

# TALES OF TANGLEGROVE

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3<sup>rd</sup> Quarter 2011

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Now that Fall is officially upon us...at least according to the calendar anyway!! – It's time for the second edition of *Tales of Tanglegrove*. The Social Committee is responsible for publication of the Newsletter on a quarterly basis. Suggestions or comments regarding the Newsletter can be submitted through the website at [www.tanglegroveth.org](http://www.tanglegroveth.org) under the "Contact" tab by clicking on "Resident Feedback" or by email to [Social.TanglegroveTH@Yahoo.com](mailto:Social.TanglegroveTH@Yahoo.com).

If you receive your mail at one of the group mailboxes on the property – GOOD NEWS!! The Board has approved a proposal to *replace* all of them. The new mailboxes have been ordered and will take 2-3 weeks to be delivered. Once they have been delivered, Creative Management will be mailing out the keys to your new mailbox. There will then be a 2-week waiting period to give all residents enough time to receive the new keys. When the mailboxes are replaced, some of the boxes will have to be moved to a temporary location for a 2-3 day period. They will be in the same general location but possibly on the other side of a sidewalk or just a few feet down from the original location and placed on temporary stands. PLEASE BE ON THE LOOKOUT FOR YOUR NEW KEYS!! If you currently receive mail to your front door, THIS WILL NOT CHANGE!

As detailed in the previous Newsletter, at the Board Meeting on June 21, 2011, the following officers were appointed for the coming year. These officers also have responsibility for the Committees listed beside their names. The guidelines for each Committee can be found on the Tanglegrove website at [www.tanglegroveth.org](http://www.tanglegroveth.org), and an update for each of the Committees follows.

Matthew Wells	President and Liaison to the Safety Committee (term expires 2012)
Trent Henry	Treasurer and Liaison to the Rehab Committee (term expires 2012)
Cheryl Kaminski	Secretary and Liaison to the Social Committee (term expires 2014)
Michelle Mohyla	Member-at-large and Liaison to the Landscape & Beautification Committee (term expires 2014)
Maxine Marstrand	Member-at-large and Liaison to the Rules and Regulations Committee (term expires 2013)

As a reminder, the Board of Managers and Committee Members are VOLUNTEERS. Please respect their personal time by utilizing the Tanglegrove website or by calling Creative Management at (713) 772-4420 for questions, work orders, and feedback.

## SAFETY COMMITTEE UPDATE

The Safety Committee is now up and running, but additional members are still needed! If you are interested in joining, please contact Matthew Wells at [golffein@hotmail.com](mailto:golffein@hotmail.com) or 713.853.2332.

Several initiatives were presented at the Committee's first meeting, especially due to a recent upswing in crime in Houston as a whole and in "our" neighborhood, that every resident can take to protect ourselves and our neighborhood. See below:

- **TURN ON your lights.** The biggest deterrent to crime, "per the Houston Police Department," is a well-lit area. More crime takes place at night than any other time. Make sure your front porch light is

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TURNED ON every night. Your patio light should be turned on every night as well - either manually or by a sensor.

- **Be aware of your surroundings** when you are outside of your home. If there are suspicious people or vehicles outside your home report this to the Houston Police Department at 832-394-1200 (this is the division that patrols our neighborhood).
- **Call 911** if you feel at all threatened at home or in your car. The Houston Police Department is here to protect you. They are ready to assist and want you to be safe.
- Recently there have been "salespeople/solicitors" on our property at night knocking on doors at random. No one wants to be disturbed after dark by salespeople, solicitors, or even criminals attempting to gain access to your home. Tanglegrove is investigating placing "Private Property" signs in the community that would prohibit such actions.
- A Neighborhood Watch Program registered with the Houston Police Department is being formed at Tanglegrove. This will allow Tanglegrove to post new Neighborhood Watch Program signage in the community. **HOWEVER, VOLUNTEERS ARE REQUIRED** - please contact Matthew Wells at [golffein@hotmail.com](mailto:golffein@hotmail.com) or 713.853.2332 to volunteer. The only thing required is a willingness to protect your neighborhood.

#### REHAB COMMITTEE UPDATE

The Rehab Committee has met on several occasions since the last Newsletter, and a full report of their activities will be provided in the 4<sup>th</sup> Quarter publication.

#### SOCIAL COMMITTEE UPDATE

On July 30 more than 50 Tanglegrove residents enjoyed playing water basketball, volleyball, and other games while enjoying a cookout and socializing with neighbors. Pictures of the event are posted in the display case by the front door of the Clubhouse.

All events sponsored by the Social Committee are posted under the "Calendar" tab of the website at [www.tanglegroveth.org](http://www.tanglegroveth.org), but here's what's planned next!.....

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### **Mark your calendar for the following upcoming events:**

**\*\*Hollo Wine and Cheese Social\*\***

**Thursday, October 20<sup>th</sup> 6 – 9 P.M.**

**See details on the flyer attached to this Newsletter and posted in the Clubhouse display case.**

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**\*Residents' Christmas Party\***

**Thursday, December 1<sup>st</sup> 6-9 P.M.**

**See details in display case and on the website**

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**Also...the Clubhouse will now be open for all Texan football games. Yay!!!!!!**

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We welcome suggestions and volunteers. Contact us at [Social.TanglegroveTH@Yahoo.com](mailto:Social.TanglegroveTH@Yahoo.com)

## LANDSCAPING & BEAUTIFICATION UPDATE

Greetings from your Landscape Committee! It has been about 2 months since the update in the July newsletter. Unfortunately since that time, the city has come under mandatory water restrictions, which put on hold the plans for August and September. However, we can assure you that the committee has not been idle. Two more walk-a-rounds were conducted, completing a tour of the entire property. Plans were updated and maintenance needs were discussed with Prestige Green. We hope you noticed that in early September, the flower beds have been weeded and raked. Our porter is also trying to keep up with removal of dead plants – both flowers and shrubs. If you notice any he’s missed or hasn’t gotten to yet, please feel free to provide feedback via [www.tanglegroveth.org](http://www.tanglegroveth.org), or directly to [landscape.tanglegroveth@yahoo.com](mailto:landscape.tanglegroveth@yahoo.com).

