



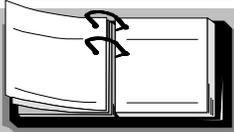
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1<sup>st</sup> Quarter, 2010



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Letter from President –  
Lindale Park Civic Club – Wayne Fowkes

**The Quarterly meeting is scheduled for March 8<sup>h</sup> at 7 pm at the Clubhouse at 218 Joyce Street. Please plan to attend.**

This is an important meeting to provide information on the proposed modification to our Deed Restrictions.

At this meeting, attorney Anthony Marre will introduce the document, explain the changes and address questions.

We anticipate there will be a number of questions, we ask that you limit your questions to one (1) minute so everyone may have an opportunity to ask questions and have them answered.

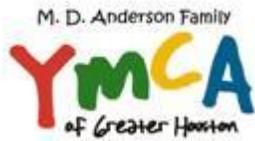
If anyone has a question after the meeting or if there is not time to answer all questions, cards will be available to write down your question and we will respond via either email or phone.

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Please participate in the Lindale Park Civic Club.

Contact us by mail at Lindale Park Civic Club, 218 Joyce Street or by going to our website [www.LindalePark.org](http://www.LindalePark.org) and clicking on the *Civic Club* link and choosing *Become a Member in good standing.*

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<http://www.ymcahouston.org/md-anderson>

Contact: Sherry Bernard  
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√ Spring Baseball – Ages 4 to 14  
Registration begins Feb 22 – Ends March 12 / Games Commence April 10<sup>th</sup>

√ Summer Basketball – Ages 4 to 17  
Registration begins Apr 24 – Ends May 31

√ Don't let Money be a Barrier! The YMCA Offers Financial Assistance. Pls Call or Visit the Welcome Desk for more information.

√ Volunteers Needed for the Rivers, Lakes, Bay 'N Bayous Annual Trash Bash at Little White Oak Bayou / Moody Park – Saturday, March 27, 8 am – 1 pm – Approved for Scout Badges. Register at [www.trashbash.org](http://www.trashbash.org)

√ Free Tax Preparation at the YMCA through April 15 / Mondays – Wednesdays – Fridays / 5 – 8 pm / Saturdays: 9 am – Noon.

√ What Can the Y Help You Be? “..At 65 years old, (I ) had never been involved in a fitness program until I joined Silver Sneakers at the Y. I now feel and look better and am eager for my next workout”.  
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√ Plan ahead for the summer...Y has cool programs for Teen Day Camp; Day Camp; Swim Lessons to name a few.

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The route starts at Walker House / located at corner of Gano & Moody and finish will be on the Church lot located at Hamblen and Gano. This year's proceeds will go to Casa Juan Diego & Haiti Children's Relief Fund.





- \* **Effective April 5, 2010 the City of Houston is implementing a new program for bagged yard trimmings placed at curbside. All trimmings must be in city approved compostable bags. Yard dispose placed in garbage cans or any other type of container will NOT be collected. Approved compostable bags are available at local retailers with an identified logo on the box specifying "CITY Approved" and City of Houston Biodegradable / Compostable Bag".**
- \* **You can go to the Solid Waste Management Department web site at [www.houstonsolidwaste.org](http://www.houstonsolidwaste.org) or call 3-1-1 Service Help Line**



**Get your garden tools ready, its time to start preparing our yards for spring and summer blooms. Yard judging will be on the first Monday of each month beginning Monday, April 5, 2010. Typically, the committee begins their rounds by 6:30 pm.**

**If you would like to join the team, please contact Vicky Salinas, Beautification Chairperson / 713.691.3832**



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3. **NEVER put your social security number on your checks.**
4. **Use your cell phone instead of your home phone on your checks and if possible list your work address in lieu of your home address.**
5. **Keep a photo copy or list of what you have in your wallet; that way you know who to call immediately.**
6. **Keep a list of all 800 numbers associated with your accounts at home.**
7. **File a POLICE REPORT, this will prove the legitimacy of your claim of theft with the credit card agencies.**
8. **Call the three national credit reporting organization to place a fraud alert on your name and social security number.**
  - a. **Equifax: 800.525.6285**
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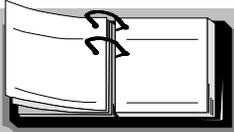
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### Dear Homeowners;

Our existing deed restrictions state that it is the mission of the Lindale Park Civic Club and the Board to "maintain the residential character of the neighborhood." It's our sincere hope that what we are proposing will help our community do this. With the light rail coming, we're anticipating development pressures in our community unlike any that we've seen before. So, now is the time to get improved, protective deed restrictions in place.

