

## NEXT ASSOCIATION MEETINGS

**TANGLEWILDE: May 1 2008**

**WESTMONT: APRIL 17**

**ALL NEIGHBOR MEET AND GREET AT LOS TIOS, SATURDAY, APRIL 19<sup>th</sup> @6PM.**

**RAFFLE FOR NEW LAPTOP and \$50 LOS TIOS GIFT CARD!**

**COME JOIN IN THE FUN!**

**Revenues from the Laptop Raffle go to a new SPARK PARK to be located at Emerson Elementary School**

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## Infrastructure Renewal

By Martha Tripp

Hi Neighbors  
Street surfaces, sidewalks, water and sewer lines, storm drains, electrical power supply – our subdivisions have noticeable wear in all categories. In order to help us, the planning departments must know about us. The reality of the planning process which reviews the maintenance schedule and the budgeted dollar amounts for a growing City of our size can result in a 10 to 14 year wait even

after getting on the list. So, we need to get Westmont and Tanglewilde on the list now!

We get on the list by petitioning the Department of Public Works and Engineering to implement “Reconstruction Of Neighborhood Streets.” I’ve posted the fine print on the Westmont website, [www.westmontsubdivision.org](http://www.westmontsubdivision.org). The phrase that will leap out at you is: “...they agree to pay their share of the paving assessments as determined by City

- o Council...”. Our Councilmember for District G, Pam Holm, assures me that City Council has never assessed any subdivision for costs, and, even if City Council changes policy before our repairs are implemented, we would have the opportunity to withdraw from the project rather than pay so there is no down side to signing up.

The petition requires signatures from 75% of the homeowners on every block to register. We will request signatures 3 ways:

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## Three Reminders

By Roy Cormier

Dear Neighbor,

With Franny as editor, this is this first newsletter that I have simply been able to focus on this article. I have three issues that could greatly improve our community and overall improve your property value. Those three issues are solid waste (trash) compliance, deed restriction compliance, and paying your dues.

Per the City of Houston, the black trash receptacle cannot be place curbside

prior to 6PM the day before trash collection (which is Sunday in all of Tanglewilde & Westmont) and the receptacle should be removed from curbside by 10PM the day of trash collection (which is Monday). The receptacle should not be visible from the street at any time on non trash collection days. For those who have yard waste or extra bags, the above rules still apply when it comes to curbside placement. Branches should be bound and in sections 4ft long or shorter. All additional bags should be city approved

bags and they are to be placed in accordance with the rules of the trash receptacle. If your yard is maintained by a contractor, your contractor should remove all waste from your property. If you choose to have your contractor leave your waste, please make sure they remove it from view.

**Trash bags are not allowed curbside prior to 6pm on Sunday.** Keep in mind this is a City of Houston Ordinance. Chief Williams of Neighborhood Protection stated there will be a sweep to assure

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## World Record Holder Right Here In Our Hood!

Did you know there is a celebrity our midst?

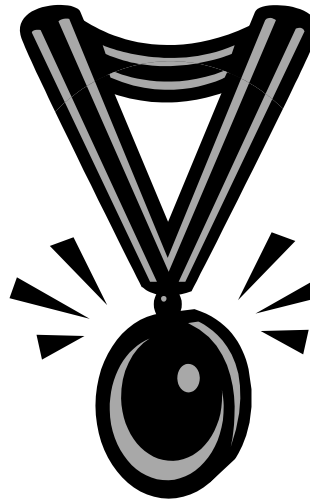
**Hayley Mcgregory**, of the 9500 block of Meadowvale, recently swam to a **world record in the 50 meter backstroke** with a 28.00 second swim!!

Hayley is also Number 3 in the WORLD in the 100 meter backstroke, joining the very exclusive sub 1 minute club at 59.81 seconds. Only TWO other women have met this

achievement.

Hayley started swimming at the Wilde West Pool at age 9 in 1994. If you ever wonder what your pool membership fees are paying for, this is a great example!

Hayley and her family are to be congratulated for the years of hard work and determination that went into this achievement. Let's all pull for Hayley as she readies for this summer's Olympic trials.



## Spotlight on...ACE HARDWARE

Ace Hardware has only been a neighbor for one year, but they're already proving to be a major asset to the community. Luther Batie and Jenny Suk, owners, have customized their selection to fit Tanglewilde and Westmont resident lifestyles, plumbing, electrical, and other problems common to the ages of our homes, and up-to-date decor choices. For instance, lots of our homes have unusual air filter sizes - Luther and Jenny carry them all. This is the couple's first

entrepreneurial adventure - Luther has a background in logistics for the food industry - but both have in-depth home handiness experience. Luther and Jenny decided to open an Ace franchise after completely renovating their mid-century home in Phoenix, weekend after weekend. They understand working hard all week and then starting long lists of weekend projects every Friday night. They like to work with customers who are trying to do-it-themselves -

whether it's updating bathroom hardware, replacing glass in a window, painting the dining room, or slowly renovating the whole house.

