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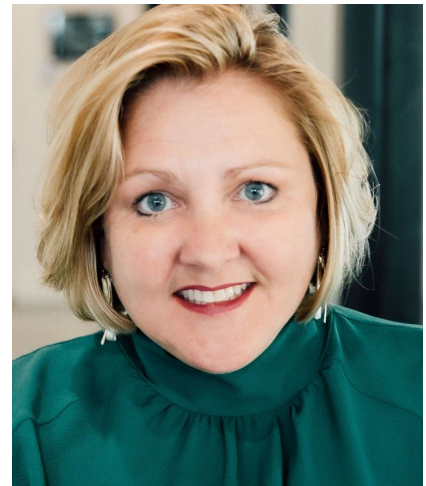
-- original Greentrees marketing slogan

## Greentrees Annual Newsletter

### President's Message

Greentrees is more than just a place to live — it's a community I'm deeply proud to call home. Our lush green trees and beautiful landscape are just part of what makes Greentrees special. The real heart of our neighborhood is the way we come together to prioritize safety, protect the value of our homes, and build strong connections with one another.

Stepping into Don Tummins' role as president of the Greentrees Civic Association has been and continues to be a big responsibility, and I greatly appreciate that we're tackling it together — with the help of our incredible board and dedicated volunteers.



As I shared at our annual meeting, there is a major difference between a voluntary-participation civic association and a mandatory-participation homeowners' association (HOA). HOAs have power with a legal responsibility to enforce their rules, but as Greentrees is a civic association, we depend on you — our neighbors — to do your part for ensuring Greentrees remains a great place to call home.

We welcome your ideas, involvement and appreciate your help with actively engaging local Memphis authorities to help enforce community standards, rules and laws. With your help, we will continue feeling a sense of community, ensuring a safe and desirable environment for potential buyers, and increasing the overall appeal of the neighborhood.

*Warmest Regards,  
April Bryan  
President, Greentrees Civic Association*

## Annual Meeting News

### **Irrigation Coming to Median Soon; Crime Remains Low**

Installation is scheduled to be completed in the next two weeks for the irrigation system for the north and south ends of the Kirby Parkway median, President April

Bryan announced at the annual meeting of the Greentrees Civic Association membership on Feb. 4.

The first phase of the project to bring green grass to medians now covered by dirt and dead grass encompasses providing water and power at the north end, at Poplar Pike, and the south end, at Messick. The first phase will be completed soon with the installation of the sprinkler system at both ends of the median, estimated to cost \$16,500. Future phases could add water, power and irrigation to the middle sections of the Kirby Parkway median. Former civic association president Don Tummins is spearheading the project.



Guest speaker  
Derek Mills,  
Assistant  
Chief Deputy  
in the Shelby

Offenses	Count
Burglary/Residential	2
MVT/Passenger Vehicle	2
Other Theft/Non-Specific	3
Theft from Building	1
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>8</b>

County Sheriff's Office, commended residents for the neighborhood's low crime rate. He said there were just eight reported crimes in Greentrees for 2024 — two residential burglaries, two vehicle crimes and four thefts.

While noting that a single burglary is one too many, he said the neighborhood's low crime rate was "absolutely amazing."

"That tells me you're doing something right," said Mills, in his 29th year with the sheriff's office. "I know it's not because there's a Memphis Police car on every street. I guarantee it's not. It's because probably, when I look at this crowd here, you've got men and women and children who care."

And, he added, drawing a laugh from the crowd of about 50 residents, "You've got semi-nosey neighbors that watch out for stuff."

Mills also offered tips for residents to avoid being victims of crimes, at home or throughout the city. He strongly recommended against leaving an unsecured gun in your car, because they are magnets for criminals. If you keep a gun in your car, he said, use a gun safe.

He also recommended against confronting criminals in the act. In decades past, he said, criminals often would flee if confronted; today they're much more likely to shoot. Better to lose a possession, he said, than to lose your life.

"I hate to make it sound like I want you to be cowardly, because I do not," he said. "But I feel like I want to inform you. This kind of activity is going on. People are being shot."

Mills also took questions and said he would follow up on residents' concerns, including speeders on Kirby Parkway.

