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**Lindale Park Newsletter
February 2016**

Quarterly Meeting Reminder

**Tuesday, February 23 at 7 p.m.
at the Clubhouse (218 Joyce St.)**

Join the Lindale Park Civic Club and your friends and neighbors for our first Quarterly Meeting of 2016!

Civic Club meetings are open to ALL Lindale Park residents, regardless of Civic Club membership status. Meetings are held the fourth Tuesday of the month at 7 p.m. during February, May, August and October.

Did we mention there are door prizes? (Must be present to win.) Mark your calendars to attend!

Time to Renew Membership Dues for 2016

The Civic Club's Membership Committee met in July to review the process of collecting membership data from Lindale Park residents. The committee acknowledged that the costs of doing business have increased significantly in the last 20 years.

"For the civic club to provide the level of service our neighbors expect and deserve, there has to be an increase in dues," says Sarah Evans, LPCC Treasurer.

As a result, the committee recommended to the LPCC Board that the dues be raised to \$35 per year starting in January 2016.

An invoice mailer was sent to residents for the LPCC 2016 membership drive.

"We have received a number of membership dues to date; however, we are still short of our goal," says Ed Reyes, LPCC Vice President.

Membership funds go toward the upkeep of the clubhouse and lawn care, flags for Irvington Boulevard,

maintenance and care of the flowerbeds on Irvington Boulevard, the newsletter, police patrols for Halloween, as well as neighborhood events, including the 4th of July Parade, National Night Out and the Christmas Party.

Membership dues for 2016 are \$35. Please make checks payable to Lindale Park Civic Club. Drop off or mail to 218 Joyce St., Houston, TX 77009. The LPCC Membership Committee thanks you!

- *Camille Webb, LPCC Board Member*

A Community Star – Diana Lerma Pfeifer



In October 2015, Lindale Park's own Diana Lerma Pfeifer won the prestigious Dorothy Richardson Resident Leadership Award from NeighborWorks. This national award recognizes outstanding leaders for their contributions to their communities.

Diana is a long time resident of Lindale Park, board member, past president of the board and current vice president. She has served on the board of our local YMCA and been instrumental to its improvement. She lobbied METRO until it put up the cabling along the rail line to protect children and keep them from crossing unsafely. She was instrumental in forwarding our movement for Chapter 42. Her current project is to hold the Houston Independent School District accountable for the promises it made to our community and to rebuild Davis High School.

The next time you see Diana in the neighborhood, take a minute to thank her for all she has done.

- *Martha Meyers, LPCC Board President*

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Mark Your Calendars...

Early Voting – February 16-26
 Moody Park and other locations (www.harrisvotes.com)

Rebuilding the Northside Together – February 20 and 27

Sabor Del Northside Festival – April 2 / 11 a.m.-4 p.m. /
 Castillo Park (1145 Quitman St.)

Next Quarterly Meeting at the Clubhouse – May 24

Davis High School Update

In 2012, Houston voters approved a Houston Independent School District (HISD) Bond proposal for \$1.89 billion to rebuild 20 schools, including Davis High School. Two years later, the school district blamed rising construction costs for changing their proposed plan for Davis High School to consist largely of repairs and remodeling of the existing building. This reduction of the plans is especially concerning because HISD had used eminent domain to buy and evict residents and businesses on Fulton and Tackaberry Streets, with the rationale that the space could be needed for a parking lot with the expansion of the new school.

HISD's plan for Davis was seen as a broken promise that brought together members of the Jeff Davis Hispanic

Alumni Association and parents and students of Davis to form the Davis Leadership Team to make sure the promise to the youth of the Northside was kept. The Davis Leadership Team began meeting, gathering petitions in support of the school (more than 2,000 were collected) and speaking at HISD Board meetings about the need to keep the promise to rebuild Davis.

