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LETTER FROM THE CHAIRMAN, 4TH QUARTER, 2006

Neighbors -

The summer of 2006 has now passed us by and another school year has started. This has been an "interesting" summer for our family. As some of you may know, I was diagnosed with kidney cancer earlier this summer and underwent surgery on 8/7/06. Our family was very blessed with the report from the surgeon that the surgery was curative and will not require chemo or radiation therapy. Recovery has been slow and steady, but each passing day is a little better than the day before. My point in telling you this is not for sympathy, but so you will understand when I thank those who supported me during this time. I sincerely thank those who called us to check on us, those who provided meals for the family, those who sent get well cards and those who kept our family showered in prayers. I most especially thank the other board members for covering my responsibilities while I was both on vacation and during my recovery. It is fantastic to have a group of people that can be depended upon to keep the business of the neighborhood running smoothly!

Now on to TEPOA business with a brief look back at the past quarter and ahead into the next quarter...

Looking back at accomplishments for the quarter...

- Progress is being made on numerous fronts in the area of deed restriction enforcement.
- Pre-National Night Out and National Night Out were held and were a huge success in moving the neighborhood security plan forward.
- We had our first ever (at least as far as anyone can remember) 4th of July security patrol.
- The TEPOA website continues to be a very exciting communication tool for the neighborhood. If you have not visited the website, it is located at www.TEPOA.org.

Looking forward to plans for the upcoming quarter...

- Lake Work Day planning is underway and is scheduled for October 21, 2006, details noted later in the Timbergram.
- Planning is underway for a Christmas at the Lake celebration on December 10, 2006, time and details to be announced.
- Nominations and elections for 2007-2008 board positions are underway and will be completed in Q4 - please take the time to get to know the candidates and cast your vote.
- The email list continues to grow but has slowed. The board is working on a plan to increase the email list so that we can decrease mailing costs and provide more timely information to a larger group of owners.
- The board can not do everything by itself; we need your continued help! Please contact a board member to see how you can get involved and help better the neighborhood.

Thanks for your continued and constructive support. As always, peace to you and your family as you walk this adventure we call life!

...Brett

Together - we can build "community" and make a difference!!!

National Night Out 2006 - Post Project Report

This being the initial attempt at coordinating National Night Out (NNO), I feel the event was successful with a message sent to the residents about what we are currently doing and where we are heading in the future. The emphasis on safety and home security was probably given more attention during this period than I can recall in the 15 years that I have lived in the area. As a group, we put a lot of effort into getting the word out. We published the event in The Timbergram, put it on our website, sent several e-mail blasts and had the banners at every entrance into the area.

During the Pre-National Night Out event on July 30th, we attached a NNO banner to the fire truck that was loaded with adults and children and drove slowly through neighborhood with the sirens blaring and hands waving. We were noticed! We had sodas and snacks at the lake with 30 – 40 people attending. We passed out information packages on home security and had drawings with give-a-ways including gift cards from our local Target store and coupons supplied by General Mills and distributed by the NNO organization.

During National Night Out on August 1st, I drove the neighborhood with a cooler of cold drinks and visited with groups of neighbors and whole families out together. Some exchanged networking telephone numbers and all felt a spirit of community. The hope is that this will grow bigger and bigger every year. Thanks to those who participated.

General Security News

We are still planning to be a part of the Neighborhood Watch Program, and as a requirement we need a large percentage of participation to qualify. The amount of time dedicated would be fairly minimal on an individual basis, but the impact of that commitment would do wonders for our neighborhood through the added security benefit and the feeling of community that comes with this type of program. Part of the structure of Neighborhood Watch is to form a communication network that functions through block captains and a relay system. Critical information can be disseminated quickly and efficiently. Anyone interested should contact me or any of the board members. More information will be coming in the future.

As mentioned and discussed at the last quarterly meeting, external security was hired to patrol the neighborhood on the evening of July 4th. This is in direct response to residents' voiced concerns about safety during high traffic and activity times. Officer Martinez patrolled the neighborhood and stopped to visit with some of those out enjoying fireworks and the evening. As required, Officer Martinez gave us a full report of his actions along with any fireworks or traffic violations. The presence of law enforcement is surely a disincentive for crime and a reassurance for the safety and security of our residents and property owners.

The incident reporting database is established and updated periodically to track trends and types of security issues with which we are faced. In addition to the Sheriff's report, we also log the incidents reported by all of the residents and property owners. If you know of a safety or security related incident, please forward those along so we will have a more complete understanding of where efforts need to be concentrated.