In other developments at the annual meeting, civic association members approved the election of board nominees (see list of officers below) and also showed appreciation for retiring board members Cathy Tummins, secretary; Kathleen Carter, special events; and Korrie White, new neighbors.

[Click](#) to view the Greentrees Civic Association's 2025 Annual Meeting Presentation.

## Find Greentrees on Instagram!



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Greentrees Civic Association

*The Greentrees Civic Association's New Neighbors team, Sally Parish and Krista Bowen, recently launched an Instagram account to enhance our communications efforts and further foster the family feeling of our community.*

*When you post pictures of your life in Greentrees, please tag our account so we all can share your Greentrees experience!*

*You can join our Instagram account by scanning the QR code at right with your smartphone!*



Instagram



## Important Information for Homeowners

### City of Memphis Garbage Collection Rules

#### General Guidelines

- Place your carts and outside trash on the curb (not in the street storm drain) within 3 feet of the street.
- Cart lid should face the street, and the cart handle should face the house.
- Allow 4 feet between carts and outside trash and away from fixed objects (cars, mailboxes, etc.). Bulky items are limited to half a cubic yard and must be placed on the curb within 3 feet of the street.
- Do not put items in storm drain, on

sidewalks, or near mailboxes, parked cars, fences, trees, or low-hanging tree limbs.

- Tree debris must be less than 5 feet long and less than 13 inches in diameter.

### Yard Waste Disposal

- By city ordinance, lawn services, tree trimmers, landscapers, etc., are required to remove **all** waste generated by their services.
- Do-it-yourselfers must place leaves, grass clippings and shrubbery in disposable bags at curbside, not in the street or gutter.
- The city does not collect limbs or logs larger than 13 inches in diameter and 5 feet in length.
- The city recycles thousands of tons of yard waste into mulch and compost; therefore, whenever possible, please keep yard waste separate from non-compostable trash.



### Construction and Demolition Debris

- City ordinance prohibits the city from removing dirt, brick, rock, concrete, scrap, lumber, roofing, fencing materials, carpet and any other debris generated as a result of construction or demolition. Also, contractors who create waste are required by city ordinance to remove such waste upon completion of work.
- Failure to comply may result in an invoice to the property owner to cover the expense of removal.



## There's an App for That!

Greentrees Civic Association recommends downloading these smartphone applications/notification systems that can keep you in the loop, direct from the source.

**311 App:** The Memphis Click 'n Fix mobile app uses GPS to recognize your location and gives you a menu of common quality-of-life conditions to report. Upload pictures or videos to accompany your request. Report issues such as street maintenance, street light issues, damaged trees, and others. Residents can track the status of reports they or other members of the community have submitted.

**Memphis Curbside Collection:** View your garbage and recycling schedule and receive collection notifications. A game is provided to test your knowledge of what goes in the recycling bin or the trash!

**Cyberwatch:** If you want to learn about crimes reported in the area, Cyberwatch can provide that local information. CyberWatch allows you to select a reporting radius based on your home address. Users can view the CyberWatch report online or receive a CyberWatch report via daily email. Sign up for Cyberwatch at this link:

[https://mdsas.memphispolice.org/cw/n/cw\\_signup.php](https://mdsas.memphispolice.org/cw/n/cw_signup.php)

# 2025 Greentrees Civic Association Board Members

(as affirmed at annual meeting) a

## President:

- April Bryan

## Vice President:

- Kathy Gomes

## Secretary:

- Olivia New

## Membership/Treasurer:

- Susan Kunkle

## Special Events:

- Ericka Milford

## Kirby Parkway:

- Stan Nichols

## Communications:

- Barb Williams

## Holmes Park:

- Art Kunkle

## New Neighbors:

- Sally Parish
- Krista Bowen

## Code Enforcement:

- Michael Bryan

## Police Liaison:

- Marilyn Osborn

You can contact the board by email:

- General: [greentreescivicassn@gmail.com](mailto:greentreescivicassn@gmail.com)
- To request an invoice to pay dues online, [gtcamembers@gmail.com](mailto:gtcamembers@gmail.com)
- Update or join the Greentrees Directory, please email your name, street address and phone numbers to: [Greentreesneighbors@gmail.com](mailto:Greentreesneighbors@gmail.com)