Section 5 homeowners, the first group to vote on the new, comprehensive set of deed restrictions that we proposed, did not approve them by their deadline of April 11, 2010. In response to community feedback, we have withdrawn that proposal and are now offering for discussion a working copy of only minimal additions to the original deed restrictions. The proposal that will be offered for approval by the remaining sections in Lindale Park will be the product of work done during a series of group meetings. We have scheduled three community workshops that will be held at St Albans Episcopal Church (see details below). If more are needed, then more will be scheduled. If there isn't sufficient interest to sustain these meetings, they will be cancelled and we will propose minimal additions to the existing deed restrictions for all other sections.

At the workshops, Reverend Bill Laucher will preside and will ask participants to abide by a set of "respectful communication" rules that are used in his own church meetings. We plan to provide a respectful environment for the discussions that will take place. Attendees will be seated at one of up to ten tables and each table will be asked to present their final decisions to all other attendees. Each attendee will be provided with a copy of the existing deed restrictions, the working copy of proposed additions to the existing deed restrictions and the originally proposed comprehensive set of deed restrictions (meant to be used only as reference material for ideas). All three documents are posted on our website (<http://lindalepark.org>).

The community deed restriction workshops will be held as follows: (*Seating is limited.*)

**Location:** St Albans Episcopal Church,  
420 Woodard Houston, TX 77009  
**Time:** 6:30pm – 8:00pm  
**Dates:** May 12<sup>th</sup>, 20<sup>th</sup> and 26<sup>th</sup>

If you are interested in attending a workshop and did not get your reservation form in the mail please feel free to email us ([lindalepark@comcast.net](mailto:lindalepark@comcast.net)) or call us (713-695-8429 or 713-691-3832). By returning your responses to us, you will reserve your seat(s) for the day(s) of your choice and you will help us better prepare for the workshops. Seating for each workshop is limited to 60 individuals.

Thank you in advance for your input.

The Lindale Park Civic Club Board

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*You may also obtain a copy of the documents that will shared at the meeting by going to:*  
<http://lindalepark.org>

**Please consider getting involved!** The new LPCC Board of Directors will be elected at the next LPCC quarterly meeting on August 24<sup>th</sup>. Here are the LPCC Board of Directors election deadlines and "rules":

The deadline for notifying the LPCC Secretary of your intent to place your name on the ballot for the August 24<sup>th</sup> LPCC Board of Directors election is **August 3<sup>rd</sup>**. You may notify the secretary via email sent to [lindalepark@comcast.net](mailto:lindalepark@comcast.net) or via a written notice delivered to the LPCC clubhouse at 218 Joyce Street by the deadline.

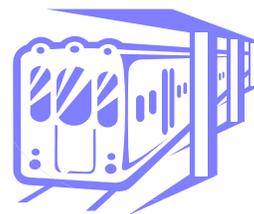
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The August LPCC quarterly meeting on August 24<sup>th</sup> is devoted almost entirely to electing the new Board of

Directors. **Each candidate will be given 2 minutes to introduce themselves to the audience.** The introductions will be timed! **Note:** The submitted "bio" postings will be printed and distributed at the meeting.

Please remember that only LPCC members in good standing are allowed to vote. To be placed on the election ballot, you are required to be a member in good standing of the Civic Club having paid the annual membership dues.

Ballots will be distributed to each voting member and each member will be able to vote for up to 11 candidates. Any ballot with more than 11 votes cast will be discarded and none of the votes cast on that ballot will be counted. The 11 candidates receiving the most votes will serve as the new Board of Directors. The other candidates will be designated as Board alternates in order of the number votes received (i.e., 1<sup>st</sup> alternate, 2<sup>nd</sup> alternate,).



### **The Metro Rail – A three month look ahead – Current through July 19, 2010.**

Private utilities (ATT Dips) were completed by 4/26/10.

Public utilities (Water, sanitary and storm sewer) will continue until approximately June 26, 2010.

Private utilities: Centerpoint Gas began the week of 4/26/10 and will continue through 7/19/10, may be longer.

PCC Pavement will begin the week of 5/10/10 and continue through 7/19/10, may be longer

Private utilities: (Phonoscope Relocation) will begin 5/31/10 and will continue through 6/21/10, may be longer.



Irvington Blvd. / Fulton to IH 610 (Bike Lanes) will continue to through 7/19/10 (maybe longer, we get the look ahead for three months at a time)



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**You can volunteer for any committee at any time!**

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## ***Our Annual 4<sup>th</sup> of July Parade***

**Sunday July 4th @ 12:00 p.m.**

**Bring your neighbors and friends!**

**Kids, decorate your bike and come ride in the parade!**

**Prizes given for the best decorated bike by a girl and boy!**

**Register the morning of the parade at 11:00 at the corner of Irvington @ Eleanor  
Remember Houston law requires safety helmets for all riders under 18 years old.**





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## Letter from the President - Lindale Park Civic Club - Wayne Fowkes

August is the time of year that our community elects a new Lindale Park Civic Club Board of Directors. This election provides an opportunity for members of the community to take on a leadership role and have an active part in governing the future of our neighborhood. The only requirement for a member's name to be placed on the ballot is that he/she be a member in good standing; meaning that the annual Civic Club dues have been paid. The lead role of the board member must be to have the community's interest at heart without regard to the influence of special interest groups.

