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LINDALE PARK NEWSLETTER
FEBRUARY 2020

FIRST Quarterly Meeting of 2020!
7 p.m. Tuesday, February 25
Clubhouse / 218 Joyce St.
Join us! Great door prizes, too!

Join your neighbors, board members and the community for our first Quarterly Meeting of 2020 at 7 p.m. Tuesday, February 25 in the Lindale Park Clubhouse at 218 Joyce St.

Quarterly Meetings are open to all and don't require membership. However, if you'd like to join and have a vote, visit the membership sign-up table at the meeting. Or, pay or renew your membership dues online with PayPal at www.lindalepark.org. Navigate to the bottom of the *Civic Club* page and click the yellow "Buy Now" button.

We have an amazing line up of speakers on deck for our Quarterly, beginning with **Rep. Anna Eastman** representing District 148. Eastman is followed by **Council Member Karla Cisneros** who will discuss the Texas Department of Housing and Community Affairs housing plans in District H and the Houston Bike Plan.

Daniel O Candelaria Olvera, census organizer with Avenue, will talk about Avenue's campaign to make sure everyone in the neighborhood participates in the Census.

Officer Lucia Vieira, Houston Police Department (HPD) liaison for the Central Division, will share her proposal to create three new Citizen Patrol groups in the Near Northside, including Lindale Park.

Elia Quiles with UP Art Studio will discuss plans for a Mini Mural painted on the control box at English and Fulton Streets, followed by a 15-minute post-meeting workshop with attendees.

Lastly, Lindale Park resident **Diana Lerma Pfeifer** will give updates about the I-45 expansion.

- Camille Webb, LPCC Board Member / Newsletter Editor

Lindale Park's 2020 Calendar of Events

Ashes to Go on Ash Wednesday
Walk, bike or drive by!
February 26
Noon-1 p.m. & 4:30-5:30 p.m.
St. Alban's, 420 Woodard St.

Lemon Festival
May 2 from 10 a.m.-2 p.m.
St. Alban's "The Playground Church"
420 Woodard St.

Quarterly Meeting
May 26 at 7 p.m.
Clubhouse, 218 Joyce St.

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

Quarterly Meeting
August 25 at 7 p.m.
Clubhouse, 218 Joyce St.

National Night Out
October 6 from 5:30-8 p.m.

Halloween Yard Judging
October 24

Quarterly Meeting
October 27 at 7 p.m.
Clubhouse, 218 Joyce St.

Holiday Party
December 8 from 6-8 p.m.
Clubhouse, 218 Joyce St.

Holiday Yard Judging
Friday, December 18

Letter from LPCC President

Dear Neighbors,

I write my first letter to you as president with one word in mind: community. The Lindale Park Civic Club (LPCC) is your community ally, and we strive to improve the quality of life for every resident, irrespective of whether they rent or own.

We focus on improving neighborhood safety, maintaining civic and cultural pride and hosting events where resident can mingle and build bonds with their neighbors. But to do this, the LPCC needs your help! That's why, in 2020, the board of directors is focused on strengthening the LPCC by growing membership, listening to their ideas, turning them into action and instilling a stronger volunteer spirit in our neighborhood.

In my relatively short time as president, I've heard, "Why join the LPCC? What exactly do I get?" Well, if you don't know, that's partly our fault!

Your membership dues support beloved neighborhood events like the 4th of July Parade, National Night Out and the Holiday Party, help maintain community resources like St. Alban's Playground and the LPCC Clubhouse and fund LPCC participation in community-preserving groups like Super Neighborhood 51, the I-45 Coalition, the Greater Northside Chamber of Commerce and the Chapter 42 "Lindale Park Minimum Lot Size" effort. Each of these events and activities benefit all Lindale Park residents, and they need your membership support!

A vibrant and effective LPCC also needs volunteers, and many roles require just a few hours each year. Join the LPCC "volunteer army" and serve as a block captain, newsletter contributor, board of directors' alternate – we have an open spot! – or join one of our many committees, such as *Parade* or *Neighborhood Beautification*.

If you already volunteer... thank you! You're amazing. If you're new to the LPCC and have questions... ask us! We're happy to provide answers. And, if you've volunteered in the past and had a lackluster experience... give us another try. I promise you something new.

The **2020 LPCC Board of Directors and Board Alternates** are composed of these residents whose thoughtfulness, diligence and willingness to serve the community is a testament to the character of Lindale Park. **Virginia Duke, Gwyn Guidy** (Vice President), **Ed**

Reyes, Camille Webb and **Linda Morales** are board members serving through August 2020. **Eugene Szymanski** (President), **Vicky Salinas Colorado** (Treasurer), **Nadia Heffernan** (Secretary), **Sylvia Cavazos, Diane Garcia** and **Manuel Maldonado** are board members serving through August 2021. **Kathy Gutierrez, Jaime Salinas** and **Dinah Massie** are board alternates.

Remember the board of directors can't do it alone, so please join the LPCC, share your ideas and energy and help us foster a greater atmosphere of community involvement and action in Lindale Park. And, when you see the blue-colored membership letter arrive in the mail, fill it out and send it back!

