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NOVEMBER 2012

President's Letter – "Review of 2012 and end of year wrap-up"

Richard Akin, President (713) 869-5676 president@lazybrook.org

The year seems to have gone by rather quickly. I am most happy that Lazybrook was able to participate fully in National Night Out (NNO) in October and even had a Grand Marshall - **State Representative Sarah Davis**. **Congressman Ted Poe** even attended one of the parties. I really want to thank **Ms. Eddie Yarborough, Matt Herring, Brenda Brummett, and Joel Copeland** for their help with this event. I also want to thank all those who participated with block parties and in the parade. Thank you to all the block captains and COP volunteers. We could not have done it without you. It was a great event and I hope that we will be able to organize it again next year. It would be great to have an even longer parade. Please send us any ideas you might have to improve the NNO celebration next year. Also, if you would like to volunteer to help organize next year's event please let us know.

As always, the November meeting is the holiday celebration meeting. It is part meeting and part party. Please come out and enjoy eating and greeting. Generally we ask that everyone bring a desert of your choice. While we will still run through the general meeting agenda, we try to wrap it up quickly so we can mix and socialize with our neighbors.

I definitely want to say a big thank you to all of the executive board and committee chairs. We could not have a successful civic club without your help and dedication. This coming year, as in every year in the past, we need to make an appeal for volunteers. First and foremost, there will be openings this year for the executive committee. Our Vice President – **Joel Copeland** – will be moving to New York. I was saddened to hear this for a few reasons, first I never like to see good neighbors leave this great neighborhood. Secondly, I thought he

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President's Letter continued

might be president this coming year. Thus we will have a Vice President and President positions open this year. That said, I will not vacate, if we cannot find someone to be nominated for the positions. I was also recently informed that our treasurer would like to find a replacement as he has become very busy with work. He, **John Sutton**, has been in the position for 2 years and has done a fine job. Thankfully he stated that he would stay on until we found a replacement and he would train his replacement.

If you know of individuals who would like to volunteer for any position, please encourage them to come to the meeting and get involved. I look forward to seeing you at the meeting on Tuesday, November 27th.

Block Captain Update

Eddie Yarbrough, Block Captain Chair (713) 863-1511 blockcaptain@lazybrook.org

HEY... HAVE YOU THANKED YOUR BLOCK CAPTAIN LATELY? Well, if you are like most of us, you're long overdue. Their year-round efforts are the cement that binds our neighborhood and most were participants or organizers for National Night Out. As we closed out 2012, why not email, phone or drop a note and simply thank them for their efforts on your behalf.

We have a few openings for Block Captain. You can team up with a friend or neighbor & Co-Captain if you wish. You don't have to even live on the blocks that need Block Captains, though it's preferred. In case you're wondering, this is the basic job description of being a Block Captain:

- walk newsletters to your neighbors 5 times a year (or recruit a neighbor to do this)
- put out reminder signs for civic club meetings 5 times a year
- put out a reminder sign for the membership drive month (the Membership Chair will notify you when to do this but it's usually March or April)
- either locate someone on your block to host a National Night Out gathering or organize it yourself. Can be as simple or elaborate as you wish
- notify the Hospitality Chair when new neighbors move in

Please note that the job description does NOT require you to contact or nag your neighbors to pay membership dues or to attend civic club meetings! Some folks seem to think this is part of the Block Captain job but it isn't. On the plus side, one of the perks is that you can attend the annual Block Captain and Walker Appreciation Dinner held at the first of each year.

Here are the blocks that need help:

1800 Locksford (we have a Walker but need a Block Captain): 23 homes

1800 Nauts (we have a Walker but need a Block Captain): 20 homes

1800 Watercrest (current Co-Block Captains want to retire after many years of service AND there is a Walker in place): 20 homes

Please contact me if you're interested and we can talk.