HISD had planned to hold a meeting September 29 sharing the austere plans for the 'new' school. When HISD decided to cancel this meeting, the Davis Leadership Team decided to host a meeting that was attended by more than 100 residents and two school board members where a detailed accounting of the needs of the school and the lack of commitment of the district to come through on their promises. The meeting was covered by KHOU.

HISD located additional funding for the schools impacted by the low budget and initially proposed dividing it proportionately, which would have yielded an additional \$5.68 million for Davis. Thanks to the sustained advocacy of the Davis Leadership Team and press coverage of the issues Davis faced, HISD issued a second proposal for how to distribute additional funds that would award \$19.63 million to fill the construction gap.

With these additional funds, HISD is now proposing a two-story Culinary Arts Addition to be built on the location of the current parking lot, the replacement of the 1970 building with a Fine Arts Addition, as well as renovations to the main building. These improvements to the school would be very unlikely if not for the civic engagement of residents of Lindale Park and the rest of the Near Northside.

There are two important meetings coming up where you can make your voice heard. The Project Advisory Team of Davis meeting is at **3:45 p.m. Monday, March 7** in the Davis Library (1101 Quitman St.). A community meeting is at **6:30 p.m. Thursday, April 7** where the final schematic for school design will be presented. Both meetings are open to the public. You are encouraged to attend and help ensure that HISD follows through on a great school for the Near Northside community.

- Rob Block, robb@avenuecdc.org, Community Coordinator with Avenue CDC for GO Neighborhoods

YOU Are Lindale Park

We live in Lindale Park because we love it. We have great homes with fantastic yards, wide streets surrounded by beautiful trees, greens lawns and seasonal birds humming among the flowers. And, we live in one of the best locations, the Near Northside. We have countless ways to come in and out of our neighborhood and tons of Mexican restaurants!

Lindale Park Civic Club's board members advocate daily to keep Lindale Park a livable and safe community. We work on community events throughout the year to bring us together, like National Night Out, the Annual 4th of July Parade, our Quarterly Board Meetings and police bike patrols for Halloween.

Don't forget, we walked our neighborhood streets to talk to our neighbors for support of the passing of the Minimum Lot Size (MLS) ordinance for Lindale Park through Houston City Council that now keeps us free from multi-family homes being built on one lot.

Paying annual membership dues helps us continue doing what it takes to keep our neighborhood safe and progressive. Membership dues also help us preserve our annual events and programs, the website, mailers and this newsletter. We also need to make sure our Clubhouse on Joyce Street is maintained in superb condition for community meetings and family parties.

We are working on creating a community park with St. Alban's Episcopal Church, as well as friendly walking and biking paths and keeping Lindale Park safe.

You and your family are Lindale Park.

- *Sylvia Cavaços, LPCC Board Member*

Lindale Park Parade Has Rich History

This year will mark our 17th year hosting the Lindale Park Civic Club Annual 4th of July Parade. For those who don't know the story, the parade was actually the brainchild of Sen. Sylvia Garcia, who was city controller at the time, and Jesse Reyes Sr., a longtime resident and World War II veteran. The two presented the idea to Mr. Reyes' son, Ed, who was then the LPCC president, and from there, the tradition was born.

I can still remember driving up and down neighborhood streets on the morning of our first parade in 1999 with my good friend Melva Suarez. We were in Vicky Colorado's golf cart with a blow horn and a loud speaker, calling out to residents to come out for the parade at 10 a.m. Believe it or not, there was a lot of apprehension that no one would show up! Back then, our line up consisted of just a few cars, Fire Station 30 and some walkers.

As the years passed and our parade grew, we added new features. One year, my husband John and I were at the Art Car Parade, and I befriended Brian Taylor ("Santa Claus"). He gladly said he'd participate in our parade, "bring a few friends" and the Derby Girls! Vicky obtained Joe Vega's Low Riders. Erma De Wispelaere got us the connection with the bag pipers. Ed brought in the dealerships with their specialty cars, and we finally hustled up not one but two local high school bands and so many more great participants!

