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LINDALE PARK Q1 NEWSLETTER  
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**Q1 QUARTERLY MEETING 2021  
TUESDAY, MARCH 23  
7 - 8 P.M.**

**Meeting ID: 828 1921 0137  
Passcode: 744093**

Please mark your calendars to attend the virtual Q1 Quarterly Meeting of the Lindale Park Civic Club from **7-8 p.m. Tuesday, March 23!**

Go to [www.lindalepark.org](http://www.lindalepark.org) and follow Lindale Park on our social media outlets – Nextdoor and Facebook – to find the direct meeting link to join from your web browser.

## **Neighbourhood Joy Brightens Corner of English, Fulton Streets**

In partnership with UP Art Studio and City of Houston District H Councilmember Karla Cisneros, the Lindale Park Civic Club commissioned a “Mini Mural” at the corner of English and Fulton Streets to transform a drab traffic signal control cabinet into a vibrant piece of civic art.

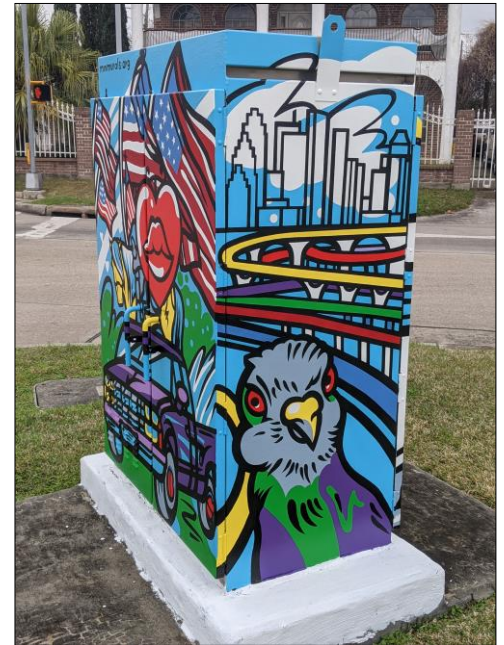
Ideas for a design that reflects the uniqueness of Lindale Park were collected from neighborhood residents at the 2020 LPCC Q1 Quarterly Meeting and those ideas, in the form of a collection of words and general themes, were then given to several artists who rendered them into visual works of art and expressed their inspiration in their own words.

Lindale Park residents then voted for their favorite artistic rendering in

order to support the vision of talented artists, while adding some unique artwork that instills civic pride and beautifies the neighborhood.

You voted *Neighbourhood Joy* by artist Mila Sketch as the winning design. Mila’s vision was “...a colorful picture to represent a diverse community. Friendly Neighbors walking with a dog around magnolia trees, eating tacos, watching on Parade, downtown view, and METRO red line.”

Now, after a year of planning, funding and voting for your favorite design, the latest Lindale Park Mini Mural is finished – go check it out!



Thank you to Elia Quiles with UP Art Studio, Council Member Cisneros and to everyone who participated in the survey to choose the winning design!

Many Mini Murals exist throughout the city with a few situated near Lindale Park along Cavalcade Street at its intersection with Irvington Boulevard (*Frida Kahlo*) and Fulton Avenues (*El Sol*). More info on the design and process can be seen at either [www.minimurals.org](http://www.minimurals.org) or [www.upartstudio.org](http://www.upartstudio.org).

- Eugene Szymanski, Graceland Street Resident

**Mini Mural photos by Mike Bowlin  
Photography**



*President Biden (C) is briefed by Nim Kidd, Chief of the Texas Division of Emergency Management, on the 2021 Winter Storm. Also present (L-R): Gov. Greg Abbott, Mayor Sylvester Turner and Harris County Judge Lina Hidalgo.*

## TranStar Works Emergency Management for Winter Storm

In the week before Valentine's Day, staff at Houston TranStar watched forecasts predict historic low temperatures for the coming week. The National Weather Service showed lows in the mid-teens for Monday, February 15 and Tuesday, February 16—temperatures not seen in at least 10 years and close to the record low set in 1930 (5 degrees Fahrenheit on January 18, 1930).

