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LINDALE PARK NEWSLETTER  
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**LAST Quarterly Meeting of 2020!**  
**7 – 8 P.M.**  
**Tuesday, October 27**  
**Zoom Meeting ID: 863 3806 1128**  
**Zoom Password: 558958**

Lindale Park Civic Club’s last Quarterly Meeting of 2020 once again will be held virtually via Zoom, so you can attend from your living room, front porch or wherever you decide to log in! *We will not meet at the Clubhouse.*

The agenda includes updates on neighborhood events and initiatives - Love Lindale Park Trash Pick Up; “Boos and Booze” fundraiser for Halloween Bike Patrol (see next article); Special Minimum Building Line (SMBL) effort in Lindale Park; SWIM Volunteer Event in November (TBD) and Holiday Security Patrol. Additionally, Officer Vieira with the Houston Police Department will provide updates on Near Northside public safety and law enforcement.

Follow Lindale Park on our social media outlets – Nextdoor and Facebook – to find the direct meeting link to join from your web browser.

during peak trick-or-treating hours on Halloween night.

Traditionally, Lindale Park gets an enormous number of trick-or-treaters. We expect no less this year, as Halloween falls on a Saturday night.

“As many of you know, Halloween is a very busy night in our neighborhood,” Jaquel says. “We get lots and lots of cute trick-or-treaters, and, in order to keep our kids and neighborhood safe, the LPCC hires HPD officers to patrol our streets with the help of donations. One hundred percent of the proceeds from this fundraiser will go toward covering this cost, so let’s get “Booing!”

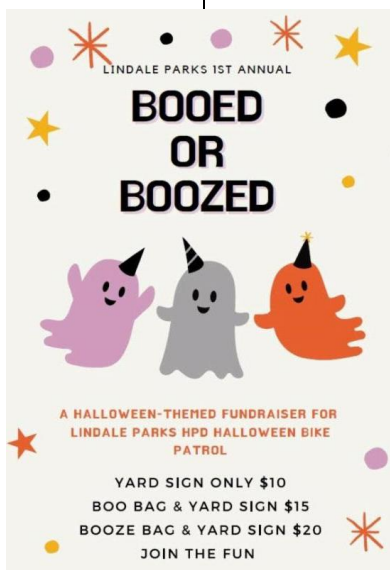
Ready to get Booing? Here are the ways to participate:

- **Yard Sign:** A fun way to announce to the neighborhood that *We’ve been BOOED!*
- **Boo Bag:** Intended for people with children, each bag contains a yard sign plus a fun little Halloween craft project inside a pumpkin bag.
- **Booze Bag:** Intended for adults, each bag contains a yard sign plus two plastic wine glasses and either a bottle of wine or hard seltzer.

To order, contact Jaquel with your name, the address of the person you’re giving to and a payment through either Venmo or PayPal (@Jaquel Andrews). For alternative ways to pay, email [jac.andrews@gmail.com](mailto:jac.andrews@gmail.com). Donations in any amount are welcome as well!

## Boo or Booze Your Neighbor to Raise Funds for Halloween Bike Patrol

Have you seen the festive signs declaring, *We’ve been BOOED!* planted in front yards all over Lindale Park? Well, those are due to the fundraising efforts of Lindale Park resident, Jaquel Charlesworth, who approached the Lindale Park Civic Club with a festive way to raise money to pay for a Houston Police Department (HPD) Bike Patrol to patrol our neighborhood streets



“The Lindale Park Civic Club enthusiastically endorses this project and would like to sincerely thank Jaquel Charlesworth for generously organizing this fundraiser for the benefit of the entire neighborhood,” says LPCC President Eugene Szymanski. “Let’s rally around Jaquel to make this inaugural fundraiser a success, have some fun with our neighbors and help create a safer Halloween in Lindale Park!”

- Camille Webb, English Street

## Shining the Spotlight on Local Businesses

### *Trigo's Mexican Restaurant*

*Trigo's Mexican Restaurant is an authentic Mexican family restaurant located on the corner of Fulton and Eleanor Streets in Lindale Park.*

Established in 2014, Trigo's Mexican Restaurant is not only a great place for families to dine, it's operated by family... three sisters, Inez, Rocio and Maria. The extended family of the sisters helped start and maintain the restaurant, but the three sisters operate the business, waiting on tables, cashiering and overseeing the kitchen.

