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LINDALE PARK NEWSLETTER
FEBRUARY 2017

First Quarterly Meeting of 2017

Tuesday, February 28

7 – 8 p.m.

Clubhouse (218 Joyce St.)

The property owner of 5006 Fulton St. has submitted a variance request to make a residential property into a commercial property. The Lindale Park Civic Club has been talking with city council and the planning department to express our commitment to remaining a residential community and to honor our Chapter 42 designation.

Come to the Quarterly Meeting to discuss this issue and learn how to participate. See next article for more information.

As always, the meeting also will address your neighborhood and community questions and concerns.

Of note: Civic Club meetings are open to everyone, regardless of Civic Club membership status.

Brief History of 5006 Fulton Street

The **February 28 Quarterly Meeting** will be used to discuss the variance request at 5006 Fulton St. As we gather as a community to decide how we wish to respond, I want everyone to have some background information.

Lindale Park is represented by a civic club. As a community member, you choose whether to participate in the civic club. The board of the civic club is elected by majority vote of members at the August Quarterly Meeting.

The bylaws of the civic club state clearly that the purpose is “to maintain the residential character of the neighborhood and to promote the civic and social welfare of the

community.” We have attempted to honor that purpose by holding community events at least three times a year (National Night Out, 4th of July Parade, Christmas Party), maintaining esplanades, honoring those homes that are particularly well decorated or landscaped, paying for extra patrol on Halloween, bringing a new playground to the neighborhood and by implementing Chapter 42 protections. We also do a number of behind the scenes activities attempting to advocate on behalf of the neighborhood with our elected representatives.

The variance at 5006 Fulton St. is a request to change the use of the property from residential to an unrestricted reserve. An unrestricted reserve can be used in any way the owner wishes.

Some residents have wondered how a property on Fulton Street came to be residential. In 2004, the current owner of the property, having bought a combination of commercial and undeveloped, residential lots, requested a variance to replat as one residential lot. At the time, the owner was told that the rail line was going to be on Fulton Street, and the owner decided to move forward with the residence. He was granted the variance, and the mixed lots were replatted to a single residential lot for single-family use. He then built the home that we see today.

In 2012, the owner wanted to replat to commercial to create La Mansion. The community had multiple open meetings with members speaking both in favor and against. That replat was not granted.

Also in 2012, the Civic Club and the community began the process of the Chapter 42 SMLS protections. The property at 5006 Fulton St. was included in the Gale Blockface protection that passed in May 2014 and in the Area 426 protection that passed July 14, 2015. These protections passed with more than 60 percent of the area property owners and are binding on the properties included.

Properties identified in the Harris County Appraisal District as residential, single family at the time must stay residential, single family. The property at 5006 Fulton St. also was identified as residential, single family. Chapter 42 protections include that variances should not be granted for five years after the protections go into place.

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As a civic club board, we work hard to maintain the residential character of our neighborhood. We also aim to stay community driven. I encourage as many members of the community as possible to come to the **February 28** meeting to discuss our community response.

Additionally, **the variance request will be heard at 2:30 p.m. March 2** at the planning commission at the City Hall Annex (900 Bagby St). We encourage all interested community members to attend. Please watch Nextdoor and Facebook for updates.

- Martha Meyers, Lindale Park Civic Club President

Yard of the Month Winners

The October 2016 newsletter was printed and published before Halloween Yard of the Month judging, so let's take a moment to reflect and congratulate the spookiest winners from Halloween 2016!

Halloween 2016 Winners

225 Ave of Oaks St. – Julius Penning and Manuel Maldonado
1002 Sue St. – Carlos Rangel
506 Milwaukee St. – Richard and Letty Galvan

And, these winners had the merriest and most festive yard decorations and lights in Lindale Park! Congratulations to our Best Holiday 2016 Yard of the Month Winners!

Best Holiday 2016 Winners

904 Eleanor St. – Mr. and Mrs. Roland Rodriguez
814 Sue St. – The Telles Family
703 Woodard St.

Now, be sure to get your yards ready for springtime Yard of the Month judging!