Houston TranStar is a four-agency partnership that provides transportation management and emergency management services to the Greater Houston area. Although transportation management is a 24/7 task that never ends, emergency management takes center stage during natural and man-made disasters. And, this weather storm by any measure was a disaster.

By Valentine's Day Sunday, TranStar housed about 150 volunteer emergency responders from regional and state organizations. Everyone in the building had a job to do and was highly trained to do it. Emergency medical staff, TxDOT, Harris County offices, law enforcement, social service agencies, energy companies and others worked 12-hour shifts to support the public's needs. Off-duty responders slept and showered on-site, and meals were trucked in. Key early challenges for the public were icy roads and the danger of freezing. Later, as we remember all too well, we dealt with power failures, broken water lines and a boil water notice.

During the eight-day event, Harris County Judge Lina Hidalgo, Houston Mayor Sylvester Turner and others held five news conferences at TranStar to keep the public

informed and updated on how to protect people, pipes, pets and plants (the 4Ps) and efforts to help those in need.

On Friday, February 26, President Joe Biden, Sen. John Cornyn, Gov. Greg Abbott, Judge Hidalgo, Mayor Turner and other leaders visited TranStar for a briefing on the area's needs. They discussed how federal and state governments might work together to help us recover from the devastating storm.

Now that spring is (hopefully) on the way, TranStar moves to the next phase. Responders get together to write After Action Reports, which review what went right, what went wrong and how to improve for the next event.

When that phase is complete, TranStar will revert to its normal 24/7 operations. Clearing crashes on freeways, arranging free tows for stalled cars and training for the next regional emergency event make up some of the day-to-day services this unique partnership provides our community.

- Dinah Massie, Graceland Street & Houston TranStar

## HERE FOR OUR COMMUNITY

The **M.D. Anderson Family YMCA** is back open and ready to serve our neighbors of Lindale Park! In celebration, we want to give one lucky neighbor a free 30-minute personal training session. Don't miss out on the great opportunity! Email lead staff Julissa at [julissa.martinez@ymcahouston.org](mailto:julissa.martinez@ymcahouston.org) with the subject line PT@MD to enter the giveaway.

**GET YOUR TAXES DONE FOR FREE!** We're excited to be hosting AARP Foundation this tax season starting now to April 15 from noon-4 p.m. every Monday, Thursday and Saturday. Appointments are required to reserve a spot! To make an appointment, call 832-303-8597 or email [s58056104@aarpfoundation.org](mailto:s58056104@aarpfoundation.org).

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**218 Joyce Cleanup** – A “day of caring” to complete routine maintenance and upkeep at the Clubhouse, including trimming trees and limbs, was held Saturday, November 21, 2020, by 11 GREAT volunteers of Lindale!



Routine maintenance and upkeep of the Clubhouse also included inspections of the roof, plumbing, heating/AC/electrical units and rotting and peeling paint/wood.

Tackling this laundry list of important items was a BIG job and MANY thanks go to Ed Reyes and his volunteer crew!

**Intersection of English & Irvington** – Thank you to the handful of Lindale Park residents and civic club members who cleared overgrowth from the esplanade at this intersection. The City of Houston has been derelict in maintaining this part of the esplanade (despite numerous complaints and traffic accidents), so several people gathered January 23 and took action to clear vines, cut branches and haul away the debris – kudos neighbors!

- Eugene Szymanski, Graceland Street

## Shining the Spotlight on Local Businesses

### Canary Café

Canary Café opened September 2020, during the pandemic, after a lengthy period getting all their permits in order. Canary Café is located at 4928A Fulton St., on the corner of Fulton and Canadian Streets.

As many of the old-timers know, Canary is located in an old meat market. Several amenities of the building are still visible in the floor, ceiling and top of the south wall.

Since their soft opening, they've been able to add several products, services and eclectic items made by local artisans and creators to sell in the center of the store.

Canary is a very “unique” place, from their coffee program, developed after the coffee manager spent 15 years working all around Houston developing a great selection of coffees and espressos, to their

food menu, which includes brisket and beef-mixed hamburgers and pizzas, which are baked in an old-style oven and using sourdough for the crusts, which take a day and a half to prepare.