If you are interested in taking such a role in guiding the future of your community, and are a member in good standing, please submit your name to be placed on the ballot. Along with your name, please submit a short biographical paragraph describing your motivation for your interest in being on the board. You may do this one of two ways, 1) simply submit an email to [lindalepark@comcast.net](mailto:lindalepark@comcast.net) or 2) send by postal mail your intent and bio to 218 Joyce Street, Houston, TX 77009 addressed to Lindale Park Civic Club - Attn: LPCC Board Election.

**Please note that we have  
EXTENDED the DEADLINE for  
submitting your candidacy  
from August 3, 2010  
to August 17, 2010.**

The current board has developed and put into place a Reserve Funding Budget to protect the assets of the Lindale Park Civic Club. The club house facility at 218 Joyce has had necessary repairs to ensure its future use by the membership and to guarantee its ability to be used as an income source as a public rental.

Once every ten years, there is a one year window to

amend our Lindale Park deed restrictions and this year contains the deadlines for amending Sections 5, 3 and 6. Consequently, there has been a focused effort this year to amend, and make current, our Deed Restrictions to equal the professional, residential standards in contemporary communities comparable to Lindale Park. That effort was unsuccessful in Section 3 and Section 5 due to the failure to obtain the appropriate number of signatures from property owners. As a result, the Board has voted not to proceed with the effort to amend the restrictions for the remaining Sections.

The effort to amend the current Deed Restrictions for Lindale called for further review of all sections and the review of all current documents recorded in public record. During which time, in mid July, we discovered that the current deed restriction document recorded for Section 1 recorded on May 17, 1993 was recorded in error. The recorded document states that all signatures must be collected by April 11, 1981 and that if the required percentage (65%) of property owner signatures is not acquired by that date then the document is rendered "null and void" (Refer to Section I, ARTICLE IV). Unfortunately, the last 10 signatures were acquired in 1984 and 1993, after the April 11, 1981 deadline, and these signatures were needed to meet the 65% threshold thus rendering the document "null and void". This means that Section 1 is not currently deed restricted. This will be one of many issues challenging our community in the future.

The current deed restriction documents for each Section are posted on our website at <http://lindalepark.org/deed.htm>. There is also a table describing the Section boundaries and a link to a Section map. Section 1 consists of Kelley, Eleanor and Avenue of Oaks between Helmers and Robertson.

There are many ways in which to support our neighborhood aside from serving as a board member. Committees exist to organize efforts to work in

many and varied interests in the community. For a complete listing of all committees, please refer to [www.Lindalepark.org](http://www.Lindalepark.org) under the link *Committees*. The July 4<sup>th</sup> parade committee is one that has always been a rewarding effort by being such a great success every year. That effort has helped to bring greater creditability and notice to Lindale Park. The beautification committee has continued to work toward a welcoming and picturesque esplanade as an entry to the neighborhood, a challenge in the face of recent construction.

If you have an idea for a new committee that might address a new concern, please feel free to bring it the attention of the new board. I assure you the idea will be welcomed, openly discussed and considered.

The board has worked to keep members of the community informed using the website and providing information by email. Activities that are important for the well-being of the residents have been hosted and sponsored by the board. The Holiday Party, National Night Out, the July 4<sup>th</sup> Parade and the Deed Restriction Workshops have been opportunities for residents to voice concerns, network and communicate.

The board members for 2009-2010 have given a great deal of personal time and volunteered energy to make Lindale Park an even better place to live. My sincere thanks are given to each one of those board members, and, to all the volunteers that have given so much of themselves to the community. It has been a pleasure to serve with each one of you.

Lindale Park is a great place to live. Let us all continue to work together to make it all that it can be.

Wayne Fowkes

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**Deed Restriction Signs**

Now that the deed restriction amendment efforts have ended, we respectfully request that all related signs be put away. The Board will be picking up all the “yes” signs from your yards on the weekend of August 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup>. If you have already removed your “yes” yard sign, please put it back out before next weekend so that we can pick it up.

**If you haven’t already done so, please participate in the Lindale Park Civic Club.** Contact us by mail at Lindale Park Civic Club, 218 Joyce Street or by going to our website [www.LindalePark.org](http://www.LindalePark.org) and clicking on the *Civic Club* link and choose *Become a Member*. Annual membership dues are \$25.00.



# Lindale Park

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Lindale Park Newsletter  
October 2010

## Message from the LPCC Board

The fall season has always meant a time for change and new beginnings. It's when the weather (finally!) gets cooler, the school year starts, and holiday plans start taking seed in our heads. It's also a time to give great thanks to all the outgoing Board members, who offered their blood, sweat, and tears for this neighborhood and worked tirelessly this past year to make Lindale Park a wonderful place to live.