We have several volunteers who have worked with us since the parade's beginning, including Bea Rosales, Diane Garcia, Gwyn Guidy, Roger Perez and Christine Moreno Conner (METRO). Sam Parker and Fiesta have been key participants for at least 15 years, by always providing the floats and our horse and carriage.

What really stands out to me is the love and pride this neighborhood has for the parade. It's amazing how many people beyond our community know about the event and ask if we are planning another one! I always say, "I think the parade will be around longer than me!" I hope that's true.

This year, the 4th of July Parade falls on a Monday, and it will begin at 10 a.m. To participate, send an email to info@lindalepark.org. If you would like to donate to help cover the cost of permits and other expenses, please make your check payable to Lindale Park Civic Club and indicate your donation is for the parade.

Rain or Shine – We will see you there!

- *Diana Lerma Pfeifer with Ed Reyes, LPCC Vice Presidents*

Chef Lindale Park

Beets

Wash four to eight beets (depending on size), cover with water and boil until a knife can be inserted easily. Drain, peel and slice. Cover with the beet sauce (ingredients and recipe below). These beets can be served warm or at room temperature. Even people who hate beets love these!

Beet Sauce

- 2¼ t flour
- 1/3 cup sugar
- ¼ t salt

- 1/3 cup cider vinegar
- 2T butter

Mix dry ingredients in a small saucepan. Add vinegar. Boil five minutes until pungent and thick – stirring constantly. Take off heat. Add butter.



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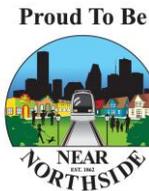


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Join the Lindale Park Civic Club and your friends and neighbors at the next Quarterly Meeting where we will discuss how a recent change at city planning has changed the standard definition of setbacks and put the existing character of our beloved neighborhood at risk (see following article for more information.)

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Did we mention there are door prizes, too? (Must be present to win.) Please mark your calendars to attend!

Change in Building Setbacks Puts Lindale at Risk

Lindale Park was the first Houston neighborhood to be completely protected by Special Minimum Lot Size. These protections will help to preserve the character of our neighborhood.

However, the lot size protections only control the size of the lot. They do not set standards for building setbacks. Setbacks define a rhythm of buildings and open space on a street, which is an important characteristic of a neighborhood.

For example, in a drive through Lindale Park, the wide streets and open spaces create an open feeling. Defined setbacks contribute to that feeling.

A recent change at city planning has changed the standard definition of setbacks and put our existing character at risk.

A Special Minimum Building Line designation would prevent new buildings from being built closer to the street than a portion of the buildings that are already there. For example, if a block of homes has been constructed where the typical distance from the front of the building to the easement is 20 feet, new construction must be placed no closer than 20 feet from the easement.

Several residents have recently expressed the desire to pursue this new protection for our neighborhood. Come to the May 24 Quarterly Meeting at the Clubhouse to learn more about the process.

- LPCC Board

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Our 17th Annual 4th of July Parade!
Monday, July 4th at 10 a.m.
Bring your neighbors and friends!

Upcoming Elections for Civic Club Board

Throw your name into the ring for the next round of elections of the Lindale Park Civic Club's Board of Directors by sending a message to info@lindalepark.org. (In order to be a valid candidate, individuals must pay LPCC membership dues.)

There will be five (5) open board member positions at the August 23 elections. Board members serve two-year terms (September 2016 - August 2018).

Civic Club board members serve on committees, such as Beatification, Clubhouse, Mobility, Newsletter, Parade, Architectural Review and Security.



Mini Murals photos by Mike Bowlin Photography

Mini Murals Bring Beauty to Lindale Park

Elia and Noah Quiles are fairly new residents to Lindale Park; they've lived in the neighborhood for about one year. The husband and wife team own and operate UP Art Studio in Houston.

