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Gwyn Guidy Receives Leadership Award

Our own Gwyn Guidy is one of just six honorees chosen to receive this year's prestigious Dorothy Richardson Award for Resident Leadership from NeighborWorks. This national award is given annually to dedicated community leaders in recognition of their outstanding contributions.

Gwyn received her award October 13 in Los Angeles at a ceremony held at the Westin Bonaventure Hotel. Avenue CDC's *Community, Building and Engagement Team* nominated her for the award.



"We are proud and honored to have Gwyn represent the Near Northside," says Cynthia Reyes-Revilla, Avenue CDC's community coordinator for the Near Northside. "She is the epitome of a fine leader who's determination has inspired many to engage in their community, envision what they want their community to look like and make it happen!"

Gwyn was recognized for her efforts to implement and secure the City of Houston's Chapter 42 minimum lot size protections for all of Lindale Park.

One particular issue Gwyn recognized and wanted to address was the growing trend of overdevelopment of luxury townhomes in Houston. Townhomes often expedite gentrification, the displacement of the historic residents, and Gwyn wanted to fight to preserve the history, culture and single-family nature of her community. In 2014, Gwyn began to work on implementing the City of Houston's Chapter 42 minimum lot size ordinance in the Northside community. Gwyn began by working alongside the Historic Near Northside as they pursued the protection of a 350-parcel area of the community nearest downtown. This was the neighborhood's first effort, and there were many lessons learned. Gwyn took what she learned from this initial process and began a process to protect her entire neighborhood, Lindale Park. In two years, she was able to help do just that, by having this protection placed on over 1,000 homes.

And, on Nov. 19, 2016, Gwyn's dream of putting the "park" in Lindale Park became a reality.

Beyond her efforts to get minimum lot size protections for her neighborhood, Gwyn pursued a long time dream for her neighborhood: a playground for children and families. Through her persistence and leadership, a KaBOOM Park was built on land provided by the neighborhood church. Gwyn and her team leveraged \$11,000 for the park, not including the cost of the donated property, the KaBOOM grant itself, and had over 200 volunteers donate 2,600 hours of their time and hard work to plan, design and build the playground.

Lindale Park now boasts *two* winners of the Dorothy Richardson Award for Resident Leadership. Lindale's own Diana Lerma Pfeifer won the award in 2015 and was the first from Texas to win. Gwyn Guidy's win makes for an even bigger win all-around for all she does and continues to do for our neighborhood!

- Camille Webb, LPCC Secretary (Italicized text is an excerpt from Avenue CDC's nomination letter.)

**Quarterly Meeting – REMINDER
Tuesday, October 24 at 7 p.m.
at the Clubhouse (218 Joyce St.)**

**Join your neighbors, board members
and the community for our final
Quarterly Meeting of 2017!
Great door prizes! See you there!**

Life in Lindale Park...

Jim and Estella Reeves have an interesting bit of history to share about their home at 502 Canadian St. It once belonged to the mother of American actress and singer Gale Storm. Ms. Storm is best known for her popular television roles of the 1950s and 1960s, including *My Little Margie* and *The Gale Storm Show*.

After she became an actress, Ms. Storm frequently visited her mother at 502 Canadian St., coming for weeks at a time to visit. While Ms. Storm did not grow up in the house on Canadian Street, Estella says she was “delighted to know she spent a lot of time here with her mother.”

Near the Reeves is Larry Wunderlich who lives in his childhood home on Canadian Street. Although he was young, he still remembers Ms. Storm coming to visit and spending time with her mother at 502 Canadian St.

Ms. Storm starred in several movies, but Estella says her favorite is *It Happened on Fifth Avenue* (1947).

Do you have a fun bit of history or something else you'd like to share about living in Lindale Park? Send it to me at camille.webb@gmail.com, and I'll be sure to print it in our next quarterly newsletter!



Jim and Estella Reeves chat with Cindy Gertner at National Night Out.

Chef Lindale Park

When I was growing up, my grandmother made one of three ‘quick’ breads to serve with dinner: biscuits, cornbread or gingerbread (for special occasions). This is the recipe she used (from my grandfather’s sister). It is sweet but not too sweet. Enjoy.

