

OCTOBER, 2005

**TIMBERLAKE
ESTATES PROPERTY
OWNERS
ASSOCIATION**



Mark Your Calendars

QUARTERLY MEETING

Mon., October 10,
To be held at the
Cypress Creek
Volunteer Fire
Department, Station
22 Cypress N.
Houston at 7pm.

Note that Executive
Sessions of the
Board will now be
held on the first
Thursday of each
month at 12615
Manorwood.

Executive meetings
are a chance for the
Board to meet
monthly to
accomplish various
goals. In accordance
with the TEPOA
Rules, Special Board
Meetings are open
for the public to hear
discussions.

Generally, the public
may not participate
in the discussions.

NEIGHBORS WHO CARE

A group of residents
have formed a team to
accept condolences and
congratulations to our
neighbors. If you know
of anyone who is in need
of assistance, please
contact Pat Franklin at
281-469-1337.

TIMBERGRAM

CHAIRMAN'S NOTE

4th Quarter, 2005

Neighbors –

Another three months have flown by in the busy life we lead – now for a short look back and ahead...

Looking back...

- The email list continues to grow for distribution of neighborhood information and has received very positive feedback – keep the email addresses coming and the input on what to send out.
- I am sure that everyone knows someone who was affected by Hurricane Katrina and because of the caring nature of this neighborhood, I am confident that everyone has assisted victims of this devastating storm. Thanks for your contribution to the larger community for those in need.
- The Houston area escaped a very close call from Hurricane Rita and, again, an outpouring of kindness was witnessed by Houstonians and the people of Cypress to storm victims. I trust that most of you fared the storm well despite the horrible traffic getting out and back into town.
- The call rate for pet issues has declined – keep up the progress and working with your neighbors to resolve these matters!

Looking forward...

- The yard debris in the aftermath of Rita had me noticing how many dead or “wounded” trees there are throughout the neighborhood. Had Rita really pounded us, these dead or otherwise unhealthy trees would have added to the devastation. Please consider taking the time to have trees trimmed and dead ones removed to minimize this type of damage. I speak from experience - it doesn't take much for a fallen tree to cause significant house damage.
- Elections are coming up for three positions opening up for the TEPOA board. We have incorporated things learned from last year's election into this year and trust that everyone will make the time to mark your ballots and vote early. I believe we have great candidates running and I look forward to working with those who are elected.
- Elections also bring to mind the fact that three board members will be leaving the board – Debra Brannon, Michelle Murray and Charles Neff. This being the last Timbergram before they vacate their positions, I want to take this opportunity to extend a special and giant thanks to them for their service to the community. Each brought his/her own special gifts to the team and dedicated a lot of time to the work. If you see them out and about, please take a moment to thank them personally.

Please know that on all of the items we face as a board and neighborhood, opposing views and feedback that are presented with factual information and background are always welcome. Keep the emails, letters and phone calls coming!

Peace to you and your family!

...Brett

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

TIMBERLAKE ESTATES AND CLASSIC CARS

Timberlake Estates is home to many owners of antique and classic cars. A "cruise-in" is a great way to meet neighbors who are interested in, own, or appreciate classic cars. If you are interested in participating in a free cruise-in at the Lake to share your interest in cars, and display your car, whether work in progress or show car, please contact Jeff Gunn at jeffsclassics@yahoo.com. Even if you don't own an antique or classic but would like to view these neighborhood cars on display, please let us know!

HURRICANE RELIEF EFFORTS

There is still a slot of work to do for Mississippi, Louisiana and Texas from the damage caused by Hurricane Katrina and Rita. Consider the Salvation Army and Red Cross for financial donations. Keep in mind that you can maximize your contribution through donation matching programs offered by many employers.

For more info:
www.salvationarmyusa.org
www.redcross.org

ARCHITECTURE & GROUNDS

Lake Work Day

We are planning a workday on Saturday, November 5, at 9:00 am. The main project will be adding dirt to the walkway to the island, which has settled since it was improved last year. Please bring extra shovels and wheelbarrows.

If we have enough participants we will also clear brush, remove dead limbs, rake the volleyball court, etc. Chainsaws, loppers, rakes, and wheelbarrows are also needed for this work.

The most important tools for this work are the property owners who volunteer to help. The better the turnout the more work we can accomplish, so please mark your calendars now and assist in improving our neighborhood. Any Timberlake Estates residents, Boy Scouts, Girl Scouts, Cub Scouts, or other service organizations that want to participate please contact Jeff Gunn at 281-970-1279 so that we can estimate the number of participants and plan accordingly.

Home Improvements and Deed Restrictions

Please remember that approval from the Board is required for any permanent changes to the property or exterior of the home, including additions, sheds, garages, etc. Home Improvement Request applications are available from Jeff Gunn. Simply fill out and return the application, which will be reviewed for compliance with deed restrictions, as well as verification with the treasurer and legal officers for compliance. Approval is granted within 30 days of receipt of all required information, assuming the application is in compliance with the Deed Restrictions, and the homeowner is up to date on dues.

