#### SPRING 2018

# Tealwood Times

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# Notice of 2018 Annual Meeting

Save the Date!

#### **2018 Annual Meeting**

Tuesday February 27

Memorial Forrest Clubhouse 12122 Memorial Drive

5:30pm - 6:00 pm Beverages & Light Bites & Meet & Greet

**6:00pm - 8:00pm** Meeting begins with briefings from public officials

#### Flamingo Friday

We have a host family lined up for the Spring Flamingo and will send out information as soon as the details are available.

Special thanks go out to Melissa and Jeremy Daniel for hosting the December Flamingo Friday Party. It was a Fun Time for all!!!

Flamingo Friday is a casual, adults-only cocktail party. Everyone brings an appetizer to share and their own choice of beverage. Please contact Christine Routt at 281-686-2836 to host a future party. The Annual Meeting of the Tealwood Homeowners Association (HOA) will be held on Tuesday, Feburary 27, 2018 at Memorial Forest Clubhouse located at 12122 Memorial Drive. This meeting is held annually to elect new directors and officers for the Tealwood HOA Board and to discuss the HOA budget and other pertinent issues important to the neighborhood. Representatives have been invited from the City of Houston, Bunker Hill Village and the Precinct 5 Constable's office.

The candidates for the Board are listed below. Three new residents are standing for election to the 2018 Board. Any other homeowner who is interested in serving on the Board may submit his/her name and biographical information as a candidate to the 2018 Board to Stephanie Newell by February 15. Per the Tealwood HOA Bylaws nominations for the Board cannot be made from the floor at the Annual Meeting.

Also included in this Newsletter is a Proxy Form. If you are unable to attend the Annual Meeting please complete the Proxy Form and give it to someone who is attending the Meeting or follow the directions on the form for drop off at 319 Vanderpool, the home of Kathy Ellwood.

#### **Tealwood HOA New Leadership Nominees:**

#### **Officers and Directors for 2018**

President (1 Yr.) Stephanie Newell President-Elect (1 Yr.) Malek Bohsali Secretary (1 Yr.) Christine Routt Treasurer (1 Yr.) Kelley Dempsey Director (3 Yrs.) Kavitha Shenov Director (3 Yrs.) Scott Washburn Director (2 Yrs.) Alicia Fisher Director\* (2 Yrs.) Jere Noerager Director\* (1 Yrs.) Erin Mayer Director\* (1 Yrs.) Annie Bullock

\*Elected previously to the Board for a three-year term. What is shown is the remainder of their term.

# Anticipated Committee Appointments:

#### Architectural Control:

Kavitha Shenoy, VP & Chair Annie Bullock Scott Washburn

#### Maintenance:

Jere Noerager, VP & Chair Alicia Fisher Christine Routt

Social Chairman & Tealwood Times Editor, Christine Routt IT, Website & Communications Group, Erin Mayer, Christine Routt, Malek Bohsali

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# Message from Outgoing President

# **Don Campbell**

As my term as President ends, I would like to focus on the accomplishments and activities of 2017, and thank each of you who served on the Tealwood HOA Board. We completed the task of revising, registering and distributing our Bylaws and Deed Restrictions to comply with Texas state regulations. Our information technology efforts yielded a functional and updated website and established an e-mail program whereby we can now quickly contact our members to provide information and notification of emergency situations. We collected 100% of 2017 maintenance fees, with no delinquencies outstanding. We closely monitored our expenses and finished the year with a slight deficit of only approximately \$1,000. As a result, we were able to hold the maintenance dues for 2018 at the same level as 2017.

We ended the year with an unreserved, unencumbered cash balance of approximately \$44,000. All in all, in my opinion, 2017 was a very good year and is the result of diligent professional efforts by your HOA Officers and Board Members. My thanks for all of their efforts and accomplishments.

We are one of a very few HOA's who completely self-manage their organizational affairs. The cost of employing a management firm to perform these duties is substantial and would certainly result in a significant increase in our annual maintenance fee. This ability to successfully self-manage depends on the energy, enthusiasm and willingness to serve by Tealwood residents. Please consider volunteering your time and talents to Tealwood HOA.

Let's all attempt to attend our annual meeting on February 27. I would like to see a record turnout this year. See you there.



## Prospective Board Member's Bios

Alicia Fisher: Alicia and her husband Dave moved back to Houston in the summer of 2015. They are so happy to have found their home in the Tealwood subdivision. Alicia enjoys the friendly and welcoming atmosphere of Tealwood and is pleased to be considered for a position on the HOA board. She received her teaching/program administration degree from Cal Poly San Luis Obispo, CA. Since retirement, Alicia has worked at various volunteer and part time positions including school, hospital, church, AARB board and as a pharmacy technician. Alicia has two grown daughters and two grandchildren who all live in the Houston area. She loves spending as much time as possible with the little ones.