## 2024 Yards of the Month



*April: John and Ramona Seabold, 2109 Firefly Cove*



*May: Jimmy & Vanessa Ross, 6732 Wildberry Lane*



*June: Tommy and Donna Heathcock, 6914 Red Gum Cove*



*July: Syble Kindig, 2036 Black Oak Drive*



*August: Mark and Kathy White  
6820 Talisman Cove*



*September: Keith and Julie  
Schap, 2016 Black Oak Drive*

## Let's Maintain Greentrees' Value

At its inception, Greentrees was touted as the most distinguished address in Shelby County. Indisputably, Greentrees has a legacy of being a great place to invest your real estate dollars and live your life. Our neighborhood's value reflects the high standard of property care and maintenance our residents invest in their homes.

Code violations erode our property value as well as our quality of life. The Greentrees Civic Association urges all residents to review and address the common code violations listed below. If you see a code violation that needs attention, we encourage you to report it via the 311 app discussed above. We'll all benefit!

### **Accumulation of Junk, Trash, and Debris**

It is a violation to accumulate junk, trash and debris on residential property. This includes discarded items, auto parts, appliances, furniture, building materials, tires, paper, cardboard, plastics, dead limbs and branches. All garbage should be disposed of by placing it in the appropriate container and placing it on the curb for collection. Call solid waste to arrange for pick up: Dial 311 or use the webpage or app.

### **Excessive Weeds, Grass, Trees and Shrubs**

It is a violation to allow grass or weeds to grow higher than 12 inches, or allow plants, shrubs, or trees to grow in a manner that will obstruct traffic or the visibility of a motorist. This includes overgrowth to trees and vegetation that block sidewalks or hang into public streets or utility services.

### **Substandard Structures and Fences**

It is a violation to neglect accessory structures, (including storage sheds, garages and fences). They are to be maintained structurally sound and in good repair to serve their intended purpose. This includes damage to framing, walls, ceilings, floors, decking and roof.

### **Off-Street Parking**

It is a violation to park or store any vehicle on the lawn/grass of any residential property. All vehicles must park on concrete, asphalt, or other hard surfaces approved by the city. The number of vehicles parked at a dwelling shall not exceed four vehicles.

### **Special Use/Recreational Vehicles & Equipment**

No person shall park/store any motorized vehicle or equipment (such as boats, campers and trailers) and no more than one camping trailer or recreation vehicle per house. No parts of such parking or storage area shall be located in the front yard. It shall also be unlawful for any person to park/store any such vehicles on a residential street.

### **Abandoned and Derelict Structures**

It is a violation for any property owner to refuse to properly secure any structure he or she owns to prevent loitering of vagrants or criminal activity. This includes but is not limited to any vacant house, building or structure where the doors and windows are broken or open to causal entry.

### Sidewalk Maintenance Responsibilities

Did you know that homeowners are responsible for maintaining the sidewalks adjacent to their properties? This includes broken or uneven concrete that could cause tripping or stumbling, or muddy sidewalks causing slippage.

**City Ordinance: Sec. 38-45:** It shall be the duty of every owner of property, whether vacant or occupied, to keep sidewalks clean and open for public passage and keep sidewalks or walkways in good repair and condition.

### Loose Animals/Poop Pickup

Section 4-131 prohibits any owner or keeper of an animal other than a cat to willfully or negligently allow the animal to be at large on any public or private property. In other words, when in Holmes Park or on the streets of Greentrees, keep your dog on a leash. Please clean up after your pets. In Memphis it is illegal to leave poop behind on public and private property. This is more than a matter of aesthetics. It's also a health hazard.

Curious about City Codes? See them all at this link:

[https://library.municode.com/tn/memphis/codes/code\\_of\\_ordinances](https://library.municode.com/tn/memphis/codes/code_of_ordinances)



## New Neighbors in 2024

We are happy to welcome the following new neighbors to the Greentrees community! We are eager for you all to join the association and partake of the benefits GCA offers. Download a current directory of Greentrees residents by clicking on the Welcome graphic. We populate this directory from public records as well as from homeowner-supplied data. If you would like to add your phone number to our directory, please email [Greentreesneighbors@gmail.com](mailto:Greentreesneighbors@gmail.com).