On a final note, remember that school is back in session. Be extra cautious and observant of the children as they wait for buses at the pick up locations. Also please keep an eye out for them as they walk to and from their bus stops and homes.

VICE CHAIRMAN/LEGAL Jeff Gunn

Deed Restrictions Focus Area – Maintaining Property Appearance

The Deed Restrictions stipulate that every property owner must maintain their property in good condition. This includes maintenance of the house, garage, shed, fence, or any other structure, as well as maintaining a tidy yard. This benefits everyone by providing an attractive neighborhood in which to reside while preserving property values.

Previous Focus Areas have included keeping animals, inoperable vehicles and displaying signs.

For quick, easy access to the Deed Restrictions visit www.TEPOA.org.

Home Improvement Requests

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.



YARD OF THE MONTH

John & Donna Stathakos, 12111 Tall Forest, were the July winners for *Yard of the Month*.

August's prize went to Gonzalo Gonzales at 12522 Park Forest

The prize awarded in September went to James & Joan Mitchell residing at 12911 Tall Forest.

Congratulations to all of our winners!! Let's keep Timberlake Estates beautiful!

THE CASE FOR FALL PLANTING

Given a choice between spring and fall, most of the experts choose fall. The fall is nature's time for planting. It's when the majority of trees and shrubs drop their seeds and the soil is still warm so plants can establish their roots without expending energy on top growth. In most areas of the country, rainfall is likely to be more even and consistent in autumn than spring-an important consideration when planting large trees and shrubs.

"Backyard Secrets of the Garden Experts"

HAPPENINGS...

Onion Blossoms Boutique (Kroger Center, Jones Rd.) is sponsoring their 8th Annual *Angels in our Midst* Breast Cancer Luncheon and Style Show (all models are breast cancer survivors) October 12th. All proceeds go to the Christus Stehlin Foundation for Cancer Research here in Houston, Texas.

Texas Tea Party Republican Women will have Senate candidate Dan Patrick as guest speaker at the October 12th meeting to be held at The County Line Barbecue on Cutten Road. Dinner is at 6:30 pm and the program begins at 7 pm. Contact Ann Pavalock for details.

November 7th, 2006 Election Day for the 2006 Mid-Term elections. Our neighborhood will vote in two locations. Precinct 0481 will vote at Millsap Elementary. Precinct 519 (Timberlake Drive) will vote at Northwest Library on Regency Green. Remember, polls open at 7am.

November 2006 Remember to mark your ballots for the Executive Board elections and return it to the board by the November 15th deadline for your vote to count. Remember also that you must be current on HOA dues to have your vote count.

December 10th, 2006 Christmas at the Lake. Be sure to check the www.TEPOA.org for more information on our first *Christmas at the Lake*.



CONDOLENCES

Our deepest sympathy is extended to Dale & Laverne Jones on the death of their daughter Cindy Rohde. Cindy died August 3rd in a car accident in LaGrange, Texas.

Long time Timberlake resident Martha Goodson passed away August 12, 2006. We extend our sympathies to Charles and family.

Our sympathies are extended to the Polotko family on the death of Wasyl.

Please remember to keep these neighbors in your thoughts and prayers.

FOR YOUR INFORMATION

NHMCCD reschedules election...

The North Harris Montgomery Community College District officially rescheduled its trustee elections and \$249.6 million bond election, postponed last May, for November 7 general election.

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.

REAL AMERICAN HEROS...

Do you want to honor some real American heroes? Do you want to teach your children what it means to be a real hero? Well, if you do then please continue to read. I am enclosing names of our wounded heroes recuperating at Brooke Army Medical Center in San Antonio. This is where the Army & Marines sends it's most critically burned soldiers. They would enjoy getting a card or letter from you. Phone cards as well as gift cards, toiletries, baked goods, videos/DVD, magazines, disposable cameras, candies, pen/pencils and music would also be welcomed. Some of these soldiers haven't seen their families in quite awhile. If you would like to visit, be sure to first contact the liaison with the Patients' Administration Team: Sgt. Garcia at 210-916-8118 or 210-916-0780.

Send cards and gifts to:

(Name of Soldier or Marine)
c/o GySgt. Ronald Morris, PAT Team
Brooke Army Medical Center
3851 Roger Brooke Drive, Bldg. 3600
Ft. Sam Houston, TX. 78234-6200

WHAT A GREAT WAY TO SHOW YOUR SUPPORT!!

