

KIRKWOOD COUNTRY



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BRIEF

ABOUT DISTRICT F COUNCIL MEMBER TIFFANY THOMAS

Tiffany Thomas has lived in District F since 1995 when her parents decided to purchase their first home in Brays Village East a subdivision in Alief. The schools were strong, neighborhoods safe and we had access to retail and all of the major highways.

Tiffany was raised in a home by parents that were clear on our values - faith, family, self and community. She has demonstrated in previous roles that she will be ready day one to serve as your representative in City Hall. She attended Alief schools where she was introduced to leadership by many teachers and administrators. After completing her degree at Sam Houston State University she moved back home -- she never considered the idea of leaving her community.

Tiffany served her neighbors in District F and the greater Houston area in a variety of ways over the years through volunteering and leading organizations that allowed her to sharpen her knowledge on issues that mattered such as housing, public safety, workforce development, transportation, and education. In 2013, she tested her capacity to lead and ran for Alief ISD Trustee, position 7 and won, serving for four years with the best interests of the taxpayer, student, parent and business in mind.



Council Member Tiffany Thomas with the Kirkwood Country Board of Directors and Chris Nochez from MASC Austin Properties.

-Source City of Houston District F Webpage <https://www.houstontx.gov/council/ff/about.html>

We strongly encourage that all homeowners visit the webpage listed above. Click on "Mailing List Sign-Up" to receive the latest news on District F about important dates, events, and to stay in tune with your local community.

YARD OF THE MONTH CONTEST!

This year the Board has extended the overall months of YOTM winners to June through August with awarding 2 winners each month. Winners receive a \$50 Gift Card to Home Depot for outstanding yardmen ship, cleanliness of the home, and overall aesthetics. Please join the fun and participate for a chance to win! Winners will also receive a Yard Of The Month Sign to display on their yard!

REMEMBER TO GET ACC APPROVAL

The Kirkwood Country Architectural Control Committee (ACC) helps ensure that our neighborhood reflects the pride and care of its residents. The purpose of the ACC is to focus on structural, landscape and general upkeep and to ensure compliance to those conditions as outlined in our Covenants, Conditions and Restrictions. All changes and improvements made to the exterior of your home must be approved by the ACC. Please do not start work until you have received an approval notice from the ACC. Failure to do so may result in the work being removed at the homeowner's expense.

If you have any questions, please contact Chris Nochez with MASC Austin Properties, Inc at 713-776-1771.

SUMMER SAFETY TIPS:

Summer is approaching quickly. Playing outdoors is a great way to have fun and exercise, but it comes with risks. The Centers for Disease Control (CDC) says that your best defense against summer related accidents and illnesses is prevention.

Sun Safety

Ultraviolet radiation (UV) comes from the sun and tanning beds. Less than a handful of sunburns can increase you and your child's risk of skin problems later in life.

Prevention:

- Avoid sun exposure between 10 am - 4 pm. You are still at risk on cloudy days.
- Pick a sunscreen that has the words, "BROAD SPECTRUM" to block both types of UV rays.
- Look for a SPF of at least 15. SPF 30 or more is better.
- Apply sunscreen generously 15 minutes before outdoor activities, and reapply every 2 hours and after swimming.

Heat Exhaustion

Summer heat waves are dangerous. Children under 5 and adults older than 65 years of age are at the highest risk. Warning signs of heat exhaustion and heat stroke include:

- Oral temperature above 103 degrees Fahrenheit
- Dizziness, throbbing headache, confusion, or unconsciousness
- Muscle cramps or muscle twitching
- Nausea or vomiting

If you see these signs, you might be dealing with a life threatening illness. Get medical help asap.

Prevention:

- Drink more fluid than your thirst indicates. Water is the best choice.
- Encourage your family members to drink fluids throughout the day.
- Take breaks while working outdoors.
- Choose lightweight, light-colored, and loose fitting clothes.