Special thanks go to our Beautification Committee team members for driving around Lindale Park streets to find the best-looking yards around!

Garden Tip: Composting at Home

Love free stuff? Start composting!

Backyard composting is the healthiest thing you can do for your garden, but it has other benefits, too. Composting recycles kitchen waste, which keeps your aging garbage disposal alive a little longer, and your pipes flowing cleaner. Your trashcan smells better because it's not full of food waste. Composting reduces landfill waste, and it's better for Mother Earth than chemical fertilizers.

What can I compost?

You can compost any non-animal food item and yard waste: Veggie and fruit scraps, eggshells, grass clippings, old garden plants, straw, pine needles, paper, cardboard, dryer lint, pet hair and especially leaves. Worms (who enrich the soil) love coffee grounds and tea leaves. You need twice as much dry material (like leaves) as wet waste (table leftovers).

Collect food scraps in the kitchen until you're ready to take them to the compost. Compost keepers are available in stores, but a plastic container with lid works fine.

How do I compost?

Because we live in an urban area, you need a compost bin that pests can't enter. You can buy one or make it from a large plastic storage container. Drill plenty of holes in the bottom for drainage and set it in a shady spot. Layer twigs or straw on the bottom, then make compost lasagna by layering kitchen scraps with yard waste (leaves, pine needles). Put a layer of dirt on top and water lightly. Close the lid securely. Every few weeks, open your bin and give the pile a turn with a pitchfork or shovel. Two bins are better than one, so you can let one mature while you add to the other.

Add compost as you go, mixing in new material with the old. When the compost looks like dirt, it's ready. Mix it with your garden's soil, and you'll soon have the prettiest yard on the block!

- Dinah Massie, Graceland Street Resident

A Christmas Tradition Worth Mentioning

While it's nearing springtime now, we can't help but take a short trip down memory lane to mention a beloved December tradition in our neighborhood – Lindale Park's Annual Christmas Party! Held every year at the Clubhouse, this festive evening puts everyone in the Christmas spirit.

This time, neighbors and friends gathered **December 6, 2016**, to enjoy light bites and desserts, beverages and entertainment by Mariachis from the Northside High School Band. A visit from Santa and his elves delighted the youngsters and the young at heart that evening. Lots of door prizes and goodies were given away as well.

At the party, St. Alban's Episcopal Church received a very special award from the Masonic Lodge #1347. The **2016 Community Builder Award** was presented to St. Alban's in "recognition of your long and distinguished service and personal contributions to the community." Rev. Bill Laucher was there to accept the award on behalf of the church.

The Civic Club is grateful for everyone who helped make this neighborhood tradition such a success, including all our neighbors who contributed to the potluck-style dinner; Near Town Properties for generously donating \$150 in gift cards used for door prizes and giveaways; and Mike Bowlin Photography for taking photographs at the party.

- *Camille Webb, LPCC Secretary*



Photo by Mike Bowlin Photography

Chef Lindale Park

Jorge Colorado Memorial Bread Pudding

In November, Lindale Park lost our neighbor, Jorge Colorado. Jorge was the beloved husband of longtime neighbor, volunteer and board member, Victoria Salinas. This recipe celebrates Jorge's love of good food and warm spirits.

Bread Pudding Ingredients:

- 1 loaf stale bread
- 1 quart milk
- 3 eggs
- 1 ½ cups granulated sugar
- 2 tablespoons vanilla extract
- Butter for greasing pan

Crumble the bread and soak it in the milk for about one hour (or slice it into squares and crumble later after the soak). Preheat oven to 325. Grease 9x13x2-inch baking dish with butter (or cupcake tins for individual servings). Beat together eggs, granulated sugar and vanilla extract. Stir in with bread. Pour into prepared dish and bake in oven until browned and set about 1 hour 10 minutes (somewhat less time with cupcake tins). Cool to room temperature.

