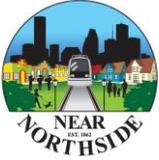


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# Lindale Park

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Lindale Park Civic Club

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LINDALE PARK NEWSLETTER  
FEBRUARY 2019

**FIRST Quarterly Meeting of 2019!**  
**Tuesday, February 26 at 7 p.m.**  
**Clubhouse / 218 Joyce St.**  
**Join us! Great door prizes, too!**

Join your neighbors, board members and the community at 7 p.m. Tuesday, February 26 for the first Quarterly Meeting of 2019! All meetings take place at the Clubhouse at 218 Joyce St.

We welcome guest speaker **Richard Nguyen** with **Houston's Solid Waste Management Department**. Nguyen will discuss Houston's recent problems with recycling pick up and scheduling delays, as well as take your questions about curbside recycling, garbage collection and/or alternating tree waste and junk waste collection.

In the meantime, be sure to read Dinah Massie's important piece about how to recycle and what exactly goes in that green bin!

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

### RECYCLING: This May Surprise You

You're a good person: You do your part to save the planet. But you may need to change a couple of things when it comes to recycling.

First and most important: Put your recyclables directly into your green bin – not into plastic bags. The bags' thin plastic destroys the machine that separates plastics from paper, so recycling plant workers will likely throw the whole bag into the trash rather than taking out the products inside.

Along that line, grocery bags and other plastic films are not recycled by the city, but you can take them to most grocery stores for handling. Wal-Mart, Target, Kroger, HEB, Albertsons, Sprouts and other stores have bins near the front door where you can leave your bags.

Here's another thing: Not all firm plastics are recyclable. Look on the container for a triangle with the number 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 or 7 (not 6) in it. These items should be placed in the green bin. If there is no number, the plastic isn't recyclable. Styrofoam isn't recyclable either.

Aluminum and tin cans are wonderful for recycling!

Paper (newspapers, junk mail, envelopes, magazines/catalogs, phone books) and cardboard go in the bin, unless it's a pizza box or other cardboard/paper item with grease on it. In that case, the box goes in the trash. But paper milk containers and soup boxes are recyclable, so chuck 'em in!

Motor oil containers should be placed on the curb – outside the bin – on recycling day.

The City of Houston's recycling program was off-schedule during the holidays, but on February 4, it returned to normal.

Our recycling days are the second and fourth Fridays. On recycling days, place both trash and recycling bins on the curb at least three feet apart (so the trucks' equipment can handle them without spillage).

If you're new to Lindale Park and need a green bin, call 311 to request one.

Go to [www.houstonsolidwaste.org](http://www.houstonsolidwaste.org) for more information.

- Dinah Massie, Graceland Street Resident

## Letter from the President

Dear Lindale Park Neighbors,

We all have heard the expression, *No Free Rides*. We understand this tends to imply not to expect anything to come without a cost or expectation. This also holds true for any service provided to the community on behalf of your paid annual voluntary membership and/or funds gained from use of the Lindale Park Civic Club for private events.

Nine out of 10 of us probably would agree that crime tends to be our biggest concern. Rightfully so, no one wants to feel compromised within the confines of their home and/or surrounding property.

Yet, in a community where we have roughly 1,250 homes, less than 20 percent of the homeowners respond to the call to voluntarily pay annual dues in the amount of \$35 per household. That equates to about \$7,500 annually.

Many give beyond the \$35 ask, but it still falls very short of making up for the significant difference in dollars to secure any program such as security for extended periods of time.

Funds collected through memberships, donations and Clubhouse rentals go toward but are not limited to utilities, insurance, maintenance of property and interior space of the Clubhouse, flowerbeds and various community events.

We work diligently to uphold a healthy account balance, so as not to come close to cleaning out the bank at any time. There is an inherent responsibility to conserve enough funds in the event of unexpected damages.

For example, a new roof on the Clubhouse potentially could cost up to \$35,000. Moreover, if there was a major catastrophe that created severe damage to the interior or framework of the facility, then that too could annihilate any funds we currently hold. Insurance only covers a portion of damages, and the replacement value of anything always is greater than expected.

What does it take to increase our money pool? Simply commit to paying the voluntary annual membership of \$35 and/or donate. For instance, if 625 households paid \$35 that would secure \$21,000 more each year that could be utilized toward key community services, as directed by resident wants and needs. The number jumps to \$28,000 if 800 households pay.

As reported during the Holiday Security Patrol, we noted it would cost \$4,647.50 for 84.5 hours at a rate of \$55/hour.

Therefore, a yearly program with a like-kind coverage each month could cost as much as \$55,000 annually.

I believe we have a significant number of residents who would and will pledge to pay the annual voluntary membership fee. Let's do this together. Let's take our community's needs and show we are willing to step up to the plate and do all in our power to safeguard ourselves, our loved ones and our homes.

All residents will receive an invoice mailer and application for their 2019 annual voluntary membership dues. I sincerely ask anyone who has not had an opportunity to pay their voluntary dues to please do so. Checks can be made payable to Lindale Park Civic Club and sent to 218 Joyce St., Houston, TX 77009.

- *Diana Lerma Pfeifer, LPCC President*

### Quarterly Security Tip – February 2019

Post checklists by all exits used as a reminder to regularly lock all doors, shut windows, turn the television or radio on for noise and set your alarm system EVERY time you leave the property. Skipping a step for just a "short trip" can be perilous, as sometimes a quick trip to the store can turn into a longer trip, and you certainly don't want to return home with a burglar inside.

Avoid leaving spare keys "hidden" outside under a pot or welcome mat, as thieves know the usual hiding places. Instead, obtain a lockable key container available at locksmiths, hardware stores or big box stores or online to mount securely in an inconspicuous place to keep a spare house key. (These are handy for teenagers coming home from school, since they don't have to carry a key on their person. And, teach them to put the key back immediately and not leave the box unlocked or the combination dialed-in on the lock.)