According to UP Art Studio's website, the studio *facilitates art projects for urban and contemporary artists, communities and corporations, locally and globally. UP Art Studio specializes in public art projects, mural and art commissions, project management, gallery art shows, event planning, photography, design and artist collaborations* (from www.upartstudio.org).

Currently, UP Art Studio is leading the city's Mini Murals project. The project commissions local artists to convert everyday traffic signal control boxes into beautiful works of art and at the same time transform the neighborhood and community.

Lindale Park is home to two Mini Murals – The Frida Box at the intersection of Irvington Boulevard and Cavalcade Street and La Loteria by Dairy Land on Cavalcade Street.

Elia Quiles answered a few questions for Lindale Park residents about the Mini Murals project.

Q: Can you tell us how the project started?

Ms. Quiles: We had seen that this project was being done all over the world. Houston is the fourth largest city. We thought, 'Why aren't we doing this here?'

We went to the Department of Public Works and Engineering. They said that we'd love for a group like you to kick this project off, but we had to find the funding ourselves.

The Quiles found support for the Mini Murals project through the Mayor's Office of Cultural Affairs, Department of Public Works & Engineering, Houston Arts Alliance, City Council Member Larry Green, District K and Brays Oaks and Five Corners Management Districts. The nonprofit arts service organization, Fresh Arts, also is sponsoring the project by fundraising.

Q: How many Mini Murals are in the city?

Ms. Quiles: We now have over 80 boxes completed and 60 on the way.

Q: How were artists chosen to participate in the project?

Ms. Quiles: In the pilot phase, we selected artists that we knew were of a certain caliber. There are about 30 artists currently participating in the project.

Q: Can the artists choose anything they want to paint on the utility boxes?

Ms. Quiles: Sometimes. In some cases, the sponsor had an idea about what they wanted. We also have a book of stock renderings, and sometimes the sponsors will choose from those.

With the Near Northside, we wanted something that features the food, family and culture of the community. We worked closely with the Greater Northside Management District and Avenue CDC.

Q: Lindale Park is most excited about the two Mini Murals right here in our neighborhood –The Frida Box and La Loteria. Can you talk about these mini murals and the artists who painted them?

Ms. Quiles: La Loteria is basically like a Latin-American version of bingo. It was painted by artist Jessica Rice.

The Frida Box was painted by artist Anat Ronen, and she submitted that design, and we chose it.

Both of these Mini Murals reflect the food, family and culture of the Near Northside.

I love seeing the dual paintings of Frida, while I sit in my car waiting for the traffic signal to change. Ms. Quiles shared that there is going to be one more Mini Mural close to Lindale Park – at the intersection of Patton and Cavalcade. Once complete, it will be another beautiful tribute to the Near Northside and to Houston.

- Camille Webb, LPCC Board Member



La Loteria

Pocket Park in Lindale

We have been seeking a pocket park in Lindale Park for almost seven years. Well, now is the time to make our dream a reality!

We have located a public park site – St. Alban’s Episcopal Church grounds located at 420 Woodard St. St. Alban’s has generously offered more than 2,500 square feet of their land for use as a public pocket park. Once we nailed down the site, Avenue CDC helped us apply for a “Build it with KaBOOM! Playground” grant.

In April, we completed an important stage of the KaBOOM! grant application process, which required a conference call with residents and grant conveners, including Avenue CDC, Lindale Park Civic Club and St. Alban’s.

Following the conference call, we were tasked with several assignments from KaBOOM that are needed as part of the grant process. Upon completion of the tasks, we hope to move on to the stage where the grant is awarded.

If we receive the grant, KaBOOM will pay for all the park equipment except for our co-pay of \$8,500. Avenue CDC kindly has committed to giving us a grant of \$5,000 toward the co-pay. We’ll need to do a little fundraising for the remaining \$3,500, but we can get there!

We also will need volunteers to participate in the design day (when we pick playground equipment), the site prep day and build day!

- LPCC Board



The Frida Box

Yard of the Month Winners

Lindale Park Yard of the Month judging is back! Let’s recognize and congratulate our Yard of the Month winners for April and May 2016!