I'm looking forward to serving as your Civic Club President in the upcoming 2010-2011 year. Joining me as your Vice-President is Ed Reyes, a veteran civic club member and resident of Lindale Park for almost 50 years. Jesse Montez will serve as the Treasurer, Lizz Martin as the Secretary, and Don Quintero as the Parliamentarian. Rounding out the Board are John Davis, Cynthia Groover, Gwyn Guidy, Kathy Gutierrez, Greg Quartararo, and Jessica Rangel. Our Board Member Emeriti are Betty Davis and Maxine Ogden, and our alternate Board member is Judy Gutierrez.

In thinking about this year, I'd like to make it the "Year of Participation." The success of this neighborhood is directly proportional to how much we put into it. What I ask from each of you is to participate in Lindale Park any way you can. For starters, please go to [www.lindalepark.org](http://www.lindalepark.org) and sign up for email updates. This way, you'll always be up to date on the latest safety issues and neighborhood and local events. You may recognize the lost dog one of your neighbors is so anxiously searching for, or be able to be more vigilant after reading about a neighbor's crime report. Next, please make an effort to attend the civic club meetings. It is a great forum for asking questions and sharing your thoughts and disapproval about how things are being done. If you don't let your thoughts be known, changes you would like to see can't happen and won't happen. Next, please join a committee. We have many committees covering a wide variety of topics and joining a committee won't necessarily take a ton of your time - you can help as much or as little as you can. Finally and most important, please become a member and pay your dues. This civic club thrives on its membership and needs you to be able to continue to provide its services for the neighborhood.

The Board and I would like to share our excitement with you and pledge our commitment to Lindale Park for the upcoming year. A few changes are already in the works; the most obvious one you will see is the return of monthly distribution of this newsletter.

Please don't hesitate to e-mail me personally at [bethlpcc@gmail.com](mailto:bethlpcc@gmail.com) or the Board at [info@lindalepark.org](mailto:info@lindalepark.org) with any thoughts and suggestions regarding Lindale Park. Together, we can make changes for the better! ~ Beth Bernal

## National Night Out Record Turnout

Over 150 neighbors attended our National Night Out Event this year! All enjoyed plenty of barbeque sandwiches, hot dogs, fun games and fellowship in the cool setting of St. Alban's courtyard.

If you have the opportunity, please thank our sponsors: St. Albans Episcopal Church for sharing their grassy lawn and kitchen, Viry's Party Rentals for providing the Moonwalk, Go Neighborhoods (LISC/Avenue CDC) for awarding LPCC a Grant for funding, Starbuck's for providing coffee, Kristina Montez for photography, Moses Medrano our DJ and all our Lindale Park volunteers!

Thank you all for coming out and making this year's National Night Out the best one, yet. We can't wait for next year!

## Over the Back Fence -thoughts from your neighbors

*"I'm glad I went to National Night Out! It was a great way for me to get to know new people and to meet my fellow neighbors. The food and games were a great way to break the ice. I also met a very nice woman that has lived in the neighborhood for 15+ years. I was able to talk to her about a lot of issues, and come to find out, we agreed on a lot of the things that are important to me. Most of all, NNO made me more comfortable and secure with my decision to live in Lindale Park. I learned there are nice, polite and giving neighbors living around me and my family."*  
~Greg W., Eleanor St.

*"A friend teased me that our neighborhood, Lindale Park, is lost in time. Well, maybe it partly is and I'm so grateful to make my home here. I enjoy sitting on the front porch of my quaint little house with my dogs. I enjoy seeing early morning walkers, kids playing in the street, and the ice cream truck. I enjoy the chattering flock of green Quaker parrots that flies over my house. I enjoy the red tail hawks that circle over the remnants of a ponderosa pine forest. I love being so close to downtown yet still being able to see some stars at night. I enjoy being able to watch the screech owls teach their owlets to hunt at dusk. Even though my dogs are successful in keeping opossums and raccoons out of our yard, I'm glad to hear that wild creatures still visit some of you."* ~ Nancy B., Joyce St.

## Lindale Life!

The Lindale Life section is dedicated to highlighting the special achievements and life events of our residents. If you know of something you or your neighbors deserve to have recognized, let us know!

**Congratulations to Lupe and Victor Arias** of Avenue of Oaks who recently celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary. Please keep Lupe in your thoughts and prayers, as she is to undergo a very serious surgery shortly.

**Seacrest Godfrey** of 420 Fairbanks, passed away at her home on July 31, 2010. Seacrest was 95 years old and a resident of Lindale Park for 52 years.