Gingerbread (from my Great-Aunt Lucille)

2 ½ cups flour
1 tsp ground ginger
½ tsp salt
1 tsp ground cinnamon
1 ½ tsp baking soda
½ tsp ground cloves
½ cup (1 stick) unsalted butter (at room temperature)
½ cup sugar
1 beaten egg
1 cup molasses (preferably Brer Rabbit)
1 cup hot water

1. Preheat oven to 350.
2. Sift together flour, ginger, salt, cinnamon, baking soda and cloves.
3. Cream butter and sugar. Add beaten egg and molasses
4. Stir dry ingredients into wet ingredients.
5. Add hot water and stir to incorporate.
6. Pour into greased and floured shallow pan (approximately 9x9) for 35 minutes or until toothpick comes out clean.

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Neighbors Gather for National Night Out

The wet weather put a damper on Lindale Park's originally scheduled National Night Out, but friends young and old still turned up one week later Tuesday, Oct. 10 to attend this community building and safety awareness event at the St. Alban's Episcopal Church Courtyard.

National Night Out (NNO) is held annually across the United States to raise awareness about crime prevention efforts in neighborhoods and to strengthen police-community partnerships.

At Lindale Park's NNO event, neighbors were encouraged to fill out a safety survey. Raffle tickets were given away upon completion of the survey, as neighbors vied for a chance to win one of three prizes, like smoke alarms and fire extinguishers. Safety first, after all!

This event is due in no small part to neighborhood volunteers and Civic Club board members, including event organizers Vicky Salinas and Diane Garcia.

Appreciation extends to Rev. Bill Laucher and the parish of St. Alban's for the use of the church grounds and facility; to Mike Bowlin Photography for capturing candid and posed shots of the event; to Ian Feldman for emergency preparedness; to our expert face painters Caroline and Aime; and to Bea Rosales for popping some delicious popcorn!

And, thank YOU for joining in the fun and friendship of the evening!

- Camille Webb, LPCC Secretary



National Night Out and Newsletter Photos
by Mike Bowlin Photography
To see more photos, go to www.lindalepark.org.

Free METRO Rides for Students *Extended Through October*

METRO is extending its free rides to all area students through October 31. Many families are still dealing with limited transportation options and disrupted schedules since Hurricane Harvey, and METRO continues to help. Students are encouraged to show their student ID and **do not tap the METRO Q® Fare Card when boarding.**

Harvey Recovery Free Ride Facts

- Free rides for all students K-College
- Free rides for parents escorting students
- High school and college students must present student ID before boarding
- Offer through October 31

Information about METRO's routes and schedules can be found at RIDEMETRO.org.

Recycling Still Suspended *Tell Your Neighbors*

Due to post-Hurricane Harvey debris pickup, recycling has been indefinitely suspended, according to the latest e-newsletter from District H/Councilwoman Karla Cisneros. Please refrain from putting the green recycling cans on the curb, as they will not be picked up.

Recycling may be dropped off at local neighborhood depositories. The North Main Neighborhood Depository/Recycling Center at 9003 N. Main St. is the closest recycling facility to Lindale Park. This facility accepts Junk Waste, Tree Waste and Recyclables at no additional charge to City of Houston residents.

Did you read the useful information printed in the blue double-sided flier from **Barrio Dogs**? We thank Eleanor Street resident Chris Schwark who paid for the cost of printing the fliers to help create awareness in our neighborhood about responsible pet ownership, the importance of spaying and neutering our pets and to educate us about the overpopulation of stray and roaming dogs in the neighborhood.

Reach out to Barrio Dogs (www.barriodogs.org) to learn more.

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*10 mile route available
 1-2 mile Kidical Mass by Bike Houston

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Mercado de Northside
Curated by Shop Local Market
 Leonel Castillo Community Center
 2101 South St.
 10 A.M.-2 P.M.

Food, Music and Art Vendors
Costume Contest!

AFTER PARTY
 Raven Tower-310 North St.
 begins at 2 P.M.

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Tour de Northside
 WHITE OAK MUSIC HALL
 2915 N. MAIN ST.
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