welcome

Benjamin and Jada Mincy-Dobbins  
Elisha W. III and Mami Atkinson  
Geoffrey and Alyssa Pittman  
Joseph and Angelique Ivey  
John and Megan Guess  
Donald Shea II and Alexis Gatlin  
Benjamin and Julie Hollis  
Antonio Smith  
Vincent and Rachel Scatamacchia  
April Acosta  
Alexis and Lemmie Griggs  
Chelsey Lovell  
Jeffrey A. and Lucy Cochiolo  
Tracy and Jacqueline McDaniel  
Michael and Laura Karch  
Jordan and Coleman Barron  
Nick and Krista Bowen  
John M. and Eveyln Swaffer  
Matrix Real Estate  
John and Camille Patterson  
James and Constance Neal

2099 Black Oak Drive  
2119 Hickory Crest Drive  
2114 Kirby Parkway  
2273 Kirby Parkway  
2300 Kirby Parkway  
2146 Old Lake Cove  
6767 Paper Birch Cove  
6643 Poplar Pike  
6779 Poplar Pike  
6923 Red Gum Cove  
6738 River Birch Road  
6829 Satinwood Cove  
2020 Satinwood Drive  
6908 Silver Maple Cove  
6774 Sunburst Cove  
6796 Sunburst Cove  
6823 Talisman Cove  
6844 Talisman Cove  
6836 Tangleberry Lane  
2290 Thornwood Lane  
6711 Wild Berry Lane

## Your Dues are Due 2024 Financial Summary

Your annual membership dues make a significant difference in our neighborhood! By joining, you help:

- **Protect and enhance property values** through the maintenance of the Kirby Parkway median and Holmes Park, which keep our neighborhood beautiful and inviting.
- **Foster strong community connections** by supporting cherished events like the free July Fourth parade and picnic at Holmes Park.
- **Ensure neighborhood safety** by funding critical security initiatives and ongoing communication efforts that promote safety and quality of life for all.

Your support keeps our neighborhood thriving — thank you for investing in our community!

**Paying your Greentrees dues is easy!** Make your membership payments/donations online via credit card, electronically through your bank account, or using Venmo.

If you didn't get a dues invoice via email and would like to take advantage of this online payment convenience, please email us at [gtcamembers@gmail.com](mailto:gtcamembers@gmail.com).

If you prefer to pay via check, please make it payable to Greentrees Civic Association in the amount of \$50. Mail your check to:

**Susan Kunkle**  
6757 Paper Birch Cove  
Memphis TN 38119

Please include your phone number and email address on your check. This will allow us to add you to our neighborhood directory and email database.



Income - Year Ending 2024	
Dues Collected	\$15,900.00
General Donations	\$3,150.00
Total Income	<u>\$19,050.00</u>

Expenses - Year Ending 2023	
General Expenses	\$2,616.80
Median Maintenance Expense	\$26,482.58
Picnic & NNO Expense	\$6,445.67
Total Expenses	<u>\$35,545.05</u>