Whiskey Sauce Ingredients:

- 8 tablespoons butter
- 1 cup powdered sugar (a.k.a. confectioners sugar)
- 1 egg
- 4 tablespoons whiskey

Heat butter and powdered sugar in the top of a double boiler until sugar is dissolved and mixture is very hot. Remove from heat. Beat in egg. Continue beating until cool. Add whiskey (or vanilla or almond or orange extract if serving children) to taste.

To serve, cut into individual serving pieces and transfer to a heatproof serving dish. Spoon sauce over pudding and run under broiler until bubbling. (If using cupcake tins, the bread pudding is ready for individual servings.)

Lindale Park Civic Club Board Members

- President – Martha Meyers
- Co-Vice Presidents – Jessica Rangel and Ed Reyes
- Treasurer – Sarah Evans
- Secretary – Camille Webb
- Board Member – Sylvia Cavazos
- Board Member – Gwyn Guidy
- Board Member – David Meeker-Williams
- Board Member – Vicky Salinas Colorado
- Board Member – Matt Zeis
- Board Member – **OPEN***

*Due to a recent resignation, we have one OPEN board member position on the Civic Club board. Whether you have lived in the neighborhood for one year or 10 years, we would love to have your help on the board! Civic Club board members serve on committees, such as Beatification, Clubhouse, Mobility, Newsletter, Parade, Architectural Review, Security and Events (National Night Out, Christmas Party, etc.).

Volunteer with this important group of neighbors and help make decisions for the betterment of Lindale Park! If you are interested in volunteering to serve on the board, please reach out to current LPPC President Martha Meyers at info@lindalepark.org.



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Judge Emmett Is Guest Speaker

Please join the Lindale Park Civic Club as we welcome **Judge Edward M. Emmett** as our guest speaker at the **Tuesday, May 23** Quarterly Meeting. The meeting will begin at **7 p.m.** at the Clubhouse located at 218 Joyce St.

Emmett will give a breakdown of all the functions of Harris County and what his job entails, followed by a question and answer session. His main purpose is to listen to issues, questions and/or concerns from our community.



Emmett became Harris County Judge on March 6, 2007.

A member of the Texas House of Representatives from 1979 to 1987, Emmett was chair of the Committee on Energy, a member of the Transportation Committee, and represented the state on numerous national committees relating to energy and transportation policy.

In 1989, President George H. W. Bush nominated Emmett as a Commissioner at the Interstate Commerce Commission. After being confirmed unanimously by the United States Senate, Emmett served on the commission for three years.

Emmett has received international recognition for his work in transportation and logistics policy. He was named Transportation Person of the Year by Transportation Clubs International and one of the Top 20 Logistics Professionals by Logistics Forum.

Emmett, working with the county commissioners, manages the nation's third largest county. He also is director of Harris County's Office of Homeland Security and Emergency Management, chair of the Harris County Juvenile Board and chair of the Conference of Urban Counties Policy Committee.

Time to Pay Neighborhood Dues for 2017

It's that time again, folks! The Lindale Park Civic Club's annual drive for neighborhood dues is here, and it's time to pay your voluntary dues for 2017. Dues are \$35 per year and help tremendously with the upkeep of the neighborhood we call home.

Your dues help support many important projects in the neighborhood, including the upkeep of the Clubhouse and lawn care, flags for Irvington Boulevard, maintenance and care of the flowerbeds on Irvington Boulevard, printing newsletters, fliers and signage, police bike patrols for Halloween, as well as neighborhood events, including the 4th of July Parade, National Night Out and the Christmas Party.

All residents soon will receive an invoice mailer and application for 2017 neighborhood dues. If you've received your mailer before the May 23 Quarterly Meeting, bring it with you, along with your payment, to pay your dues in person. Copies also will be available at the meeting.

Can't make it to the meeting? Drop off or mail your application and payment to 218 Joyce St., Houston, TX 77009. Please make checks payable to Lindale Park Civic Club.