April Winners

603 English St. – Mr. & Mrs. Ramon Chavez
1014 Sue St. Residence

May Winners

302 Milwaukee St. – Ben Vaughn
613 Gale St. – Mr. & Mrs. Miguel Rosas and Sons

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Chef Lindale Park

Memorial Day Egg Salad

Memorial Day is a day for barbeque. Chef Lindale has NO intention of stepping off into the murky and contentious realm of barbeque. Instead, let me offer my favorite side dish. Enjoy.

Ingredients

- 6 large boiled eggs - peeled
- 2 tablespoons pickle relish (I prefer India relish)
- 2 tablespoons mayonnaise (homemade or store bought; NOT salad dressing)
- 1 teaspoon mashed canned chipotle pepper with adobo sauce (more as desired)
- 1 medium rib celery – diced small
- 2 tablespoons roughly chopped cilantro

Instructions

Put all of the ingredients in a bowl (including whole eggs) and mash with a potato masher. This recipe doubles, triples and quadruples with ease. My favorite part is not having to dice the eggs – just mash the ingredients together.

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Civic Club board members serve on committees, such as Beautification, Clubhouse, Mobility, Newsletter, Parade, Governance, Architectural Review and Security.

There is still time to volunteer YOUR NAME as a candidate for this round of elections to the LPCC Board! Send a message to info@lindalepark.org. (In order to be a valid candidate, individuals must pay LPCC membership dues, which are \$35.)

Candidates will be given two minutes at the August 23 Quarterly Meeting to tell voters a little bit about themselves, how long they've been in the community and lived in Lindale Park and anything else they'd like voters to know.

Volunteer with this important group of neighbors who do their best to offer support and guidance for the betterment of Lindale Park and the community!

Current Lindale Park Civic Club Board Members

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Treasurer – Sarah Evans

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Playground is Coming to Lindale Park

Lindale Park is thrilled to announce that due to the tireless work of Gwyn Guidy and others, we received the grant for the playground from KaBOOM! As you can see from the flier insert, we will have multiple opportunities to volunteer and provide feedback. Check the website (www.lindalepark.org) where we will soon have an online sign-up to volunteer.

We are actively fundraising for this event. While the grant covers most of our expenses, we as a neighborhood must pay for regulatory compliance issues including permits, environmental soil testing for lead and arsenic and for add-ons like a low fence to keep our smallest park participates safe. Please consider giving to this wonderful addition to our neighborhood.

Mail or drop off your tax-deductible donation to St. Alban's (420 Woodard St., Houston, TX 77009). Make your checks payable to St. Alban's, indicating your donation is for the playground.

- LPCC Board



Angelina, Alejandra, mom Ada Elias Baucher and Victoria (left to right) arrived at the Clubhouse July 3 ready for a 4th of July craft-making session, courtesy of the Vineyard Church of Houston. Photo by Mike Bowlin Photography

Letter to the Editor: Resident Worries about Ball Moss on Trees

I'm hoping it is possible to inform readers that ball moss is invading some of the trees in our neighborhood, specifically a few crepe myrtles on Helmers Street.

This parasitic moss, not the sphagnum moss, has killed many lovely trees in the Heights, especially on the boulevard.

I believe there is a treatment, but I don't know the specifics.

The least effort would be to remove the branch holding the plant and put it in the regular garbage, not the yard waste.

Our trees improve the value of our homes and the quality of the neighborhood.

- Gloria Kreneck, 317 English St.



Ball moss growing on a magnolia tree branch on English Street

Response from Ken Cousino, Owner of Quality Feed & Garden Company

The Civic Club reached out to Quality Feed & Garden Owner Ken, our neighborhood agriculture expert, to get his advice on how to eliminate ball moss on trees.

"Ball moss is deadly," Ken says. "It will kill trees."

