

The President's Desk Bill Purifoy

Let me begin with thanks to all of you who have given your time to Tealwood these past two months -- to the new Board of Directors and the Block Captains. We've had several meetings and distributed homeowner materials. This is a good beginning in our goal to establish communication within our area and to address common problems.

Another goal has been improved landscape maintenance. Lo and Harold Wallace have been working with Sam Udemi to outline our needs and wishes. The sprinklers have been repaired; if you should notice any malfunction, please do report this to the Wallaces. The ditch and area behind our wall on Memorial are at last being out by Bunker Hill Village and the City of Houston. Further improvements are still hoped for -- perhaps filling in the ditch for easier maintenance. Litter is an ongoing problem. Any suggestions?

I'm happy to report that we've had no further known incidents of crime in Tealwood since my last letter. Again, we encourage you to notify your Block Captain or Bob Gregg about any activity or concern.

The new directory is soon to be printed. We now have most of the information in David Dickson's computer. He is serving in place of Sally Scholz as Tealwood secretary. Our longtime friend Pat Minnis Barbee of John Daugherty Realtors will do the printing. Additional thanks to David Dickson for this first newsletter. We look forward to more throughout the year.

Neighborhood Security Constable Patrol

Tealwood consists of 174 homes divided almost equally between the municipalities of Houston and Bunker Hill Village. Municipal police department jurisdiction is likewise divided, with homes in Bunker Hill Village and Houston falling respectively under the jurisdiction of either the Bunker Hill Village or City of Houston police departments. By dialing 911 you will be automatically connected to the municipal police department in whose jurisdiction your home is located.

However, all of Tealwood is within the jurisdiction of the Precinct 5 Harris County Constable. In addition to the normal coverage provided by the Constable, Tealwood has joined seven other area neighborhoods (Fonn Villas, Memorial Meadows, Memorial Forest, Memorial Pines, Frostwood, Woodland Hollow and Memorial Drive Townhouses) in participating in

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the Constable Patrol program. Through this program, we employ three deputy constables to exclusively patrol these eight area neighborhoods. The cost of the program is approximately \$60 per-year per-home, and is paid for through the annual maintenance assessment.

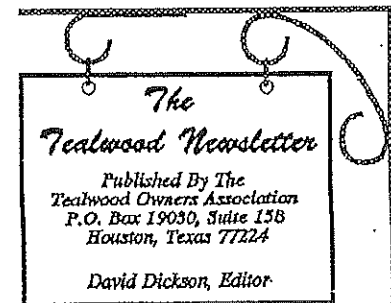
The advantages of the Constable Patrol program are many. Having three deputies dedicated to this relatively small area helps deter crime by increasing the visibility of law enforcement in the neighborhood. Our deputies become familiar with the neighborhood and become more effective in spotting suspicious persons and activities. Our neighborhood Constable Patrol can also respond quickly in the event of an emergency. In addition, if you notify the Constable dispatcher a few days in advance, our deputies will monitor your home while you are out of town. And, if you instruct your security-alarm company to notify the Constable dispatcher, our deputies will respond to alarms.

Remember, reporting an emergency through 911 does not notify the Constable dispatcher. To contact the Constable dispatcher to report an emergency, a suspicious person or activity, or to arrange for your home to be monitored while you are away, call 463-6666. Make a note of the number and keep it near your telephone or, better yet, stick the recently distributed Constable Patrol labels to your telephone handset or receiver. Questions concerning Tealwood's participation in the Constable Patrol program may be addressed to Bob Gregg in care of the Tealwood Owners Association.

Did You Know? Austin Info

Did you know that by calling 1-800-252-9693 the general public can get information on the status of any bill or resolution in the Texas House or Senate? Bills can be referenced by either subject or author. Also available at this number are legislators' telephone numbers and addresses, committee schedules and the daily agenda for the Texas House and Senate.

This service of the Legislative Reference Library is available 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. Monday through Thursday, and 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Friday. The public may also place telephone calls to the governor by calling (512)463-2000.



Keeping In Touch *Block Captains*

While Tealwood has just 174 homes, the distribution of information is still a problem. The U.S. mail might be the most direct approach, but it doesn't take too many mailings at \$43.50 (the cost of 174 twenty-five cent stamps) to begin to eat away at your Owners Association budget.