The review process for submittal of Deed Restriction violations is placing a call or email to Jeff about the violations. Additionally, periodic deed drives will be conducted by the Board to identify violations. The most common violations are related to upkeep of property, such as inoperable vehicles, excess building materials or trash on the lot, and need for paint or simple repairs, such as replacing trim or siding.

Deed Restriction Reminder – remember that no signs may be placed on any property in Timberlake Estates other than one (1) sign advertising a home for sale, or one sign with the address of a home under construction per the Deed Restrictions. Recent legislation allows the display of certain political signs during specified periods of time before elections; if you have any questions regarding this please contact Jeff Gunn.

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Congratulations!



To Lance & Dee Siegmund for the birth of their new daughter, Jessica! Her full name is Jessica Faith Siegmund, born on August 16, 2005, 20", weighing 7lbs 10oz.

Garden Club News

EVENTS

October 25
12 noon at 12719
Oakfield – 281-469-
5395 (Ann Pavalock)

Watersmart
Landscaping with
Carol Browe, Ph.D
Harris County
Extension Agent –
Horticulture
Come join us for an
hour packed with
helpful information!

November- TBA
December - TBA
Christmas Luncheon

SPRING BULBS
It's not even winter
yet, but it's time to
plant for spring
blooms. Before you
plant bulbs, dust them
with medicated baby
powder. I use Baby
Gold Bond and it
really works. AP (*Tip*
from Jerry Baker,
Master Gardener)

Shrub of the Month:
Esperanza –
Shrubbery known as
Yellow Bells. Golden
yellow trumpet shaped
flowers attract
butterflies and
hummingbirds. Can
grow 8'-12' prefers
full sun. Drought
resistant when
established.

If interested, contact Ann
at 281-469-5395 or
jpavalock@houston.rr.com.
The club would like to
start a Vegetable Co-Op,
if there is interest. The
club makes trips to
Canino's Farmers
Market monthly.

BLOOD DONORS NEEDED



The Gulf Coast Regional Blood www.giveblood.org Center is always in need of blood donors. Anyone can donate through any blood center location. If you would like your donation to benefit the Cy-Fair VFD, just let the Blood Center know you are donating for the CFVFD Group Plan #0939. The closest center to our area is located on FM 1960 at Fallbrook. For more information, click www.giveblood.org below to visit the Gulf Coast Regional Blood Center web site.

SECURITY

SUSPICIOUS PEOPLE, STRANGE VEHICLES, VANDALS, ETC., PLEASE CALL CHARLES NEFF, THE SECURITY COORDINATOR FOR THE BOARD. YOU MAY ALSO CALL THE SHERIFF AT EITHER 713.221-6000 OR 286.376-2997 OR THE CONSTABLE AT 281.376-3472.

CY-FAIR VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT RECEIVES COVETED PPC CLASS 3 RATING

*Area homeowners stand to save approximately \$11 million
in homeowners' insurance premiums annually*

HOUSTON (Sept. 13, 2005) – Effective Nov 1, 2005, residential and commercial property owners in the Cy-Fair Volunteer Fire Department (CFVFD) service area will be able to reduce the cost of their hazard insurance, thanks to an improved Insurance Services Office (ISO) Public Protection Classification (PPC) rating of three from its previous PPC rating of five. *For more information on this article please visit www.cyfairvfd.com*

**DID YOU KNOW THAT CY-FAIR VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPT WEBSITE HAS A KIDSPAGE?
CHECK IT OUT AT WWW.CYFAIRVFD.COM/KIDSPAGE.HTML**

TIP FOR FALL MAINTENANCE



From [Bill Lewis](http://www.homerepair.about.com), www.homerepair.about.com
Your Guide to [Home Repair](#).

Inspecting and Maintaining Combustion Heating Appliances - General Information
The best advice is to follow the recommendations of the manufacturer. The same combustion appliance may have different inspection and maintenance requirements, depending upon where you live.

In general, check the flame in the furnace combustion chamber at the beginning of the heating season. Natural gas furnaces should have a blue flame with perhaps only a slight yellow tip. Call your appliance service representative to adjust the burner if there is a lot of yellow in the flame, or call your local utility company for this service. LP units should have a flame with a bright blue center that may have a light yellow tip. Pilot lights on gas water heaters and gas cooking appliances should also have a blue flame. Have a trained service representative adjust the pilot light if it is yellow or orange.

Before each heating season, have flues and chimneys inspected and cleaned for leakage and for blockage by creosote or debris. Creosote buildup or leakage could cause black stains on the outside of the chimney or flue. These stains can mean that pollutants are leaking into the house. *Information on the pages of this article has been adapted from the US Consumer Products Safety Commission.*

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