



A Memphis Neighborhood
With Deep Roots
And A Bright Future.

Greentrees Newsletter January 2022

President's Message:

It's a Wonderful Day in the Neighborhood

Whatever the season, seeing neighbors taking walks with their children and/or pets in Greentrees is a beautiful sight. Walking for our health or just getting out to enjoy the neighborhood scenery is a benefit we can enjoy and take advantage of. Our neighborhood remains a beautiful place for families to live.



The Civic Association's goal is to do what we can to maintain the beauty of Greentrees, our property values, and a safe environment.

Here's a review of 2021 neighborhood events:

We entered 2021 with a record snowfall in February. Our neighbors shared pictures of their families and pets enjoying the snow, which remained for a week due to the below-freezing temperatures.

Click [snow pix](#) to see those you shared with us.

- **We welcomed 25 new neighbors to Greentrees in 2021!**
- We added four security cameras, bringing our total to 12 cameras for the neighborhood.
- We maintain a great relationship with the Mt. Moriah Police Station by participating in monthly meetings and supporting our officers who serve us.
- We installed two permanent flag poles at each end of Kirby Parkway to complement the brick signage pillars installed last year. In Spring 2022, we will add some landscaping at each end that will enhance the look of the median.
- Recently, the City of Memphis Parks Division completed a new, cushioned floor around the play area at Holmes Park. This is the result of several years of our board campaigning for such improvements. We continue to work with them for other upcoming enhancements.
- A special thanks goes to our communications team! New board member Barbara Williams used her expertise to create our new website. Additionally, Margie Augustine and Janice Hill were instrumental in making it happen. Scott Hill coordinates events with our Mt. Moriah Precinct. This group works together to provide all communications to the neighborhood. What a team!

- A big thank you goes to our Treasurer/Membership Director, Susan Kunkle. You can now make your membership payments/donations easily online via credit card, electronically through your bank account, or Venmo. There is more information on this in this newsletter.

COVID has impacted many of our activities over the past couple of years. We hope to have a neighborhood meeting sometime this early spring. We also plan to reinstate the July 4th Picnic and Parade, if it is safe for such a gathering. We look forward to seeing everyone again!

Please support your neighborhood by joining the Association. The annual fee of only \$50 is a good investment for you and your property.

Wishing all our neighbors a year of good health and happiness!

***Warmest Regards,
Don Tummins
President, Greentrees Civic Association
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Holiday Decoration Winners



GRAND PRIZE WINNER
Selected by GCA Garden Club:

**Mark & Mary Margaret Rose
2106 Hickory Crest Drive**

Congratulations to the Rose family!

Honorable Mentions Winners



**Tommy & Donna Heathcock
6914 Red Gum Cove**



**Kathryn Sumpter
2068 Firefly Cove**

It's Time to Pay Greentrees Dues!

Paying your Greentrees dues has never been easier, thanks to the efforts of Treasurer/Membership Director Susan Kunkle. You can now make your membership payments/donations easily online via credit card, electronically through your bank account, or using Venmo.

DUE 01/01/2022

\$50.00

If you have not received a dues invoice via email and would like to take advantage of this online payment convenience, please use the contact form on the [home page](#) of our website to add your email address to the system.

These annual dues are the neighborhood association's major source of income. Payment allows the Board to continue to fund neighborhood projects, maintain Kirby Parkway, provide social events (such as the popular July 4th parade and FREE picnic), and ongoing communications (emails, newsletters, etc.).

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.

Greentrees Civic Association Board Members

President: Don Tummins

Secretary: Cathy Tummins

Membership/Treasurer: Susan Kunkle

Special Events: Joan Vegezzi

Kirby Parkway: Brendan Pattison

Code Enforcement: (Open)

Communications: Margie Augustine

- Coordinators: Scott and Janice Hill
- Website Coordinator: Barbara Williams

Area Representatives:

- Kathy Gomes
- Carol Mathis
- Delores Voigt
- Marvin White

Holmes Park: Chris Klinger

New Neighbors: April Bryan

2021 Yards of the Month



Yards of the Month are awarded by the Greentrees Garden Club during the months of May through September (weather permitting). Yards are selected based upon curb appeal, seasonal color, neatly trimmed shrubs, etc. Our neighborhood is known for its beautiful trees and yards. Maybe you will be a winner this year! Thank you for making us all look good!

April: Don & Cathy Tummins
2081 Hickory Crest Drive

May: Lee & Laurie Griesbeck
6765 Slash Pine Cove

June: Keith & Julie Schap
2016 Black Oak Drive

July: Jerry & Pat Hornsby
2061 Hickory Crest Drive

August: Bill & Julie Eck
6560 Black Thorne Cove

September: Steve & Kathleen Carter
2050 Hickory Crest Drive

Join the Greentrees Home & Garden Club

The traditional Garden Club is being updated in 2022 to include home topics! You can learn about home decorating, organizing, and style trends, while also getting to know your neighbors in casual monthly gatherings. Of course, you can still learn about gardening, too!

The Home & Garden Club meets
third Wednesday of each month.