To save money as well as to provide a people-to-people means of communicating with Tealwood residents, the Owners Association has established 11 block captains to serve as its liaisons. These 11 volunteers (and conscripts) have already distributed information on deed restrictions, the neighborhood directory, owners association bylaws, and this newsletter.

Captain	Area
Jack Grundy	1
Mary Feller	2
Jere Noerager	3
Noc Woodman	4
Nancy Campbell	5
Carol Piper	6
Bob Longmire	7
Naomi Dempsey	8
David Dickson	9
Carolyn Purifoy	10
Gretchen Odum	11

These folks are your neighbors, so greet them with a wave when you see them wandering from house to house on their appointed rounds.

Editor's Notebook *Getting Started*

Hello, and welcome to the inaugural edition of The Tealwood Newsletter. Having lived in the neighborhood for just a little more than a year, I use the term inaugural with some trepidation. In the 20 plus year history of Tealwood, there have probably been other newsletters, relegating this to only the most recent attempt. In any event, welcome and *HELLA*

While there have been many requests to the Owners Association for a newsletter, there have not been an equal number of volunteers. I agreed to take on the task, with the caveat that I be able to muster up some help. You see, the hard part of doing a newsletter is not filling up the pages, but filling up the pages with interesting material that people will look forward to reading. The only chance I have of working that miracle on a regular basis is if others contribute.

So, all you would-be journalists, essayists, and reviewers, I need your help to make this newsletter work. Otherwise, two months from now I'll be sitting here in from of my word processor with nothing to process. If you have an idea for a regular column or would just like to contribute an article occasionally (or just once), please get in touch with me. Topics could include neighborhood history, people stories, book reviews, school news, gardening tips, or just about anything else you can think of. We'll also

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print notices of neighborhood and local school events, if someone provides the information.

The frequency of publication will be dictated entirely by the time required to gather sufficient material to fill an edition, but probably at most not more than bi-monthly. Seriously, this could be a lot of fun if just a few people will contribute a little of their talent and time. Call 468-3931 or stop by 206 Vanderpool.

-- David Dickson

Deed Restrictions *FYI Highlights*

Deed restrictions are vital to maintaining the value and character of our neighborhood. To increase awareness and understanding, this column highlights excerpts from the current Tealwood deed restrictions.

"Each lot in Tealwood, Sections One, Two and Three shall be used for single family residential purposes only. The term 'residential purposes' as used herein shall be held and construed to exclude, by illustration, and not by limitation, the following: hospitals, clinics, duplex houses, apartment houses, boarding houses, and hotels, and to exclude all business, commercial, and professional uses, whether from homes, residences or otherwise, and any such use of said lots is hereby expressly prohibited. No buildings shall

be erected, altered, placed or permitted to remain on any lot other than one detached single family dwelling not to exceed two and one-half stories in height and a private garage for not more than three cars and a bona fide servants quarters, which quarters may be occupied by servants employed on the premises."

Questions concerning deed restrictions may be addressed to Jose Teran in care of the Tealwood Owners Association.

Neighborhood Security *Late Breaking Item*

This last minute update on security. It is reported, but unverified, that a female jogger was abducted and assaulted at about 5:30 a.m. near Gessner and Perthshire. While not occurring in Tealwood, the reported location of this incident was close enough to warrant informing Tealwood residents.

Editor's Notebook
Getting Involved

Hello again, and welcome to the October edition of the Tealwood Newsletter. In the last issue I appealed for help in publishing the newsletter. Well, I've got good news and bad news. The good news is that Dr. Steve Gallager, your neighbor at 234 Gessner, volunteered to help with the newsletter, and you will find several of his contributions in this issue. The bad news is that Steve was the only Tealwood resident who volunteered to help.

The Tealwood Newsletter

It's not too late. Screw your courage to the sticking place, (any idea what Shakespeare meant by that?) and give me a call. Great literary skill is not a requirement (obviously). All you need is a desire to contribute and few free hours every other month. You're probably thinking, what could I do for the newsletter? We'll here are a couple of ideas. Do you regularly attend the Bunker Hill Village council meetings? Why not share what you learn at those meetings with the other residents of Tealwood through a column in the Tealwood Newsletter? Do you keep up with the activities at your children's schools? Why not contribute a "what's happening" column, about those schools?