May Meeting Highlights

Highlights taken from minutes recorded by Sherri Oldham, Recording Secretary, recording@lazybrook.org

The September Civic Club meeting postponed due to hazardous fumes in the church. The group met outside and President Richard Akin said we would reconvene on the topics on the week after Thanksgiving.

Door prizes were distributed and the Guest Speaker spoke for a few minutes.

Guest Speaker **Sarah Davis- State Representative District 134** spoke about the addition of Lazybrook and Timbergrove to her district due to redistricting.

Thanks to Pat Koteris for gathering door prizes from the following merchants:

Kojack's Fine Food - 18th
Pizza Inn - 18th & Mangum
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Please patronize these generous businesses.

Need for Food Donations

Please bring nonperishable food items to the next Civic Club meeting for the Lazybrook Baptist Church food pantry. As you know many needy people/families stop by the church for assistance. The church staff always gives them a package of food to tide them over. Anything that we bring on the night of the meeting is placed in the pantry to help with this effort. The church has been very kind to offer the use of a comfortable meeting place. The need for food to help some of our community members is great. Thank you for any donation you can bring.



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Around the Neighborhood

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HAPPY BIRTHDAYS

Be sure and wish **Aida Zelaya** a Happy birthday on November 13. She and her husband Jake live on Lazybrook Drive.



The Schulers of Millwood have lots to celebrate this month. **Bruce** celebrated a birthday on October 14, their son **Ross** turns 7 on October 22 and daughter, **Julia** turns 3 on November 10.

Kathi White of Nauts Court celebrated her November 4th birthday early this year. She took a 6 week trip to Spain where she hiked the 490 mile pilgrimage of the Camino de Santiago (The Way of Saint James the apostle)

GROWING FAMILIES

Gail L. Cieszkiewicz of Haverhill welcomed a new grandbaby. **Nicole Mina Cieszkiewicz** was born on September 2nd. Her proud parents are my son Edward and his wife Silvana Cieszkiewicz.



WELCOME

Please welcome new neighbors **Adam Diehl and Monica Williams** to Crystal Court.

GET WELL

Get well wishes to Ardath Hinojosa of Crystal Court.

On October 25th the **Kleine family** moved from 1703 Tannehill. Thank you to all of our wonderful neighbors for your kindness, for always returning our curious dog, sharing your grapefruit and checking on Julie while home with a new baby! We hope that you will welcome the new home owner, Walter, as warmly as you welcomed us.

All the best,
Isabelle, Julie and Erich Kleine

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Please email president@lazybrook.org or come to the November meeting.

Security

Matt Herring, Security Chair (713) 823-0794 security@lazybrook.org

Citizens on Patrol Hours Logged

- August 2012 - 51.75
- September 2012- 55.5

I appreciate the continued support of our dedicated patrollers and look forward to welcoming new patrollers that recently completed the HPD training class, thank you for your service.

Crime in the Neighborhood

- 9/11- Theft- 1800 Tannehill, vehicle break-in
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- 9/17- Theft- 1800 Millcreek,
- 10/11- Theft- 1800 Tattenhall, driveway
- 10/12- Theft- 1800 Willowmoss, street
- 10/19- Property Damage- 1800 Millwood, brick through front window
- 10/24- Theft- 1800 Haverhill, car break-in
- 10/31- Theft- 2000 Crystal, FedEx package stolen from porch
- 10/31- Theft- 2200 Brooktree, FedEx package stolen from porch

I encourage everyone to report any suspicious persons or vehicles immediately to HPD. If you are unsure about a person or situation please let a trained HPD officer assess the situation and take any action needed. Please call HPD to report all crimes and get a case number, this is how we are assigned manpower from HPD. **HPD Dispatch is 713-844-3131.**

Crime Statistics

The latest crime statistics are posted on the web at: <http://mycity.houstontx.gov/crime/> or www.spotcrime.com

Citizens on Patrol

Citizens on Patrol successfully brings together communities and police for a common goal, to improve the quality of life for residents by preventing, reducing, or eliminating crime. You can really make a big difference in crime in our area by patrolling just a few hours a month. Patrolling is as easy as driving a car or riding a bike through the neighborhood with a cell phone and calling in any suspicious persons or activities. We will train you, the hours are flexible to fit any schedule, and you are reimbursed for the cost of gas. Please email security@lazybrook.org to let me know if you are interested.