- *Camille Webb, Lindale Park Civic Club Secretary*

Lindale Park Masonic Lodge Open House

Lindale Park Masonic Lodge No. 1347 invites you to an Open House from **10 a.m.-2 p.m. Saturday, May 27!** The Masonic Lodge is located at 202 Ave of Oaks St., on the corner of Ave of Oaks and Fulton Streets. While there, enjoy some refreshments and burgers, tour the building and learn about our fraternity and who we are. We look forward to your visit!

Lindale Park Lodge has been a neighbor in the Lindale Park community since 1959. More than 600 members have passed through the doors of our Masonic Lodge in all those years.

- *Lindale Park Lodge No. 1347*

Lemonade Recipes Lead to Sweet Success



A new and tasty competition started April 29 at the Lindale Park Playground with its first-ever Lemonade Contest! Contestants ages 13 and younger were invited to submit their best lemonade recipes for judging and to sell on site.

Lemons, of course, were the main ingredient in each recipe, but contestants

could dabble with spices, fruits and even vegetables.

The competition and judging were intense! “There were eight entries and six judges,” notes Gwyn Guidy, who served as contest co-chair, along with Rev. Bill Laucher.

Judges took turns tasting samples of the sugary and fruity beverages. Scores were based on overall lemon flavor, overall general flavor, sweetness, color and texture.

“There was only a one point difference between first and second place, Guidy notes, and only four points difference between second and third place.” She adds that it was indeed “a very close contest!”

Talia, 4, won First Place; mother is Crystal Torrez. **Second Place went to Dominick, 7;** grandmother is Kathy Gutierrez. **Siblings Daphne and Oscar, 10 and 7, won Third Place;** parents are John Parkey and Camille Webb.



All entries received a participation certificate signed by the co-chairs.

Guidy already is planning for this to become an annual event with even more awards.

“Next year, we will include a trophy for best stand,” she says.

- *Camille Webb, Lindale Park Civic Club Secretary*



Let’s Celebrate Our Lindale Park Grads

Let’s take a moment to congratulate our Lindale Park graduates! We wish them well on their next journey.



Nicholas A. Allen will graduate May 26 from Heights High School.

Nicholas is Vice-President of the Heights High School chapter of The Woods Project and has been selected to participate in the organization’s 2017 Alumni Leadership Summer Program in the Apostle Islands, Wisconsin. He will spend two weeks kayaking the islands on

Lake Superior in Northern Wisconsin!

He will attend The University of Texas at San Antonio in the fall, majoring in political science.

Louis Oviedo II will graduate May 20 from St. Pius X High School. For the past four years, he has been a competitive clay shooter with Harris County 4-H. He was recruited to attend Schreiner University to join its national

shooting team and was awarded several four-year scholarships to assist with tuition.



Louis made St. Pius X history by being the first student to sign commitment papers and receive scholarships for clay shooting! He wants to earn his bachelor's degree in international business or finance.

The Villarreals are excited to celebrate the “double” graduation of their sons! **Peter Roland Villarreal III** graduated May 13 with a bachelor's degree in business from Baylor University, and **Julian Patrick Villarreal** will graduate May 28 from Lamar High School.

Peter has accepted a position with Oracle that begins in August. Until then, he will spend time with family and travel this summer.



Julian graduates with a 4.0 GPA and is a member of the elite Lonestar Society at Lamar High School. He will attend Baylor University in the fall, majoring in business.

I-45 North Expansion Update

Thank you to those neighbors who attended the May 15 hearing about the proposed I-45 expansion.

As a review, TxDOT has a plan to expand I-45 North to have four managed lanes (two in each direction) and four main lanes in each direction from I-10 to Beltway 8. This plan also will include re-routing I-45 to the east side of downtown (so it would follow I-10 and then US 59 on the east side of downtown before joining up with the current Gulf Freeway).

As some neighbors will recall, we had a meeting with TxDOT in the neighborhood about their plan. TxDOT was very helpful and incorporated changes related to our feedback.