Surely there are some good cooks out there. How about a "recipe of the month" column? Call today, operators are standing by (well maybe not standing). Sitting or standing, I'd like to hear from you. We could also use some free copying. (See Notebook, Page 4)

The President's Desk
Bill Purifoy

For those of you who are new to Tealwood as well as for longtime residents, we feel that an explanation of the annual Maintenance Fee might be welcomed. The Tealwood Home Owners

Association budget is prepared each year and funded by the maintenance fee, penalties, garbage fee, garbage collection

1990 Tealwood Budget	
Garbage pickup	50%
Security	15%
Grounds	13%
Utilities	11%
All other	11%

refunds from the City of Houston, and interest income. The present assessment rate is 30 mills (\$ 0.03) per square foot of lot area. While the deed restrictions provide for a maximum assessment of 50 mills (\$0.05) per square foot, we are still pretty far from that ceiling.

The largest single expenditure each year is for back-door garbage pickup by Browning Ferris

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Neighborhood Security
Helping Ourselves

According to Constable Captain Foster, area law enforcement agencies, including our Constable, offer free home security inspections. An officer will visit your home and conduct a survey for elements which contribute to security. According to Captain Foster, many insurance companies offer discounts on home-owners insurance for homes which can pass this type of inspection. Contact area law enforcement and your insurance company for more information on how this type of inspection might improve the security of your home and save you money.

During September there were several door-to-door solicitors reported in the Tealwood area. While we cannot prevent solicitors from entering our area, we can collectively discourage them by not purchasing goods or services that are sold door-to-door. To be sure that a door-to-door solicitor is only that, our Constable Patrol will check on door-to-door solicitors in the neighborhood if they are promptly reported to the Constable dispatcher.

Light discourages vandalism, burglary, and other undesirable activities. While we have a large number of street lights in our neighborhood, in many areas trees block much of the illumination. Turning on porch lights or other outdoor lighting would make our neighborhood less conducive to criminal activity at very little extra cost. If the night of October 8th was representative, the majority of Tealwood residents do not regularly turn on porch lights or other outdoor lighting.

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Industries and the City of Bunker Hill. The Board does not see that any change in this method of pickup would be beneficial, or that a change is even possible for those homes in Bunker Hill. The second largest expenditure is for our security service or Constable Patrol. Grounds maintenance (medians, etc.) and utilities are respectively the third and fourth largest expenditures. This year, the maintenance fund has been kept in the black with prudent management by your owners association directors; last year, as you may know, there was a deficit. We do not have a contingency fund or a capital improvement fund.

Again, let me tell you that your owners association officers welcome your help, calls, and suggestions on neighborhood matters. The President-Elect office is still vacant and we hope that a volunteer will come forward.



Tealwood Gardens

Steve Gallager

October is the time to be on guard against brown patch in your lawn, says Mark Weido, assistant manager of Cornelius Nurseries Inc. Brown patch is caused by a fungus and is likely to attack grass that is too wet. The fall months usually bring goodly amounts of rain after the dry summer, so keep track of precipitation and adjust your watering schedule or automatic sprinkler program accordingly. It is also a good idea, Mark says, to fill low spots with topsoil or other organic material to keep puddles from forming. If you had trouble with brown patch last year, it will probably recur unless you give the lawn a preventive application of a fungicide. If brown patch has already gotten established, treat it promptly. Wait until it is under control before fertilizing.

Chinch bugs and sod webworms are also fall threats to lawns. The first sign of chinch bug infestation is the appearance of yellow-brown spots in the grass along the edges of driveways and other paved surfaces. Webworms eat the blades of grass, producing bare spots. The worms, which are pale green in color and about half an inch long, can be seen if you look closely while spreading the roots apart. Treatment with dursban or diazanon is effective against either pest.