As with their syrups used with the espressos, some coffees being prepackaged and available to purchase to go from the cooler, they are produced “in the store.”

Canary's unique selection of baked goods, like their homemade “pop-tarts,” also are baked in the store and use fresh ingredients like their homemade jams, made from seasonal fresh fruit. Canary offers a wide selection of healthy foods and drinks.

Canary Café just got their beer and wine license, and they're now carrying a good selection of beers and wines. These are available to drink either at Canary Café OR for take-out. If consuming their wine in the restaurant, there is a minimal uncorking fee. Canary's pricing on beer and wine is reasonable, similar to supermarket prices, so if you need something to drink, Canary Café is close and saves you time driving to a supermarket.

The ambiance of Canary Café is very relaxing and designed to be that way. It's a great place to take your iPad or laptop, use their free Wi-Fi and enjoy great food selections and drinks. And, they have an area in the back for sitting at tables outside and enjoying the weather. They also have an Amazon Hub (named “Preview”), so you can even go there to safely pick-up items purchased from Amazon.

When the pandemic winds down, Canary will offer several more tables and live music on their stage.

Canary Café got its original start from its coffee program, but it has evolved into a well-rounded establishment and is located at the edge of Lindale Park.



**Canary Café's Grand Opening is Thursday, March 25.** Let's support them to keep them and attract other great places to go in Lindale Park!

Canary Café generously has donated a \$50 gift card that will be given to one Lindale Park resident who sends his/her name, address and phone number by email to [LP.contest@zohomail.com](mailto:LP.contest@zohomail.com). The winner will be chosen just before the March 23 Q1 Quarterly Meeting! (One entry per address.)

- Mike Bowlin, Canadian Street

## Love Lindale Park Cleanup Going Strong

We had a handful of participants at the January 9 event. We asked folks to clean up where they wished. Many large bags of trash were reported on the Nextdoor post. We know there were some silent DIYers out there, too!

What's next? We are working to connect with Lindale Park businesses to help fund a "Love Lindale Park" T-shirt. You know you want one! How do you get one? Come to the next two clean up events. We have an event on "every second Saturday on the odd months."

**March 13:** *storm drain marking on Irvington, DIY trash cleanup, possibly esplanade clean and re-planting at Lindale Park signs. Check-in to earn credit for your T-shirt.*

**May 8:** *Focused trash clean up locations TBD, T-shirt give away*

**July 10:** *Tentative: storm drain adoption and DIY trash cleanup*

**September 11:** *Tentative: recycling education and DIY trash cleanup*

**November 13:** *Tentative: tree planting and DIY trash cleanup*

Watch for more event information on Nextdoor, the Lindale Park Civic Club website and yard signs. Questions or want to join the crew, email [LoveLindalePark@gmail.com](mailto:LoveLindalePark@gmail.com).

- Jane Strohm, Graceland Street

## Lindale Park's 2021 Events to Know

Love LP Trash Cleanup  
Saturday, March 13

Q1 Quarterly Meeting  
Tuesday, March 23 from 7-8 p.m.

Easter Bunny Hops by Lindale Park  
Saturday, March 27

Love LP Trash Cleanup  
Saturday, May 8

Q2 Quarterly Meeting  
Tuesday, May 25 from 7-8 p.m.

Patriotic Yard Decorating Challenge (Judging)  
Sunday, July 4, 2021

Love LP Trash Cleanup  
Saturday, July 10

Q3 Quarterly Meeting  
Tuesday, August 24 from 7-8 p.m.

Love LP Trash Cleanup  
Saturday, September 11

Halloween Yard Decorating Challenge (Judging)  
Sunday, October 24, 2021

Q4 Quarterly Meeting  
Tuesday, October 26 from 7-8 p.m.

Love LP Trash Cleanup  
Saturday, November 13

Santa Claus Drives by Lindale Park  
Saturday, December 11, 2021

Holiday Yard Decorating Challenge (Judging)  
Saturday, December 18, 2021

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