## Lindale Park Email Gets New Look!

If you are already signed-up for the LPCC emails, you've probably noticed there's something new! One of our goals is to enrich communications between Lindale Park residents and the greater community. When we learned our old email service was raising our costs, we knew it was time to make a change. But, we wanted to get the most productive use of our membership dollar. We had to shop around. We found Constant Contact, which offers improved service and a savings, to boot! We've got an updated look that's simple to use and easy to read. Now, we're able to enhance communications AND save money!

We're still learning how to best use our new service to benefit our group, so please be patient with us. And, let us hear your feedback! We're building this system for you, so your input is not only welcome, but also necessary. Send questions and comments to our **new email address: [info@lindalepark.org](mailto:info@lindalepark.org)**. (This one REPLACES the old Comcast address.) You can also use this new address to submit items of interest to share with the group.

To start receiving the new Lindale Park Civic Club email news and announcements, or to update your existing subscription profile, visit our website [www.lindalepark.org](http://www.lindalepark.org) and click on the "Sign Up Now" button at the bottom of the page. We hope you give it a try and enjoy the new look!  
 -Lizz Martin

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## CRIME AWARENESS

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The holidays are coming and the thieves love to do their shopping in your home. And, several vehicles in Lindale Park have been stolen or vandalized recently. Inserted in this issue is a brochure on how to make your home and auto safer.

### Be Alert:

When using a debit or credit card, look at your receipt immediately to make sure an unauthorized "cash back" amount wasn't added to your account.

**Lindale Park has a NEW GARDEN CLUB!**

The NEW LINDALE PARK GARDEN CLUB held their first gathering this week! The club, which is an arm of the Beautification Committee, will meet in resident's gardens to discuss various subjects pertaining to gardening in our area. We're also planning garden-related field trips! Already, the group has exchanged cuttings/saplings of Bridal Wreath, Crepe Myrtle, Bittersweet, and a sweet fruit-producing Grape Vine!

Our next meeting will be held at the residence at 312 Gale St., Thursday, November 18 at 6pm. Come relax in the garden with a cool beverage and a few neighbors who share your love of gardening!

Sign-up for the Garden Club emails at [info@lindalepark.org](mailto:info@lindalepark.org) and visit our website for updates.

**Beautification Committee**

**Holiday Yard Judging Dates**

Halloween Tuesday Oct. 26  
 Christmas Tuesday Dec. 14

**Yard Judging**

3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday of each month  
 January thru September & November

We would love to hear what you would like to see happen, this year on the Beautification Committee!

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**The Metro Rail**

Cynthia Groover and Ed Reyes will serve as LPCC Liaisons at the monthly Metro Light Rail meetings.

At our last CAD meeting held on 09/28/10 at HCC Northline Campus we were given status of the light rail and slight delays due to funding. All concerns and questions should be directed to North Corridor Office 2613 Fulton, 713.343.4354 or [Christine.Moreno-Conner@ridermetro.org](mailto:Christine.Moreno-Conner@ridermetro.org).

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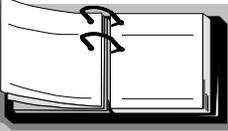
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# Calendar Of Events

**October**

Fri 22<sup>nd</sup>, 6:30 pm **Halloween at MD Anderson YMCA**  
705 Cavalcade. *This is a free outdoor event, with a haunted house, moonwalk, cakewalk, face painting, music, costume contest and many more activities. Bring the children dressed and have a wickedly good time!*

Mon 25<sup>th</sup>, 7:00 pm **Community Enrichment Committee**  
LPCC Clubhouse

Tue 26<sup>th</sup> **Halloween LPCC Yard Judging**

**November**

Tue 9<sup>th</sup> 7:00 pm **LPCC Board Meeting**  
*Send agenda items to info@lindalepark.org*

Tue 16<sup>th</sup> 6:00 pm **LPCC Quarterly General Meeting**  
LPCC Clubhouse

Thu 18<sup>th</sup> 6:00 pm **Lindale Park Garden Club Meeting**  
312 Gale St.

Sat 27<sup>th</sup> **LPCC Tree Decorating Party**  
LPCC Clubhouse

**December**

Wed 8<sup>th</sup> 6:30 pm **LPCC Holiday Party**  
LPCC Clubhouse

Tue 14<sup>th</sup> 7:00 pm **LPCC Board Meeting**  
*Send agenda items to info@lindalepark.org*

**Lindale Park - Waste Collection schedules**

*See our website for more details*

**Garbage** pickup for all of Lindale Park is every Friday. Yard waste in Compostable Bags to be placed 3-feet from containers. *Yard trimmings mixed with paper, plastic or any other type of waste will not be collected.*

**Automated recycling** is every other Friday.

**Heavy trash Pickup Schedule:**

1<sup>st</sup> Thurs. of each month west of Irvington  
1<sup>st</sup> Wed. of each month east of Irvington

Tree Waste months are January, March, May, July, September and November.

Junk Waste months are February, April, June, August, October and December.