Check all your windows NOW, and regularly. Sometimes, windows can unknowingly remain unlocked for years and better you find them unlocked and lock them before a burglar does later.

Watch out for your neighbors' homes. Call them or dial 911 if you see something conspicuous, and it turns out to be a non-event. Better safe than sorry.

- *Mike Bowlin, Canadian Street Resident*

## In Loving Memory

**Craig Alan Haynie**

**December 19, 1976 – November 26, 2018**



It is with great sorrow that we announce the passing of one of our board members and beloved Lindale Park residents. Craig Alan Haynie passed away November 26, 2018, surrounded by dear family and friends.

Craig was one of Lindale Park Civic Club's newest board members who first joined the board of directors as an alternate. He quickly jumped in to help. He offered ideas about streamlining our sign-in process at meetings to make for quicker and easier check in. He was interested in serving on various committees and prepared a committee handout for residents to learn how they could volunteer. He was generous. He purchased and then donated a large white board to the Civic Club to use for Quarterly Meetings.

"He was such a great addition to our board," says Sylvia Cavazos, LPCC board member.

When asked to join the board of directors, Craig said this was his first time to be on this type of board, and he hoped he could meet the requirements, recalls Virginia Duke, LPCC board member.

"My comment to Craig was 'I hope in five years, YOU are one of the leaders of our community since I welcome your age group to take over some of the duties for this neighborhood,'" she adds. "He provided suggestions, time and resources to the community in his short time of involvement. I miss his input and energy."

*- Camille Webb, LPCC Co-Secretary / Newsletter Editor*

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## Holiday Security Patrol Update, Thank You

When the idea of a Holiday Security Patrol was presented to our residents, our goal was to raise \$4,400. Lindale Park residents were asked to donate \$2,200, and the Lindale Park Civic Club would donate the remaining \$2,000. Fifty-two residents made pledges totaling \$4,610. We collected

\$3,160 of those pledges. These funds allowed us to enter into a two-week contract with Houston Metro Coordinators (HMC).

I believe the patrol was a success. For those who follow Lindale Park on NextDoor, there were fewer postings of minor crime, stolen packages and stolen inflatables as compared to last year. I realize that NextDoor is not the gauge that determines the success of this program, so I have requested December 2018 Houston Police Department (HPD) Crime Statistics for Lindale Park. Once received, I will share those reports with you.

In the meantime, two weeks of activity reports from December 10-25, 2018, have been shared via Lindale Park on Nextdoor and Lindale Park Civic Club's Facebook page. There was one incident where a stolen car was recovered, thanks to the efforts of our security patrol.

The Lindale Park Civic Club would like to continue the security patrol next holiday season, as well as increase the number of patrol hours. We already have begun to think of different events throughout the year to help raise funds to cover the expense. Your ideas/thoughts are welcomed!

We want to thank everyone who contributed time and money toward the Holiday Security Patrol. Some would argue the holiday season is perhaps not the best time to ask for either, but you came through with flying colors! A big thank you to the handful of residents who volunteered to deliver fliers. That extra effort helped raise additional funds from residents who are not active on social media.

In closing, we would like to remind everyone that crime is not seasonal. It happens all year round. If you see something unusual, please report it to HPD's non-emergency number at 713.884.3131. All emergencies should be reported immediately to 911.

*- Vicky Salinas Colorado, LPCC Vice President*

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## Join St. Alban's for Seniors' Time Out

Seniors are welcome to join St. Alban's Episcopal Church from 9:30 a.m.-2:30 p.m. every Tuesday for a delicious, free and hot home-cooked meal by a great chef. There are plenty of games, fun and friendship for all. Bingo included! Caregivers are welcome, too.

St. Alban's also has several Lent and Holy Week events, starting March 5 with a Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper. A bilingual Easter service will be at 11 a.m. Sunday, April 21, followed at 1 p.m. with a Picnic & Easter Egg Hunt!

**SAVE THE DATE**  
**River, Lakes, Bays 'N Bayous Trash Bash®**  
 SATURDAY, MARCH 30, 2019



**VOLUNTEER TO HELP CLEAN  
 LITTLE WHITE OAK BAYOU**

**RAVEN TOWER, 310 NORTH ST  
 MARCH 30, 2019, 8AM-12PM**

**CLEANUP SITES:  
 WHITE OAK MUSIC HALL \* WOODLAND PARK \* MOODY PARK**

**REGISTRATION AND LUNCH AT RAVEN TOWER  
 REGISTER: [HTTP://WWW.TRASHBASH.ORG/SITES.HTML](http://www.trashbash.org/sites.html)**



**FAMILY FRIENDLY EVENT:  
 GROUPS ENCOURAGED  
 TO PRE-REGISTER**

**Yard of the Month Winners**

The last newsletter of 2018 was published before Halloween yard judging, so let's congratulate these spooky winners who all received \$25 gift cards donated by Eric Bradley with In The Loop Properties!

**Halloween 2018 Winners**

- 225 Ave of Oaks St. – Manuel Maldonado/Julian Penning
- 712 Sue St. – The Becerra Family
- 1002 Sue St. – Carlos

And, these winners had the merriest and most festive yard decorations and lights in Lindale Park during the holidays!