All the best,

-Eugene Szymanski, Graceland Street Resident, Homeowner & LPCC President

Beautification Committee News

Yard of the Month Winners

The final newsletter of 2019 was published before Lindale Park's annual Halloween and Holiday Yard-of-the-Month judging, so let's take a moment to congratulate the winners below.

All winners received a fabulous "Yard-of-the-Month" sign for their yard and either a candy-filled jack-o'-lantern for Halloween or a festive red poinsettia plant for the holidays!

And, thank you to all our neighbors who joined in the festivities – it was a treat to see all the decorations this year!

Halloween 2019 Winners

706 Woodard St. / Terri & Randy Kashdan
518 Gale St. / Ralph & Becky Morales
903 Avenue of Oaks St. /
Laura Alexander, Javier Velez & Family

Holiday 2019 Winners

911 Avenue of Oaks St.
618 Woodard St. / Joshua & Mom
814 Sue St.



I DID IT

I know many residents have seen me running at all hours around Lindale Park and surrounding areas. My name is Belinda Reyes, and I am a longtime Lindale Park resident and wanted to share my story with my neighbors.

On January 19, 2020, I reached my personal goal of completing my 20th Houston Marathon!

Running is a passion I've had for a very long time. I started running with my brother and my husband, Ed. My brother, a legacy marathon runner, passed away, and for the last three years, it has been a challenge for me to reach my goal with disappointments at the end. I know my brother would not want me to quit but to keep the passion for running alive.

I could not have done this without the support of my husband and my sister who completed her first half marathon and my family and friends. A co-worker said, "You completed your 20th marathon in the year 2020, so the next one will be 21 in year 2021." I just laughed!

See you on our wide streets of Lindale Park!

- Belinda Reyes, Woodard Street Resident

Wave at Your Neighbors

When was the last time you waved at your neighbors? If you're like me, it was earlier today.

Ever since my wife and I moved to Lindale Park, I wave at everyone as I'm walking, biking or driving around the neighborhood. I do this because I've always believed little acts of friendliness can help bring all of us together.

Neighbors help neighbors. It's something my parents taught me. We all know how true and important that is during major emergencies like Hurricane Harvey, but I'd argue it's just as important when there isn't a crisis, and it's just a normal, humid Houston day.

Being kind to one another throughout the year helps ensure there's no hesitation to help each other when we need it the most.

There's some science behind this idea, too. A paper in the *Psychological Science* journal last year showed that people who were acknowledged by people they walked by (like a friendly wave) felt more connected afterwards. Contrast that to people who received no acknowledgement and felt overwhelmingly disconnected and alone.

I don't think any of us want someone feeling alone in Lindale Park. There are new people moving into our neighborhood every day right now, and they should all feel welcome.

So, wave at your fellow Lindale Park residents, and let's make it the friendliest neighborhood in Houston.

- Michael Blunk, Sue Street Resident

St. Alban's Episcopal Church
Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper
 Feast before the Ash Wednesday fast!

5:00 – 7:00 PM Tuesday, Feb. 25
\$7.50/Adult (half-plate \$3.00)
 Thank you for sharing this English Lenten tradition.

420 Woodard 77009 713-692-3080 Take-out available
 + Service of Imposition of Ashes: Wed. 6 PM; Español - 7 PM +

La Iglesia San Albán
Cena de Panqueques: Banquetear
 antes del ayuno de Miércoles de Ceniza

5:00 – 7:00 PM Martes, 25 de Feb.
\$6.00/Adulto (medio-plato \$3.00)
 ¡Gracias! por compartir esta tradición inglesa de Cuaresma

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Don't Be a Victim of Bank Jugging Quarterly Security Tip – February 2020

Canadian Street resident Mike Bowlin was a victim of bank jugging five years ago. For that reason, Bowlin says he “rarely uses drive-throughs and never leaves a bank with an envelope in hand,” he says. Learn more about bank jugging courtesy of Officer Lucia Vieira, HPD liaison for the Central Division.

The term bank jugging is used to describe suspects who sit in bank parking lots and watch customers go in and out of the bank. The suspects then will follow the customers they believe are in possession of cash and look for the opportunity to burglarize their vehicle or take the currency from them directly by robbing them.

THINGS TO BE AWARE OF WHEN BANKING

- Occupied vehicles backed into parking spaces with clear view of the front doors of the bank,
- ATM machines or commercial drive thru lanes.
- Vehicles with dark tinted windows with little or no visibility of the occupants.
- Vehicles changing parking spaces for no apparent reason.
- Vehicles with multiple occupants.

HOW YOU CAN PROTECT YOURSELF

- Always be aware of your surroundings.
- Conceal money before leaving the bank.
- Never carry bank bags, envelopes, or coin boxes openly and easily seen.
- Be aware of anyone following you from the area of a bank.
- If you suspect that you are being followed or targeted, call 911 from your cell phone and keep the dispatcher informed of your location, your direction of travel and keep driving until a marked police vehicle can locate you.
- Do not leave or try to hide your bank bags or banking envelopes in your vehicle when you exit the vehicle at your next destination, even if it is your residence!
- Try to make your banking activities the last stop on your list of things to do.

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