Visit [www.lindalepark.org](http://www.lindalepark.org) for an explanation of the alternating tree waste/junk pickup months.

**Hey, Kids! It's a CONTEST!!**

Do you love to write? Would you enjoy seeing your writing published in our Newsletter? Then here's a contest for budding writers just like you!

Winners will *get published* in the Lindale Park Newsletter and will receive some super-cool goodies! So don't delay! Get writing today!

Read and follow the rules carefully!

What: The Lindale Kids, "What is Community?" Writing Contest, 2010

How: Tell us in 500 words or less, what does your Lindale Park community mean to you? What makes our community a great place to live? You might include some ways that you play or relax with neighbors, friends and family. You might include ways that you have contributed to the community. You might write about people who have made Lindale Park a better place for you to live. What celebrations, events, or activities have you enjoyed sharing with others?

Who: The contest is open to kids ages 6-17. Work will be judged based on your age.

Please include the following with your entry:

1. Writer's Name
2. Writer's Age
3. Email Address
4. Parent's Email Address
5. Mailing Address
6. Phone Number

Important Note: Parental permission required for children under age 13 to participate. Submissions without a parent or guardian's email address are not eligible for judging.

When: Contest deadline is Monday, November 15, 2010. Entries must arrive at the Lindale Park Clubhouse or our info@lindalepark.org inbox by the deadline. No excuses!

Where: Three ways to enter! Submit your entry by email, US Mail, or drop it off at the Clubhouse.

1. Entries may be emailed to Lindale Park Civic Club at: info@lindalepark.org
2. Drop-off your entry at the clubhouse in an envelope addressed to: Newsletter Committee
3. Mail your entry to Newsletter Committee  
Lindale Park Civic Club  
218 Joyce Street  
Houston, TX 77009

Please note: All entries are considered property of Lindale Park Civic Club and cannot be returned, so be sure to make copies of your work! Have fun, and Good Luck!!

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## Message from the President

I would first like to invite all residents to attend the Lindale Park Christmas/Holiday Party, which will be held Wednesday, December 8 at the Clubhouse on 218 Joyce Street beginning at 6:30 pm. We will have food, entertainment from the Salvation Army Choir, door prizes, and activities for children. This will be a great opportunity to meet and mingle with your neighbors and other residents of your community.

The last quarterly meeting of the year was held on November 16. The new board members were introduced, the committees were described in detail, and several residents in the community personally spoke about what activities they have participated in and what they have gained from their involvement with the neighborhood. Also, Ken Cousino of Quality Feed & Garden Company gave an informative presentation on a gamut of topics covering such things as actions that should be done in the garden now to ensure a green garden next year, to care of pets, to alternative ways of lowering blood pressure. We have great speakers in store for you next year, so please keep your eyes (and calendars!) open for the next quarterly meetings.

I want to wish everyone a very Merry Christmas and Happy Holidays. During the holiday season, please keep a look out for your neighbors, be safe, and most importantly, enjoy this time with your family and neighbors. See you on December 8! ~Beth Bernal

## Over the Back Fence

*-thoughts from your neighbors*

### **Lindale Park, Halloween, Pete & me...**

My favorite holiday is Christmas but my second favorite is Halloween. I am 61-years-old and grew up poor in the Near North Side on Gano Street. With a widowed mother of ten children, (some married with their own children) we grew up without much, but, nevertheless we did okay with second hand clothes, etc. My brother, Pete, 2-years older than me, and I were always as excited about Halloween as we were about Christmas.

Starting as far back as I can remember, with Pete holding my hand, both of us would carry two large paper grocery sacks (no plastics back then) and walk our way to Lindale Park. We would giggle and talk about going

to the "rich peoples" homes. Excited with all the booty we were being rewarded with, we walked away with memories that will never be forgotten of the generosity of the Lindale Park residents who gifted us with such wonderful memories and goodies.

I moved into Lindale Park in 1986 after living 10-years in Spring, Texas; prior to that, 5-years on Cochran Street after moving from Gano street. I have never forgotten my cherished memories of Lindale Park and the "rich" people who enriched my life. That is why I visit Sam's every October buying bags & bags of bubble gum, lollypops, and penny candy. (Sorry, on my retirement income it is hard to buy nickel or quarter size candy for over 900 area "trick-or-treaters.") I love, love, when the kids look into my home and they say, "Wow, you have a nice house!" – just the kind of thoughts I had as a "trick-or-treater" of the '50's. It's also really cute when they say, "Hey, you have a cute dog!" It is even more memorable now that I can share Halloween with my darling granddaughter (will be 3-years old in December). This is what I believe is what celebrating and sharing ourselves is all about. Lindale Park residents did a great job sharing themselves with the less fortunate when I was growing up. I believe we can continue this generous tradition and in some way may a difference in some child or parent's life. Thank you for letting me share my unforgettable Lindale Park Halloween memory. ~ Mary Almendarez, Joyce St.

