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Lindale Park Civic Club

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Lindale Park Poised to Preserve Setbacks

“Individuality of attractive homes, accentuated in Lindale Park by large lots with homes set back at a uniform distance, makes every street a picturesque scene” boasts a Lindale Park sales brochure from the 1930s to 1940s.

“We work hard to keep the overall flow and feel of the neighborhood consistent,” says Nadia Heffernan, Lindale Park Civic Club President. “We worked with the City of Houston in 2014 to 2015 to establish Special Minimum Lot Sizes. We also ask that residents respect the front setbacks to maintain the beautiful front yards and streets that make our neighborhood.”

While the Special Minimum Lot Size protections Lindale Park has in place are good for 40 years, they only control the size of the lot. They do not set standards for setbacks.

A setback is the minimum distance that a building or other structure must be set back from a street or road.

Lindale Park is ready to take the next steps to preserve the character of our neighborhood by pursuing **Special Minimum Building Line (SMBL)** protection for Lindale Park.

For example, if a 15-foot Special Minimum Building Line is established for your block, no structures will be permitted to be built with a building line of less than 15 feet from the road, according to City of Houston’s Planning and Development Department application to establish SMBL.

One block in Lindale Park already is protected under SMBL, thanks to volunteer Kathy Gutierrez, who secured the protection for her block of Gale Street.

A planning group already met May 5 at Canary Café to start the applications for Special Minimum Building Line.

“There’s a group effort of neighbors who are concerned about our lot setbacks and preserving the character and trees in Lindale Park,” says Sara Eakens, who lives on Moody Street and attended the meeting at Canary Café.

Board members who helped attain the lot size effort were in attendance, too, as well as several concerned residents ready to volunteer.

“The Civic Club is going to back this effort 100 percent, so it’s not a cost burden,” says Gwyn Guidy, who was instrumental in securing the lot size ordinance for Lindale Park.

It will take MANY volunteers to get applications submitted to secure setback protections for Lindale Park.

To volunteer to submit the application for your block or to learn more about the process, send email to info@lindalepark.org or come to the **Q2 Quarterly Meeting** at 7 p.m. Tuesday, May 24 to hear from **City Planner Abraham Zorrilla**, who will give a presentation about SMBL, followed by a question and answer session.

- Camille Webb, English Street, LPCC Newsletter Editor

Q2 QUARTERLY MEETING
Tuesday, May 24
7 – 8 P.M.

IN-PERSON & VIRTUAL MEETING
OPTIONS AVAILABLE!

CLUBHOUSE: 218 JOYCE ST.
MEETING ID: 876 7311 1794
PASSCODE: 372630

Congratulations to Lindale Park’s
April 2022 Yard of the Month
Winners!



Keith & Fran Galick
811 Sue St.

Al & Mary Lou Garcia
417 Canadian St.

Ed & Belinda Reyes
417 Woodard St.

Letter from LPCC President

There is so much happening in Lindale Park right now. It's so exciting to be part of it all.

We have a newly formed Lindale Park kids group - the **Lindale Park Littles**. Be sure to read more about it and get involved. "Kids" of all ages are welcome to play or help plan and participate.

Love Lindale Park, our beautification subcommittee, is going strong and will celebrate two years July 9. The neighborhood is looking great and loves all the work these residents do! It is so exciting to see all those newly planted trees growing and setting the foundation for years to come.

Speaking of beautification, please remember that **trash and recycling bins** are to be placed on the street no earlier than 6 p.m. the night before pick up and should be brought in promptly following pick up. Learn more at: <https://houstontx.gov/solidwaste/trashfacts.pdf>.

The Solid Waste Management Department has an app you can download to be informed if the schedule is delayed - **HTX Collects**. If your neighbors haven't pulled their bins in on time, consider giving them a hand. We can all use a little help sometimes.

Similarly, **tree trash and heavy trash** should not be placed out more than one weekend ahead of the scheduled pick up date. Not only is it ugly, it creates a flooding risk during heavy rainstorms. This being Houston, we never know when one of those will happen!

Thank you to those residents who have gotten involved to protect the character of our neighborhood by reaching out to developers and the City of Houston to preserve the beautiful trees and building setbacks. Read more about their efforts and be sure to join us to learn more at the **Q2 Quarterly Meeting at 7 p.m. Tuesday, May 24** in the Clubhouse (218 Joyce St.) or log-on to listen only via Zoom.

Until next time,
- *Nadia Heffernan, English Street, LPCC President*

Remember... It's ODD!!!

One way to remember that only tree/yard waste is collected in odd-numbered months is that "It's ODD!!!" **The approximate day for collecting Heavy Trash is the**



First Friday of Each Month, whether it's tree/yard waste or junk.

Let's help keep Lindale Park beautiful at all times.

According to the City of Houston:

"Tree Waste" is defined as "clean" wood waste such as tree limbs, branches and stumps. Lumber, furniture and treated wood will NOT be accepted.

"Junk Waste" is defined as items, such as furniture, appliances and other bulky material. The city won't pick up tires or construction debris.


Tree Waste is accepted during Junk Waste Months; however, to ensure your Tree Waste is recycled, you may hold your tree waste materials until the next Tree Waste designated month or take it to a Neighborhood Depository/Recycling Center **with a driver's license AND a recent utility bill for proof of residency!**

The closest location is at 9003 N. Main St., Houston, TX 77022. Find more at www.houstontx.gov/solidwaste/depositories.html.

- *Mike Bowlin, Canadian Street*

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Come Play with Lindale Park Littles

Lindale Park Civic Club president Nadia Heffernan is a mother of three. Back in 2012, she and a friend talked about starting a kid's group in the neighborhood. But, life got in the way for these two busy moms, and their idea never got off the ground.