Lazybrook Email Network

We have over 450 neighbors signed up to receive email updates. If you are not currently receiving the email you can join by emailing: security@lazybrook.org If you change your email address please drop me a line so I can make the change and keep the list current.

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As of October 31, 2012 there were 2 active listings and 2 pending continue to show listings in Lazybrook.

The two active listings are offered at \$339,500 and \$378,000. At \$339,500, the property is a 3/2/2 built in 1960 with 1,614 square feet. At \$378,000 is a 4/2.5/2 built in 1968 with 2,100 square feet. Both homes have been updated. Time on the market as of October 31 is 109 days & 66 days respectively.

Two Pending Continue to Shows - 1 listed at \$225,500 is original condition with 1,256 square feet, 3 bedrooms, 1.5 baths, and 2-car garage. The second is a 3 bedroom, 2 bath, and 2-car garage listed at \$299,500 with 1,535 square feet.

Lazybrook had five closings between September 1 and October 31. Asking prices ranged from \$292,500 to \$550,00 and the sales prices ranged from \$292,500 to \$535,000.

Average time on the market: 70 days (Minimum 10 day, Maximum 188)

Average Asking Price: \$414,380

Average Per Square Foot Asking: \$179.75

Average Sales Price: \$399,600

Average Per Square Foot Sales Price: \$174.43

Average Square Feet: 2,323 - 3 bedrooms/3.5 baths

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Lazybrook residents from ages 6 mos. to 90 came out to meet one another and strengthen our community spirit. Please enjoy some photos and quotes from your Lazybrook neighbors.



"NNO for the 1700-1800 Willowby and 1700 Guese party started with an unexpected visit from **Congressman Ted Poe**. We had a great time meeting new neighbors and talking with ones that we may not have seen since the last NNO."



NNO 2012 was awesome!!! Locksford, Salford and Tattenhall combined their block parties and had a great time. There was enough food to feed an army... enough kids to take-on that army... and enough stories to keep us entertained late into the evening!





“Always glad to see neighbors come and enjoy seeing each other and bring all their favorite foods.”

“It was good to see **State Representative, District 134, Sarah Davis** in our parade.”



“Friendships were strengthened and new ones were made at this year’s NNO.”



“Everyone mingled and had great conversation.”



If you came out to meet your neighbors, we thank you for supporting National Night Out. If you missed it, we hope to see you next year! A special ‘thank you’ goes out to all who submitted photos and notes!

Facts About Happiness

Birgitt Haderlein , tofityou@sbcglobal.net (713) 410-3376

Yes the cooler weather is here! I first want to thank all of my Lazybrook residents for supporting me in the quest to be a healthier community. My fitness camp class has been a wonderful way to get to know some of you and walk the beautiful streets that make up this's neighborhood. As I am writing this I am reminded about appreciation and happiness and how so many of my clients are looking for ways to increase their health and yes their happiness factor.

When I have a conversation with a client and they ask or say I want to be a happier person in my life. I always come back with the response if you want to be a happier person you first have to make up your mind not to be unhappy. Now mind you this is a process and you do have to decide on a daily and sometimes moment-by-moment basis what are the behaviors that are reinforcing the person I don't want to be and ask what is the person I want to be. For example each morning I wake up and ask myself what is the greatest ideal of myself. Because my day and my attitude is much better when I drink from the well or better yet when I live with the mindset of the glass half-full. So why is this a burning question for us all to ask our selves. I believe innately we all have in us the ability to live our lives in a way that is right for each and everyone one of us. So here are four Nice To Know Facts about happiness.