KEEP THEM IN YOUR PRAYERS!

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, Joanne Carter, at 281-469-0114. Contacting Joanne 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.

GENERAL MEETING...

4th Quarter Meeting is Monday, October 9th, 2006 at the Cy-Creek Fire Station on Cypress North Houston. We will meet at 7 pm so be sure to mark your calendar. In an effort to keep meetings within time restraints, residents can e-mail concerns and issues they would like to see on the general meeting agenda to bijag@swbell.net. Please note that the Board will only discuss items on the set agenda, but will take suggestions for next meeting agenda items from residents in writing.

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 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.



Would you like to buy some really great book for your kids this Christmas? I have a collection just perfect for the elementary school age child to help them learn about how our government works. These books are well written and autographed by the authors Peter & Cheryl Barnes. *Woodrow for President, House Mouse, Senate Mouse, Woodrow, the White House Mouse, Marshall, the Court House Mouse and President Adam's Alligator* will take your child through the process of electing a president, our Senators, Representatives, and Supreme Court Justices. Call Ann Pavalock if you would like to know more about these books.

NATIONAL NIGHT OUT

On Sunday, July 30th, Timberlake residents gathered at the lake to get information for National Night Out. Packets of information were distributed by Wayne Francisco on how to keep our homes and property crime free. Several neighbors signed up to be block captains. A thunder storm couldn't dampen the spirits and over thirty residents stopped by for snacks and a cold drink.

Volunteer firemen from the Cy-Creek Volunteer Fire Department were on hand and gave the kids (some adults as well) a ride on the fire truck. To add to the excitement, a call came through and the riders were dropped off so the firemen could respond to the emergency. The truck did return after all was settled and the firemen were grateful for the cold drinks and cookies.

On Tuesday, August 1st, many neighbors came out to visit and share emergency contact information. Wayne Francisco drove the neighborhood passing out cold drinks to people who were out meeting their neighbors. Jean Bahr, Jane Plumlee, Ann Pavalock and some others walked Oakfield and Manorwood and met several other neighbors out doing the same. The primary deterrent to crime is an informed public. Meeting ones neighbors and sharing information is a big step in taking a bite out of crime. Let's get involved and make National Night Out a yearly event in Timberlake Estates!



Fire truck sporting the "Night Out" Banner



Brett and neighbors talking to firemen

WATCH THOSE PETS



Be a good neighbor and keep your dogs fenced for their safety. 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 owners to pay for the pets' return or even may result in the pets' death

TEPOA Agenda – Meeting Date: 7/10/06 Time: 7:00 PM	Discussion Leader
Call to order	Vice Chairman (On behalf of Chairman)
Confirm quorum <ul style="list-style-type: none"> You must be current on fees to vote and participate Conduct yourself in an orderly fashion or you will be asked to leave the meeting You must be recognized to speak, will then stand and state your name before speaking 	Vice Chairman
Installation of new board members <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Update Board Positions 	Vice Chairman
Reading and approval of minutes not heretofore read <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 04/10/06 Minutes 	Secretary
Announce purpose of meeting	Vice Chairman
Committee Reports – none	Board and Committee Chair(s)
Unfinished business <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Security (Wayne Francisco) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Safety and Security Plan Report out from July 4 security duty National Night Out Information (Including pre-NNO info) Neighborhood Watch Information Treasurer (Joanne Carter) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Treasurer quarterly report Legal (Jeff Gunn) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Deed Restriction enforcement update Deed Restriction Focus areas (animals) Communications (Ann Pavalock) Update on website (added content, statistics, feedback request) Mayfest update (cost, turnout, feedback, ask how to generate more interest) Lake (Debbie Shifflet) Lake Park improvements update Well permit increase update 	Vice Chairman
New business, motions, and resolutions	Vice Chairman
Special Programs – (none)	Vice 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 July 10, 2006

The meeting was called to order at 7:03pm. A quorum was confirmed. Jeff Gunn introduced himself and announced that he would be acting for Brett Basford during his medical absence. Wayne discussed National Night Out and additional security patrol for specific dates during the year. We are partnering with other subdivisions especially Ravensway on neighborhood watch. Joanne presented the budget report and interest earned on our CD's. Ann Pavalock gave the report on the outcome of Mayfest and the update on the web site. Meeting adjourned at 7:52pm.

Note: A preliminary version of the minutes is currently available on www.TEPOA.org. The complete version of the minutes will be read and approved at the next quarterly meeting and subsequently available on www.TEPOA.org.



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