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Tealwood Times

Tealwood is a great place to call home.



**Greetings
Tealwood Homeowners!**

Thank you for making 2014 such a harmonious year.

I will soon be completing my term as your President and am pleased that very few issues actually surfaced requiring the involvement of your homeowners association. I want to thank you for the opportunity to serve you while working with the wonderful Tealwood volunteers on the Board. It's been an honor and valuable experience for me.

Also, I would like to take this opportunity to recognize Michelle Kaneda and volunteers for their efforts in leading and managing the always spectacular Halloween Bash! This annual event would not be enjoyed without their effort. Thank you all!

Finally, I wish you all abundance, happiness and peace in the upcoming year filled with hope.

C. Scott Nesbitt

Save the Date!

2015 Annual HOA Meeting

Tuesday, Feb 24, 6pm

Please attend the annual HOA meeting. It's informative and pertinent. Meeting held at the Memorial Forrest Club. Flyer coming soon.

**Flamingo Friday
Spring 2015**

Stayed tuned for date. Hosted by Emily Nguyen-Le on Gessner Road.

That Time of Year

That time of year's come
'round again,
So we wish you all the best.
The joy that comes from
knowing you
Makes us feel that we've
been blessed.

So we'll share with you
our feelings
At this special time of year:
May your holidays
be a delight,
Filled with happiness
and cheer.



Best. Bash. Ever!

A great time was had by all at this year's
Halloween Block Bash!

A huge thank you to Michelle & Tomo Kaneda for all the amazing work they did planning, organizing, decorating, making the Halloween party a night to remember! The magician was as captivating as he was entertaining, the thrilling rock climbing wall, the fascinating fortune teller, the beautiful face painting, the delicious pizza, the rockin' DJ, and perfect weather – it really was the best bash ever!





New Mixed-Use Development Project Planned

By Christine Rount

A 13-and-a-half-acre park-like lot on Memorial Drive across the street from the Lantern Lane Shopping Center is the planned site of a new mixed-use development.

A joint venture between the property's longtime owner, Methodist Hospital, and the developer of nearby CityCentre is behind **Memorial Green**, which is meant to include apartments, offices, and restaurant and retail space, as well as single-family homes.

"The project will center around an urban green space, which connects the uses in a pedestrian environment," reads a description of the project in the annual report of Midway Companies. Look for more information later this month in the Houston Chronicle.

I will have more information about this development as time goes on. Please feel free to contact me for additional information, [281-686-2836](tel:281-686-2836) or by email croutt@marthaturner.com.



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* Do not respond to unsolicited (spam) e-mail and do not click on links contained within an unsolicited e-mail * If you are requested to act quickly, it is likely a scam. Fraudsters create a sense of urgency to get you to act impulsively.



Home Security

* Just as with your door and window locks, even the best alarm system is no help unless it's used. Believe it or not, almost half the people with alarm systems do not arm them on a regular basis particularly during the daylight hours. * Be very careful about what you post – you never know who is reading your travel plans or your party schedule, and criminals have become very savvy about using Facebook and other social media to chart your whereabouts. Pass this tip onto your children * Avoid placing expensive presents under the tree if it is in plain sight of exterior windows or front door. Close those curtains.

Shopping Mall Security

* Always choose a bank with an ATM located in a highly visible. If you notice anyone suspicious approaching, cancel your transaction and leave. * When you leave your vehicle, lock your doors and keep windows closed. Don't leave valuable items inside your car, place packages in the trunk of your car. * Don't be talking on your cell phone as you leave the mall walking to your car. You need to pay close attention to your surroundings and anyone who looks suspicious. * Approach your car with car keys in hand and survey the exterior and interior of your vehicle before entering. Place your packages in the trunk all the while aware of anyone who may be nearby or approaching you. * Don't get into your car if you think you are being followed or are suspicious of anyone standing near your car, return to the mall or store and ask for security assistance. * Beware alert if a stranger approaches you for any reason. At this time of year there are "scammers" trying various methods to distract you with the intention of taking your money and belongings

Stay safe! Bill McHolick, President Elect



Congratulations to the
October 2014
Yard of the Month Winners!

Jill & Larry Kolb
327 Tealwood Drive

Emergency Access by the Fire Department

A Tealwood resident recently raised a concern regarding emergency access to a home (or lot) in the event of fire. They indicated that a neighbor of theirs presented 'a very hazardous situation' in that "The occupants [of this house] lock their front gate when they leave on vacation. No fire equipment could access that house [in the event of a fire]."

Security gates on a driveway are common in our subdivision and, whether we are home or not, they serve as a useful deterrent, either to keep unwanted visitors out, or to keep other members of the family (e.g., dogs, small children) in. So called "burglar bars" and gates immediately in front of a front door present a similar challenge/deterrent. I raised this concern regarding emergency access to both the Village Fire Department and the City of Houston Fire Department. I also raised it with the Memorial Villages Police Department as the situation could extend to other emergency response as well.

I was assured by both fire departments I interviewed that any of these obstacles would present a minimal delay in the event of an emergency. Training in 'forcible entry' is an important aspect of their preparedness, whether through doorways, walls, or gates. In addition

to the ubiquitous axes, fire trucks carry such specialized equipment as rotary saws with metal-cutting blades. Hydraulic rescue tools (including the well-known 'jaws of life', providing up to 82,000 pounds of force) could also be deployed. Additionally, trucks carry additional lengths of hose (typically in 300-foot lengths) that can be attached to the initial hose to get to the back of your property through a limited access way if required.

Police response is typically more 'restrained'. In the event of an alarm, for example, their first steps are to check for forced entry to the perimeter of the house in an effort to secure the property. (A locked gate might, in that case, indicate a false alarm.) While they are also trained in forcible entry, they will first try to reach the emergency contact listed with the alarm company to provide entry to the outer perimeter, and to the house itself. Spare keys in the possession of a trusted neighbor(s) also provide an alternative means of access.

Bottom line: The resident's concerns are unfounded, and there's little reason to avoid using a gate if you currently are doing so.

Jere Noerager
VP Architecture

Just for a laugh!

A little girl climbed onto Santa's lap, and Santa asked his usual question of her: "And what would you like for Christmas?" The child stared at him open mouthed and horrified for a minute and then gasped: "Didn't you get my E-mail?"

I made myself a snowball,
As perfect as could be,
I thought I'd keep it as a pet,
And let it sleep with me.
I made it some pajamas,
And a pillow for its head,
Then last night it ran away,
But first - it wet the bed!


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