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LINDALE PARK NEWSLETTER
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FINAL Quarterly Meeting of 2018 Tuesday, October 23 at 7 p.m. Clubhouse / 218 Joyce St.

Join your neighbors, board members and the community at 7 p.m. Tuesday, October 23 for the last Quarterly Meeting of 2018. All meetings take place at the Clubhouse located at 218 Joyce St.

Come learn about upcoming communications initiatives the Civic Club has in the works, as well as security patrol plans for the holiday season.

Quarterly Meetings also are a chance for our residents to bring comments and concerns to the attention of the Lindale Park Civic Club board of directors.

Join us! Great door prizes, too!

Status of I-45 Expansion Project

Good news for those of us dreading the proposed widening of I-45 between I-10 to Loop 610 North, and the resulting noise and traffic congestion that would negatively impact Lindale Park – it will be quite a while before we see any changes created by the North Houston Highway Improvement Project.

“Implementation of the project near that section of the freeway (I-45 at Loop 610 North) will be at least three to four years in the future,” according to Pat Henry, director of project development at the Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT).

Any improvements for that section have not yet been funded, according to Henry, meaning it could be even longer before construction crews start work between Cavalcade Street and the North Loop.

TxDOT’s proposed I-45 improvement project cuts across a wide swath of Houston, from downtown north to Beltway 8 and has been a source of contention for many reasons for all affected neighborhoods.

Of greatest impact to Lindale Park and to our neighbors is the plan to close the northbound side Patton Street exit, which would place a heavy burden on the Cavalcade Street exit and the bordering neighborhoods. The Patton Street exit would be closed, and the existing Love’s truck stop demolished, to provide space for a flood-control retention pond.

The entire project is expected to take at least 10 years to complete.

- *Lonne Martinez, LPCC Co-Secretary*

Halloween

will be here before you know it! Our Beautification Committee kicks it up a notch to find the top three yards with the scariest, spookiest and best-looking Halloween themes in Lindale Park. Halloween Yard Judging will be October 24 when three winners will be chosen to receive \$25 gift cards donated by Eric Bradley with In The Loop Properties.

Speaking of Halloween, the Lindale Park Civic Club plans to hire police officers on bicycles to patrol our neighborhood streets during peak trick-or-treating hours Wednesday, October 31.

- *Vicky Salinas Colorado, LPCC Vice President / Beautification Chair*

Letter from the President

Dear Lindale Park Neighbors,

I see this year as a chance to reconnect with you and to discover the things most important to each of us and the community at large.

The Lindale Park Civic Club (LPCC) is working on expanding our communication. We will be asking our neighbors to update their contact information through our neighborhood website. We also will email a survey, so we have a clear picture of what you think is important for the LPCC to achieve.

For instance, we know crime is a hot topic. We will share information about extra security patrol for the holiday season, as crime tends to increase from November through the first part of January. This may help in familiarizing you with cost associated with applying membership dues to offset the security expense in the short spans we do now.

There are two standard types of security patrol. One is a neighborhood watch program that requires background checks, training and a set number of citizens who would rotate patrolling and reporting suspicious activity to the Houston Police Department and Precinct One Constable's Office.

The other is done by way of a private security company. Generally, their proposals include a set work schedule and a set number of hours within a weekly period. When the patrol spots illicit or suspicious behavior, they detain the suspect if possible until HPD arrives and/or give information to police as needed to help with the capture of suspects. The patrol would be community wide but paid members would have the added benefit of home checks while they were away on vacation.

A neighborhood watch and private security are options we can have presented to you. Then, take the necessary steps to gain support for the program chosen by the community.

At our August 28 Quarterly Meeting, there were five open board positions to serve a two-year term (August 31, 2018-August 31, 2020). Voting resulted with the following to hold that term: Anthony Fry, Lonnie Martinec, Ed Reyes, Camille Webb and Matt Zeis.

