-mail jpavalock@comcast.net. Information must be received by the 18th of the month prior to the quarter of publication. Timbergram is published quarterly.

TEPOA DIRECTORY UPDATE...

In 2010, we will again publish our neighborhood directory. Please update any information you may have now. In the directory on page 9 and on the website at www.tepoa.org, you can print the correction page and mail or bring it to me. You can also give the updated form to any board member or mail it to the TEPOA address at P.O. Box 452, Cypress, 77410-0452.

If you would like to advertise your business in our Directory the prices are as follows:
Inside front cover, full page is \$100.00.
Inside back cover, full page is \$90.00.
One-half page (inside) ad is \$45.00.
One-quarter page (inside) ad is \$25.00
The back cover is \$100.00 for the full page and \$50.00 for one-half page.
Your ad will be visible for two years!

DOCUMENTS TO SHRED...

To protect your identity, shred any financial receipts, statements, documents containing address, passwords, pin numbers, social security numbers, maiden names, signature, and drivers' license numbers, credit card bills, statements, and offers. Cancelled and voided checks, unused checks, carbon copies and utility bills.

**THERE IS ONE UNEXPIRED BOARD POSITION OPEN!
PLEASE HELP OUT YOUR NEIGHBORHOOD AND
TAKE THIS INTO CONSIDERATION! WON'T YOU
VOLUNTEER?**

**TIMBERLAKE ANNUAL GARAGE SALE
OCTOBER 15TH & 16TH, 2010
PUT YOUR SIGNS OUT! YOU KEEP THE MONEY!**

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, Mike Ruiz at 832-444-8502. Contacting Mike 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. The Fire Marshall's number is 281-436-8000.

EXECUTIVE SESSION OF THE BOARD...

The Executive Board will meet during the third week of the month on a day to be decided. The meetings are usually at the home of Ann Pavalock, 12719 Oakfield Drive, at 7:00PM 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 your web form request. Refer to the April Timbergram for a complete list of pole addresses and pole numbers. The April Timbergram is posted at www.tepoa.org.

EMAIL ADDRESSES 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! We are mailing out 95 Timbergrams quarterly at the cost of \$41.80 for postage. With the cost of postage going up all of the time, it will save the association money and time.

Nominations for the TEPOA Board of Directors will be coming up this October. Please consider taking a turn on the board. It's important to your neighborhood to keep a full board.

VOTE! Reasons to re-register:

- You've changed precincts
- You've changed your name
- You've changed your address

The majority of Timberlake Estates is in Precinct 481. If you reside on Timberlake Drive, you vote in precinct 519. Ann Pavalock is a deputized voter registrar and will gladly give you an application to register. Also, if you've just turned 18 and need to register, call Ann at 281-469-5395 for an application.

TIMBERLAKE CLASSIFIEDS

Services Offered

Need a handy-man? Call our neighbor, S.J. Biondillo at 281-802-3474.

CUSTOM LAMPS - Lynn Lievsay makes custom lamps. Also, Lynn offers complete room treatments including paint, window and bed covers. Call Lynn at 281-894-4273.

Services Recommended

Mr. Appliance

Expert Appliance repair
936-446-2662
281-558-4248
281-454-2662

Patterson Air Conditioning Co.

(Larry or Woody)
281-445-1654
281-923-3917

Yards Done Right

281-788-2047

Matt Ellisor – (Resident)

Landscaping
832-567-9905

Bayou Graphix

Specializing in Vehicle and Fleet Graphics.

- Banners
- Logo Design
- Magnetic Signs

11125 Huffmeister
Ph: 832-912-8200

Bayou Graphix is responsible for our signs at the lake, our new Yard of the Month sign and new Christmas Decorations Winner sign!

Tree Service & Cutting Co.
Specializing in Trimming & Cutting.
Humberto Castro – Representative
281-356-7983 – Office
281-960-6617 – Cellular

Aaron Enterprise LLP
(Formerly Aaron Septic)
Charlie M. Mills
281-260-9914
281-448-4053 – Fax

EatCypress.com – Go Local.
Find coupons for local restaurants and services. For the people and by the people of Cypress, TX!

Allied Septic Service
We do it "All"
(281) 399-2738
Senior Citizens, Church & Military Discounts. Over 25 years experience.
Cleaning field lines out for \$4.00 ft.

Remember to check the front of your Timberlake Directory for more helpful numbers and to patronize our directory sponsors.

Purple Heart Veterans say "Donate Your Car"! They will accept any car with free pickup. They provide assistance to veterans, their dependents, widows and orphans. What a great way to get rid of "That old Clunker" just sitting around the yard becoming an eye-sore and making your neighbors cringe! They also become a breeding ground for vermin! The Cypress Creek Volunteer Fire Department on Eldridge (north of Grant Rd.) has a sign begging for old cars. Call (281) 894-0151.

Experienced babysitting and pet care.
References available upon request.
Lexa and Jordan Francisco
281-890-3004



WATCH THOSE PETS!

Know the leash law and be a responsible neighbor! It's frightening to be out walking your dog and see a larger dog approaching! Keep your dogs in a fenced yard or on leashes. Even the tamest dog will bite if they feel threatened. It will also keep them from being picked up by the Pound and causing the owner the unpleasant task of searching for a lost pet. This can become very expensive especially if your pet is injured or heaven forbid, KILLED!

Remember, the pet owner is responsible if their dog bites anyone.

Timberlake Estates
Annual Spring Fling &
Antique Car/Bike Rally

RAINED OUT!



NATIONAL NIGHT OUT
Come to the Lake October 5th! It's our National Night Out. We will have hot dogs, chili, chips, sodas and cookies along with tons of information on keeping your home and neighborhood safe!
6PM -8PM

GARDEN CLUB NEWS...