The current plan will include an on-ramp north of Cavalcade for northbound traffic and an off-ramp north of Cavalcade for southbound traffic (very similar to our current access.) The on-ramp to I-610 westbound from Irvington will be closed. Our westbound access to I-610 will be moved to west of I-45. TxDOT will push the access road along I-610 under I-45. We will cross Fulton (and the METRORail) at grade. To get to Lindale from the west side on the loop, we will exit before I-45 and run along the access road at grade, again crossing the rail at grade.

I have concerns about the increase in traffic at the rail crossing at grade. I requested the designers look at what the increase in surface traffic will do to the intersection of I-610 and Fulton to make sure they have allowed for the increased complexity the rail produces at that intersection. I would prefer some kind of ramp solution. I encourage EVERYONE to look closely at the plan (www.ih45northandmore.com) and provide comments. The comment period is open until June 27.

- Martha Meyers, Lindale Park Civic Club President

Yard of the Month Winners

Congratulations to our Yard of the Month winners for April and May! Special thanks go to our Beautification Committee team members for driving around Lindale Park streets to find the best-looking yards!

April 2017 Winners

209 Fairbanks St. – Todd & Cristina Buehlman

904 Ave of Oaks St. – Jose & Elizabeth Cantu

811 Gale St. – Jason, Berenice, Elena & Savannah Yu

May 2017 Winners

605 Eleanor St. – Kevin & Sherri Stevenson

303 Joyce St. – Elizabeth Payne

614 Milwaukee St.

Chef Lindale Park

Our guest Chef Lindale for this issue is Graceland Street resident **Dinah Massie** who brings us a healthy, vegetarian dish to try for lunch or dinner.

Cheesy Quinoa Pilaf with Spinach

Quinoa (pronounced "KEEN wah") is an ancient South American grain that was sacred to the Incas. Its health benefits are impressive: It contains all nine essential amino acids, is high in fiber, magnesium, B-vitamins, iron, potassium, calcium, phosphorus and antioxidants. And, it's gluten free. Quinoa is a more nutritious substitute for rice.

Prep time: 10 min / Cook time: 30 min / Ready in: 40 min

- ½ Cup Quinoa
- 1 ¼ Cup water
- 3 Tablespoons olive oil
- 2 Tablespoons raw sunflower seeds
- 2 Cloves Garlic, minced
- ½ Cup fresh spinach or kale leaves
- 2 Teaspoons lemon juice
- 1/3 Cup grated Gouda cheese

Put the quinoa in a pot with the water. Bring the water to a boil, lower the temperature and simmer until the quinoa is tender, (15 - 20 minutes). Set aside.

Heat the olive oil in a skillet over medium heat. Stir in the sunflower seeds and cook until lightly toasted (about 2 minutes).

Stir in the garlic and cook until the garlic softens (about 2 minutes).

Stir in the cooled quinoa and spinach; heat and stir until the quinoa is hot and the spinach has wilted.

Add the lemon juice and all but a pinch of the cheese.

Stir until the cheese has melted. Serve sprinkled with the remaining cheese.



Who could resist buying lemonade from this cutie?



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Quarterly Meeting TIME CHANGE
Tuesday, August 22 at 6:30 p.m.
Town Hall Meeting
with U.S. Rep. Gene Green
in conjunction with
Lindale Park Civic Club Board Elections

Please mark your calendars for a **6:30 p.m. start time** at our August 22 Quarterly Meeting at the Clubhouse located at 218 Joyce St.

U.S. Rep. Gene Green will present a Town Hall Meeting to begin promptly at 6:30 p.m. and conclude at 7:15 p.m. He will discuss what's going on in Washington, D.C., and take questions and concerns from the community.

The Lindale Park Civic Club's Board Elections will begin immediately after Rep. Green's Town Hall Meeting where we will elect six (6) board members to serve two-year terms (September 1, 2017 - August 31, 2019).

Civic Club board members serve on committees, including Beautification, Clubhouse, Mobility, Newsletter, Parade, Architectural Review, Security and Events (National Night Out, Christmas Party, etc.).