Although planting cannot take place at this time, a quote was requested for sod for the remainder of the property – both East and West sides. As soon as we can plant again, you can be assured that any bare spots you see near your home or in a common area will be covered with fresh sod. We also received a quote to remove and replace dying groundcover, and replace plants that suffered after foundation work was done (primarily along Fountain View). There are also a few homes where there is an absence of any shrubbery, and options were received for that. These items, as well as supplies for the annual mulching and fertilizing will essentially take up most of the remaining budget for 2011.



Speaking of the budget, we wanted to give you an update on where the funds have been spent. For 2011, the Landscape budget – excluding monthly maintenance – was \$34,000. To date, roughly \$9,300 has been spent as follows (this excludes any tree trimming expenses):

• Tree service (treating for bores)	\$184
• Seasonal plantings at clubhouse, Fountain View esplanade, and Lynbrook entrance (done twice)	\$2109
• Planting of sod – along Fountain View, at 5853 Lynbrook; at 5902 Valley Forge	\$3284
• New tree at 1221 Fountain View	\$674
• Azaleas at 1117 Fountain View and in common circle at east park	\$681
• Landscaping at various individual units	\$2142
• Specific mulching on various properties on Valley Forge	\$262

The committee is looking forward to “beautification” efforts in 2012. The walk-a-rounds have provided us with a picture of the needs of the entire property, along with an assessment of priority. The committee has met to discuss engaging several landscape companies to provide alternative landscape options and quotes to address both common areas and specific units, where appropriate. (Note: This is for work requested other than monthly maintenance as porter services). And finally, we are working with Prestige Green to perform the annual mulching of the entire property. This will help keep the weeds away and improve the look of the property.

*The committee appreciates your patience during these extenuating weather circumstances, and hope you notice improvements soon. As always, you can provide feedback via [www.tanglegroveth.org](http://www.tanglegroveth.org), or directly to [landscape.tanglegroveth@yahoo.com](mailto:landscape.tanglegroveth@yahoo.com).*

**Reminder:** The Houston Mayor has announced Stage 2 **mandatory** water conservation measures. As a reminder, outdoor watering must be done between 8 p.m. and 10 a.m. Watering is limited to twice a week; even-numbered addresses may water on Sundays and Thursdays and odd-numbered on Saturday and Wednesday.

However, supervised hand-watering by homeowners is permitted at any time. Please go to <http://conservation.publicworks.houstontx.gov/> for additional information.

RULES AND REGULATIONS COMMITTEE UPDATE

Maxine Marstrand, Board Liaison for this Committee, has talked to the Association's attorney via phone regarding upcoming changes to condominium by-laws/rules and regulations, which are to be effective after the first of the year. One of our Tanglegrove homeowners is an attorney, and he is reviewing with his associates Tanglegrove documents in accordance with the proposed changes. A report will be forthcoming. At such time as we have a "finished product," the Rules and Regs will require review/approval by our Association attorneys and will then become effective. The By-Laws, once finalized, will require an approval vote by at least 70% of our homeowners.

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*As you may have noticed, our maintenance man, Ron, has been spending many a hot day working meticulously to clean the glass and paint each and every lamp post on the property. This effort has improved the overall look of the property. In case you didn't catch Ron live in action, you can see him here:*

*And, in case you already forgot what the lamp posts used to look like, here are before and after photos:*



BEFORE

AFTER

**REMINDERS**

There is a Suggestion Box on the front door of the Clubhouse, and the Board of Managers values the input of homeowners. Please utilize this box as an alternative to electronic submissions for any suggestions or comments. Be sure to include your name and contact information in order to receive a response, as anonymous submissions are not useful.

At the beginning of each monthly Board Meeting, there is an open forum where any homeowner is welcome to address the Board with their concern(s). Per the Rules and Regulations of the Association, if a homeowner intends to address the Board they must (1) email or fax a request to be placed on the Open Forum Agenda; (2) the topic of discussion must be identified; and, (3) the discussion of the issue must be limited to five minutes.

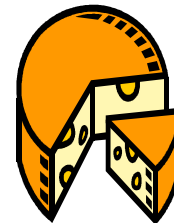
If you would like to receive future newsletters electronically, please go to the "Contact" tab on the website at [www.tanglegroveh.org](http://www.tanglegroveh.org) and click "Feedback" at the bottom of the page. Please include name, unit address, and email address stating you would like to receive newsletters via email. This will not only save printing fees for the Association but will help the environment as well!

**DON'T FORGET TO SET YOUR CLOCKS "BACK" 1 HR. ON SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 6!!**



# FALL HALLOWINE AND CHEESE SOCIAL

at the Clubhouse



**THURSDAY**  
**OCTOBER 20TH**  
**6 – 9 P.M.**

Bring a bottle of your favorite wine to share.  
Cheese & crackers, light appetizers, & soft  
drinks will be provided .

**50'S Costume Theme** (costumes optional)  
**ELVIS IMPERSONATOR WILL ENTERTAIN!**

Hosted by the Social Committee