**Holiday 2018 Winners**

- 904 Eleanor St. – Roland Rodriguez & Family
- 806 English St. – Jay and Jeanette Jenkins

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**LINDALE PARK'S  
 2019 CALENDAR OF EVENTS**

**February 26 / 7 p.m. / 218 Joyce St.**  
 Quarterly/Community Meeting

**March 5 / 5:30-7:30 p.m. / 420 Woodard St.**  
 Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper

**March 23 / 11 a.m.-3 p.m. / 420 Woodard St.**  
 Fish Fry Fundraiser at St. Alban's

**April 6 / 420 Woodard St.**  
 Spring Yard Sale at St. Alban's

**May 4 / 11 a.m.-3 p.m. / 420 Woodard St.**  
 Lemonade Contest

**May 21 / 7 p.m. / 218 Joyce St.**  
 Quarterly/Community Meeting

**July 4 / 10 a.m.**  
 4<sup>th</sup> of July Parade

**August 27 / 7 p.m. / 218 Joyce St.**  
 Quarterly/Community Meeting

**October 1 / 5:30-8 p.m.**  
 National Night Out

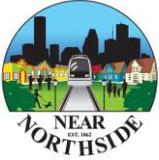
**October 22 / 7 p.m. / 218 Joyce St.**  
 Quarterly/Community Meeting

**October 24**  
 Halloween Yard Judging

**December 10 / 6-8 p.m. / 218 Joyce St.**  
 Holiday/Christmas Party

**December 18**  
 Holiday Yard Judging

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## Quarterly Meeting DATE CHANGE Tuesday, May 21 / 7 – 8 p.m. Clubhouse / 218 Joyce St.

Due to the Memorial Day holiday weekend, the next Quarterly Meeting of the Lindale Park Civic Club will be at **7 p.m. Tuesday, May 21.**

We look forward to hearing from and welcoming three guest speakers, including **Elizabeth Santos**, HISD Board of Trustees, District 1, who will update everyone on the happenings of HISD. **J.P. Cortez**, community executive director for the M.D. Anderson Family YMCA, will speak about the YMCA's summer programs. Lastly, **Jason Holoubek**, director of Rental Housing & Economic Development for Avenue CDC, will provide input on the Gale Wind project.

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

## Parade Celebrates 20th Anniversary

No one can forget last year's annual 4th of July Parade in Lindale Park, which carried on despite heavy rainfall, wind and flooded streets. This cherished event, celebrating its 20th anniversary year, will again be marching in style – RAIN OR SHINE – along the traditional route down Irvington Boulevard at **10 a.m. Thursday, July 4!**

The route begins on Irvington Boulevard at Eleanor Street and marches south to Gale Street before making a U-turn and heading north on Irvington Boulevard ending on Eleanor Street.

Parade Grand Marshall will be **U.S. Representative Sylvia Garcia**. Joining Rep. Garcia will be many local favorites, including *Art Cars*, *Low Riders* and community high school bands!

Your support of this annual event is key to its community success and fun! Contact us at [info@lindalepark.org](mailto:info@lindalepark.org) if you are interested in being a parade volunteer or parade participant.

If you would like to make donation, you may do so by making checks payable to the Lindale Park Civic Club, Attn: Parade Committee, 218 Joyce St., Houston, TX 77009. Donations help cover expenses related to permitting and managing the parade.

We thank YOU and all our community partners for the continued support we receive during this cherished event.

- LPCC Parade Committee with Camille Webb, Newsletter Editor

## 4th of JULY CELEBRATION

*Lindale Park Annual Parade*

**10 AM ON THE 4<sup>th</sup> OF JULY  
DOWN IRVINGTON BOULEVARD**

### Glass recycling

**is back!** After a two-year hiatus, Mayor Sylvester Turner announced April 4 the return of glass recycling to curbside green bins. Residents may recycle glass bottles and jars made from clear, green and brown glass.

Glass, along with other items accepted in the recycling bin – paper, cardboard, aluminum, tin cans and plastics – should be clean, dry and empty before recycling.

One more thing: motor oil is **NO LONGER** accepted curbside for recycling. The City of Houston asks citizens to take used motor oil to the appropriate recycling centers. Go to [www.houstonsolidwaste.org](http://www.houstonsolidwaste.org) to find a detailed list and for more information.

If you're new to Lindale Park and need a green bin, call 311 to request one.



**Sour Weather Brings Sweet Lemonade**

Despite a one-week delay due to a rainy weather forecast, neighborhood kiddos mixed up their best lemonade



recipes to submit for judging and to sell at the third annual Lemonade Contest held May 11 at the Lindale Park Playground.

The contest is open to kids ages 14 and younger who get to sell lemonade to neighbors and keep all the money. Lemons and water must be the main ingredients in each recipe, but kids are encouraged to try add-ins like fruits, vegetables and spices.

Several judges take turns tasting samples of the sugary and fruity beverages. Scores are based on overall lemon flavor, overall general flavor, sweetness, color and texture.

Siblings **Fiel and Florence** (above left) scored the **First Place** prize, while siblings **Daphne and Oscar** (right) won **Third Place**



for their Mega Berry Lemonade. **Elijah** (top left) won both **Second Place** and the prize for **Best Lemonade Stand**.

Going forward, the Lemonade Contest will be a rain or shine event with no delays because of “sour” weather forecasts.

- Camille Webb, LPCC Secretary / Newsletter Editor



*Daniel sold his famous Watermelon Lemonade recipe again!*

**Yard of the Month Winners – May 2019**  
**1005 Joyce St. – Willie Montemayor & Oscar Favela**  
**413 Gale St. – Milam Wentworth & Daphne Hadly**  
**809 Sue St. – Mario & Sandy Oropeza**

*We extend appreciation to our one-person Beautification Committee – Vicky Salinas Colorado! Vicky drives up and down all the streets in Lindale Park to find the best cared for lawns and the most beautiful spring flowers.*

We would love YOUR NOMINATIONS for Yard of the Month. Send nominations to [info@lindalepark.org](mailto:info@lindalepark.org) with “YOM Nominations” in the subject line.

**Summer is right around the corner**, and that means something special for all students: **free rides on METRO local and commuter buses and our trains.**

Students from K to 12, plus college and university students, ride free from June 1 through Aug. 31 with a with a Student METRO Q Fare Card. If students already have a Q Card, they’re good to go. Just tap – but nothing will be deducted from the balance. On Sept. 1, the card reverts to a discounted student card, and students are charged half price. Get your fare card today! Apply online at [RideMETRO.org](http://RideMETRO.org).