The Timberlake Garden Club met for a picnic at the lake in April. First on the agenda was the care and feeding of Frank Bahr's Memorial Rose Garden. We pruned and fed the Roses, weeded the bed and trimmed up the Crepe Myrtles as far up and we could reach. Each brought a sack lunch and after all of our hard work we enjoyed our lunch along with a little "swing time"!



The picnic tables are soon going to have to be replaced. We suggested to the board at the April meeting that perhaps purchasing one concrete table and matching bench yearly would be feasible until the six tables are replaced. Our park is such a peaceful, quiet area to enjoy; its upkeep should be priority.



Garden Club will meet again in September, 2010 with a guest speaker from the Master Gardeners Association.



Knockout Roses

If you've had trouble growing roses in the past, Knock Out roses may be just the thing you've been looking for. Knock Out roses are a commercially sold brand of roses that come in many different varieties. They are easy to plant, easy to take care of and are known to be very disease resistant. They can be grown throughout the United States and they are resistant to the harsh conditions in Zone 5 areas. Whether you're already the owner of Knock Out roses or considering planting some, the following tips will help you prune them.

- Don't prune too often. Unlike other types of roses, Knock Outs don't need to be pruned each and every year. As long as you like the shape and height of your rose bushes, you can prune as little as once every 3 years.
- Time your pruning. If you want to encourage growth in your roses, time your pruning for the early spring. This way you'll remove old growth and prepare your roses for the growing season through the summer. If you want your roses to stay the same shape for the long term, prune in the summertime.
- Prune at a 45-degree angle. Making your cuts at this angle will encourage future growth and minimize the amount of stubs and stumps you'll get after pruning. Make your cut about ¼ inch above an outward facing bud.
- You cannot kill a bush through bad pruning. Don't be afraid of excessive pruning if your bush needs it.

Rose Gardening 101



Yard of the Month

CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR FIRST YARD OF THE MONTH WINNERS of 2010...

April's winner for *Yard of the Month* was Phillip & Trecia Blanchard, residing at 12603 Archwood Lane.

May's winner was Chic & Paula Hughes residing at 12706 Lakecrest Drive.

June's winner is Richard & Wanda Doiron residing at 12616 Drumwood Lane.

Thank you for keeping Timberlake Estates a beautiful place to live!



MEXICAN MINT MARIGOLD

Some plants get cranky in our climate. Take French tarragon, an herb with a delicate anise flavor. A member of the artemisia family, it balks in searing summers and mild winters. But we have a substitute: *Tagetes lucida*, aka Mexican mint marigold, Texas tarragon and yerba anise. This vigorous, reseeding perennial is also a standout ornamental in fall.

Mexican mint marigold's finely serrated, lance-shaped leaves release their anise flavor in sauces, salads, pastas, fish and chicken dishes, vinegars, tea and hot fall cider. Foliage and flowers are a favorite in potpourris.

In the garden, the 2-to 3-foot upright stems carry a golden cloud of small blooms that cut well for a vase. The plant requires only a loose, well-draining soil and sun.

Native to Central America, this herb has been used as seasoning and medicine for at least a thousand years.

Make Mexican mint marigold wine vinegar to use in various dishes. Use an empty wine bottle with a cork. A clear bottle will show off the herbs. Dry the bottle thoroughly before making the vinegar. To harvest the herb; hose off the Mexican mint marigold the night before cutting, and check for imperfections or insects. If you must wash it after cutting, dry it thoroughly; water will encourage mold to form in the vinegar. Cut herbs in the morning after dew has dried but before the sun is high, so the essential oils are as concentrated as possible. Harvest flowering stems for decoration. Using chopsticks, stuff the bottle with fresh Mexican mint marigold, leaving 3 inches of space at the top so the herbal material will be covered with vinegar. Fill the bottle to the neck with apple cider vinegar to which you have added 1/3 volume red or white wine. Cork and let stand about a month for best flavor.

For a stronger concoction: Follow the above process. Stuff another wine bottle with mint marigold. Place a coffee filter inside a large funnel; insert it into the new bottle, and pour vinegar from the first bottle into the funnel. This will catch herb particles. If you're storing it longer than six months it's best to remove the herbs. Share decorative herbal vinegars with friends, or keep a supply in the pantry for salad dressing or pan deglazing when sautéing meat or chicken.

Kathy Huber
Garden Writer
Houston Chronicle

TIMBERLAKE ESTATES PROPERTY OWNERS ASSOCIATION
QUARTERLY MEETING April 12, 2010
CYPRESS CREEK VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT – STATION 22 – CYPRESS TEXAS

Agenda Item	Discussion Leader														
Call to order	Chairman														
Confirm quorum <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Must be current on maintenance fees to vote and participate • Please conduct yourself in an orderly fashion or you will be asked to leave the meeting 	Chairman														
Announce purpose of meeting	Chairman														
Reading and approval of minutes not heretofore read <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 4/12/10 Minutes 	Secretary														
Installation of new board members – n/a	Chairman														
Committee Reports – Audit Committee – Paula Hughes gave report from 1/18/10 meeting.	Board and Committee Chair(s)														
Unfinished business	Chairman														
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New business, motions and resolutions	Chairman														
Special programs – none	Chairman														
Close – motion to adjourn	Chairman														

TEPOA Articles 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.

See above section for meeting minutes and attendee list.

Quarterly Meeting

Monday, July 12, 2010
Cypress Creek Fire Station
Cypress N. Houston
7PM

Your ad could go here! To advertise, call Ann Pavalock at 281-469-5395 or email to jpavalock@comcast.net

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