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**Q2 QUARTERLY MEETING 2021
TUESDAY, MAY 25
7 – 8 P.M.**

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Lindale Park Is a Neighborly Place to Be

When speaking with Dorothy Brown, a 55-year/longtime resident of Lindale Park (LP), the first thing that comes to mind is “having wonderful neighbors.”

When Ms. Brown was young, she lived near Fulton and Crosstimbers Streets. For extra income, her mother made pin cushions in the late 1940s. Young Dorothy was then taken to LP to sell the pin cushions. She would tell those that bought the pin cushions that “someday, she was going to live in this nice neighborhood.”

Later, when married to her husband, they had the opportunity to move with their young daughter to her present house on Graceland Street.

She recalls the good life living in Lindale Park, visiting the Linder Lake Pool just north of LP on Helmers Street, shopping in the Main Street clothing shops, people selling “buddy poppies” to raise money for the war veterans in downtown, the restaurant and Civil Defense shelter in the basement of Woolworth’s, driving to Prince’s Drive-In for burgers, working for the City of Houston while Oscar Holcomb was mayor, being assistant leader for the Girl Scout troop that met in the Civic Club building on Joyce Street, going to the dairy on Fulton Street near Patton

Street to get milk and visiting Moody Park for square dancing and outdoor movies.

But mostly, Ms. Brown remembers all the good neighbors she had and still has.

In times of trouble, her neighbors

were always there to help, including times of unemployment, in the 90s when the contractor tore up several streets all at once, and nobody could get out of their driveways due to all the mud. Neighbors were there helping each other by using ropes and pushing cars.

The Civic Club put together a meeting with the contractor and got them to fix the streets as soon as possible and only tore-up one street at a time after that to shorten the repair cycle.

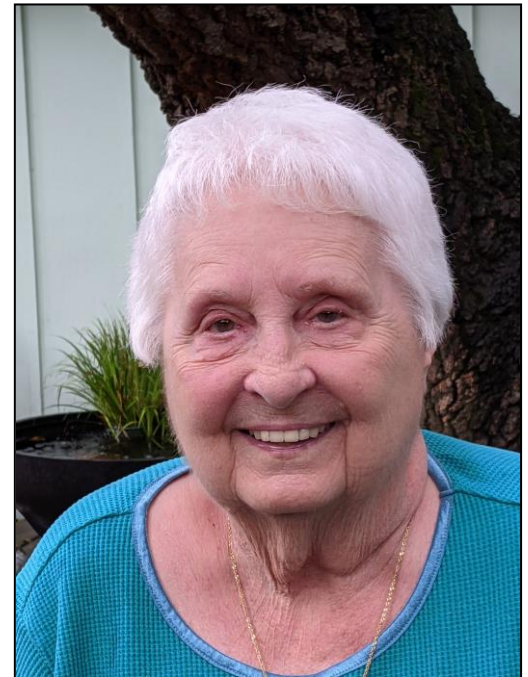
She said that neighbors have even shown their support through the years bringing in empty trash bins.

Shortly after this writer’s arrival to interview Ms. Brown, someone from both adjoining houses appeared, without any signal other than my arrival, to make sure Ms. Brown was safe, and they stayed there the entire time, joining in on the discussion.

Lindale Park IS a neighborly neighborhood!

- Mike Bowlin, Canadian Street

Photo of Dorothy Brown by Mike Bowlin Photography



Girl Scout Sprouts Community Garden at Clubhouse

You may have noticed there are now raised garden beds at the Lindale Park Clubhouse on Joyce Street. These beds are part of my Girl Scout Silver Award Project to build a community garden consisting of three 4x4 raised beds planted on the left side of the Clubhouse at 218 Joyce St.

This community garden is the goal of my Girl Scout Silver Award Project, something that Girl Scouts like me have the opportunity to complete by committing 50 service hours toward a project that will result in a lasting impact.

Before the COVID-19 pandemic, the Civic Club often would hold meetings and events as community outreach. However, to comply with the city’s health, safety and social distancing guidelines surrounding the pandemic, all events and meetings at the Clubhouse were put on hold.

Therefore, I decided that my project would focus on planting a community garden in our neighborhood because I wanted to create something that people could interact through, without being put at risk for COVID-19.

This community garden is a starter garden. It’s meant for Lindale Park residents to come, contribute, plant and to think about gardening at your own house! There are tomatoes, peppers, squashes, herbs and various flowers.

I want to thank the Lindale Park Civic Club for approving the project and giving me the space.

Next time you walk down Joyce Street, be sure to check out our community garden!

- Daphne Parkey, English Street

Plant a Commemorative Tree in LP

The Love Lindale Park cleanup and beautification group is considering ways to begin planting the next generation of native trees in our neighborhood.

Native trees such as Oak, Sweetgum, Elm, Loblolly Pine,

Sycamore, Redbud and Pecan are part of what make this region so distinct and beautiful. Many trees in Lindale are very mature and ready for others to grow alongside them. It’s not just their beauty. Trees provide cool shade, lower energy bills and increase property value.

We are researching a couple options for tree planting this year. One option is a memorial planting where residents can donate to have a tree planted alongside a plaque, commemorating a loved one or a neighbor that has passed. With several residents calling Lindale home all their life, this memorial would be a way to be remembered and appreciated for generations to come.

Additionally, we are applying for a neighborhood wide tree planting with the help of local non-profit *Trees for Houston*. With the support of *Trees for Houston*,

we could plant trees in the front yards of interested residents and along shared neighborhood green spaces.

This project only can get off the ground with your input and support. A key hurdle with either project is identifying viable planting locations where trees will be taken care of, either on public or private land (your yard!).