Ball moss is a relative of Spanish moss, the long, flowing and flowery plant commonly seen on trees in tropical and high humidity areas of the South. Ball moss, on the other hand, is a small, flowering plant that attaches to tree branches and sometimes resembles a bird's nest.

"Both Spanish moss and ball moss are lichens that attach themselves to tree bark, penetrate the outer bark and eventually suck the life out of the tree," Ken says. "You'll see leaf drop and then die back."

He noted a product on the market used to treat ball moss, formerly called Kocide 2000, has since changed names. The new product he recommends now is called CuPRO 5000, which can be purchased at Quality Feed & Garden at 4428 N. Main St. for \$50.

However, you might want to split the cost with your neighbors. He says one \$50 bag of CuPRO 5000 could treat all the trees in Lindale Park!

"You can spray for ball moss any time during the year, even now since they're actively growing," Ken says.

- Camille Webb, LPCC Board Member

We THANK Our 2016 Parade Sponsors

The Lindale Park Civic Club thanks our 4th of July Parade sponsors, neighbors, friends and everyone who helped make this year's parade such a success! We could not have done it without you.

We also extend our gratitude to *Mike Bowlin Photography* for taking all the amazing parade day photos, which you can view on the homepage of our website (www.lindalepark.org.)

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Lindale Resident is Doll Hobby Enthusiast

Hello, Lindale Park! I'd like to invite you to join me for a unique and exciting event next month unlike anything you've probably been to before: a doll show!

I'm a new member of an old-school hobby club, The First Houston Doll Club, and we're hosting our 45th annual doll show **Sunday, September 11 from 10 a.m.-4 p.m.** at the DoubleTree Hilton at Hobby Airport (8181 Airport Blvd.).

Just about everyone remembers playing with dolls or action figures when we were kids, maybe going to friends houses and exchanging clothes and accessories and having fun sharing.

Well, that's what it's like being in a hobby club! The focus is around education and preservation, and we're part of a national organization that promotes those values.

I've learned so much about the role dolls and toys have played in history and culture in both the United States and the world through my club. I've also met some of the most interesting, fun people.

If you know someone who would enjoy this or would like to do some early Christmas shopping, stop by the event September 11. There will be doll treasures of all kinds, and friendly vendors offering great deals! You're guaranteed to be surprised!

Admission is \$5. Girl Scouts in uniform get in free! There will be raffles and door prizes, too.

If you want more information or to talk dolls, stop by and see me at 205 Joyce St.

- Sarah Evans, LPCC Treasurer

Near Northside P.I.P. Meetings

Officer S. Duffy with the Houston Police Department (HPD) is happy to announce future dates for the NEW Near Northside P.I.P. meetings. P.I.P. stands for "Positive Interaction Program."

Meetings will take place at **6 p.m. on the third Wednesday of each month** at the Leonel Castillo Community Center, 2101 South St.

Upcoming P.I.P. meeting dates are as follows:

- **Wednesday, September 21**
- **Wednesday, October 19**
- **Wednesday, November 16**
- **NO MEETING IN DECEMBER**

Community presence and attendance at Positive Interaction Program meetings is a vital step in helping our community stay connected with local law enforcement, as well as stay informed about crime in surrounding communities.

From Diana Lerma Pfeifer, LPCC Vice President: "The more people who regularly attend P.I.P. Meetings, the more likely it will be that (a) the community's voice will have an impact when discussing problems and resolutions and (b) create the types of long lasting relationships that are so key to successful community interaction between HPD and the general public!"

- Camille Webb, LPCC Board Member

Chef Lindale Park

August begs for cool, refreshing desserts. **Paletas** are the answer. Homemade paletas are quick, yummy and a guilt free way to say yes to dessert.

Ingredients

- 4 cups cubed watermelon
- Up to ½ cup water
- ½ cup sugar (or less depending on watermelon and your taste)
- Juice from ½ a lime
- Lime zest (optional)
- 1 teaspoon fresh mint (optional)

Blend watermelon, lime juice, zest (if using), mint and add sugar to taste (thin with water if needed). Freeze in Popsicle molds or ice cube trays (use a toothpick for the stick).