There is still time to volunteer as a candidate for this round of elections to the LPCC Board! **Please let us know if you plan to run for the board by sending a message to info@lindalepark.org, so we may add your name to our printed ballot.** In order to be a valid candidate, individuals must pay LPCC neighborhood dues, which are \$35. You can pay your dues in-person at the meeting or online at www.lindalepark.org under the Civic Club tab.

Candidates will be given two minutes at the 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.

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

- Camille Webb, LPCC Secretary

Lindale Park Playground News

Helping Hands

On November 19, 2017, our playground officially will be one year old! While this is exciting, we still owe KaBOOM! a few items that we hope to deliver in the second half of this year.

When KaBOOM! awarded us the grant for our playground, the organization asked that we hold events that would bring attention to the playground. So far, we've had a Lemonade Contest, added the Little Free Library next to the playground, held several mini-workdays to spruce things up and started giving away free Popsicles every Wednesday from 5:30-7 p.m. in June, August and September.

We have some great ideas for other activities, but we need some helping hands.

More than 200 folks showed up to help build our playground, so we know there are a lot of you who care about our neighborhood. **Please contact Gwyn at gguidy@comcast.net or 713.851.2702 to join the Playground Planning Committee and/or to lend a helping hand** with your favorite playground project! We meet at 6:30 p.m. the first Wednesday of every month (except January) at The Playground Church/St. Alban's (420 Woodard St.).

My favorite project is the "Playground Patrol." The idea is to have kids join the Patrol, which watches over the playground and reports equipment problems, helps keep trash picked up, etc. I hope to hear from you soon!

- Gwyn Guidy, Playground Planning Committee

Safeguarding Our Neighborhood

Garage Sales and Abandoned Cars

Lindale Park is experiencing an increase in the number of garage sales and abandoned cars in the last few months, along with an increased number of complaints about both issues.

In September, the Lindale Park Civic Club will begin monitoring garage sale activity and abandoned cars and reporting violations to the City of Houston.

The City of Houston has an ordinance, which prohibits more than two garage sales per year per residence. Any residence that holds more than two garage sales a year is considered by the city to be running a resale business.

In Lindale Park, according to both our deed restrictions and the Chapter 42 Special Minimum Lot Size protection that we passed for all of Lindale Park in 2014-2015, none of our residences are permitted to operate a business on site and the City Attorney's office enforces this restriction by filing suit against violators.

The City of Houston also has an ordinance, which defines an abandoned vehicle as any vehicle parked on a public right of way longer than 48 or more continuous hours. Abandoned vehicles are taken by the city once reported to and verified by the Houston Police Department.

The Civic Club is working to gather additional information on abandoned vehicles and junk motor vehicles, as a follow-up to this story. Be on the lookout for it in our next newsletter or at our next meeting!

In the meantime, please avoid trouble with the city and be a good neighbor! Don't have more than two garage sales a year and don't abandon your cars on our streets. If there is enough interest, we can reserve a day on the calendar for a neighborhood garage sale!

- Gwyn Guidy, LPCC Board Member

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Chef Lindale Park

Graceland Street resident Dinah Massie brings us another creative recipe to try out this summer! Says Dinah, "Be creative with these big, hearty cookies. As long as you keep the liquid/nut/fruit proportions similar, they'll come out great. Eat one a day – they're filling and healthy."

BREAKFAST COOKIES

Ingredients

- 1 cup whole wheat flour
- 1 cup all-purpose flour
- ¾ teaspoon baking soda
- ¼ teaspoon coarse salt
- ½ cup (1 stick) unsalted butter, room temperature
- ½ cup applesauce
- 1 ½ cups packed dark-brown sugar
- 2 large eggs
- 1 tablespoon pure vanilla extract (more to taste)
- 2 cups rolled oats
- ½ cup raw almonds, coarsely chopped
- ¼ cup raw pumpkin seeds
- ¼ cup raw sunflower seeds
- ¼ cup unsweetened shredded coconut
- ¼ cup raisins or currants
- ¼ cup finely chopped dried mango
- ¼ cup finely chopped dried papaya
- ½ cup dried banana chips

