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Lindale Park Civic Club

**The Official Voice of the Lindale Park Civic Club
Celebrating 35 Years of Civic Pride, 1979 - 2015**

**Lindale Park Newsletter
February 2016**

Quarterly Meeting Reminder

**Tuesday, February 23 at 7 p.m.
at the Clubhouse (218 Joyce St.)**

Join the Lindale Park Civic Club and your friends and neighbors for our first Quarterly Meeting of 2016!

Civic Club meetings are open to ALL Lindale Park residents, regardless of Civic Club membership status. Meetings are held the fourth Tuesday of the month at 7 p.m. during February, May, August and October.

Did we mention there are door prizes? (Must be present to win.) Mark your calendars to attend!

Time to Renew Membership Dues for 2016

The Civic Club's Membership Committee met in July to review the process of collecting membership data from Lindale Park residents. The committee acknowledged that the costs of doing business have increased significantly in the last 20 years.

"For the civic club to provide the level of service our neighbors expect and deserve, there has to be an increase in dues," says Sarah Evans, LPCC Treasurer.

As a result, the committee recommended to the LPCC Board that the dues be raised to \$35 per year starting in January 2016.

An invoice mailer was sent to residents for the LPCC 2016 membership drive.

"We have received a number of membership dues to date; however, we are still short of our goal," says Ed Reyes, LPCC Vice President.

Membership funds go toward the upkeep of the clubhouse and lawn care, flags for Irvington Boulevard,

maintenance and care of the flowerbeds on Irvington Boulevard, the newsletter, police patrols for Halloween, as well as neighborhood events, including the 4th of July Parade, National Night Out and the Christmas Party.

Membership dues for 2016 are \$35. Please make checks payable to Lindale Park Civic Club. Drop off or mail to 218 Joyce St., Houston, TX 77009. The LPCC Membership Committee thanks you!

- *Camille Webb, LPCC Board Member*

A Community Star – Diana Lerma Pfeifer



In October 2015, Lindale Park's own Diana Lerma Pfeifer won the prestigious Dorothy Richardson Resident Leadership Award from NeighborWorks. This national award recognizes outstanding leaders for their contributions to their communities.

Diana is a long time resident of Lindale Park, board member, past president of the board and current vice president. She has served on the board of our local YMCA and been instrumental to its improvement. She lobbied METRO until it put up the cabling along the rail line to protect children and keep them from crossing unsafely. She was instrumental in forwarding our movement for Chapter 42. Her current project is to hold the Houston Independent School District accountable for the promises it made to our community and to rebuild Davis High School.

The next time you see Diana in the neighborhood, take a minute to thank her for all she has done.

- *Martha Meyers, LPCC Board President*

Lindale Park Civic Club Board Members

President – Martha Meyers
 Vice President – Ed Reyes
 Vice President – Diana Lerma Pfeifer
 Treasurer – Sarah Evans
 Secretary – Gwyn Guidy
 Board Member – Sylvia Cavazos
 Board Member – Vicky Salinas Colorado
 Board Member – Jessica Rangel
 Board Member – Berenice Yu
 Board Member – Camille Webb
 Board Member – Matt Zies

Residents can reach any board member by sending an email to info@lindalepark.org.

Mark Your Calendars...

Early Voting – February 16-26
 Moody Park and other locations (www.harrisvotes.com)

Rebuilding the Northside Together – February 20 and 27

Sabor Del Northside Festival – April 2 / 11 a.m.-4 p.m. /
 Castillo Park (1145 Quitman St.)

Next Quarterly Meeting at the Clubhouse – May 24

Davis High School Update

In 2012, Houston voters approved a Houston Independent School District (HISD) Bond proposal for \$1.89 billion to rebuild 20 schools, including Davis High School. Two years later, the school district blamed rising construction costs for changing their proposed plan for Davis High School to consist largely of repairs and remodeling of the existing building. This reduction of the plans is especially concerning because HISD had used eminent domain to buy and evict residents and businesses on Fulton and Tackaberry Streets, with the rationale that the space could be needed for a parking lot with the expansion of the new school.

HISD's plan for Davis was seen as a broken promise that brought together members of the Jeff Davis Hispanic

Alumni Association and parents and students of Davis to form the Davis Leadership Team to make sure the promise to the youth of the Northside was kept. The Davis Leadership Team began meeting, gathering petitions in support of the school (more than 2,000 were collected) and speaking at HISD Board meetings about the need to keep the promise to rebuild Davis.

HISD had planned to hold a meeting September 29 sharing the austere plans for the 'new' school. When HISD decided to cancel this meeting, the Davis Leadership Team decided to host a meeting that was attended by more than 100 residents and two school board members where a detailed accounting of the needs of the school and the lack of commitment of the district to come through on their promises. The meeting was covered by KHOU.

HISD located additional funding for the schools impacted by the low budget and initially proposed dividing it proportionately, which would have yielded an additional \$5.68 million for Davis. Thanks to the sustained advocacy of the Davis Leadership Team and press coverage of the issues Davis faced, HISD issued a second proposal for how to distribute additional funds that would award \$19.63 million to fill the construction gap.