**For details,
contact Joan Vegezzi, 228-9333.**



New Neighbors who joined us in 2021

Please send your contact info to greentreesca@att.net for all the news! You also can submit this information via the form at the bottom of the home page of our website.

[Visit our Website](#)

Larry and Patricia Sanders*	2046 Black Oak Drive
Christopher & Terry Olson	6595 Bramble Cove
Jason & Ariel O'Brien	6637 Conifer Cove
Henry & Julianna Nagem	6918 Dove Roost Cove
Kevin & Shauna Miller	2077 Fox Run Cove
Daniel & Elizabeth Draper	2065 Fox Run Cove
Matthew & Jacqueline Northgrave	2335 Hickory Crest Drive
Monica Barringer	1984 Kirby Parkway
Walter & Sara Green	2090 Kirby Parkway
Jacob & Allison Booten	2220 Kirby Parkway
Natalie & Lynn Seabolt, Jr	2348 Kirby Parkway
Daniel & Kimberly Simkin	2361 Kirby Parkway
Pamela Kammerer	1930 Kirby Road
William & Karen Massey	6623 Larch Lane
Rachel Delgado	1958 Old Lake Pike
Paul & Kristen Bell	2055 Old Lake Pike
Walter & Deborah Wire	6740 Paper Birch Cove
Joseph & Kendra Davey	6735 Poplar Pike
James S. Meadows	6892 Red Gum Cove
Brent & Mary Thornton	6742 River Birch Road
Michael & Kristi O'Dell	6822 Robin Perch Cove
Peter & Elizabeth Zanca	6807 Slash Pine Cove

Arryss Mills	6751 Sunburst Cove
Charles & Angela Bledsoe	6833 Talisman Cove
Fredrick Taylor & Mallory Box	6836 Talisman Cove
* 2020 new neighbors not included in last year's list	

2021 Financial Summary

Our current financial status remains solid, primarily due to the fact we did not have the expenses for the July 4th event for 2020 or 2021. However, we will be spending additional funds in 2022 for enhancements to the Kirby Parkway median, which will include landscaping, tree trimming, and general maintenance.

Enhancements also are needed for Holmes Park's walking path, new picnic tables, electrical power source, additional lighting, etc. We are hoping to get the Park Commission to fund much of this; however, it may require joint participation and some investment from us.

Much of this also depends on the Greentrees Civic Association membership participation in 2022.

INCOME		
Dues	\$17,435.00	
General Donations	736.00	
Camera Donations	100.00	
MPD Fund Donations	<u>1,025.00</u>	
TOTAL INCOME		\$19,296.00
LESS EXPENSES		
General Expenses	\$5,777.79	
MPD Expenses	<u>494.16</u>	
TOTAL EXPENSES		\$6,271.95
NET INCOME		\$13,024.05
Beginning Cash Balance January 2021	\$17,335.24	
Ending Cash Balance December 2021	\$30,359.29	

Greentrees Supports Our Mt. Moriah Precinct

Greentrees neighbors showed strong support for the Mt. Moriah Police Precinct in 2021. On separate days in the summer, we provided a breakfast and a supply of snacks for all officers. Upon the death of MPD Officer Jimmie "Alex" Shindler in late September, Greentrees and other area neighborhoods pooled resources for a catered meal following his funeral.

Greentrees also responded generously to the precinct's requests for help with its community youth projects. We donated more than 4,000 items to the School Supplies Drive, helping ensure that every child in the precincts' youth football and cheerleading programs started school with essential supplies.

One month later, Greentrees neighbors donated dozens of bags of candy in support of the Precinct's annual Halloween Trunk or Treat for area families.

To top off the year, Greentrees helped spread

Christmas Cheer to all children served by the Memphis Boys and Girls Club by donating 140 gifts, \$350 in donations and \$95 in gift cards to the Precinct's Toy Drive. (See image of kids & toys below.)



In mid-year, Commanding Officer Joe Oakley was promoted to Deputy Chief of the Police Information Technology Division, and Joseph Smith was named Mt. Moriah's new Commanding Officer.

After the announcement, Greentrees President Don Tummins, (right) and his wife, Cathy, (far left) visited the Precinct to welcome Memphis Chief of Police Cerelyn "CJ" Davis and wish Deputy Chief Oakley the best in his new role.

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 on the website home page. All information was verified as current as of Nov. 21, 2021.



Important Information for Homeowners

City of Memphis Garbage Collection (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 always 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, 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.

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.

Dealing with Code Violations

Below are some of the most common code violations.

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.

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 more than 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.

Other Homeowner Responsibilities

Did you know that YOU (homeowners) are responsible for maintaining the sidewalks adjacent to your property? 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.

Message from Our Mail Carrier

Many of the mailboxes in Greentrees are old and rusted, allowing water to seep inside the box. This makes it hard to place mail in the box and keep it dry. Please consider replacing any old boxes experiencing this problem. Thank you!

Website Re-Launched

The Greentrees Civic Association re-launched its website in August 2021 to provide a go-to resource for residents 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.

The website also has a contact form
so you can sign up to receive electronic communications.
(Click any of the banners/buttons below to explore our website.)

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CULTIVATING COMMUNITY



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