Fast forward to the COVID-19 pandemic, when Helmers Street became a place where neighbors could—at a distance—see and be around other people. And on that promenade, moms, dads and kids noticed other moms, dads and kids ... and a lot of them. At arm's length, they started to get to know each other and dream of one day having play dates without distance and face masks between them.

So, while this pandemic kept more of us closer to home, it also brought us closer together and ignited a desire to be social. Ironically, this ended up being the perfect catalyst for getting the idea Nadia had 10 years earlier off the ground.

In March 2022, she and some other neighborhood moms who met during COVID, founded the Lindale Park Littles.

The group is centered on bringing kids and their parents together through fun, community-oriented events. With the growing number of families with young children in the neighborhood, these moms are excited about the group's potential.

The group's inaugural event was an Easter Egg Hunt held April 10 on the grounds of St. Alban's Episcopal Church, complete with the Easter Bunny and cookies from El Bolillo Bakery.

Next up will be a **Lemon Festival Saturday, June 11 with St. Alban's**, as well as summer movie nights under the stars.

Stay tuned for more information about these and other fun upcoming events. In the meantime, take a stroll down Helmers Street. You never know who you'll meet and what it might turn into.

If you're interested in getting involved, email us at LindaleParkLittles@gmail.com or find us on Nextdoor.

- Kim Erickson, Fairbanks Street

Quinn (top middle) takes a break from collecting eggs to sit with the Easter Bunny.



Love Lindale Park Updates

Do you still want to earn your T-shirt? Volunteer for at least two Love LP cleanup events and send us a photo of your effort to earn volunteer credit. Email lovelindalepark@gmail.com or post in the Nextdoor group "Love Lindale Park: Clean-up."

Recent Second Saturday Events: Here's a snapshot of what our group has been doing and cleaning up!

- **March 12:** A handful of volunteers cleaned up along Fulton Street, trimmed trees and added mulch at the Lindale Park Civic Club.
- **May 14:** Volunteers cleaned up along Irvington Boulevard and refreshed the mulch at the playground at St. Alban's Episcopal Church.

Upcoming Events: Watch our Nextdoor group or look for fliers or signs along Helmers Street.

- **July 4 (Monday):** Special Post-Parade Trash Cleanup on Irvington Boulevard
- **July 9:** Two Year Anniversary Celebration! Stay tuned for more details.
- **September 10:** Focus on Helmers Street
- **November 1 (Tuesday):** Special Trash Cleanup after Halloween Trick-or-Treat



Volunteers (left) help spread new mulch at the playground and spruce up the shared grounds May 14.

Congratulations to our graduate students! We wish them well on their next journey.



Alexa Rae Davis (*top left*) will graduate with Texas Connection Academy's Class of 2022 and plans to attend the University of Houston.

Alexa lives in Lindale Park, along with her parents, Veronica and Arturo Jurado, and younger brother, Christian. She is the eldest grandchild of Bob and Diane Garcia, also Lindale residents.

Even as a young child, Alexa expressed her individuality and confidence. She excelled academically and later joined the HITS Theatre, where she performed and worked her way up to leading roles and showcased her singing ability.

Alexa's academic interests appear to be leading her toward a career involving sciences but don't be surprised if someday she winds up performing on Broadway!

Amanda Marie Orozco (*middle*), of Avenue of Oaks, recently graduated from Houston Community College - Coleman College for Health Sciences with her second degree, an Associate of Applied Science as a Physical Therapist Assistant. Amanda holds bachelor's degree from the University of Houston in Kinesiology-Exercise Science.

"My husband, David, and I have lived in this neighborhood for over 10 years and have two beautiful children together," Amanda says. "I cannot wait to start working as a Physical Therapist Assistant in the greater Houston area!"

Jefferson Valdez Page (*top right*) will graduate from St. Pius X High School's Class of 2022. He plans to attend Oglethorpe University in Atlanta to study biology and play on the tennis team.

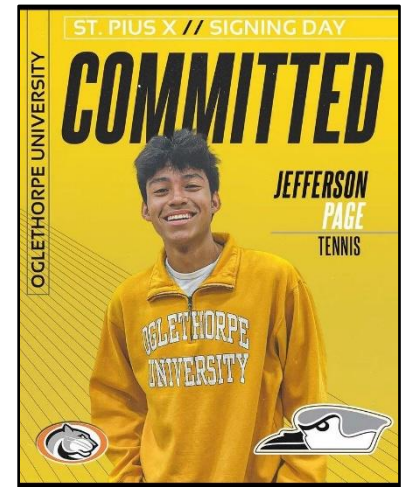
While at St. Pius X, Jefferson was on the Dean's list for academic achievement and National Honor Society all four years. He will graduate in the top 10 percent of his class.

He also played tennis for St. Pius X for four years and was district champ last year.



"My favorite aunt and uncle, Belinda and Ed Reyes, reside in Lindale Park," Jefferson says. "My parents also resided in Lindale for a short time along with my grandmother, who lived on Milwaukee Street. Although we do not live in Lindale anymore, I can still remember coming to celebrate Halloween at my aunt and uncle's home every year and attend the July 4th parade!"

- Diane Garcia, Amanda Orozco, Debra Page & Camille Webb



Scholarships Available for Senior Grads

The Lindale Park Masonic Lodge has \$500 scholarships available for selected high school seniors graduating this year who live in the Lindale Park area.

Those interested should send their information to Kenneth Sparks at kennethsparks@att.net for consideration.

Please include the following information: name, address, school of graduation, email address and what college or university they plan to attend, as well as their major.

Deadline to apply for the Masonic Lodge Scholarship is Tuesday, May 31!

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