The restaurant is named for the three sisters' hometown, Los Trigos, which is located in Zacatecas, Mexico, and has a population of just over 100 people.



All dishes, including maize (corn) and harina (flour) tortillas are made from scratch. Trigo's is not a "fast food" restaurant as the cooks prepare the dishes "after you order." Only such things as their house-made caldos (soups) are cooked in advance. Of course, beer and frozen margaritas also are available.

The COVID-19 regulations have been tough on this small restaurant, but thankfully, they have been able to survive. Present pandemic hours are 7 a.m. – 3 p.m., seven days per week.

Trigo's can serve a large number of people, especially on the weekend for lunch on Sunday, and they get extra help to handle the busier times.

The restaurant also can hold small special events, such as wedding and baby showers, rehearsal dinners and small wedding receptions and even small quinceaneras.

Inez, Rocio and Maria hope that everyone enjoys their restaurant, and they plan to stay in the neighborhood for many years to come, especially since their older children sometimes help out.

Trigo's has offered one \$30 gift certificate to 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). One lucky winner will be chosen Tuesday, October 27 – just before the Lindale Park Civic Club Quarterly Meeting!

- Mike Bowlin, Canadian Street

## Let's Partner Together for Safer Holidays

The busy holiday season is fast approaching! Are you concerned about the safety and crime in Lindale Park? If so, the Lindale Park Civic Club is asking for your help.

Last year with your support, the Lindale Park Civic Club offered our residents two weeks of security patrol during peak times in December. The LPCC would like to partner with you again to hire Houston Metro Coordinators, a private security company, for the holidays.

The cost for the patrol is \$4,500. We're asking our residents to help raise \$2,500 by November 30, and the Lindale Park Civic Club will cover the remaining \$2,000.

Donations in any amount are welcome! Checks should be made payable to Lindale Park Civic Club and may be mailed or dropped off at the Clubhouse (218 Joyce St., Houston, Texas 77009). If donating by check, please notate on memo line "Holiday Security Patrol."

To donate with a credit card, please go to our website to access PayPal [www.lindalepark.org](http://www.lindalepark.org). If donating online via PayPal, please send a quick email message to [vcolorado49@att.net](mailto:vcolorado49@att.net).

Please donate and help keep Lindale Park safe this holiday season!

- Vicky Salinas Colorado, Canadian Street



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## Letter from LPCC President

Dear Neighbors,

In this final letter of 2020, I would like to recognize many people who have contributed to the essential spirit of community engagement and neighborly behavior that so well characterizes Lindale Park. We began 2020 with big plans. And, despite very challenging social and economic times, made many of them happen!

I have been inspired by resident-driven initiatives like *Love Lindale Park* that encourages residents to clean litter from the streets during bi-monthly events (thank you Sara and Ethan Donnelly, Jane Strohm and Dinah Massie); the *Booed or Booze* fundraiser for the Houston Police Department Halloween Bike Patrol (thank you Jaquel Charlesworth); and the Lindale Park Mini Mural coming soon to the corner of English and Fulton Streets (thank you Elia and Noah Quiles of UP Art Studio and Council Member Karla Cisneros). And, thank you to all the volunteers who supported these initiatives!

I also want to thank frontline workers, including but not limited to, police and firefighters, first responders, healthcare workers, election and census workers, grocery and merchandise store employees, METRO workers, production and food processing workers, maintenance workers, agricultural workers and truck drivers. Anyone who has contributed to the wellbeing of those around them during difficult times... thank you!

And, thank you to the LPCC board of directors for working tirelessly through difficult situations to accomplish significant goals this year, including the introduction of major changes in our building code and deed restriction workflow and the introduction of the Neighborhood Preservation Committee.

Having acknowledged these contributions, our work continues. At our August Quarterly Meeting, we held elections for five open board positions to serve a two-year term (2020-2022). LPCC members re-elected four Board members (Kathleen Gutierrez, Gwyn Guidy, Ed Reyes and Camille Webb) and promoted a new member (Gavin Ellis) who previously served as an alternate. The new board then voted to welcome new resident Jeremy Scheid as a new alternate. There remains one open alternate position, and I encourage anyone interested to contact me to learn more about the role.

We also bid farewell to longtime board member, Virginia Duke, who resigned from the board after, in her own words, "serving on the board at least 30 of the 42 years that I have lived on Eleanor Street."