## **Lindale Park Recycling and Citizenship**

Some time has passed now since we were offered the recycling program here in Lindale Park. It is a good feeling to see the green recycle cans sitting curbside every other week for collection. Our neighbors are really using the program as I see more cans each sitting out each recycle day. The interesting thing we have noted is that we have more recyclables than we have regular garbage. It is fun to see our points adding up too and, in a sense, we are being paid to recycle. Keep it up, Lindale Park. Kudos for being good citizens and helping keep our environment and landfills cleaner! Good friends are like angels, you don't have to see them to know they are there.

~ Eleanor Arnold, Canadian Street

## **We Love Our Lindale Community Lots!**

My daughter's friend commented on our yard, saying the only thing missing was a "deer"! Funny, in

some ways it speaks volumes on the neighborhood. You find an assortment of creativity as you stroll around the block. We're fortunate to have large lots with homes set back away from the curb. Our wide streets make for better traffic flow, provide space for pedestrians and bike riders - not to mention the hundreds of people that journey down the road during Halloween! I'd bet we get as much foot traffic on that one night as an evening during Lights in the Heights!! John and I love this community; living inner-city is a joy, especially when you have neighbors that embrace their surroundings and work together. I think Lindale Park does just that. ~ *Diana Lerma., Joyce St.*

### Lindale Life!

Lindale Park resident, **Emily Lopez**, accepted the award of Houston's 100 Hispanic Women in Leadership on the evening of Thursday, November 4, 2010. Emily accepted her award in front of a crowd of 400 business and community leaders. Hispanic Women in Leadership board president Lucy Reyna nominated Emily, and KTRK ABC 13 reporter Cynthia Cisneros presented the award. Congratulations, Emily!

Greg Wray & Lizz Martin are proud to announce the Graduation of their daughter, Angelle, from MTSU on December 19<sup>th</sup>. The couple will attend Commencement Exercises in Nashville, TN where Angelle will receive her Bachelor's degree in Sociology.

Maria Ramirez of 701 Fairbanks, passed away Sunday, November 28. Mrs. Ramirez owned the strip-center on Irvington at Gale. That was home for her beauty shop for many years.

### **Yard-of-the-Month Extended All Year**

The Yard-Of-The Month program is intended to inspire residents of the Lindale Park community to take pride in the appearance and upkeep of their yards and the exterior of their homes. Each month, the Civic Club will honor three yards! This is a community program that is primarily run by the Beautification Committee with the assistance of guest judges, who will change monthly. While similar programs run seasonally, we will continue our program year-round, giving opportunities for residents who choose varied landscaping styles to shine during their prime season. Judging is done on the third Tuesday of each month except for October and December, which will be holiday judging months.

If you would like to join us as a guest judge in future months, email us at [info@lindalepark.org](mailto:info@lindalepark.org) or call Kathy, 713-882-6816.

### **October & November Yards of the Month Winners**

Seems two of our "Yard of the Month" judges are in danger of losing their jobs. After hemming, hawing and carrying on about a beautiful flower in one of the yards and about to jump out and take pictures and make an award, they discovered it was "PLASTIC". How could they ever have explained that? However, after they composed themselves, they were able to get on with the judging.....

Congratulations to the Winners.....

#### October

311 Canadian, Tony & Mikki Nava & son Tony (III)  
618 Woodard, Edna & Arthur Garduno  
712 Fairbanks, Kathy & Steven Garcia.

*Guest Judges: Maryhelen Alvarado & Jeannie Hattenbach*

#### November

811 Avenue of Oaks, Susan Converse  
407 Fairbanks, John Black & Gwyn Guidy  
604 Joyce, John Pfeifer & Diane Lerma

*Guest Judges: Peggy Deborde & Sandra Heausler*

#### **Holiday Yard Judging Date**

Christmas Tuesday Dec. 14

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BBVA Compass designed “The Compass For Your Cause” Program as an effortless fundraising event for their customers. By opening or associating your accounts at BBVA Compass to support the LPCC, you are requesting that BBVA Compass to deposit “royalties” to the LPCC account.

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BBVA Compass offers quite an array of banking products that are customizable, affordable and flexible with service to meet your needs. We would like to ask you or anyone you know to please consider opening a new account with BBVA Compass. Also, if you already have an existing BBVA Compass account, the next time you visit your bank please *ask your banker for an application* for the “The Compass For Your Cause” Program to *benefit Lindale Park Civic Club*. We would like to thank you for your support and benefit you provide for your community.