Paletas are endlessly variable. Add a little chili powder, use a different melon, swap strawberries for the watermelon and switch out apple juice for the lime and water. Or use a little tequila in place of the liquid for an adult pleasure.

Yard of the Month Winners

The Lindale Park Yard of the Month competition is in full swing – even during these hot and steamy summer months! Be sure to check out the fine-looking yards of our June and July winners. Congratulations to:

June Winners

613 Moody St. – William, Karen and Geronimo Rocha
502 English St. – The Kirby Family

July Winners

501 Sue St. – Sam and Becky Montalbano
314 Eleanor St. – Jason Montalbano Family



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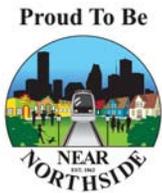
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OCTOBER 2016

ALL HANDS ON DECK



LINDALE PARK COMMUNITY!

Come be part of a special community-driven event that is going to make Lindale Park a more play-friendly place for families and children!

Play is central to a child's ability to grow into a productive adult. Together, we can ensure kids get the balance of play they need to thrive!

WE NEED YOUR HELP to make that possible!

HERE'S WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW

- Playground site is St. Alban's Episcopal Church at 420 Woodard St. at Helmers
- **BUILD PREP** is Thursday, Nov. 17 from 8 a.m. – 4 p.m.
- 25+ Volunteers will dig holes and pour cement.
- If work is not completed, volunteers return Nov. 18 to complete prep.

- **BUILD DAY** is Saturday, Nov. 19 from 7:45 a.m. – 2:30 p.m.
- 150-200 Volunteers will lay mulch and assemble equipment. Wear closed toe shoes and comfy clothes.
- Everyone will be assigned to a team. Youth activities will be provided for children under 18.
- Gloves, goggles, breakfast, lunch and T-Shirts will be provided to all who attend.

Please join us and show that play matters to you!
R.S.V.P. to 713.851.2702 or info@lindalepark.org

Can't attend? Make a tax-deductible donation! Mail check to St. Alban's, mention playground!

- Christina Cicack, Playground Planning Committee



play matters for all kids

Thank you to the following wonderful organizations that have made this possible:



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Donate to New Playground, Leave a Legacy

It is such an exciting time to be a resident of Lindale Park! As we plan and prepare for the new KaBOOM! playground on the grounds of St. Alban's, we are eager to offer you and your family an opportunity to join us. Any donation of \$75 or more will allow you to leave a legacy in our great neighborhood. The playground will include names in honor of these contributions that will remain a permanent part of Lindale Park.

Contact Emily Peterson at 317.691.3748 or em.peterson329@gmail.com for more information on this amazing opportunity to leave a lasting legacy in our neighborhood.

If you're ready to donate now, mail or drop off your tax-deductible donation to St. Alban's (420 Woodard St., Houston, TX 77009). Make your check payable to St. Alban's, indicating your donation is for the playground.

This opportunity also will be available October 4 at National Night Out. We look forward to including your name as a building block in the Lindale Park playground!

- Emily Peterson, Playground Planning Committee

August Quarterly Meeting Round-Up

Thank you to all who attended our August 23 Quarterly Meeting. We had a presentation from Carla Cisneros and an opportunity to talk about what can be done to help with speeding in the community from speed cushions to lowering the maximum speed limit through the state legislature. (The hope is by lowering the speed limit to 25 miles per hour in neighborhoods, the speeds over the minimum also would decrease.)

We also welcomed new and returning board members to the Lindale Park Civic Club (LPCC). Returning to the board are Ed Reyes who has served for many years and brings a wealth of knowledge, experience and community engagement to the board. Ed manages the clubhouse and is very engaged with the northside community; Camille Webb who edits our newsletter and updates the website; Matt Zeis who helps the board with a number of projects, including updating procedures and board bylaws; and Martha Meyers who has served as LPCC Board President.