Net Income	<u><u>(\$16,495.05)</u></u>
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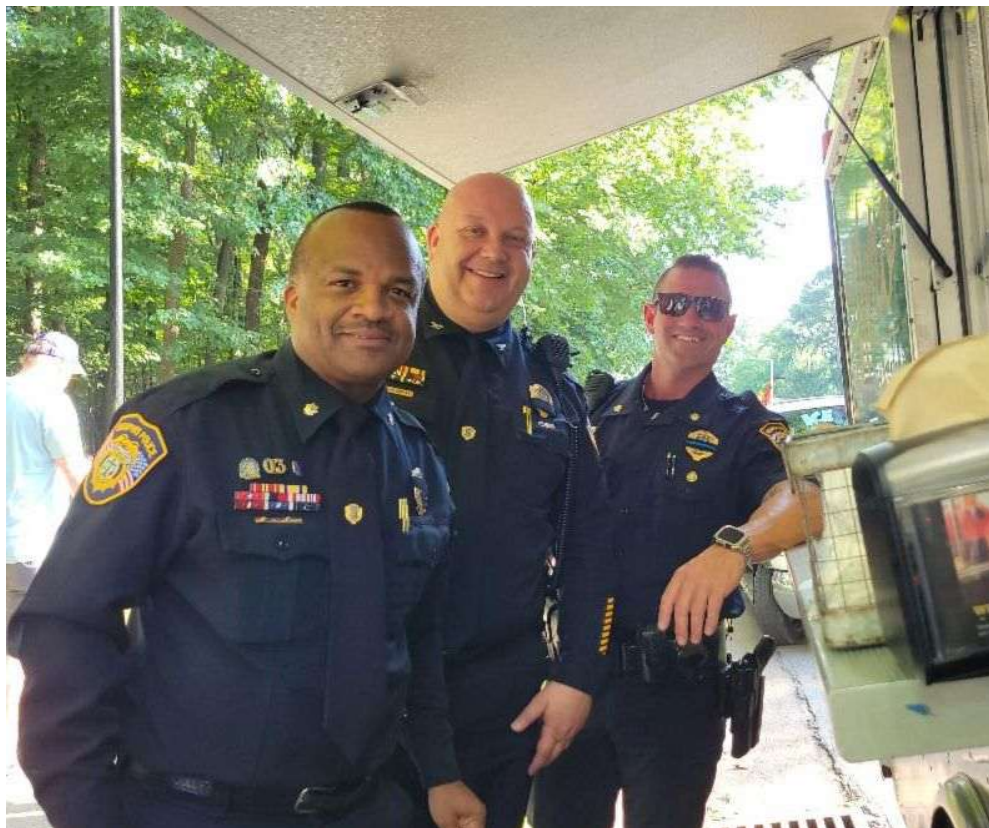
Beginning Cash Balance	\$39,170.77
Ending Cash Balance	\$22,675.72

The data above show where your dues money goes.

**Note:** NO = National Night Out

## Greentrees Community Happenings in 2024

### National Night Out





## July 4th Celebration





## Resources for You

Our website has a comprehensive list of City of Memphis and Shelby County resources, from elected officials to important departments, for your convenience. Included are email addresses, website links and telephone numbers. Access this list [here](#).

If you encounter an inactive link or out-of-date information, please let us know using the "contact us" link on the website home page. All information was updated as of Jan. 1, 2025.



## Neighborhood Resource Guide

This quick-and-easy guide outlines common neighborhood concerns and steps you can take to address them. For each concern, we've provided the appropriate contact information to assist you in resolving the issue effectively and efficiently. As a voluntary civic board, we are here to share helpful resources and guidance. If a problem persists after you've taken the appropriate steps, please let us know what actions you've taken, and we will do our best to assist in finding a resolution. This information is also on our website ([www.greentreesmemphis.com](http://www.greentreesmemphis.com)) on the Critical Resources page.

### Animals

*I found a dog, lost a dog, or see loose animals*

- Post on local community boards (e.g., Nextdoor, Facebook).
- Let us know at [greentreescivicasn@gmail.com](mailto:greentreescivicasn@gmail.com), and we'll send a neighborhood email.

### *There's a vicious animal*

- Contact Memphis Animal Services: Phone: (901) 636-1416,
- Email: MAS@memphistn.gov
- Website: Memphis Animal Services

### **Water Leak, Gas Leak or Downed Power Lines**

*Water is leaking around the water fountain at Holmes Park, water is bubbling up in the street, I smell natural gas, power lines are down*

- Call MLGW: 901-870-2828 and follow prompts

### **Mail**

*My mail hasn't run in a couple of days*

- Report delivery complaints to the U.S. Postal Service
- Go into a post office, or file complaint online: usps.com

### **Noise**

*Loud party*

- Speak directly to the neighbor (if appropriate).
- Contact the Memphis Police Department: (901) 545-COPS (2677)

### **Suspicious Behavior or Prowler**

- For non-emergency situations, contact the Memphis Police Department: (901) 545-COPS (2677).
- For emergencies where you fear for your life or someone else's life, call 911.

### **Neighbor's Property**

*My neighbor has a broken-down car on the property or junk on their porch*

- Approach your neighbor kindly to discuss the issue (if appropriate).
- If unresolved, report to the City of Memphis at 311: 311 or (901) 636-6500, <https://311.memphistn.gov/public>
- Download the 311 app to report issues needing to be addressed. NOTE: Please include pictures if possible.

