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LINDALE PARK NEWSLETTER
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FIRST Quarterly Meeting of 2019!
Tuesday, February 26 at 7 p.m.
Clubhouse / 218 Joyce St.
Join us! Great door prizes, too!

Join your neighbors, board members and the community at 7 p.m. Tuesday, February 26 for the first Quarterly Meeting of 2019! All meetings take place at the Clubhouse at 218 Joyce St.

We welcome guest speaker **Richard Nguyen** with **Houston's Solid Waste Management Department**. Nguyen will discuss Houston's recent problems with recycling pick up and scheduling delays, as well as take your questions about curbside recycling, garbage collection and/or alternating tree waste and junk waste collection.

In the meantime, be sure to read Dinah Massie's important piece about how to recycle and what exactly goes in that green bin!

Quarterly Meetings also are a chance for our residents to bring their comments and concerns to the attention of the Lindale Park Civic Club board of directors.

RECYCLING: This May Surprise You

You're a good person: You do your part to save the planet. But you may need to change a couple of things when it comes to recycling.

First and most important: Put your recyclables directly into your green bin – not into plastic bags. The bags' thin plastic destroys the machine that separates plastics from paper, so recycling plant workers will likely throw the whole bag into the trash rather than taking out the products inside.

Along that line, grocery bags and other plastic films are not recycled by the city, but you can take them to most grocery stores for handling. Wal-Mart, Target, Kroger, HEB, Albertsons, Sprouts and other stores have bins near the front door where you can leave your bags.

Here's another thing: Not all firm plastics are recyclable. Look on the container for a triangle with the number 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 or 7 (not 6) in it. These items should be placed in the green bin. If there is no number, the plastic isn't recyclable. Styrofoam isn't recyclable either.

Aluminum and tin cans are wonderful for recycling!

Paper (newspapers, junk mail, envelopes, magazines/catalogs, phone books) and cardboard go in the bin, unless it's a pizza box or other cardboard/paper item with grease on it. In that case, the box goes in the trash. But paper milk containers and soup boxes are recyclable, so chuck 'em in!

Motor oil containers should be placed on the curb – outside the bin – on recycling day.

The City of Houston's recycling program was off-schedule during the holidays, but on February 4, it returned to normal.

Our recycling days are the second and fourth Fridays. On recycling days, place both trash and recycling bins on the curb at least three feet apart (so the trucks' equipment can handle them without spillage).

If you're new to Lindale Park and need a green bin, call 311 to request one.

Go to www.houstonsolidwaste.org for more information.

- Dinah Massie, Graceland Street Resident

Letter from the President

Dear Lindale Park Neighbors,

We all have heard the expression, *No Free Rides*. We understand this tends to imply not to expect anything to come without a cost or expectation. This also holds true for any service provided to the community on behalf of your paid annual voluntary membership and/or funds gained from use of the Lindale Park Civic Club for private events.

Nine out of 10 of us probably would agree that crime tends to be our biggest concern. Rightfully so, no one wants to feel compromised within the confines of their home and/or surrounding property.

Yet, in a community where we have roughly 1,250 homes, less than 20 percent of the homeowners respond to the call to voluntarily pay annual dues in the amount of \$35 per household. That equates to about \$7,500 annually.

Many give beyond the \$35 ask, but it still falls very short of making up for the significant difference in dollars to secure any program such as security for extended periods of time.

Funds collected through memberships, donations and Clubhouse rentals go toward but are not limited to utilities, insurance, maintenance of property and interior space of the Clubhouse, flowerbeds and various community events.

We work diligently to uphold a healthy account balance, so as not to come close to cleaning out the bank at any time. There is an inherent responsibility to conserve enough funds in the event of unexpected damages.

For example, a new roof on the Clubhouse potentially could cost up to \$35,000. Moreover, if there was a major catastrophe that created severe damage to the interior or framework of the facility, then that too could annihilate any funds we currently hold. Insurance only covers a portion of damages, and the replacement value of anything always is greater than expected.