If you are interested in this project and have ideas or places for us to consider, please email our group at LoveLindalePark@gmail.com.

- Ethan Melville with Love Lindale Park




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Reasons to Celebrate

Congratulations to these fine Lindale Park graduates and award winners!

The Blair family in Lindale Park has two reasons to celebrate. **Kinsley N. Blair** (*right*) will graduate from Energy Institute High School June 12, 2021. While a student at Energy, Kinsley received the Presidential Merit Scholarship and VEX Robotics Scholarship. She plans to attend Worcester Polytechnic Institute in Worcester, Massachusetts, and join the school's Robotics Program.

Kinsley's dad **Adam Blair**, a teacher at Wilson Montessori School, was the March 2021 recipient of the Ashley HomeStore Red Apple Award from Houston TV station KHOU. The award highlights outstanding educators in and around Houston. Blair was nominated by his students at Wilson where he's been teaching for 10 years.

Congratulations are in order for **Marco Figueroa**, a graduate from the Cockrell School of Engineering at The University of Texas at Austin, who earned a Bachelor of Science in Mechanical Engineering with Honors! Marco earned a four-year scholarship to the University of Houston and attended for two years, before transferring to UT-Austin.



The Villarreals celebrate their son, **Julian Patrick Villarreal** (*left*), who graduated May 8, 2021, from Baylor University with a Bachelor of Business Administration in Risk Management and Insurance and a Minor in Criminal Justice. As a Baylor student, Julian found his second church



on campus at St. Peter's where he spent a summer abroad on a missionary trip. He was an active member of Delta Tau Delta and is most proud of the burrito project, which helped to feed hundreds of Waco's homeless citizens weekly. At Baylor, he also managed the administrative dining hall and managed to secure a variety of academic and community service scholarships.

Julian also spent the summer of his junior year in Washington, D.C. as an intern for our own Lindale resident Rep. Sylvia R. Garcia. He will begin his post-college career in Houston as a bond and specialty underwriter with Travelers Insurance.

- Randi Blair, Belinda Figueroa, Deborah Villarreal & Camille Webb

Fourth of July Parade Returns in 2022

The Lindale Park Parade Committee recently met to discuss the possibility of resuming our annual Fourth of July Parade. Whereas we all agree that everyone is ready to return to pre-COVID normalcy, we also recognize that from a planning standpoint, more time to organize and plan the parade is needed.

Typically, the committee spends four to five months setting the parade wheels in motion. With that in mind, we made the decision to wait until July 4, 2022, to resume the long-standing tradition of a Lindale Park Fourth of July Parade.

However, in keeping with the spirit of celebrating our nation's birthday, the Lindale Park Second Annual Patriotic Yard Decorating Challenge will continue, and three lucky winners will be announced July 4, 2021!

We also are considering hosting a parade in mid to late October to celebrate life and the joy of community. Please stay tuned for more details.

The Lindale Park Parade Committee would like to take this opportunity to thank each of you for your continued support and for continuing to make our neighborhood the jewel it is to each of us!

- LP Parade Committee

Shop for Bargains, Get BBQ in June

Lindale Park's next community wide "Garage Sale Day" will be from **8 a.m. to noon Saturday, June 26!** Just like the last one held January 30, residents will hold their own yard sale or garage sale on their properties.

Ave of Oaks Street resident Kevin Hoffman singlehandedly organized and advertised Lindale Park's community wide sale in January and hung directional signs up and down Irvington Boulevard to let buyers know where to shop. The January sale was so successful that residents encouraged Mr. Hoffman to plan another one.

Would you like to participate in the June 26 Garage Sale Day? Send a message to Kevin Hoffman at kjhman12002@yahoo.com or drop him a line on Nextdoor to let him know you want to be part of the event.

After you shop for bargains, be sure to stop by the **BBQ Fundraiser** at the **Lindale Park Lodge** (202 Ave of Oaks St.) at **1 p.m. Saturday June 26!** The menu will be chicken leg quarters, sausage, rice, potato salad and all the trimmings. Dine in or take out is available. The cost is just \$10 per plate. For advance tickets, call 832-567-7470.

- Camille Webb, English Street

Hurricane Season Preparedness Tips

Hurricane season runs from June 1 – November 30. This year weather forecasters expect an above-average year (17 storms in all, with eight hurricanes and four major hurricanes).

Transportation and Emergency Management staff at Houston TranStar want you to understand the importance of being prepared for serious weather.

This year, TranStar is sharing four helpful tips to remember as the 2021 hurricane season draws near:

1. **Put together an emergency kit before the next storm.** An emergency kit is necessary, whether you "hunker down" during a hurricane or leave town. Buy a week's supply of food that doesn't need to be refrigerated or cooked. Have at least one gallon of water per person per day. Get your prescriptions filled. And make a plan for your pets (water and food).

2. **Be ready for an evacuation.** Keep your gas tank at least half-full in hurricane season and be sure your car or truck is running well. If your family lives in an evacuation zone, leave only when an evacuation order is given.

3. **Download the TranStar mobile app.** The app gives you real-time traffic information and alerts you to areas where road flooding risk is high during heavy rain. If you come across street flooding, remember the rhyme "turn around, don't drown." Before and during a storm, listen to your local news.

4. **Finally, if you can afford flood insurance, buy it today.** Contact your insurance agent to buy a policy, which won't take effect until 30 days after you sign up. Plan ahead. Be smart.

Hurricanes and severe storms can cause serious damage. The Team at Houston TranStar reminds you that being ready could save your life. Act now to be prepared for what may be an active 2021 hurricane season.

- Houston TranStar

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