**HOU DOTR**  
**HTX LITERARY PROJECT**

**ALDINE**  
Baker Ripley East Aldine  
3000 Aldine Mail Rte Rd,  
Houston, TX 77039  
May 18th and May 25th  
9am-11am

**NORTHSIDE**  
Baker Ripley Leonel Castillo  
Community Center  
2101 South St, Houston, TX 77009  
June 1st and June 8th  
9am-11am

Register online at [houdotr@gmail.com](mailto:houdotr@gmail.com)  
Create a short story or poem, be part of a community book, and be on the radio!  
**OPEN TO 3RD - 12TH GRADE STUDENTS**  
**WORKSHOPS LED BY POET, WRITER, & RADIO HOST DENIZ LOPEZ**

**HOU DOTR** **LISC** **Go** **all real radio**  
Greater Houston Neighborhoods

### Free HTX Literacy Project

The Houston Department of Transformation received a Go Neighborhood grant to create a book of poems and short stories by our youth for the community.

Exposure to the art of writing creates an

avenue of creative expression when life is tough, exposes youth to the art or career of writing and gives students the opportunity to read their works at community events and on the radio.

The program is open for students from third to 12th grade. Students are asked to commit to both workshops at the location of their choice. **All workshops are free!** Send email to [houdotr@gmail.com](mailto:houdotr@gmail.com) to reserve a seat.

## Scholarships Available for Seniors

Lindale Park Masonic Lodge has four \$500 scholarships available for selected high school seniors graduating this year.

Interested students should apply with the following information: name; high school graduating from; GPA; college they plan to attend; and major they will pursue.

Send information to [kspark.sr@gmail.com](mailto:kspark.sr@gmail.com) with "Scholarship Application" in the subject line or mail to: Lindale Park Lodge No. 1347, 202 Ave of Oaks St., Houston, TX 77009.

## Preparing your Vehicle for an Evacuation

The first of June marks the start of hurricane season, which means it's time to get prepared.

If you've lived in southeast Texas for more than one year, you're likely familiar with disaster supply kits for your

home. But do you also have one for your vehicle? And, is that vehicle ready for a potential evacuation?

To get ready for hurricane season, one of the first items on your to-do list should be auto maintenance. Make sure your vehicle is running properly.

Check your car's windshield wipers, fluid levels, belts, tires and battery. Keep your fuel tank at least half-full to ensure you and your loved ones can get to safety if an evacuation is called.

Next, put together an emergency vehicle kit to be kept in your vehicle at all times. Include jumper cables, a tool kit, tire jack, first-aid kit, motor oil, phone charger, flashlight and battery-operated radio.

Download the Houston TranStar mobile app (from the Apple or Android store) and look for roadway flood warning icons that will show you which roadways are highly likely to be flooded.

To learn about evacuation plans, ready kits and more about preparing for hurricane season, go to [READYHARRIS.ORG](http://READYHARRIS.ORG).

*-Dinah Massie, Graceland Street Resident/Newsletter Contributor*

**Congratulations to Henry Zaleski** who graduated May 19 from Episcopal High School. He will be attending Louisiana State University to study psychology. He has won many service awards and music awards throughout his high school years.

*- Contributed by Deanne Zaleski*



**I-45 NORTH HOV**  
**OPEN ON WEEKENDS**  
MAY 4 - JULY 28  
10 A.M. - 7 P.M.

METRO is opening the inbound I-45 North HOV lane on weekends! Designed to make summer travel more efficient, this program will run **Saturdays and Sundays, May 4 through July 28, from 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. - inbound travel only.**

Ride the lane for **FREE** no matter how many people are in the car!

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## Reading Intervention Summer Program

When I moved to Lindale Park, I had no idea what a great community it was. So many people in Lindale Park help neighbors in their own special ways.

This July, I want to experiment with a way that I can help, too. I am looking for a few elementary students to participate in a six-week summer reading intervention and small group reading instruction program at St. Alban's Episcopal Church.

Despite all the dedicated, hardworking educators in our schools, many children are falling between the cracks. In the past six years, I have worked with children in third, fourth and fifth grade who came to me not reading at all. I feel strongly that these children need intervention before years of failing takes a toll on their well-being.

All children learn differently. There is a saying, "If a child doesn't learn the way you teach, then teach the way they learn."

I enjoy finding out what individual students need to make them more successful readers and writers. I also strive to help children build their confidence and develop a love of reading. This takes time and patience. Support from home and community makes a huge difference.

I appreciate St. Alban's for supplying a safe place for me to work with children. Dates for the reading intervention program will be July 8-Aug. 2, and the fee will be \$10 an hour (24 hours for \$240). Please reach out to me with questions at [nebrowngarden@sbcglobal.net](mailto:nebrowngarden@sbcglobal.net).

- Nancy Brown, Lindale Park Resident



**Alpha at The Playground Church**

We believe everyone should have the chance to explore the Christian faith, ask questions and share their point of view.

Location: 420 Woodard at Helmers

Starting: June 8, 2019 at 6:30 pm

Dinner—Program—Discussion

Call: Gwyn Guidy 713-851-2702 or email: [gguidy@gmail.com](mailto:gguidy@gmail.com)

## Quarterly Security Tip – May 2019

Don't give burglars a reason to break into your car! Besides having to have the damage to your vehicle repaired, you lose what was taken in the process.

Burglars can imagine almost anything as being valuable. For them, it's worth getting caught breaking into a vehicle, even if it's for such a prize as a fancy diaper bag.

Whenever you leave your car parked anywhere and a burglar can get to it, do not leave anything in sight through the windows that can be mistaken for being valuable. It's better to put it in the trunk before you drive to where you're going to park your car. (Many times, trunks can be opened by breaking the driver's window and simply pushing a button.)

By using glass breaking tools, burglars can break a window, grab your valuable and leave – all in less than 5 seconds.