What does it take to increase our money pool? Simply commit to paying the voluntary annual membership of \$35 and/or donate. For instance, if 625 households paid \$35 that would secure \$21,000 more each year that could be utilized toward key community services, as directed by resident wants and needs. The number jumps to \$28,000 if 800 households pay.

As reported during the Holiday Security Patrol, we noted it would cost \$4,647.50 for 84.5 hours at a rate of \$55/hour.

Therefore, a yearly program with a like-kind coverage each month could cost as much as \$55,000 annually.

I believe we have a significant number of residents who would and will pledge to pay the annual voluntary membership fee. Let's do this together. Let's take our community's needs and show we are willing to step up to the plate and do all in our power to safeguard ourselves, our loved ones and our homes.

All residents will receive an invoice mailer and application for their 2019 annual voluntary membership dues. I sincerely ask anyone who has not had an opportunity to pay their voluntary dues to please do so. Checks can be made payable to Lindale Park Civic Club and sent to 218 Joyce St., Houston, TX 77009.

- *Diana Lerma Pfeifer, LPCC President*

Quarterly Security Tip – February 2019

Post checklists by all exits used as a reminder to regularly lock all doors, shut windows, turn the television or radio on for noise and set your alarm system EVERY time you leave the property. Skipping a step for just a "short trip" can be perilous, as sometimes a quick trip to the store can turn into a longer trip, and you certainly don't want to return home with a burglar inside.

Avoid leaving spare keys "hidden" outside under a pot or welcome mat, as thieves know the usual hiding places. Instead, obtain a lockable key container available at locksmiths, hardware stores or big box stores or online to mount securely in an inconspicuous place to keep a spare house key. (These are handy for teenagers coming home from school, since they don't have to carry a key on their person. And, teach them to put the key back immediately and not leave the box unlocked or the combination dialed-in on the lock.)

Check all your windows NOW, and regularly. Sometimes, windows can unknowingly remain unlocked for years and better you find them unlocked and lock them before a burglar does later.

Watch out for your neighbors' homes. Call them or dial 911 if you see something conspicuous, and it turns out to be a non-event. Better safe than sorry.

- *Mike Bowlin, Canadian Street Resident*

In Loving Memory

Craig Alan Haynie

December 19, 1976 – November 26, 2018



It is with great sorrow that we announce the passing of one of our board members and beloved Lindale Park residents. Craig Alan Haynie passed away November 26, 2018, surrounded by dear family and friends.

Craig was one of Lindale Park Civic Club's newest board members who first joined the board of directors as an alternate. He quickly jumped in to help. He offered ideas about streamlining our sign-in process at meetings to make for quicker and easier check in. He was interested in serving on various committees and prepared a committee handout for residents to learn how they could volunteer. He was generous. He purchased and then donated a large white board to the Civic Club to use for Quarterly Meetings.

"He was such a great addition to our board," says Sylvia Cavazos, LPCC board member.

When asked to join the board of directors, Craig said this was his first time to be on this type of board, and he hoped he could meet the requirements, recalls Virginia Duke, LPCC board member.

"My comment to Craig was 'I hope in five years, YOU are one of the leaders of our community since I welcome your age group to take over some of the duties for this neighborhood,'" she adds. "He provided suggestions, time and resources to the community in his short time of involvement. I miss his input and energy."

- Camille Webb, LPCC Co-Secretary / Newsletter Editor

Holiday Security Patrol Update, Thank You

When the idea of a Holiday Security Patrol was presented to our residents, our goal was to raise \$4,400. Lindale Park residents were asked to donate \$2,200, and the Lindale Park Civic Club would donate the remaining \$2,000. Fifty-two residents made pledges totaling \$4,610. We collected

\$3,160 of those pledges. These funds allowed us to enter into a two-week contract with Houston Metro Coordinators (HMC).

I believe the patrol was a success. For those who follow Lindale Park on NextDoor, there were fewer postings of minor crime, stolen packages and stolen inflatables as compared to last year. I realize that NextDoor is not the gauge that determines the success of this program, so I have requested December 2018 Houston Police Department (HPD) Crime Statistics for Lindale Park. Once received, I will share those reports with you.