Mark also wants to remind you that now is the time to start preparing for winter. Many gardeners believe that fall is the best time to

fertilize lawns and flowering plants. A layer of mulch on the flower beds helps plants withstand winter's low temperatures. And if you have crape myrtle, Mark suggest that you spray them now for aphids. It can make a real difference next spring.

Did You Know ...

... that there is a quiet, secluded patch of woodland only minutes from Tealwood? It's the Edith L. Moore Nature Sanctuary, headquarters of the Houston Audubon Society, and it's open every day from sunrise to sunset. To get there, go west on Memorial Drive and turn left at Wilchester, which is just beyond the first traffic signal after Beltway 8. The entrance to the sanctuary, plainly marked, is on the left, a few hundred yards south of Memorial. It's a great place to shake off tension, watch birds or just loaf. Call 932-1392 for more information.

... that the teal in Tealwood refers to any of several small, short-necked, freshwater wild ducks, found in Europe and North America? Though, I doubt many are to be found in Tealwood.

... that forte, meaning something someone does particularly well, is correctly pronounced fôr't, and not, as it is almost always mispronounced, fôr'tā? The other forte, correctly pronounced fôr'tā, is musical terminology meaning to play loud then soft. The two words have completely different origins.

Neighborhood Nature

Steve Gallager

Right now I am looking out the window at a ruby-throated hummingbird who is perched on a twig no more than eight feet away. Every so often he buzzes over to the feeder that hangs from the edge of the roof, dips his bill in for a swig of red sugar water then zips back to his twig and allows the breeze to swing him gently until it's time for another belt.

I know this hummer. He's a regular boarder here and pays for his tipple by entertaining. It's a good show he puts on, too. Sometimes he hangs still in midair for several seconds to let the suspense build, then zooms away so fast that he seems almost to disappear. Every so often he teams up with a buddy to put on a mini air show. They specialize in aerobatics in tight formation and it's exciting stuff.

The hummingbird is only one of the many kinds of birds that live in Tealwood. There are also cardinals, blue jays, chickadees, titmice, mocking birds, woodpeckers, several kinds of blackbirds and at least three different varieties of doves. Backyard bird watching is a pastime that can grow on you. Give it a try.

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If your company has the capability of making good quality 11" x 17" copies, you can save the Owners Association \$300/year by volunteering to reproduce the 6 yearly issues of the newsletter. Call the editor if you can help out.

Keeping In Touch

Block Captains

More than one Tealwood resident has called asking how to contact their block captain. To help out, the list below shows the jurisdiction, name, and telephone number of each Tealwood block captain.

Block Captain Areas

Area 1	386 - 375	Tealwood Drive
Area 2	301 - 339	Tealwood Drive
Area 3	12336 - 12370	Longworth Lane
Area 4	12302 - 12334	Longworth Lane
Area 5	303 - 346	Tamerlaine Drive 338 Vanderpool Lane
Area 6	303 - 332	Vanderpool Lane
Area 7	12322 - 12331	Tunbridge Lane 234 - 302 Vanderpool Lane
Area 8	230 - 302	Tamerlaine Drive
Area 9	214 - 226	Tamerlaine Drive 202 - 226 Vanderpool Lane
Area 10	235 - 311	Gessner Road
Area 11	202 - 234	Gessner Road

Block Captains

Area 1	Jack Grundy	464-0986
Area 2	Mary Feller	468-8147
Area 3	Jero Noerager	467-4072
Area 4	Noe Woodman	464-6810
Area 5	Nancy Cambell	827-1747
Area 6	Carol Piper	464-8279
Area 7	Bob Longmire	461-1205
Area 8	Naomi Dempsey	461-7858
Area 9	David Dickson	468-3931
Area 10	Carolyn Purifoy	464-3211
Area 11	Gretchen Odum	467-0454

The President's Desk.

Bill Purifoy

I hope that you are enjoying your new neighborhood directory. Much appreciation goes to former neighbor, and past President of the Tealwood Home Owners Association, Pat Minnis Barbee and to John Daugherty Realtors for the printing and distribution. David Dickson deserves a warm thank you for compiling and editing the directory.

We also thank the many people responsible for the wreath that is hung on the Memorial and Gessner entrance to Tealwood (See Holiday Doings for details). And, we thank the block captains who continue to do a super job. It is great to see so many people working together in our neighborhood.