1. The exercise-Happiness Connection. A link exists between exercise and happiness. Numerous studies have shown that exercise increases the body's production of endorphins and antibodies - both of which tend to lead to enhanced feelings of happiness. Volume-wise, research findings indicate that 30 minutes of exercise each day, at least 3-5 days a week is the most effective dosage of physical activity. Modality-wise, all types of exercise have been found to have a positive impact on happiness, to a degree.

2. Beyond Genetics. Many individuals believe that people are either born happy or they're not. Not exactly. Research shows that happiness is about 50% genetic, and 40% intentional, and 10% circumstances. The key for individuals who want to be happier is to work at it, particularly making a deliberate effort to control how they act and think (i.e., the intentional part of happiness).



3. Change Is Possible. Many people erroneously believe that they are who they are - they cannot change. With regard to happiness, research shows that people can adopt a more positive outlook on their lives. In other words, the mere commitment to prioritize happiness in their lives can make people more happy. A concrete example of such prioritizing is to eat a healthy diet, engage in a physically active lifestyle, and maintain body weight at an appropriate level.

4. A Recipe For Happiness. Individuals who want to be happier should develop a plan that details the steps that they can take to achieve that objective, divide a viable strategy for accomplishing their goal, and implement actions to make their plan a reality. For example, initially, they might determine what will make them personally happy. Then, they might proactively pursue their happiness-related aspirations.

I hope that some of these facts give all of you choices to live a happier and healthier life. I practice surrounding myself with happy people. I believe rightfully so that I deserve to be happy. I tend to believe that life should be celebrated

and enjoyed. So with that you have what it takes to get the life you want. Having said that have a great holiday season and be the change you want to see in others!

Are you ready to take your health and happiness factor to the next level? If you are stuck and need some accountability, call me at 713-410-3376 to coach you in the direction you want to explore. My 2013 fitness camp schedule is listed below.

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Have you all been enjoying the beautiful fall weather? My husband and I really love the beauty of this neighborhood on our daily walks!!

Hope everyone is ready for and clear about the change in heavy trash that will start this month (November). We will all (whether we live north or south of 18th St.) **have heavy trash on the third Wednesday** instead of the third Thursday, and instead of the fourth Monday. So, even though we must get used to a new day, this is a real improvement. Below is excerpted from the Solid Waste website the reasons for the change. Clearly, it is more efficient and therefore saves money and effort.

The service date change is made to achieve the following:

- Less confusion with neighborhood collections schedules.
- A single service day for major community areas.
- Easier to read/interpret service maps for customers and 311 operators.
- Easier management of routes.
- Budget savings in fuel and maintenance.
- Greater availability for department support for community-based beautification projects.

Our Garbage Collection and recycling for Thanksgiving will be moved just to the next day - Friday, November 23, 2012. Nothing will be affected at Christmas or New Year's.

If you are planning to have a fresh cut tree, please plan to recycle it. They are converted to mulch which saves landfill space and is useful for the environment instead harmful. All you have to do is put it out during the tree (heavy) waste day in January (third Wednesday as stated above). Please remove plastic water bowls & stands, tinsel, lights, and ornaments. Also, please do not put out trees with artificial snow (flocking). Those will have to wait until junk waste day in February (again, the third Wednesday).

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Jaycee Park Update

Darlene Wayt, Friends of Jaycee Park dwayt@comcast.net



Exercise equipment and a bike rack have been installed around the trail. Regarding the exercise equipment, contact **John Neundorfer** at (713) 553-7653.

Tennis Court Committee is looking for coaches/captains for a U8 team. If interested, contact **Mat Thompson** at (713) 417-0683.

Splash Pad: If your family is able to help with cleanings, contact **Cristina de la Isla** at cristina.delaisla@gmail.com.

Shade Canopies for the Playground: Goal is \$12,000 for 2 shade canopies.