Luther and Jenny haven't had a chance to do much to their own home, which is quite nearby, because they have been in the store every single day since before it opened. May 7 will be the one-year anniversary of the store, and Luther and Jenny promise a celebration.

Recent updates to the store include a new, expanded, kitchen and gifts section with high-quality products for the home, new outdoor furniture for summer, and, for those of you who love to grill, the complete line of Weber grill products.

Come say hi to your good neighbors today! This is exactly the kind of business we'd like to attract to our area, so let's help them thrive!

## Keep Your Neighborhood Beautiful!

Spring is here, and we all want to see beauty when we walk out of our front doors. You and your neighbors may have different "styles" of landscaping and gardening, but a few clear guidelines, if followed, can assure everyone a nice view, whether you have a green thumb or not.

Unless you are under ten years old, **please don't park your vehicle in your yard.** Big wheels, tricycles, and bikes have a pass, but if you drive it, and it requires gasoline to go, it belongs in a driveway or all four wheels on the street. This includes broken-down cars as well.

The second guideline is to be aware

of and **pick up trash, broken bottles, junk newspapers and the like.**

Lastly, **pick up your pet's waste** if they go in someone else's yard.

We all like to spend time outdoors in the summer and you don't have to be a gardening guru to implement these basics.

## Infrastructure Renewal Continued...

- electronically – if you are on the email list, you'll receive an electronic vote petition
- by mail – there is a ballot at the bottom of page 7, please sign, print your name, your address and subdivision. Cut off at the perforation and mail it to me: Martha Tripp, 9407 Beverlyhill, Houston, TX 77063.

And

- door-to-door – if we do not hear from you electronically or by mail, someone will be knocking on your door to ask for your participation.

It is going to take a long time to get on this list so let's get started. I don't know about your location, but my street already has big differences in height between the sides and our sidewalks are candidates for obstacle courses.

Please forward petition signatures for both Westmont & Tanglewilde. Roy & I will collate them and get us registered with the City.

If you are not yet on the Combined Email List and wish to be, email me at [mjtripp@swbell.net](mailto:mjtripp@swbell.net) and I'll add you – please feel free to use home or business or both as contact email)

If you lease your home, would you please send me your landlord's name, address and phone number so that I may contact them for this purpose?

Thanks, everyone.  
MARTHA TRIPP



### Elephant Ear

This article was written by M.C. Swearingen, Certified Arborist and Tanglewilder, at 713-782-2794. For purposes of space, it has been edited here. The entire, very informative, article can be found at [www.westmontsubdivision.org](http://www.westmontsubdivision.org)



Chinese Tallow Leaf

## Invasion of Your Yard

An invasive species is hardy, reproduces easily and spreads aggressively. Data-sampling in Tanglewilde reveals that approximately 43 percent of yards (visible from the street) have the same invasive plants: wax-leaf ligustrum (also called Japanese ligustrum), Chinese ligustrum or its two-toned variant, or tree ligustrum, or elephant ear (another invasive plant that destroys habitat for native flora and fauna). In addition to that 43 percent of properties, in some yards invasive Chinese tallow have

been planted. Fallen tallow leaves contain toxins that create soil conditions unfavorable for young native trees. All these species grow aggressively, reproduce, and crowd out our relatively shy native plant species. Even if invasive species appear harmless in the yard, birds carry their seeds to unlucky locations. We have the power to improve this harmful situation. As a degreed and certified arborist with over 15 years of experience in this region, I recommend that we remove all the ligustrum, privet, elephant ear and Chinese tallow in order to support native trees and shrubs our native creatures, and therefore

we, need. If we want to replace the greenery, shade and coolness now provided by invasives, I recommend growing either food plants, or native species that support a balanced population of native fauna. To remove elephant ear, dig up and remove all the root, as small remnants can grow into a large plant. We can develop a much richer landscape for birds and other creatures by cutting the ligustrums and tallows to the ground, covering the stumps with 6 or more inches of finely chipped mulch, spending a year observing native plants and food plants in this region, and finally choosing which species to grow in the newly opened space.

## Westmont UMC Update

As many of you know, Westmont UMC, located on Westheimer between Gessner and Tanglewilde, has been recently sold.

