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President's Message

2016 has been a busy year, and as it comes to a close, I would like to take the opportunity to thank the Tealwood Homeowner's Association Board of Directors, as well as all volunteers. Many changes are facing our neighborhood and surrounding areas, and with your help, we have been able to make the necessary adjustments and prepare for the future. Our beautiful neighborhood is poised in the center of a great deal of revitalization, and we will continue to work together with the City of Houston, the City of Bunker Hill Village, and others to ensure that any projects occurring around Tealwood will serve the interests of our homeowners'.

The Memorial Drive Improvement Project is back on the drawing board for our section of Memorial Drive due to the possibility of federal funding. Your Tealwood Homeowner's Association Board of Directors will continue their dialogue with the City of Houston, the City of Bunker Hill Village and TIRZ 17 so that the interests of our Tealwood community are well represented. We will advise the neighborhood as more information becomes available.

In order to continue the progress that our Homeowner's Association is making, we will need new officers, directors, and volunteers for the upcoming year. Whether you have served before or not, I encourage you to contemplate volunteering or serving on the board of directors. These positions are, by and large, not overly time-consuming, and the benefit to the community outweighs any personal burden tenfold. If you are interested, please contact Don Campbell at tealwood.pres.elect@gmail.com, as he is the head of the Nomination Committee.

Please mark your calendars for our next annual meeting, which is scheduled for Tuesday, February 28th, 2017, at 6pm.

I have sincerely enjoyed being afforded the opportunity to serve as the President of the Tealwood Homeowner's Association over this past year. Thank you for all of your assistance, cooperation, and support.

Sincerely, Ginny Abiassi

Save the Date!

2017 Annual HOA Meeting

Tuesday, Feb 28, 6pm

Please attend the annual HOA meeting. It's informative and pertinent. The meeting will be held at the Memorial Forrest Club. Beverages and light bites will be served. Flyer coming soon.

Flamingo Friday

Winter 2016

This fun event was hosted by Marian & Jeff Herrin at 218 Tamerlaine Drive. The next party will be in March 2017.



Security Message From Don Campbell, President-Elect

From a security standpoint, thank goodness, 2016 has been a pretty uneventful year so far. We have experienced no significant crime situations that I am aware of. The constable Patrol program remains in effect with them providing a reasonably high degree of visibility and observation.

The Constable stresses that residents should report any unusual activity that may be encountered or observed. Don't be concerned about profiling, they will deal with that. Keep your cell phones handy with your speed dial set on 281-463-6666. Be especially observant as you enter the neighborhood. Watch for vehicles following you and do not stop or enter your driveway if you have any concerns. Close your gate immediately upon entering your property.

Remember we are the first and most important line of defense to prevent crime in Tealwood.



Board Member Bio Erin Mayer, Architectural Review Committee

Erin lives on Vanderpool Lane with her husband Rob, her youngest daughter Jessica (15), a 10TH grader and varsity volleyball player at Memorial High school, and the two family dogs, Bear and Charlie. Erin and Rob have two other children, Matt (25), a Petroleum Engineer and Texas A&M graduate who is currently working on his MBA, and Allie (20), who will be graduating from A&M in December with a degree in Geology.

Born in Austin, Erin spent most of her childhood in Tallahassee, Florida. She graduated from Trinity University and moved to Houston in the mid 1980's. She worked for several years as a teacher in the Aldine school district and spent the rest of her career at University of Houston – Downtown where she worked as Executive Director for Information Technology until she took early retirement a couple of years ago to spend more time with family. Erin holds a Bachelor's degree in Education and Psychology and a Master's in Business Management and Computer Science. She currently works part time as a consultant in IT Leadership and Project Management.

Erin's husband Rob was born in New Orleans but grew up in Frostwood. He works as a Senior Vice President for CGG. The Mayers moved to Tealwood in 2011 to be closer to work and Bob's father. They spend most of their time going to volleyball matches and spending time with family and friends in Houston or at their house on Lake Conroe.