Tips to Prevent Car Burglaries:

- Put items you don't need at your destination in the trunk before you go there.
- Park in an area where there are lots of people, as opposed to a far corner of a structured garage. Park under or near a light, if you're going to be parked at night.
- Hide all valuables or things that can be mistaken as valuable. Take wallets, credit cards and loose change. Don't leave anything valuable in cup holders, on the console or on the dash.
- Make sure all doors are locked, and if your alarm button is separate, make sure it's on when you leave your car.

- Mike Bowlin, Canadian Street Resident/Newsletter Contributor

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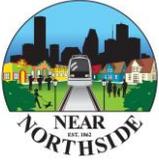
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**Lindale Park Civic Club  
Quarterly Meeting  
Tuesday, August 27 / 7 to 8 p.m.  
Clubhouse / 218 Joyce St.**

**Quarterly Meeting Agenda:  
Board Elections, Hurricane  
Preparedness, I-45 Expansion, Elected  
Officials, Deed Restrictions and  
Neighborhood Concerns**

Make a difference in our neighborhood by serving on the Lindale Park Civic Club's Board of Directors. There will be six (6) open board member positions at the August 27 Quarterly Meeting. Board members serve two-year terms (August 31, 2019 – August 31, 2021).

If you are interested in running for an open board position, please send email to [info@lindalepark.org](mailto:info@lindalepark.org), and we will get your name on the ballot. Write-ins are welcome! Please join us!

## **Closing Letter from LPCC President**

Thank you, Lindale Park, for allowing me the opportunity to serve as a Lindale Park board member and president the last two years. Serving on the board is and always has been a labor of love.

Some of the things I'm most proud of are:

- leading meetings to hear your concerns;
- working on community events, like our 20th Annual 4th of July Parade;
- speaking on Lindale's behalf at City Hall with regards to vagrant/crime related matters;

- helping to implement changes on ordinances to require better standards and restrictions on said housing to ensure safety to our residents and neighboring schools;
- working with METRO to improve and increase security in the area surrounding our rail line;
- contacting local officials to address our lot size challenges; and
- speaking to our local state representatives about larger scope challenges that are imperatively important to our futures, such as the I-45 expansion, local school's needs for improvement and much more.

I hope each of you will seek an opportunity to find your voice in one of the many things that help shape our community. Serving on the board and/or being an active resident at our quarterly meetings and community events creates the chance for all voices to be heard.

As our neighborhood grows and becomes more diverse, we need to be sure we are reflective of your household. The only way to ensure Lindale Park is a place for all is to be a part of that influence. Be present. Be thoughtful in your efforts to join a committee and/or be a board member. Be willing to listen equally to wanting to be heard. There is much to be done.

As more developers come to the neighborhood, we need to be sure we are still reflecting what YOU want us to look like. As the I-45 expansion creeps its legs into our boundaries, YOU need to be sure you have voiced your opinion regarding that carbon footprint.

You can be sure I have my eyes, my efforts and my heart focused on many things that will shape our future as I move on to work on the expansion. I hope to see many of you step up and take the helm. I know you will find it as rewarding as I have.

Best regards,

- *Diana Lerma Pfeifer, Outgoing LPCC President*

## Keeping Track of I-45 Expansion

The North Houston Highway Improvement Project (NHHIP) or, as it's commonly called, the I-45 Expansion, has attracted a lot of attention lately. The Greater Northside Management District (GNMD) has been keeping track of the project since the early days by advocating to minimize and mitigate the negative impacts and to make sure the project improves economic development in the District.

When I was younger growing up and starting to drive in the Northside, I remember my mother always saying to be careful around Irvington and 610. Both she and my father had accidents at that intersection, and she avoided getting onto the freeway from that location to head to I-45 North. I did not understand until I entered middle age that, yes... traffic is coming fast and it's really hard to cross over four lanes of traffic.

With that said, I do recognize that I-45 needs work. It is an old structure and truly does not work in certain ways, yet there are many questions and concerns that still need to be addressed by the Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT).

The Greater Northside Management District has, in the last several years, been steadily working with TxDOT. We've held several meetings with our stakeholders, and we've participated in many, many meetings. While TxDOT has been willing to listen, the core issues of connectivity and the loss of access still has not been addressed sufficiently.

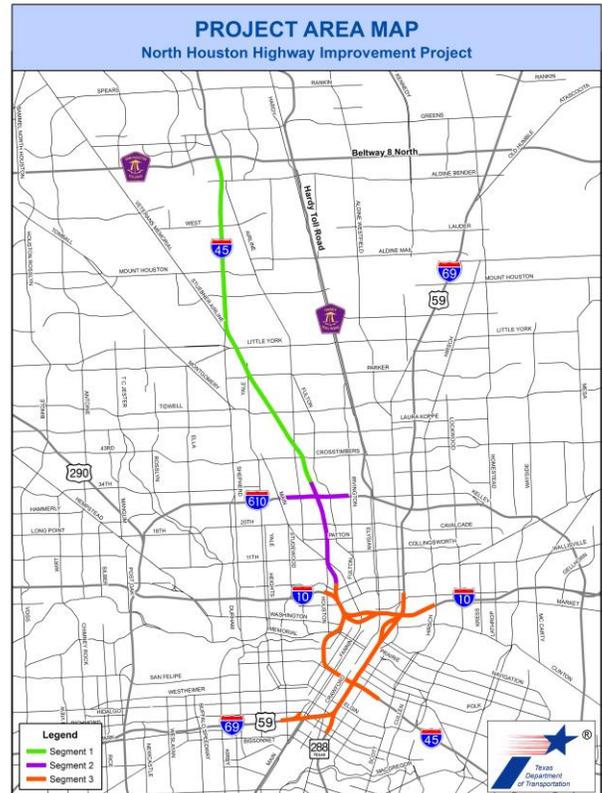
- Rebecca Reyna, Executive Director of GNMD

### What is the I-45 Expansion?

The Texas Department of Transportation is proposing rebuilding the freeway from Beltway 8 to Downtown Houston, including the loop of freeways around it (I-69, I-10 and SH-288). The project is divided into three segments with Segment 1 extending from Beltway 8 to I-610, Segment 2 from I-610 to I-10 and Segment 3 being the loop of freeways around Downtown and Midtown.