Church Administrator, Margo Varro, sent us a quick update:

"The school will be located at **2915 Jeanetta** - just a block from Westheimer - between AT&T and a fire station. A school will be built on the property - containing 12 classrooms and an all-purpose room about the size of the fellowship hall at WUMC. I believe your association meetings could continue to be held there for a nominal fee if you so wish. I'm sure Dana Capers, the director of our school would be happy to accommodate.

Our church administrative offices will be housed - pending our signing a lease agreement- at **10590 Westoffice, Suite 200**. We will have a large assembly area for meetings and we would be glad to accommodate Tanglewilde/Westmont association meetings for a fee. (What it costs us for AC).

Our Chinese ministry, which was founded 10 years ago (and other international ministries) will probably be housed at the school or at Stansbury Hall at First United Methodist Church - Westchase campus.

Our congregation will worship in the chapel at First United Methodist - Westchase campus until our own church can be built.

The developer who has bought the property is AmReit. Our closing date is May 30. We will probably be out of the premises by the end of June or early July depending on when the builder finishes building the school."

## Raves and Rants

**Rave:** Karen Underwood writes that she's a BIG fan of **RPM Automotive**, at 8614 Beverly Hill, down from the post office. Steve and Tommy offer a free oil change to new customers, and take care of all of her family cars. They have saved her money when other shops have recommended unnecessary work.

**Rave:** Franny Oxford writes that she's a big fan of **Angie's List**. She has found it enormously helpful in finding dependable contactors as she's

renovated her home. It's at [www.angieslist.com](http://www.angieslist.com).

**Rave:** Louis & Lori Cento recommend the Shell station at Westerland & Westheimer for auto inspections. The Shell staff was fast, polite and professional.

**Rant:** Suzanne Gray notes that anyone considering a job with **CityWest Landscaping** should come by her home in the 9500 block of Beverly Hill to see their work. She suggests caution before decisions are made.

## THANKS

On behalf of Tanglewilde and Westmont subdivisions, Roy Cormier and Martha Tripp wish to extend a special heartfelt **Thank You** to attorney **Teresa Ford** for the expert council she provide over the last 2 years. We lost

track of the number of times her advice got us out of a tight spot. Teresa and her husband, Spencer Bishop, have moved to Kirkland, WA for the next few years. We wish them well and look forward to frequent visits back to Houston.

### The Fonz says: Don't be uncool!!!

Come to the neighborhood gathering at Los Tios! Make new friends, new acquaintances, and new buddies! It'll be some "Happy Days" for all of us! "Aaaayyy!"



## Lost Pets

Our neighborhoods have a fair share of lost and found pets, especially dogs. Without a collar and/or registered tags and/or registered microchip it is often very difficult to get them to the right place. Dr. Frank Loudat of the Animal Clinic at Westerland & Richmond and Dr. Cory Stiles of the Tanglewilde Veterinary Clinic on Rockyridge near Westheimer are very gracious about scanning for chips and will often recognize the lost/found as one of their patients.

Please, if you love them, put collars & tags on your pets – most veterinary clinics and full service pet stores can assist with

implanting and registering microchips.

Lost / Found Pet Signs are becoming less and less an option as they are often removed as fast as they are put up. Email communication seems to be our best choice at getting the word out quickly to Tanglewilde & Westmont. If you have access to email, please send as complete a description as possible; the standard who, what, why, where, when & how. Pictures are an enormous asset, attach to the message if possible. If you don't have email, please ask for help from a neighbor who does.

Martha Tripp, Westmont, [mjtripp@swbell.net](mailto:mjtripp@swbell.net), is the contact person with access to the Combined Neighborhood Email List.



*Interested in keeping track of neighborhood events, issues, and ideas online?*

Contact Martha

Tripp at

[mjtripp@swbell.net](mailto:mjtripp@swbell.net) to

be added to the

neighborhood e-mail

lists. E-mail Traffic is

light unless

something time-

sensitive occurs.

## JOIN OUR OLYMPIAN POOL!

We are fortunate to live in Houston where we have a lot of warm weather and hardly any snow. We are further blessed to be in Tanglewilde-Westmont where we have a neighborhood swimming pool. The pool is located at 3430 Rocky Ridge (South of Richmond and east of Tanglewilde). Unlike many subdivisions, our pool is not funded by homeowner's fees, but is supported by those neighbors who wish to be members of the pool. If you join the pool, you receive a key to the pool which allows you access at any time.

There are two groups of people who make good use of the pool. Families

with children always enjoy the pool. The pool provides an excellent environment for parents and children to spend quality time together in a family oriented non commercial setting. There a facilities to have a cookout and sometimes there have been movie nights organized.