Preparation for 1991 is underway. Our annual home owners meeting will be on the fourth Tuesday of February 1991. So mark your calendar for 7:00 p.m., February 26, 1991, at the Frostwood Elementary School Cafetorium. The proposed 1991 officers and directors of the Tealwood Home Owners Association are listed at right.

In closing I would like to wish each one of you a warm and happy holiday season.

Tealwood Home Owners Association Proposed 1991 Officers & Directors

W.R. Purifoy	President
David Dickson	President Elect
Harold Wallace	VP Maintenance
David Kazden	VP Architecture
Stephen Gallager	Secretary
Bob Greg	Directors - one year terms
Ron Ramsey	Directors - one year terms
David Kazden	Directors - two year terms
Harold Wallace	Directors - two year terms
Jim Harris	Directors - three year terms
Donna Sloan	Directors - three year terms

Combating Auto Theft

Steve Gallager

Automobile owners who usually spend the wee small hours safely at home are now being offered a new way to protect their cars from thieves. It's a program originated by the Houston Police Department and given the acronym C.H.A.T., for Combat Houston Auto Theft. The Village Police Department is cooperating enthusiastically.

Here's how it works. CHAT registered vehicles have a special decal affixed to the inside of the rear windshield. The presence of the sticker tells

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Harold & Lo Wallace

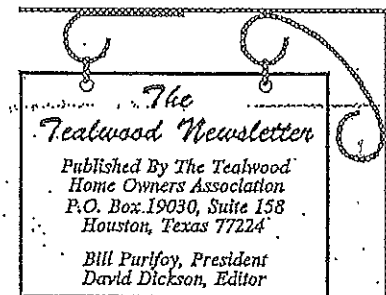
We are all interested in the appearance of Tealwood, but we may not be aware of all that goes into maintaining our neighborhood. The story really begins around the first of each year when you receive the notice for payment of your annual maintenance fee. Based on the number of square feet in your lot, the fee is collected by the Tealwood Home Owners Association primarily for the purpose of taking care of the neighborhood. The several maintenance items described below represent a significant portion of the home owners association annual budget. Cost figures provided here are estimates based on recent experience.

Water: Water for maintaining grass, plants, and trees on Tealwood medians and cul-de-sacs costs a minimum of \$125 monthly or \$1500 annually (based on minimum charges for the 12 water meters serving Tealwood). Sprinklers connected to these meters are turned on and off as needed (no timers) by Tealwood residents who have been provided with keys for that purpose. Presently, the Purifoy household is responsible for the area serviced by the northern most 3 meters on Gessner, Odum for the next meter south on Gessner, Kelley the Gessner cul-de-sac, Stanwood and Garrott the 200 Tamerlaine meter, Bruckner and McDade the 300 Tamerlaine meter, Wallace South Gessner; Moncrief the 200 Vanderpool meter, Teague the Tunbridge meter, Wallace and Lynch the 300 Vanderpool meter, Brown the Longworth meter, and Gregg the Tealwood meter.

It is easy to see, that if watering is not done expeditiously and the sprinklers are not maintained properly, our water utilization and expense will be larger than necessary. Leakage or any other malfunction should be reported to the Vice President of Maintenance as listed in the Tealwood telephone directory. The bad freeze in 1989 created a substantial repair problem. Weather related damage like this can be avoided by draining the systems. Anyone in the neighborhood can help assume responsibility for this sort of preventive care by contacting any of the persons mentioned above.

Electricity: Electricity for Tealwood street lights within the City of Houston is \$325 monthly or \$3900 annually. Street lights in Bunker Hill Village are provided at no additional cost to Tealwood.

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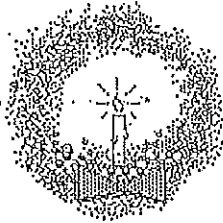


Holiday Doings *Have You Seen The Wreath?*

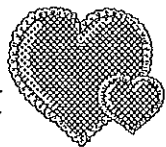
The holidays have come to Tealwood! Thanks to a few of our neighbors and a little seed money from the home owners association, Tealwood has a holiday wreath hanging on our much fought for wall at Gessner and Memorial.