In the meantime, two weeks of activity reports from December 10-25, 2018, have been shared via Lindale Park on Nextdoor and Lindale Park Civic Club's Facebook page. There was one incident where a stolen car was recovered, thanks to the efforts of our security patrol.

The Lindale Park Civic Club would like to continue the security patrol next holiday season, as well as increase the number of patrol hours. We already have begun to think of different events throughout the year to help raise funds to cover the expense. Your ideas/thoughts are welcomed!

We want to thank everyone who contributed time and money toward the Holiday Security Patrol. Some would argue the holiday season is perhaps not the best time to ask for either, but you came through with flying colors! A big thank you to the handful of residents who volunteered to deliver fliers. That extra effort helped raise additional funds from residents who are not active on social media.

In closing, we would like to remind everyone that crime is not seasonal. It happens all year round. If you see something unusual, please report it to HPD's non-emergency number at 713.884.3131. All emergencies should be reported immediately to 911.

- Vicky Salinas Colorado, LPCC Vice President

Join St. Alban's for Seniors' Time Out

Seniors are welcome to join St. Alban's Episcopal Church from 9:30 a.m.-2:30 p.m. every Tuesday for a delicious, free and hot home-cooked meal by a great chef. There are plenty of games, fun and friendship for all. Bingo included! Caregivers are welcome, too.

St. Alban's also has several Lent and Holy Week events, starting March 5 with a Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper. A bilingual Easter service will be at 11 a.m. Sunday, April 21, followed at 1 p.m. with a Picnic & Easter Egg Hunt!

SAVE THE DATE
River, Lakes, Bays 'N Bayous Trash Bash®
 SATURDAY, MARCH 30, 2019



**VOLUNTEER TO HELP CLEAN
 LITTLE WHITE OAK BAYOU**

**RAVEN TOWER, 310 NORTH ST
 MARCH 30, 2019, 8AM-12PM**

**CLEANUP SITES:
 WHITE OAK MUSIC HALL * WOODLAND PARK * MOODY PARK**

**REGISTRATION AND LUNCH AT RAVEN TOWER
 REGISTER: [HTTP://WWW.TRASHBASH.ORG/SITES.HTML](http://www.trashbash.org/sites.html)**



**FAMILY FRIENDLY EVENT:
 GROUPS ENCOURAGED
 TO PRE-REGISTER**

Yard of the Month Winners

The last newsletter of 2018 was published before Halloween yard judging, so let's congratulate these spooky winners who all received \$25 gift cards donated by Eric Bradley with In The Loop Properties!

Halloween 2018 Winners

- 225 Ave of Oaks St. – Manuel Maldonado/Julian Penning
- 712 Sue St. – The Becerra Family
- 1002 Sue St. – Carlos

And, these winners had the merriest and most festive yard decorations and lights in Lindale Park during the holidays!

Holiday 2018 Winners

- 904 Eleanor St. – Roland Rodriguez & Family
- 806 English St. – Jay and Jeanette Jenkins

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**LINDALE PARK'S
 2019 CALENDAR OF EVENTS**

February 26 / 7 p.m. / 218 Joyce St.
 Quarterly/Community Meeting

March 5 / 5:30-7:30 p.m. / 420 Woodard St.
 Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper

March 23 / 11 a.m.-3 p.m. / 420 Woodard St.
 Fish Fry Fundraiser at St. Alban's

April 6 / 420 Woodard St.
 Spring Yard Sale at St. Alban's

May 4 / 11 a.m.-3 p.m. / 420 Woodard St.
 Lemonade Contest

May 21 / 7 p.m. / 218 Joyce St.
 Quarterly/Community Meeting

July 4 / 10 a.m.
 4th of July Parade

August 27 / 7 p.m. / 218 Joyce St.
 Quarterly/Community Meeting

October 1 / 5:30-8 p.m.
 National Night Out

October 22 / 7 p.m. / 218 Joyce St.
 Quarterly/Community Meeting

October 24
 Halloween Yard Judging

December 10 / 6-8 p.m. / 218 Joyce St.
 Holiday/Christmas Party

December 18
 Holiday Yard Judging