

Neighborhood Newsletter
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THUNDERBIRD NORTH



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Dear TBN Neighbors,

"It is more powerful to speak up than to silently resent."

The Client Courtship Coach has it right - it IS better to speak up than to sit back, say nothing and be upset!

In the context of our neighborhood, the Board of Directors encourages you to speak up and let us know what's going on that we may not be aware of, what's on your mind, and what you'd like us to focus on. How can you do that? Here are four great ways to be heard:

1) Call our management company, Marshall Management Group; 2) Email our community manager at Marshall Management, Sam Drayden; 3) Email the Board using our direct email address; 4) Attend a monthly community meeting.

If you don't have a concern that needs to be addressed but just need information, have you visited our community website? There are lots of resources available there, and our community Facebook page frequently shares helpful information. Thirty-five people have liked our Facebook page so far - let's see if we can get that number up to 10% of the homes in our neighborhood, or 58 likes! Do you accept the challenge? Great! See you on social media soon!

Susan Soto
2019 President
Thunderbird North Community Association

CITY ELECTIONS 2019

City Elections will be held Nov 5, 2019.

On the ballot will be positions in District A, District B, District C and District D.

Please plan to vote for your chosen candidate in District B on November 5!

For more information visit

www.missouricitytx.gov.

SKYWAY TOWERS PARTNERSHIP WITH TBNCA

Many of our residents have noticed the "pine tree" technology that has been erected next to the tennis courts on Turtle Creek Drive. This is a cell tower built by Skyway Towers to host various cell phone companies' antennae.

1. Why was the cell tower built?

Missouri City is growing. As recently as the 2018 State of the City address, former mayor Allen Owen said that the city's population continues to grow as more people move to the city, and business development is thriving.

The demand for wireless services is also growing. There are more smartphones, laptops and tablets than people in the U.S., and Americans are using 35 times the data they were using only five years ago.

2. What does this mean for me?

The average Missouri City household has multiple mobile devices. Many homes have disconnected their landlines and rely solely on mobile devices. Missouri City residents need 911 wireless connectivity, because over 85% of 911 calls are made by wireless devices! The city's MissouriCityReady alert system sends alerts, notifications and updates to email and mobile devices. Fort Bend ISD sends out emergency alerts to parents/guardians, as well as attendance and general alerts, by phone call, email or text message.

3. Why was the tower built in our neighborhood?

Skyway Towers has certified to the city that the company does not have any towers within the city or within one mile of the city's borders. No towers are located within the T-Mobile search area that are as tall as, or taller than, our tower. The Lantern Lane Elementary School area was considered as a possible site, but they/the school district was not interested. Skyway approached the TBNCA Board of Directors several years ago, and we indicated that we were interested in possibly partnering with the company. Our neighborhood is in a good location to improve connectivity in the city, based on several test measures. You can access those test reports on our website, in the Skyway Towers presentation packet.

4. Is it safe?

Yes! The World Health Organization has determined that there is no correlation between emissions from mobile towers and public health. In 2016, J.S. Deepak, India's telecommunications secretary and formerly of Johns Hopkins University, stated that cell towers emit less radiation than sunlight and are "absolutely safe." The American Cancer Society's position is that most scientists agree that cell phone antennas or towers are "unlikely to cause cancer."

5. But why does it look like a tree?

The TBNCA Board of Directors was adamant from the beginning that we did not want an industrial-looking apparatus in our neighborhood. Skyway worked hard to design a tower that is well camouflaged and much more pleasant to the eye.

6. What are we getting out of it?

Per the lease agreement, Skyway Towers will pay TBNCA \$700 per month (\$8400 per year) in order to install and maintain the wireless communications tower. The initial term of the contract is five years, with a right to renew for ten successive five-year periods. The tower will be removed at the expiration of the agreement.

This money will help us 1) operate our association and provide activities and amenities for everyone's enjoyment; 2) provide a cushion in the budget for homeowners who are delinquent or otherwise do not pay their annual assessments; 3) preserve our investments held at Merrill Lynch; and other benefits.

For more information, you can access Skyway Towers' presentation packet that was presented to the city's Planning and Zoning Committee and to City Council last year.

NEIGHBORHOOD HOLIDAY HAPPENINGS OCT-DEC

We know it's still early, but we want to get started with holiday plans so you can join us for the fun!

HALLOWEEN TRICK OR... TIPS!

Let your neighbors know if you plan on being home on Halloween! The Nextdoor app has a 'Treat Map' which will save time for you and your little ones who plan to trick-or-treat, and provide a safe route to the candy.

Place your decorations where your visitors won't walk and make sure electrical cords aren't crossing footpaths.

Be extra cautious when crossing roads.

If possible, incorporate reflective costume pieces so drivers can see you from a distance.

Keep candies away from your pets! All forms of chocolate, especially baking or dark chocolate, can be dangerous and even fatal to cats and dogs.

(Tips Courtesy of NextDoor)

NEIGHBORHOOD HOLIDAY DECORATIONS

Please consider volunteering with us Saturday, November 30 from 10 am to noon to spruce up the neighborhood entrance and pool area with holiday decorations!

HOLIDAY YARD DECORATING CONTEST

We are looking for volunteer judges again for this year's holiday yard decorating contest.

If we get at least 10 people to sign up, we are going to have an allergy-friendly 'hay' ride around the neighborhood!

The date is tentatively set for Sunday, December 15 at 6 pm. We'll meet in the Thunderbird North Pool parking lot. Let us know if you can make it!
thunderbirdnorthca@gmail.com

NATIONAL NIGHT OUT TUESDAY, OCTOBER 1

Join us for a party at Thunderbird North Pool! We plan to have music, entertainment for the kids, outdoor games and refreshments.

The National Night Out celebration will be happening from 5:30 - 7:30 pm.



The Missouri City Farmer's Market happens each Saturday at 5855 Sienna Springs Way (next to the Sienna Branch Library). For updates, follow the Farmers Market Partners, LLC on Facebook!

Sept 18 **TBNCA Monthly Meeting**
6:30 pm; City Centre at Quail Valley

Sept 21 **Oktoberfest**
Noon - 4 pm
City Centre at Quail Valley

Sept 27 **Family Fun Night**
6 - 8 pm
Rec & Tennis Center

Oct 1 **National Night Out Celebration**
5:30 - 7:30 pm
Thunderbird North Pool

Oct 16 **TBNCA Monthly Meeting**
6:30 pm; City Centre at Quail Valley

Oct 27 **Family Fun Night**
6 - 8 pm
Rec & Tennis Center

Find details regarding City-Sponsored Events (in green) at www.missouricitytx.gov

VOLUNTEER WITH US

Thanks to our management partners at Marshall Management Group, TBNCA Board's workload has lessened significantly, and all that's needed is a 2-3 hour time commitment per month. Please consider assisting us!

E-mail if you're interested in helping out as a board member or on one of our committees:
thunderbirdnorthca@gmail.com.

Interested in getting emails about upcoming meetings and community events?

Sign up for our e-newsletter!

You can find the sign-up on the bottom of the thunderbirdnorthca.org homepage.

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