Thanks go to Marilyn Lynch, who thought of the idea, Carolyn Purifoy who talked the home owners association president into \$50 to partially fund

the project, and Mary Ann Salch whose hot-glue gun worked overtime to create it. Special thanks to Bill and Robin Downe and their boys, and to Steve Salch for braving the traffic, not to mention Mary Ann's "supervision", to hang the wreath. Looks great!



Come To The Valentine Coffee



Looking for a way to meet your neighbors? Come to the Valentine Coffee to be given at the home of Ginny Stinson, 247 Tamerlane, on

Thursday, February 14th, from 9:00 am until noon. For more details or to R.S.V.P., call Ginny Stinson at 932-6710. Don't miss it!

Village Fire Department *Steve Gallager*

The Village Fire Department has recently activated its new communications center, and it's a model of efficiency, beauty, and convenience. The center occupies a glassed-in mezzanine overlooking the main equipment bays at the department's garage at 901 Corbindale.

The dispatcher on duty sits at an elegantly constructed horseshoe-shaped, oak desk surrounded by a complicated array of radios, telephones, recorders and computers, all easily within reach. To the dispatcher's right is the receiver and screen for the 911 system. When a call comes in on this line, the screen displays the calling number, the street address, whether the building is a residence or business, and whether the fire department, police or an ambulance is needed. In the center are main emergency-line telephones through which most alarms are received. These are tied in to the general paging system for the fire station. Also centrally located on the desk top is a computer which contains information as to the quickest route to any address in the area, the location of the nearest fireplug, and other data to facilitate the firemen's task.

When an alarm is received, the firemen on duty hear it at the same time as the dispatcher, and, says Fire Chief Anthony C. Calagna, "They're out the door!" At the same time, the dispatcher is punching up the address on his computer and

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quickly relays the information to the firemen in route. By the time they arrive at the site, the tactical situation is clear to everyone.

Other equipment at the dispatcher's disposal include radio links to neighboring fire and police departments and tape machines that record all incoming calls. If an excited caller is hard to understand or hangs up too soon, the call can be replayed for greater clarity. Chief Calagna gives most of the credit for the concept and design of the new center to the firemen themselves. "I just stood back and let them do it," he says. Not only have they achieved a system that is tailored to the needs of the community, but they have done so for less than the same facilities would have cost if planned by and purchased from a commercial supplier.

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police officers that they have the owner's permission to stop this car for the purpose of identifying the driver if they see the vehicle on the street between the hours of 1:00 a.m. and 5:00 a.m. If the driver is legitimate, he suffers only the minor inconvenience of having to show his driver's license. However, if he's an auto thief, he is obviously in big trouble, and that's the whole idea. To volunteer for the CHAT program, it is necessary only to take the vehicle to be registered to the Village Police Department at 11981 Memorial Drive or to any Houston Police substation. You must provide proof of ownership (a title, license receipt or lease agreement) and fill out a form indicating that you understand the requirements of the program. There is no charge.

Editor's Notebook *A Loss For Tealwood*

I am sorry to have to report the death of Dr. Stephen Gallager. Steve had lived in Tealwood about 3 years and began helping me with the newsletter in September. You may recall articles in the October issue on bird watching, the Moore Nature Sanctuary, and gardening that Steve contributed. The articles he wrote for this issue were completed only shortly before his death. Steve had volunteered to be Secretary for the owners associations next year. I regret that I will not have the opportunity to know Steve Gallager better, and that our neighborhood will no longer benefit from his spirit and involvement.

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Mowing: Lawn mowing, cleaning, edging, and fertilizing by our maintenance crew costs \$500 monthly for weekly attention during the growing season and bi-weekly attention during the winter. The ditch along Memorial Drive was cleaned this spring by the City of Houston, and is now being maintained by our maintenance crew.

Garbage Collection: Back-door garbage collection is provided by the City of Bunker Hill for homes in Bunker Hill, and by BFI for homes in the City of Houston. The owners association pays the City of Bunker Hill and BFI \$34,000 annually for this service. This expense is partially offset by a rebate of \$6,500 from the City of Houston for the garbage collection services the city does not provide because of our contract with BFI.