**Scott Washburn:** Scott is a realtor with Walzel Properties specializing in residential homes and investment properties. He also owns Voyager Rental Properties in the Houston area. Before real estate Scott worked for 20 years in corporate IT with Texas Instruments, Compaq, and Hewlett Packard. Scott is married to Shelley Washburn who is President of GSM, an affiliate of the Friedken Group. Scott is very active in Child Advocates and has been a volunteer for over 12 years and is also a member of the Advisory Board. In his spare time, he likes to play golf and tennis, snow skiing, and is an avid boater who has his Captain's License with the United States Coast Guard.

**Kavitha Shenoy:** A Houston native, Kavitha graduated from Memorial High School. After a short stay in Austin and Chicago where she completed graduate school she returned to her home town. She currently works as a PA at The MD Anderson Cancer Center. Married with 3 children, she and her husband moved to Tealwood four years ago. Their children attend Memorial Middle and Frostwood Elementary. She is excited to be a part of the HOA and looks forward to having a positive impact on the community.

After 31+ years in Tealwood, we will be leaving our home on Vanderpool, moving to the 9th floor of the Buckingham Tower at 8580 Woodway Dr. #8902.

We clearly remember the very first neighbors we met in 1986 (when we arrived after 3+ years in Tokyo) - the Stanwoods whose lot shared a back fence with ours. Margaret greeted us with a freshly baked pie. That was a great start to the warm friendship which developed - the forerunner of many more in Tealwood. In the summer of 1990, the homeowners association was revived by Bill Purifoy and David Dickson. David edited the 'first' newsletter in August 1990. That's when Gayle and I really started to get involved. I wrote some early articles for the newsletter and when the Dicksons moved, I took over the editing job for the next 17 years (1992 through 2009). Gayle was an early block captain and later revived a neighborhood bridge club that met for over ten years. Our involvement was key to building our Tealwood friendships. We will miss all of you and, if invited, we promise to attend a Flamingo Friday in the future.

## Holiday Yard of the Month Winners

## October

Harlan and Cynthia Lane and daughter's Lydia and Anna. 326 Tamerlaine







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Mary, Julia and Felix Cantu 242 Tamerlaine Drive



## Insights from our Resident Horticulture Enthusiast, Jere Noerager

After a freeze, some plants may show signs of frost damage. Frost damage can reveal itself as dark areas on leaves, a burnt appearance, or wilting. Here are some things you can do to help protect and nurture a plant with frost/freeze damage.

- 1. Don't prune: Although frost damage can be unsightly, you should not cut back dead or damaged leaves or branches. This is very difficult for many gardeners, as cutting something unhealthy off their plant feels like the natural thing to do. However, the damaged leaves still have benefit by acting to protect the remaining plant from wind and chill. Besides, pruning promotes tender new growth, which is the last thing we want before winter is over. Keep your shears away until spring (late February for perennials and early March for tropicals) when the weather begins to warm. Spring is the time to cut back dead matter and let new growth take over. Feel free to trim plants all the way to the ground, just leaving a few inches of old growth.
- 2. Add compost/mulch: It's never a bad time to add compost and mulch. In fact, adding these two during the winter helps to further insulate plants' rootzones while supplying plants with essential nutrients and the microbiology the need to stay healthy and happy. For mulch, the Native Hardwood is best, double-ground and aged: apply a 2-3 inch layer. It's important not to place mulch up to the bark of plants and trees creating a volcano appearance. (As a rule, keep mulch, regardless of type, at least 3-6 inches away from the trunk of young trees and shrubs, and at least 8-12 inches away from the trunks of more mature trees.) Bark decay occurs when mulch is left against tree trunks or stems of shrubs for extended periods of time. The mulch causes continuous dampness that will encourage decay, attract insects, fungi and bacteria to feed on the rotting wood. Wood rot can develop and cause the eventual death of woody plants.
- 3. If another freeze is threatened, prevent further damage: A damaged plant may not have what it takes to make it through another freeze. Protect these tender plants by bringing them inside if possible. If this isn't possible, wrap them in frost cloth. Cover the entire plant and secure well at the base to ensure no wind can move under the cloth. Wrapping a plant may make the difference between life and death in the garden. Before a hard freeze, water your garden well. Water saturated soil holds heat better than a dry soil. Keep damaged plants well watered but be mindful that plants need less water in cooler weather.



Christine Routt, Tealwood HOA Social Chairman, Newsletter Editor & Secretary REALTOR Associate, SRS, ABR, ALHS, CHMS

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### Be a Good Neighbor, Please!

Living in Tealwood constitutes an agreement to follow all Tealwood and all City of Houston or City of Bunker Hill deed restrictions! The approved Tealwood covenants are available online at tealwood.org.

Respect your neighbors by maintaining the exterior of your home and yard...

Keep your trees trimmed, grass short and edged at all times, pine needles and landscaping in check....

Remove all seasonal and holiday decorations after the holiday passes... Keep any trash or debris hidden from view except on collection days... Discard all visible trash or debris on your lot on collection days... Remove any objects visible from any street that detract from the visual attractiveness of the neighborhood....

Be a good neighbor to your fellow neighbors...keep your part of the neighborhood looking good and the value of living in Tealwood high!

Tealwood Architecture Committee