Portions of Segments 1 and 3 and all of Segment 2 are within the boundaries of the District. The project proposes to move I-45 from the west and south sides of Downtown to the north and east side.

This allows for the removal of the Pierce Elevated between Downtown and Midtown.



### Concerns within the District

**Right-of-Way (ROW) impacts** on all Segments, especially Segment 1. The Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) indicates that there is a disproportionate amount of loss in Segments 1 and 2, which are more economically challenged than Segment 3. The NHHIP could be redesigned with a tighter footprint that stays within the existing ROW, lessening the impact on the Northside communities, reducing the loss of businesses and homes, and keeping developable land within the footprint.

**Loss of Local Connectivity.** The rerouting of I-45 (Pierce Elevated) from Midtown to the Northside brings disproportionate impacts and poses a greater barrier between a minority, low-income population and the Central Business District. In addition, the loss of connecting bridges and freeway exits reduces access to businesses, placing them at a disadvantage. Some requests may come at the expense of traffic flow but should be prioritized, nonetheless.

**Frontage Road Safety.** I-45 has a disproportionate amount of bike and pedestrian crashes along frontage roads including the Crosstimbers intersection, which is currently ranked as the 13th most dangerous for people

walking or biking. This is an opportunity to make it safer and utilize other safety features along the feeder and intersections. We would like frontage roads to be designed using the City of Houston Design Standards and the Complete Streets Policy and lower the design speeds for safety.

**Flooding Mitigation.** Mitigate for both existing and proposed impervious surfaces and design drainage systems for the 500-year storm event. Mitigation strategies should have community benefits, including multipurpose drainage infrastructure, parks and trails.

**Parks and Visual Impact.** Minimize impacts to the White Oak Bayou Greenway Trail including the visual impact from the Leonel Castillo Community Center. Opportunities should be in the plan to extend existing trails and to link to future trails, according to the Houston Parks Board – Beyond the Bayous Plan.

The North Houston Highway Improvement Project will be transformational for the region, the City and the District. This is a once in a lifetime opportunity to make real improvements that reflect the values of the existing community - No Right-of-Way impacts, connectivity, walkability flooding and impacts to the natural environment. While construction won't start until 2021, all the decisions are being made in the next few months. Join us in advocating to make this the best project it can be.

- Greater Northside Management District

### 20th Annual Parade Going Strong

Lindale Park's 20th Annual 4th of July Parade down Irvington Boulevard was a grand summer celebration! From a high school marching band to bag pipers to Chinese lion dancers 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!

The Lindale Park Civic Club extends our sincere appreciation to our amazing Parade committee who works for months to plan this cherished event, along with special appreciation to **Mike Bowlin Photography** for capturing these wonderful photos!

- Camille Webb, LPCC Secretary / Newsletter Editor



**Yard of the Month Winners  
June 2019**  
215 Ave of Oaks St. – Anthony Fry  
303 Joyce St. – Elizabeth Payne  
809 Gale St. – Ivonne Beteta

## Quarterly Security Tip – August 2019

Walk safely in Lindale Park, and other places, especially at night. Even though those who live in Lindale Park realize we don't have sidewalks, others who live elsewhere may end-up driving our streets at any time and they may not be as cautious as those who live here. Follow the tips below to have a safe walk:

### 1. Walk Facing Traffic

This gives you the best chance to see traffic approaching closest to you and better enable you to take evasive actions. This may be a little confusing because the opposite is true for cyclists, who cycle in the same direction as the traffic.

### 2. Cross Safely

You need to look both ways before crossing any street. Make eye contact with any drivers who may be turning. Give them a wave. Make sure they see you and your kids/pets. In a collision between a vehicle and a walker, the walker can only lose.

### 3. Make a Small Target

You should walk one or two wide at the most, making yourself less apt to be in a driver's path should they move to their right when another vehicle is coming from the opposite direction.

### 4. Stay Aware of Bikes and Runners

Share the road with bikes and runners. Bike riders should alert you when approaching from behind saying "passing on the left or right." Listen for them, and move to walk next to the curb and/or single file, allowing them to pass safely. Runners also should call out for passing.

### 5. Be Visible

Wear bright colors when walking in the daytime. When walking at night, wear light-colored clothing and reflective clothing or tape on clothes to be more visible. Carry flashlights and/or use a headlamp or an LED cap visor light. Be even more cautious at dusk or dawn because drivers have more difficulty seeing, even though there is light.

### 6. Be Predictable

Make a practice of holding the same distance, or less, from the curb. Weaving randomly from side to side, or allowing kids to dart left and right is not a good idea when a bike or car is approaching. Sudden outward arm movements also can give a black eye, or worse, to a passing walker, runner or biker.

### 7. Keep the Volume Down

Don't drown out your cautionary environment when listening to music with your earbuds or headphones or by talking on the phone. If you feel you must, keep the volume at a level where you can still hear bikers and warnings from other walkers and runners.

### 8. Hang Up and Keep Looking "Up"

Walking while distracted by texting or playing on a device while you walk is as dangerous as doing those things while driving. You are distracted and not as aware of your environment. You are less likely to recognize traffic danger, tripping hazards or passing joggers and bikers. Potential criminals see you as an easy target. Adopt habits that can keep your phone in your pocket or at least make it a practice to stop in a safe place to complete your phone tasks before moving on.

### 9. Walk Dogs on Short Leashes

You will keep your dog safer as well as those who pass by you if you use proper leash walking etiquette.