In September, we bid farewell to longtime board member, Gwyn Guidy, who resigned from the board after serving for more than 10 years. Guidy was instrumental in implementing and securing the City of Houston's Chapter 42 minimum lot size protections for all of Lindale Park, as

well as leading countless other projects for the betterment of our neighborhood.

Here are your Lindale Park Civic Club slate of officers, board members and alternates for the term of August 31, 2018 - August 31, 2020.

President – Diana Lerma Pfeifer
 Vice President – Vicky Salinas Colorado
 Treasurer – Virginia Duke
 Co-Treasurer – Ed Reyes
 Co-Secretary – Lonnie Martinec
 Co-Secretary – Camille Webb
 Board Member – Sylvia Cavazos
 Board Member – Anthony Fry
 Board Member – Diane Garcia
 Board Member – Craig Haynie
 Board Member – Matt Zeis
 Alternate – Kevin Hoffman
 Alternate – Chris Schwark

In closing, we are grateful to be your neighbors and want to represent you well. Please reach out to any of us with questions or concerns.

- *Diana Lerma Pfeifer, LPCC President*

Quarterly Security Tip

Canadian Street resident Mike Bowlin will begin a new series of quarterly security tips to publish each newsletter. Read on for the first tip...

When you're out, leave a television on in the house. Besides the sound, the flickering light seen from outside at night will fool would-be burglars into thinking someone is home and to go elsewhere.

TV-light simulators are available on the open market and have photo cells to turn them on, but the sound from the television works well as a deterrent during the day.

Flat screen TVs use very little electricity, so use as a deterrent is well worth the cost.

Neighbors Gather for National Night Out

Young and old Lindale Park residents mingled with city officials, first responders and special guests October 2 at National Night Out held on the grounds of St. Alban's Episcopal Church.

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.

Harris County District Attorney Kim Ogg was among invited guests to speak at our event.

She thanked those for gathering to build community and safety awareness. "We are the eyes and ears of the police department," Ogg says.



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 several prizes, including a smoke alarm, fire extinguisher, Rtic cooler, candy basket and local honey from English Street.

The big prize went to Carrie Rosas who won a Ring home security set generously donated by Larry Mercer Realty.

The Lindale Park Civic Club extends appreciation to Rev. Bill Laucher and the parish of St. Alban's for the use of the church grounds and facility. In fact, NNO was Laucher's first day back from his sabbatical in Fort Collins, Colorado. Laucher says he came back just for this event.

The LPCC also extends sincere thanks to Mike Bowlin Photography for capturing candid and posed shots of the event.

Finally, a special thank you goes to LPCC board member Vicky Salinas Colorado for tirelessly organizing this event year after year. She and co-chair, Diane Garcia, continue to do an outstanding job, and Lindale Park's National Night Out gets better and better each year.

- Camille Webb, LPCC Co-Secretary / Newsletter Editor



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Important Texas General Election Dates

Early Vote
Tuesday, October 22 –
Friday, November 2

Last Day to Apply to Vote by Mail
(Received, not Postmarked)
Friday, October 26

Election Day
Tuesday, November 6

Voting early is easy for registered voters, according to the League of Women Voters. The hours are convenient. There are fewer lines, and voters may vote at any early voting polling location in their county.

Find local voting and election information on your local League of Women Voters website <http://lwvhouston.org/> or your county website <http://www.harriscountytexas.gov/>.

Don't forget to bring an approved ID with you to vote!

6TH ANNUAL
TOUR DE NORTHSIDE
BIKE RIDE

SATURDAY • NOVEMBER 3, 2018

SIDEOUT VOLLEY BAR
2623 KEENE STREET, HOUSTON, TX 77009
REGISTRATION - 9 AM
6 - 13 MILE BIKE RIDE BEGINS - 10 AM



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Holiday Party
Tuesday, December 11
6 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.
at the Clubhouse (218 Joyce St.)

Join the Lindale Park Civic Club, your friends and neighbors at the Clubhouse for a festive evening of light bites, desserts, beverages and good times!

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