Directions

1. Preheat a convection oven to 325 degrees or a conventional oven to 350 degrees. Line two baking sheets with parchment paper; set aside.
2. In a large bowl, whisk together flours, baking soda and salt; set aside.
3. In the bowl of an electric mixer fitted with the paddle attachment, beat butter until light and fluffy. Add brown sugar and applesauce and mix until well combined. Add eggs, one at a time, mixing well after each addition. Add vanilla and mix just to combine.
4. With the mixer on low, slowly add flour mixture and mix until well combined. Add oats, almonds, pumpkin seeds, sunflower seeds, coconut, raisins, mango and papaya; mix to combine.
5. Form dough into eight equal portions, about 1 cup each, and form into patties, about 4 inches in diameter. Place on prepared baking sheets. Top evenly with banana chips.
6. Transfer to oven and bake until golden and firm, 20 to 25 minutes. Let cool completely on baking sheets.

A Service from Your Civic Club
Treating Ball Moss

Last August, we had a question about ball moss and learned it is deadly to trees. We contacted Quality Feed & Garden and learned that CuPro 5000 is the best method to treat ball moss.

We will have CuPro 5000 at the August 22 Quarterly Meeting to distribute to any who need it. Please bring a container equipped to hold about a ½ cup of a powdered material. Please know that this is NOT an organic treatment. It has very rigorous application standards, which will be provided for all who take a sample. If you want a purely organic treatment, you can get a 20 percent vinegar solution at most garden centers, which also will work.

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215 Avenue of Oaks St. – Anthony Fry
706 Woodard St. – Terri Partin-Kashdan
408 Sue St.

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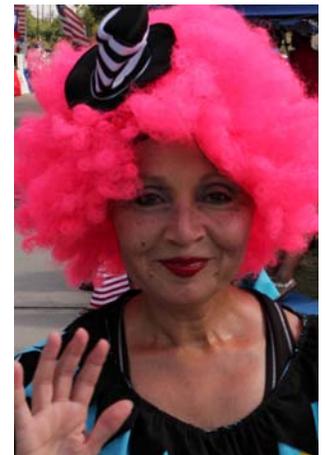
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Life in Lindale Park... “We have a great program for seniors right here in Lindale Park! **Every Tuesday from 10 a.m.-3 p.m.**, seniors gather at St. Alban’s (The Playground Church, 420 Woodard St.) for lunch and games, provided courtesy of St. Alban’s. It’s a great outing for our seniors. If you know someone who could benefit, send or bring them on over next Tuesday!” – *Gwyn Guidy, Fairbanks resident*

Do you have something you’d like to share about living in Lindale Park? Send it to info@lindalepark.org, and we’ll print it in our next quarterly newsletter!



Lindale Park’s Annual 4th of July Parade down Irvington Boulevard was a grand summer celebration! From marching bands to bag pipers to roller derby gals to classic cars, low-riders and art cars, we definitely had it all!

We thank all those who continue to make this one-of-a-kind neighborhood tradition a success year after year!

To see more 4th of July Parade photos by **Mike Bowlin Photography**, go to www.lindalepark.org.



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Gwyn Guidy Receives Leadership Award

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

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



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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Life in Lindale Park...

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

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

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

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

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



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

Chef Lindale Park

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

Gingerbread (from my Great-Aunt Lucille)

2 ½ cups flour

1 tsp ground ginger

½ tsp salt

1 tsp ground cinnamon

1 ½ tsp baking soda

½ tsp ground cloves

½ cup (1 stick) unsalted butter (at room temperature)

½ cup sugar

1 beaten egg

1 cup molasses (preferably Brer Rabbit)

1 cup hot water

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

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Neighbors Gather for National Night Out

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

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

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

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

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

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

- Camille Webb, LPCC Secretary



National Night Out and Newsletter Photos
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Free METRO Rides for Students *Extended Through October*

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

Harvey Recovery Free Ride Facts

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

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

Recycling Still Suspended *Tell Your Neighbors*

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

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

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

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

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