### 10. Know When to Stop Walking

Heat sickness, dehydration, heart attacks and strokes can strike walkers of any age. Learn the symptoms of medical emergencies and carry a cell phone to dial 911. Even if you are a seasoned, well-trained walker, you may experience one of these problems and need to cut your walk short. Encourage your walking friends to stop when they show any concerning symptoms.

### 11. Be Aware of Stranger Danger

Street safety is a concern for many walkers. Choose your walking route for paths frequented by other walkers, joggers and bikers. If you see someone suspicious, be prepared to alter your course or go into a store or public building to avoid them. Acting alert and aware can convince bad guys you are not an easy target.

Enjoy safe walks!

- Mike Bowlin, Canadian Street Resident/Newsletter Contributor

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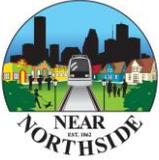
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## LAST Quarterly Meeting of 2019

**Tuesday, October 22 at 7 p.m.**

**Clubhouse / 218 Joyce St.**

Join your neighbors, board members and the community at **7 p.m. Tuesday, October 22** for the last Quarterly Meeting of 2019. All meetings take place at the Clubhouse located at **218 Joyce St.**

Council Member Karla Cisneros' office is working with Houston Public Works on a roundabout study at the intersection of Irvington Boulevard and Patton Street. Representatives will be on hand at the meeting to give a presentation about the roundabout study and to answer your questions. Additionally, the civic club will discuss security patrol plans for the holidays.

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

## Meet Your New LPCC President

Hello Lindale Park,

Last year, you took a chance on this newcomer to the neighborhood and elected me to join the board of the Lindale Park Civic Club. It was my mission to increase communication for our neighborhood. You might have seen my posts on our Facebook page or Nextdoor about all the things that are affecting this beautiful neighborhood.

In August, my fellow board members elected me as President for the next year. I am grateful for my turn and to be of service to you all.

What I have learned in my short time is that a small handful of volunteers do 95 percent of the work for Lindale Park and about 400 out of 1,200 homes are members of the civic club.

We are going to work very hard to change that.

Look for the 2020 Membership Campaign to kick off in early spring. We will be block walking and trying to encourage ALL our neighbors to participate in this neighborhood we love.

I do not serve you alone and feel proud to be surrounded by board members who are thoughtful and diligent in doing the business of the civic club.

### Your Lindale Park Civic Club Board of Directors

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Camille Webb

### Your Lindale Park Civic Club Board of Directors

servicing through August 2021

Eugene Szymanski (Vice President)

Vicky Salinas Colorado (Treasurer)

Nadia Heffernan (Secretary)

Sylvia Cavazos

Diane Garcia

Manuel Maldonado

Alternates are Linda Morales and Kathy Gutierrez.

Thank you to our legacy neighbors for all your hard work over the years and thank you to our new neighbors for bringing your new energy. We need both!

- Anthony Fry, LPCC President

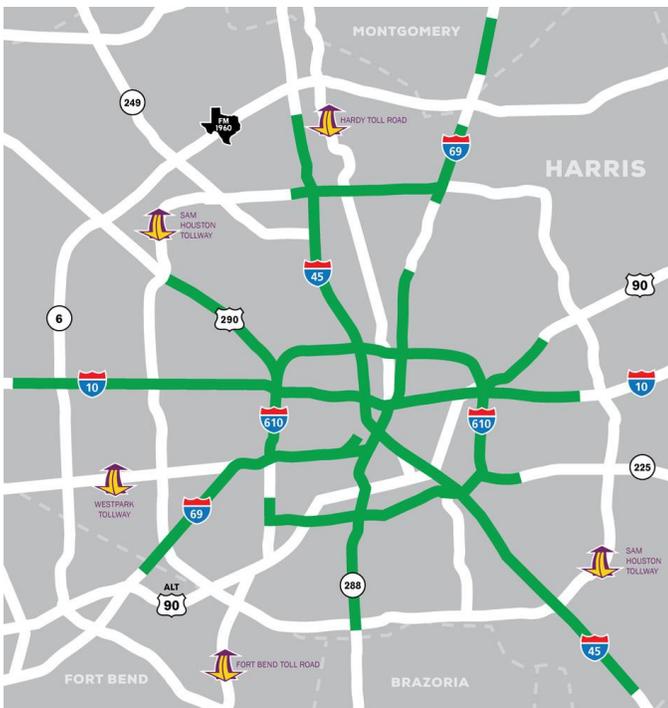


When vehicles break down on heavily traveled freeways, it can be dangerous and scary.

In July 2018, local transportation officials launched the Gulf Coast Regional Tow and Go Program, an effort that keeps drivers safe and traffic moving through no-cost towing for vehicles that break down on local freeways.

The Tow and Go program is currently offered to travelers within the City of Houston. However, operations will soon expand into Harris County and ultimately to freeways in neighboring counties as funding and local agreements allow.

“The Tow and Go Program is an important piece of our region’s Traffic Incident Management efforts,” said David Fink, Incident Management Manager at the Houston-Galveston Area Council. “Safely and quickly clearing vehicles that have broken down from mechanical failure helps to keep traffic moving.”



Tows are authorized by law enforcement at Houston TranStar, and each participating tow operator has met strict selection standards and completed roadway safety and traffic incident management training.

To call for a no-cost tow, motorists can dial 713-881-3333 for immediate assistance or download Houston TranStar’s mobile application, which provides users with direct access to Tow and Go dispatchers.

“TranStar’s mobile application is a tool we want all regional motorists to use,” said Dinah Massie, Executive Director for Houston TranStar. “Not only does it offer real-time traffic data and show areas likely to be experiencing roadway flooding during heavy rainfall, but it also makes calling for a tow very easy.”

For more information about the Tow and Go Program, visit [TowAndGo.com](http://TowAndGo.com).