### **Garbage & Recycling**

*My garbage wasn't picked up; because of a holiday, when is garbage pickup; oil stains from garbage trucks, my garbage can is broken*

- Report to the City of Memphis at 311: 311 or (901) 636-6500, <https://311.memphistn.gov/public>

### **Cracked or Unsafe Sidewalks**

- Report to the City of Memphis at 311: 311 or (901) 636-6500, <https://311.memphistn.gov/public>

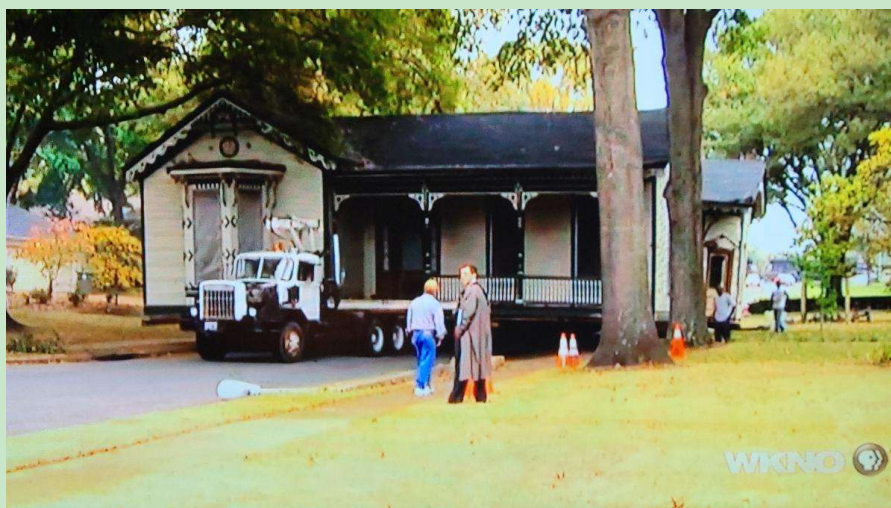
### **Vendor Recommendations**

*I need vendor recommendations for home repairs, renovations, etc.*

- Reach out to neighbors through NextDoor or Facebook community boards to get trusted referrals

## Greentrees History Snapshot

Right, a screen shot from WKNO's Memphis Memoirs: Historic Homes.



Stories: Oct. 28-30, 2014, *The Commercial Appeal*, via the Memphis Public Library archive.

The historic house across from Holmes Park (on the south side of Messick) has been a Greentrees fixture for 10 years, serving as the home office for Wills & Wills Real Estate Development and Grazz Masters Lawn Care. The house has been in the Wills family since 1837.

It was quite a moving experience to bring this piece of Shelby County history to its current site! Learn more about its history, including an incredible move through Greentrees' streets, by clicking on these links to the news coverage in October 2014: [Coverage](#).



**Jan. 14, 1973**

Check out this historical real estate ad from Greentrees early days!

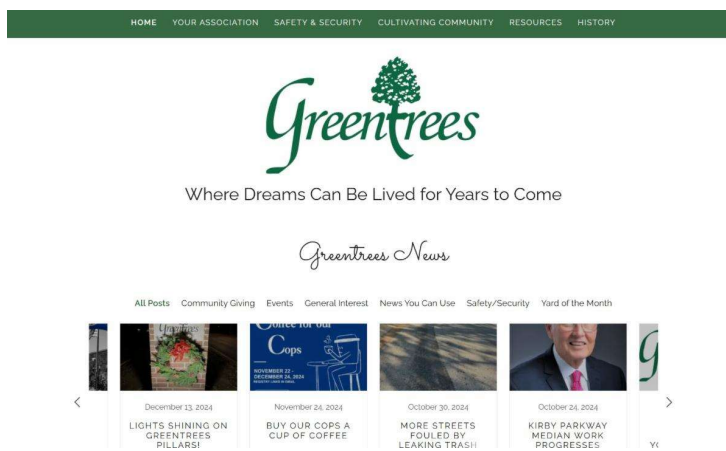
See more early real estate ads at this [link](#).

## Visit Our Website

The Greentrees Civic Association website provides a go-to resource for residents (and prospective neighbors) seeking information about the community.

In addition to a blog capturing current news, the website offers information you need about the Greentrees Civic Association, safety and security, efforts to cultivate community, critical resources, and Greentrees history. We have a number of photo albums so you can relive past and recent events.

The website also has an email link so you can sign up to receive electronic communications.



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