- Donate online or mail a check to Houston Parks Board For Jaycee Park.
- Ask your employer to donate or match your donation.
- Purchase a brick paver for the donor plaza seating area, contact **Darlene Wayt** at dwayt@comcast.net.

Snow Day will be held on December 8, 2012 from 9:00 - 11:00 a.m.

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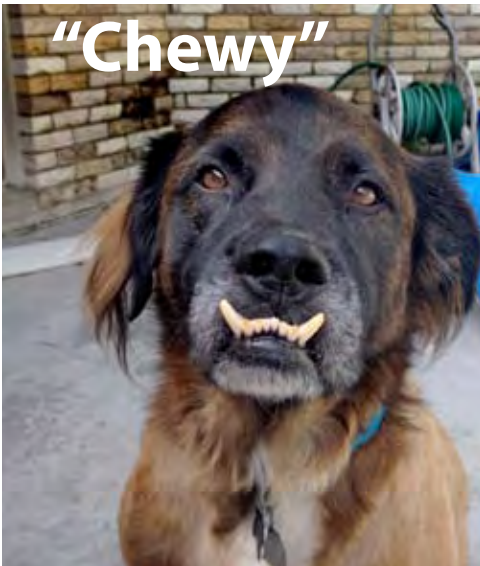
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Around the Neighborhood continued

GOOD DOGS NEED A HOME

Chewy (left) - 9 yr old male (neutered) boxer mix. Great companion and good lounge around the house dog.

Mama (right) - 7 yr old female (spayed) lab mix. Great running partner, loves kids, dogs, cats. They can be separated to different homes. Please contact **Joel and Amy Copeland** at (832) 414-5421 or amandarcopeland@gmail.com.



"Chewy"



"Mama"



The next Lazybrook Garden Club meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, January 8th, 2013. The meeting will be held at the home of **Marc and Melissa Cogle**, 2110 Millwood Dr. The meeting will begin with a social starting at 6:30PM and the formal meeting will begin at 7:00PM. If you would like to join us, you are welcome to bring a small dish, appetizer or bottle of wine to share and enjoy with the other club members. Any questions please contact Marc Cogle at mcogle@yahoo.com.

Help is Here

If you would like to have your contact information published in the next newsletter, we are looking for residents who would like to help out fellow Lazybrookers. Possible services:

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| Lawn care | Baby Sitting |
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JUST SOLD	JUST SOLD	JUST SOLD
		
31414 Bearing Star 4/3.5/2	1634 Chantilly 3/2/1	1037 Rosepoint 3/1 Lot Value



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REALTY

NOVEMBER

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
Please note:  = Heavy Tree Waste	Just a reminder, effective November 1, heavy trash collection is the 3rd Wednesday for all of Lazybrook.			1 	2	3
4 Daylight Savings Time Ends (Fall back 1 hour)	5	6 Election Day	7	8 	9	10
11 Veterans Day	12	13	14	15 	16	17 Movie Night at Jaycee Park
18	19	20	21  North & South	22 Thanksgiving	23 	24
25	26	27 Civic Club Meeting (Party to follow) 7pm	28	29 	30	

DECEMBER

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
Please note:  = Heavy Trash - Junk	Watch Lazybrook.org and the Email list for information about the Lazybrook Holiday Lighting Contest.					1
2	3	4	5	6 	7	8 Snow Day at Jaycee Park Hanukkah begins
9	10	11	12	13 	14	15
16	17	18	19  North & South	20 	21	22
23 30	24 31	25 Christmas	26	27 	28	29

JANUARY

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
Please note:  = Heavy Tree Waste		1 New Year's Day	2	3 	4	5
6	7	8 Garden Club Meeting - 6:30 pm	9	10 	11	12
13	14	15	16  North & South	17 	18	19
20	21 Martin Luther King Jr. Day	22 Civic Club Meeting 7pm	23	24 	25	26
27	28	29	30	31 		