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#### **Be Alert During the Holiday Season:**

Christmas is drawing near and it's a good time to revisit some basic security tips to prevent a crime from spoiling your Christmas plans. Thieves know that houses are filled with expensive gift items. Here are a couple of tips to help you stay secure during the holiday season:

1. Don't leave boxes for large or expensive items such as tv's on the curb. Your new tv may have come in a large box or you might have many smaller boxes. Break the boxes down one at a time and put in your trash can over a period of weeks.
2. Timers are cheap, and are easy and effective ways to disguise your absence. For a few dollars, you can set several lamps, a radio and your outdoor holiday lighting to sound off and on just like it would if you were at home.
3. Watchful neighbors are the best defense against suspicious activities. Let your neighbors know when you will be gone so they can pay special attention. If you'll be taking your car, ask a neighbor to park one of their cars in your driveway while you are away or pick up mail and newspapers. Remove your address information from your car. If your car is broken into while it is parked at the airport or the mall, thieves know you are away and have your address and garage door opener, making your home an easy target. If you plan to be away for an extended period, lock your garage door with the lock on the door and not just close it with the remote.
4. Replace outside perimeter lighting with motion activated lights - These are very inexpensive, easy to install. Close your blinds - you don't want to show off your valuables to thieves. Make sure valuables are not visible through windows. You may want to consider a home security system.

Be safe, cautious and keep your Christmas joyful.



## December

Wed 8<sup>th</sup> 6:30 pm **Holiday/Christmas Party**  
Clubhouse

Tue 14<sup>th</sup> 7:00 pm **Board Meeting**  
Send agenda items to [info@lindalepark.org](mailto:info@lindalepark.org)

### Lindale Park - Waste Collection schedules

See our website for more details

**Garbage** pickup for all of Lindale Park is every Friday. Yard waste in Compostable Bags to be placed 3-feet from containers. *Yard trimmings mixed with paper, plastic or any other type of waste will not be collected.*

**Automated recycling** is every other Friday.

#### **Heavy trash Pickup Schedule:**

1<sup>st</sup> Thurs. of each month west of Irvington

1<sup>st</sup> Wed. of each month east of Irvington

*Tree Waste* months are January, March, May, July, September and November.

*Junk Waste* months are February, April, June, August, October and December.

Visit [www.lindalepark.org](http://www.lindalepark.org) for an explanation of the alternating tree waste/junk pickup months.

## CLUB HOUSE RENTAL

218 Joyce Street

*Seating & tables for 75 guests / Air-conditioned  
Handicap Accessible*

If you are planning a family event, please consider the clubhouse. Paid members get \$25.00 off the rental of 6 hours. It is a **great** place for baby and bridal showers, children's birthdays and much more! Call now to reserve your date. Call 713.697.0088 after 4:00 p.m.

**(Smoking and Alcohol are not allowed)**

**804 Sue (3 Bed / 1 Bath)** – Interior completely renovated; new paint throughout; new kitchen cabinets & counters; new bathroom, doors and blinds; all new flooring (incl hardwood); new ceiling fans and fixtures; all new plumbing (water heater), electrical, central A/H with city permits; new attic insulation and radiant barrier coating. W/D connections. \$1,250/month with newsletter. Stop by for flyer & more info.

## Kids Contest Winning Entry!!

My name is Alex Rangel and I live in Lindale Park. I am in the 6th grade at Hogg middle school. I live on Joyce Street with my family. I am writing this essay about what community means to me. I would like to start this essay with the definition that I looked up on dictionary.com. It states that "community" means a special group of any size whose members reside in a specific location, share government, and often have common cultural and historical heritage. A locality inhabited by such a group.

To me personally, a community is when people join together and create a group of people that help each other, care about each other and work together for everyone's well being. When I attended Jefferson Elementary last year in 5th grade I learned a lot about community. The school choir performed at the Lindale Park Christmas party last year and I was glad to see so many kids from my school involved with our community. Little things like that bring us all together to make this a special neighborhood.

Community to me involves everything around me even my neighbors. My neighbor Jill invites us to walk with her up and down the street when she gets home from work to walk her dog Siddalee. Then after that sometimes she makes us smoothies with her blender. My sisters and I enjoy the time that she makes for us. So when she is not at home we watch out for her dogs to make sure they don't sneak out of the backyard, or run away which happens sometimes when they are frightened by the thunder. We watch out for each other and its a good feeling to know that you have neighbors that care about you.

Another example of community is, when we moved here 3 years ago we didn't know anyone and no one knew us. We started off with my mom encouraging us to bake cookies and brownies for our neighbors to take to them on holidays. This got our neighbors to get to know us better and now even when it's not a holiday we have neighbors around us bring over pies and treats to share with us. So that is how we grew a stronger bond with them and now they all smile and wave at each other. To me this is another example of community.

My last example is the Lindale Park fourth of July parade. I really enjoy going to that every year and so do all of our neighbors. I wish there were more times out of the year that we would all get together as a community. Seeing everyone smile and enjoy the low rider cars and motorcycles. Things like the parade and Christmas party bring us together as a community. I have lived in other neighborhoods in my lifetime and none are like Lindale Park. This is a very unique neighborhood filled with unique people and I will never take that for granted.

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