The other group of people who get their money's worth from the pool are people who wish to get exercise by swimming laps. The pool is 25 yards long which is long enough to for laps. We keep one lane roped off so that the lap swimmers do not have to compete with the children. Since you have your own key to the pool,

you can swim laps at your convenience rather than trying to meet some schedule. Swimming is much easier on the knees than running and it is just as beneficial.

Please see our article about Haley McGregory, the world-record-holding swimmer who learned to swim at Wilde West! You don't have to be a future Olympian to swim with us, but this is one of the nicest, and largest, pools around.

The cost to join the pool is \$175 for a single person, \$225 for a couple, \$275 for a threesome and \$325 for a family. You can become a member by calling Pete Wilson at 713-906-6932.

“Life’s little adventures start with the friends you make, make a neighbor your friend today!”

**LOS TIOS  
MEETUP  
APRIL 19 @  
6PM**



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## Think Globally, Act Locally

**The Tanglewilde and Westmont neighborhoods are experiencing a renaissance of community involvement. Building on the volunteer efforts of many long-time neighbors, newer residents have jumped into neighborhood activities with both**

**feet. Want to get more involved? We need help with our Tanglewood and Westmont websites, updating and delivering copies of deed restrictions to all residents, partnering with local strip malls to bring in shops we'd like to purchase goods and services from, consistent**

**gardening or landscaping of our signage areas, security for the neighborhood, Meals on Wheels for area shut-ins, and lots more!**

**Contact Martha or Roy for more info!**

## Three Topics Continued...

compliance in our area soon. Logon to [www.houstontx.gov](http://www.houstontx.gov) for more information on Solid Waste.

As a community, we must act soon to unify our deed restrictions and promote our neighborhood's character within the teardown and build-up concept. This concept is in play all around our neighborhoods in such places as Briarmeadow, Briarbend, Briargrove, Briarpark, and Autumn Oaks. Keep in mind, this concept only brings options to the neighborhood. Tanglewilde's deed restrictions are recorded as "required" with the County's office and City Legal is currently building cases against some of our extreme violators.

TPOA is currently working with the City Legal Deed Restriction Department. The department is charged with upholding all recorded deed restrictions. Many of the residents who purchased their homes in the last five years have complained that they never received their

deed restrictions with their closing papers. Your Realtor should have made sure you received the deed restrictions, but in case you've lost them or never received them, TPOA will provide everyone with a copy of their deed restrictions soon. To complete this process volunteers are needed - Please consider assisting TPOA with this process on your street.

Keep in mind, **TPOA 2008 dues are due**. The dues are \$30 and should be mailed to PO Box 631352 Houston, TX 77263. Checks should be made out to TPOA. A tear-sheet is attached on Page 7 for your convenience. To date, only 30% of Tanglewilde has paid their dues. When considered against neighborhoods such as Briarmeadow, which have mandatory dues of \$550 a year, \$30 isn't so bad.

The Neighborhood Camera project is on the horizon and will require your support and your money. Investing in your neighborhood is investing in your home;

please send in your investment today.

Also, don't forget the **Tanglewilde/Westmont "Taxes Are Over and Paid" Social (AKA Spring Social) is scheduled for April 19, 2008 at 6PM. The location is Los Tio's** where there will be plenty of free food and a cash bar for your special mixes. There were ~130 people in attendance at the Beginning of the Year Social; let's move to break that record. I look forward to seeing all of Tanglewilde and Westmont in attendance at the social.

Even if you've never come to a neighborhood association meeting, we really want to meet you! This is a diverse neighborhood with people from all walks of life – come say hello and see if you can connect with someone new!

**Tanglewilde Property Owners Association Dues** (See pages One and Six for more information)

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<b>Resident Names</b>	<b>Signature</b>	<b>Address</b>	<b>Resident or Landlord/Tenant?</b>	<b>E-mail address*</b>

Dues are \$30 and should be mailed to PO Box 631352 Houston, TX 77263. Checks should be made out to TPOA.

\*Please give us your e-mail address if you currently are not on the Tanglewilde/Westmont e-mail list and would like to join up.

**Infrastructure Renewal Petition Ballot** (See pages One and Three for more information)

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**Cut at line above**

<b>Petition</b>	<b>Signature</b>	<b>Print Name</b>	<b>Print Address</b>	<b>Subdivision</b>
Neighborhood Street Reconstruction Project Start Date 03/17/08				

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<b>Petition</b>	<b>Signature</b>	<b>Print Name</b>	<b>Print Address</b>	<b>Subdivision</b>
Neighborhood Street Reconstruction Project Start Date 03/17/08				

Please sign one per adult resident and send to **(Westmont) Martha Tripp at 9407 Beverlyhill, Houston, TX 77063**  
or **(Tanglewilde) Roy Cormier 9630 Pagewood Lane, Houston, TX 77063**

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