- Houston TranStar, Guest Newsletter Contributor

## Beautification Committee News

### Halloween Yard Judging – Thursday, October 24

Our Beautification Committee kicks it up a notch to find the top three yards with the scariest, spookiest and best-looking Halloween themes in Lindale Park.

### Holiday Yard Judging – Wednesday, December 18

Our Beautification team will be looking for the merriest and most festive yard decoration and lights in Lindale!

# Halloween

will be here before you know it! The Lindale Park Civic Club plans to hire police officers on bicycles to patrol our neighborhood streets during peak trick-or-treating hours Thursday, October 31.

Traditionally, Lindale Park gets an enormous number of trick-or-treaters. Please be mindful of the oodles and oodles of children walking throughout the neighborhood. Be sure to get in place early, so you do not experience any problems entering your block. Drive carefully and cautiously if you must leave your property. Have a safe and happy Halloween!

## Pigs Love Pumpkins

Our pigs want your old Jack o’ Lanterns and pumpkins! We raise heritage Red Wattle pigs in Madisonville, Texas. Drop your old pumpkins in the green tubs at 502 Sue St. or call/text 281-705-4249, and we’ll pick them up.

- Nadia Heffernan



## National Night Out Brings Neighbors Together

Young and old Lindale Park neighbors mingled with city officials, first responders, candidates for local office and very special guests Tuesday, October 1 at National Night Out held on the grounds of St. Alban's Episcopal Church.

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

Across the Houston area, local NNO gatherings observed a moment of silence in honor of fallen Harris County Sheriff's Deputy Sandeep Dhaliwal who was tragically shot and killed September 27.

We thank Rev. Bill Laucher of St. Alban's for leading Lindale Park in a moment of silence, reflection and prayer.

"It was truly a very special and emotional moment in Deputy Dhaliwal's honor," said LPCC board member Vicky Salinas Colorado.



Many guests of honor joined the festivities. Elvis serenaded the crowd with his vocal performance that evening, while U.S. Rep. Sylvia Garcia was happy to be home.

"I need to be home today for National Night Out with my own neighbors," Garcia said.

Harris County District Attorney Kim Ogg thanked our first responders and attendees for gathering to build community and safety awareness.

"Without the eyes and ears of the neighborhood, we are less safe," Ogg said. "If you don't trust our course, then you're less likely to call the police, so we want you to know we're working toward your safety and a fair way."

At Lindale Park's NNO event, neighbors were treated to free popsicles from KICPOPS, while supplies lasted, courtesy of The Mercer Team. As always, lots of great prizes were raffled off to lucky winners. Raffle prizes were

generously donated by The Mercer Team and Monkey's Tail.

Ed Reyes took home the grand prize of the evening – a Ring home security camera set.



Congratulations to all our winners, including Mary Ramos (fire extinguisher); Yvonne from Milwaukee Street (Trigos gift certificate); Susan Garcia (smoke alarm); Liz Castro-Vega (Teotihuacan gift certificate); Manuel Maldonado (Monkey's Tail gift certificate); and Yvonne Leonard.

The evening could not have been a success without the support and time of volunteers. A special thank you goes to Vicky Salinas Colorado for tirelessly organizing this event year after year and to Mike Bowlin Photography for capturing photos. Check out Lindale Park's Facebook page for more NNO photos by Mike Bowlin Photography!

- Camille Webb, Newsletter Editor

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**Lindale Park Lodge 1347** invites our neighbors to our **Fall Festival and Open House from 3-7 p.m., Saturday, October 26.** The Lodge is located at **202 Avenue of Oaks St.** on the corner of Fulton Street.

The festival is sure to be lots of fun for the kiddos – bounce house, games, face painting, candy and a costume contest for children who come dressed for Halloween! There will be plenty of burgers, hot dogs and refreshments for everyone to enjoy. We look forward to seeing you and your families!

- Lindale Park Lodge 1347

## Quarterly Security Tip – October 2019

### Benefits of Smoke Alarms

- Three out of five home fire deaths result from fires in properties without working smoke alarms.
- More than one-third (38 percent) of home fire deaths result from fires in which no smoke alarms are present.
- The risk of dying in a home fire is cut in half in homes with working smoke alarms.

*Source: National Fire Protection Association*

Pick a day each year to check and/or change the batteries in all your smoke detectors (January 1, September 11 or your birthday, for instance).

Smoke detectors are very inexpensive. They come either with built-in batteries that can last for 10 years (approximately \$20) or ones where you change the batteries (under \$10). (Always use new, alkaline batteries in smoke detectors.)

Not too long ago, a house burned in Lindale Park for an extended period of time before the inhabitants knew about the fire because the fire started in the attic. Heat and smoke rise, so a fire starting in the attic is difficult to be detected without having a smoke alarm “in” the attic, so put one on the underside of the roof at the highest point.

All rental units including apartments, duplexes, condos and single-family homes must have smoke detectors as required by the Texas Property Code §92.251 – §92.262, Subchapter F. At least one smoke detector must be installed outside of each bedroom.

Smoke detectors should be mounted on the ceiling or at least no more than 12 inches from the ceiling. If they aren't, move them or have them moved up, so they will detect smoke that rises, earlier rather than later. If you only have one detector, mount it above the return air vent for best detection, but you should have one in each room where someone sleeps.

Houston Fire Department information on smoke detectors:

<https://houstontx.gov/fire/safetyinfo/smokedetectors.html>.

- Mike Bowlin, Canadian Street Resident/Newsletter Contributor

**Save the Date – Holiday Party**  
**Tuesday, December 10**  
**6 – 8 p.m.**  
**at the Clubhouse (218 Joyce St.)**

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### Lindale Park Voting locations near you:

#### Early Vote – October 21-28

Moody Park Community Center  
3725 Fulton St., Houston TX 77009

#### Election Day – November 5

1. St. Alban's Episcopal Church, 420 Woodard St., Houston TX 77009
2. William Booth Garden Apartments, 808 Frawley St., Houston TX 77009
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