During her long tenure, Virginia was instrumental in creating positive change in Lindale Park, including renewing the Lindale Park deed restrictions in the ~1980s, obtaining the designation of Lindale Park as a Scenic District in 1986 (Ordinance No. 86-1715), securing COH Chapter 42 minimum lot size protections for all of Lindale Park, working tirelessly as a member of the Architectural Review Committee and leading countless other projects focused on retaining the historical character of our "Hidden Gem" neighborhood. It was a pleasure to serve with Virginia, and we welcome her continued contributions as a valued member of the neighborhood!

The latest board of directors has a healthy balance of longtime vs. new residents and veteran vs. novice members and represents a healthy cross-section of Lindale Park residents.

The board of directors doesn't work alone. We want to hear from you! What do you love about Lindale Park? What is important to you? What should the LPCC focus on in the coming years? Send us your thoughts by attending Quarterly Meetings, engaging with us on social media and writing us at [info@lindalepark.org](mailto:info@lindalepark.org).

I hope we start 2021 with a renewed sense of purpose as a community of neighbors who respect, care for and defend one another no matter our personal differences.

- Eugene Szymanski, Graceland Street

LPCC Officers and Board Members	
Serving from 2019-2021	Serving from 2020-2022
Eugene Szymanski (President)	Gwyn Guidy (Vice President)
Vicky Salinas Colorado (Treasurer)	Ed Reyes (Board Member)
Nadia Heffernan (Secretary)	Camille Webb (Board Member)
Manuel Maldonado (Board Member)	Kathleen Gutierrez (Board Member)
Sylvia Cavazos (Board Member)	Gavin Ellis (Board Member)
Diane Garcia (Board Member)	
Board Alternates	
1. Jaime Salinas	2. Dinah Massie
3. Jeremy Scheid	4. <b>OPEN</b>



Some of our dedicated volunteers enjoyed refreshment by Canary Café after the cleanup.

## Neighbors Pick Up Trash for Love of Lindale

The second *Love Lindale Park* Cleanup Event, held September 12, was an even bigger success than our first. At least 15 volunteers collected a pickup-load of trash along Fulton, Irvington and Robertson Streets.

After check-in at St. Alban's Episcopal Church, for one hour volunteers picked up trash along the three busy roads. They left their full bags at curbs for others in vehicles to pick up.

Returning to the church, we enjoyed lemonade and cookies donated by our friends at Canary Café, newly opened at Fulton and Canadian Streets.

**Our next event will be at 8:30 a.m. Saturday, November 14.** We'll check in at St. Alban's and go from there to clean up our Lindale Park streets.

This is our first effort after Halloween, so we expect to find lots of candy wrappers! Join us!

- Dinah Massie, Graceland Street

## Native Plants Bring Color All Year

In his new book, *Nature's Best Hope*, Doug Tallamy argues that every homeowner can help declining insect and bird populations by planting native plants. His hope is that we no longer need to keep conservation and nature separated from the places we live.

Even in cities like Houston, we can help efforts by converting our gardens to native plantings. He calls the idea "Homegrown National Park."

Why are native plants so important? Well, much like the monarch needs native milkweeds to survive, many insects require specific native plants for their survival. Native birds rely on these healthy insect populations, particularly caterpillars, and so on up the food chain.

As a gardener, the switch to native plants also can be easier to care for, cost less and require much less input, like water, to keep the garden looking beautiful year after year. Natives thrive in our Houston climate and soils. Many of the perennials flourish for years, and the annuals self-sow.

The gardener's job can be as simple as keeping things trimmed. A diverse planting of natives can have year-round color and attract many beautiful pollinators including butterflies, moths, bees and hummingbirds. We can have the joy of a walk around the Houston Arboretum, in our very own yards.

### **Two options for fall color:**

**Turk's Cap** (*Malvaviscus arboreus var. drummondii*) – semi-evergreen shrub, trim in February for fuller shape, does well in damp soils, part shade to shade, larval host to the scrub hairstreak and white skipper butterflies. I have pink and red varieties, which have both bloomed continuously since spring, attracting native bees and hummingbirds.

**American Beauty Berry** (*Callicarpa americana*) – deciduous shrub with gorgeous purple-mauve berries to attract birds, does fine in poorly drained clay soil, in part shaded to shaded areas.

For more ideas, visit the Native Plant Society's Houston Chapter at <https://npsot.org/wp/Houston/go-native/>.

- Sara Donnelly, Gale Street



Keep an eye out for Love Lindale Park events.