10 Anti-Burglary Tips Especially When Your Home Goes On The Market

After Christmas, many people put the empty boxes their expensive gifts came in out on the curb. What do you think that says to potential burglars? It screams, "I just got a brand-new TV! Come and rob me!" The following are 10 anti-burglary tips

National Snapshot of Burglaries

A burglary is committed every 20 seconds, with nearly 1.6 million such crimes nationwide annually, according to the FBI's [2015 Crime in the United States](#) report. That's down 7.8 percent from 2014. Total property crime, reached nearly 8 million instances in 2015, down 2.6 percent from 2014.

1. Maintain your property. Especially in the wintertime, many people stay indoors and neglect issues such as peeling trim or an overgrown yard. But if the home looks unkempt, thieves may think its abandoned and, therefore, an easy target.

2. Know your neighbors. It's more than just saying hi. Invite them over to see your home before it goes on the market, and introduce them to the people they may see regularly stopping by during this time (especially your agent).

3. Assess your home's vulnerability. Ask yourself, "How would I get in if I were locked out?" The first thing you think of is exactly how a thief will get in. Think like a burglar, and then address the issues that come to mind.

4. Respect the power of lighting. The house that is well-lit at night provides a deterrent because thieves don't want the attention and the potential to be caught by witnesses. It's wise to invest in tools that make nighttime light automation easy. That includes dusk-to-dawn adapters that go into existing light fixtures and motion detectors.

5. Use technology to make your home look occupied. Smart-home technology has made it easier to make it appear like people are home. Systems that remotely control lighting, music, and appliances can help you achieve this.

6. Yes, it has to be said: Lock your doors. Some facts sellers should know: In 30 percent of burglaries, the criminals access the home through an unlocked door or window; 34 percent of burglars use the front door to get inside; and 22 percent use the back door, according to the FBI Uniform Crime Report.

7. Reinforce your locks. A good door lock is nothing without a solid frame. Invest in a solid door jam and strike plate first, and then invest in good locks. Know the difference between a single-cylinder and a double-cylinder deadbolt. Double-cylinder deadbolts are recommended because they require a key to get in and out. For safety and emergency escape purposes, you must leave the key in when you are home. But double-cylinder locks are against regulations in some places, so check with your local police department's crime prevention office.

8. Blare the sirens. Burglars are usually in and out in less than five minutes, and they know police can't respond to an alarm that quickly. Their bigger concern is witnesses to their crime. For that reason, an external siren is invaluable. Even if you don't have an alarm, it's not a bad idea to invest in fake security signs and post them near doors.

9. Consider surveillance cameras. The LAPD started a program encouraging homeowners to install a device called Ring, a doorbell with video surveillance capability that allows homeowners to view what's outside their door on their smartphone. After Ring was installed in hundreds of homes, the burglary rate dropped by 55% percent.

10. Mark your valuables and record details. Use invisible-ink pens or engravers to mark identifying information (driver's license or state ID numbers) on items. Log serial numbers and take photos of your belongings. Check to see if your police department participates in the Operation Identification program. They will have stickers for you to place on doors or windows warning would-be thieves that your items are marked. These steps may prevent them from pawning or selling stolen items and can help you reclaim recovered belongings.

Please contact me at [281-686-2836](tel:281-686-2836) to answer any questions you may have.

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Rayan, Zahra

Welcome to all
the new
Tealwood
neighbors!

Yard of the Month Winners!



May 2016
Thomas Dow Jr. and Family
254 Gessner Road



September 2016
David & Rachel Essling
12323 Longworth Lane



October 2016
Johnny & Caryn Papantonakis
315 Tealwood Drive

December 2016
Anthony & Christine LaMarra
209 Breeds Hill Court



Tealwood's Halloween Block Bash!

Everyone had a great time at the annual Halloween party! The magician, DJ, bouncy house, face painting, rock wall, tons of food – it was an awesome night. Special thanks to all the volunteers who made it happen, including: Christine Routt, Caryn Papantonakis, Chrissy Dunn, Jill Kolb, Rachel Molokin & Michelle Kaneda.