We bid a fond farewell to Diana Lerma Pfeifer who continues to serve our community on the Super Neighborhood 51 and local YMCA boards. We welcome David Meeker Williams to the board. David is eager to put his skills to work in our community.

Our next Quarterly Meeting is at 7 p.m. Tuesday, October 25 at the Clubhouse. Our Treasurer, Sarah Evans, will give a fiscal year-in-review. Sarah will be joined by other board members who will talk about the different ways the Civic Club has served our community and neighborhood over the last year. Please join us!

- LPCC Board

Chef Lindale Park

As we begin October and hope for cooler weather, Chef Lindale begins to think round and orange. But this year, it is not pumpkins. It is a vegetable masquerading as a dessert (or is it a dessert masquerading as a vegetable?). Whichever it is, research shows that it is 75 percent effective in getting reluctant vegetable eaters to eat at least one veggie! (OK, so it worked for three of my four children. But still). This dish works great on a Thanksgiving table, as well as any weeknight. Don't let the soufflé in the title put you off. This is the easiest possible.

Carrot Soufflé:

- 1 pound carrots peeled and sliced
- 1/2 cup butter - melted
- 3 eggs
- 1 cup sugar
- 3 tablespoons flour
- 1 teaspoon baking powder
- 1 teaspoon vanilla

Cook carrots in boiling water until tender. Drain. Combine carrots and butter in blender. Blend until smooth. Add eggs, sugar, flour, baking powder and vanilla. Blend well. Pour into greased 1-quart soufflé or casserole. Bake at 350 for 45 minutes.

Let's Keep Lindale Park Safe this Halloween

Whether you and your family have lived in the neighborhood for one year, two years or 10 years, you know Halloween night is BIG in Lindale Park! Hundreds of children from our neighborhood and surrounding neighborhoods make stops at houses to trick-or-treat.

Streets in Lindale Park become so crowded with kids and parents on Halloween night that the Lindale Park Civic Club will again hire up to six police officers on bicycles to patrol our neighborhood streets during peak trick-or-treating hours Monday, October 31.

Please be mindful of the oodles and oodles of children walking throughout the neighborhood on Halloween night. Drive carefully and cautiously if you must leave your property.

Trick-or-treaters usually start around 6 p.m. and stop at houses with front porch lights illuminated. For safety reasons, the Civic Club recommends to all Lindale Park residents to please turn off your front porch lights at 9 p.m.

Thank you for making Halloween in Lindale a safe and fun night for all to enjoy!

- Camille Webb, LPCC Board Member

We also extend our gratitude to *J ROE PHOTOGRAPHY* for taking these beautiful Design Day photos! You can view all Design Day photos on the homepage of our website (www.lindalepark.org). If you would like higher-resolution copies of any Design Day photo/s, please send email to camille.webb@gmail.com.



We Appreciate Our Design Day Attendees

A HUGE thank you goes to all the kids and grown-ups who joined our Sept. 7 Design Day sessions at St. Alban's! Because of you, we are one step closer to building our very own KaBOOM! playground, right here in Lindale Park!

Mark Your Calendars

October 4 / 6 – 8 p.m.

National Night Out
St. Alban's Episcopal Church / 420 Woodard St.

October 19 / 6 p.m.

Northside P.I.P. ("Positive Interaction Program") Meeting
Leonel Castillo Community Center / 2101 South St.

October 25 / 7 p.m.

Quarterly Meeting at the Clubhouse / 218 Joyce St.

October 31

Halloween Yard Judging in Lindale Park
Yard of the Month Update: The Lindale Park Yard of the Month competition and judging will pick up during Halloween, so get those yards decorated and ready! Good luck!

November 16 / 6 p.m.

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Build Prep
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December 6 / 6:30 – 8:30 p.m.

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