PLEASE DON'T PARK ON THE GRASS OR BLOCK MAILBOXES



PLEASE NOTE: PARKING ON THE GRASS IS PROHIBITED. ALSO, PARKING IN FRONT OF MAILBOXES MAKES IT DIFFICULT FOR RESIDENTS TO CHECK THEIR MAIL. WE ASK ALL RESIDENTS TO PLEASE REFRAIN FROM PARKING ON THE GRASS AND IN FRONT OF THE COMMUNITY MAILBOXES. THANK YOU!

SPRING LAWN TIPS: WHAT DO NOW FOR A GREAT LAWN!

There isn't much more satisfying to a homeowner than a well manicured, green lawn. For the past few months, your lawn may have turned brown from the cold, gray winter weather. Early spring is an excellent time to get a head start on your lawn care.



Spring is the time of year when the sun is warm, the breeze is cool, and the steady hum of lawnmowers once again fills the air. A healthy summer lawn starts with spring maintenance. Winter can alter soil pH, compact the soil, and create conditions friendly to weeds and disease, so it's crucial that you properly clean, fertilize and mow your yard early in the season. So what can you do when winter's receding cold reveals bare spots, invasive plants and other problems with your patch of green? Don't panic -- break out the broadcast spreader and read below for a list of spring lawn care tips:

Stop summer weeds: Don't let annual weeds ruin the look of your lawn. Spread a pre-emergence herbicide to stop them before they sprout. Apply the pre-emergence product from now to the end of March for best results.

Begin mowing: Start mowing your lawn as it begins to grow in mid-to-late spring. Don't let thatch build up. Thatch is a layer of old, dead grass stems that builds up on lawns. It prevents air, water, and nutrients from getting to your lawn's root system. Remove thatch before the grass starts growing in summer.

Fertilizing: Fertilizer can help your lawn grow thick and lush, but if it's not used properly, it can actually damage the grass. A slow-release nitrogen fertilizer is best, and no more than 1 pound (0.45 kilograms) of nitrogen should be spread per 1,000 square feet (93 square meters). It should be applied early in the season when the turf begins actively growing, so the timing varies among regions. Fertilizer should not be applied too early or late, however, as lingering cold or early heat can stress the grass. Check the packaging to see when and how much you should water after applying the fertilizer.

Here's to a great lawn this season!

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

A community is only as strong as the people who participate in it. Our community is constantly looking for dedicated and talented homeowners for committees and to help organize events. Why volunteer?

1. To protect your property values and maintain the quality of life you expect in your community.
2. To give back to your community and neighbors.
3. To be sociable, meet your neighbors, and make friends.
5. To have fun accomplishing things around your community together with your neighbors.
6. To express yourself and be creative while offering your opinion on solutions to your community's day to day needs.

If you would like to volunteer, please contact Chris Nochez with MASC Austin Properties, Inc at 713-776-1771.

IN THE KNOW: TRASH SCHEDULE



City of Houston Garbage Pickup: Every Monday.

Recycling: Every other Monday.

Tree Waste Pickup: 1st Monday of January, March, May, July, September and November.

Junk Waste: 1st Monday of February, April, June, August, October and December.

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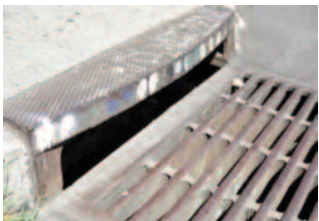
POWER WASHING

- Is Your Home **GREEN** with Algae?
- Is Your Driveway, Patio or Pool Deck **BLACK** with Mildew?
- Have You Gotten One of **THOSE** Letters from Your HOA?
- Have the Spider Pods and Mud Dobbers Taken Over **YOUR** Home?

281-277-4013

KEEP STORM DRAINS CLEAN

To lessen the possibility of street flooding, we ask residents to please keep storm drains clean and free from yard debris and trash. Please do not put any items down the drains. They are meant to drain water out of the streets only.



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HELPFUL PHONE NUMBERS

EMERGENCY	911
Houston Police Dept.	713-884-3131
City of Houston 3-1-1	311
Harris County Animal Shelter	281-999-3191
Poison Control Hotline	800-222-1222
Reliant Energy (Electric)	713-207-7777
CenterPoint Energy (Gas)	281-342-6665
Comcast	800-934-6489
Call Before You Dig	811