With these additional funds, HISD is now proposing a two-story Culinary Arts Addition to be built on the location of the current parking lot, the replacement of the 1970 building with a Fine Arts Addition, as well as renovations to the main building. These improvements to the school would be very unlikely if not for the civic engagement of residents of Lindale Park and the rest of the Near Northside.

There are two important meetings coming up where you can make your voice heard. The Project Advisory Team of Davis meeting is at **3:45 p.m. Monday, March 7** in the Davis Library (1101 Quitman St.). A community meeting is at **6:30 p.m. Thursday, April 7** where the final schematic for school design will be presented. Both meetings are open to the public. You are encouraged to attend and help ensure that HISD follows through on a great school for the Near Northside community.

- Rob Block, robb@avenuecdc.org, Community Coordinator with Avenue CDC for GO Neighborhoods

YOU Are Lindale Park

We live in Lindale Park because we love it. We have great homes with fantastic yards, wide streets surrounded by beautiful trees, greens lawns and seasonal birds humming among the flowers. And, we live in one of the best locations, the Near Northside. We have countless ways to come in and out of our neighborhood and tons of Mexican restaurants!

Lindale Park Civic Club's board members advocate daily to keep Lindale Park a livable and safe community. We work on community events throughout the year to bring us together, like National Night Out, the Annual 4th of July Parade, our Quarterly Board Meetings and police bike patrols for Halloween.

Don't forget, we walked our neighborhood streets to talk to our neighbors for support of the passing of the Minimum Lot Size (MLS) ordinance for Lindale Park through Houston City Council that now keeps us free from multi-family homes being built on one lot.

Paying annual membership dues helps us continue doing what it takes to keep our neighborhood safe and progressive. Membership dues also help us preserve our annual events and programs, the website, mailers and this newsletter. We also need to make sure our Clubhouse on Joyce Street is maintained in superb condition for community meetings and family parties.

We are working on creating a community park with St. Alban's Episcopal Church, as well as friendly walking and biking paths and keeping Lindale Park safe.

You and your family are Lindale Park.

- *Sylvia Cavazos, LPCC Board Member*

Lindale Park Parade Has Rich History

This year will mark our 17th year hosting the Lindale Park Civic Club Annual 4th of July Parade. For those who don't know the story, the parade was actually the brainchild of Sen. Sylvia Garcia, who was city controller at the time, and Jesse Reyes Sr., a longtime resident and World War II veteran. The two presented the idea to Mr. Reyes' son, Ed, who was then the LPCC president, and from there, the tradition was born.

I can still remember driving up and down neighborhood streets on the morning of our first parade in 1999 with my good friend Melva Suarez. We were in Vicky Colorado's golf cart with a blow horn and a loud speaker, calling out to residents to come out for the parade at 10 a.m. Believe it or not, there was a lot of apprehension that no one would show up! Back then, our line up consisted of just a few cars, Fire Station 30 and some walkers.

As the years passed and our parade grew, we added new features. One year, my husband John and I were at the Art Car Parade, and I befriended Brian Taylor ("Santa Claus"). He gladly said he'd participate in our parade, "bring a few friends" and the Derby Girls! Vicky obtained Joe Vega's Low Riders. Erma De Wispelaere got us the connection with the bag pipers. Ed brought in the dealerships with their specialty cars, and we finally hustled up not one but two local high school bands and so many more great participants!

We have several volunteers who have worked with us since the parade's beginning, including Bea Rosales, Diane Garcia, Gwyn Guidy, Roger Perez and Christine Moreno Conner (METRO). Sam Parker and Fiesta have been key participants for at least 15 years, by always providing the floats and our horse and carriage.

What really stands out to me is the love and pride this neighborhood has for the parade. It's amazing how many people beyond our community know about the event and ask if we are planning another one! I always say, "I think the parade will be around longer than me!" I hope that's true.

This year, the 4th of July Parade falls on a Monday, and it will begin at 10 a.m. To participate, send an email to info@lindalepark.org. If you would like to donate to help cover the cost of permits and other expenses, please make your check payable to Lindale Park Civic Club and indicate your donation is for the parade.

Rain or Shine – We will see you there!

- *Diana Lerma Pfeifer with Ed Reyes, LPCC Vice Presidents*

Chef Lindale Park

Beets

Wash four to eight beets (depending on size), cover with water and boil until a knife can be inserted easily. Drain, peel and slice. Cover with the beet sauce (ingredients and recipe below). These beets can be served warm or at room temperature. Even people who hate beets love these!

Beet Sauce

- 2¼ t flour
- 1/3 cup sugar
- ¼ t salt

- 1/3 cup cider vinegar
- 2T butter

Mix dry ingredients in a small saucepan. Add vinegar. Boil five minutes until pungent and thick – stirring constantly. Take off heat. Add butter.



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Free Event! **APRIL 2, 2016** Free Event!

THE 5TH ANNUAL

11AM TO 4PM AT CASTILLO PARK

Located In The Heart of Northside

THE PARK SITS BETWEEN MARSHALL MIDDLE ACADEMY OF FINE ARTS AND CARNEGIE LIBRARY, DIRECTLY ACROSS FROM JEFFERSON DAVIS HIGH SCHOOL

LIVE MUSIC & DANCE PERFORMANCES

AN ADDITIONAL STAGE FOR STUDENT PERFORMANCES

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