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LINDALE PARK Q1 NEWSLETTER
FEBRUARY 2022

Love For Dogs Grows into New Space

Welcome “Love For Dogs” (LFD) to Lindale Park, now located at 5701 Irvington Boulevard at Woodard Street, three blocks south of the North Loop, next to the Valero gas station.

The owners, Ana Guzman-Brazil and Montana Brazil, are Lindale Park residents. The business began about two years ago in their home, and it grew so popular and fast that they needed more space to accommodate people who wanted their dogs trained and cared for by Ana and her staff. So, they rented their new, much larger location and moved in this past August.

The Dog Training – Daycare – Boarding business appears very organized and in a very clean and nicely decorated facility that looks a lot different inside than what you might think it would from the outside.

They have a very large training and exercise room just behind the large reception area. While there gathering information for this article, they had a dog walking on a treadmill, which according to Ana, helps with the dog’s balance as well as getting the dog needed exercise.

Ana is a certified dog trainer and has trained dogs for various roles. One of her dogs, Supra, can be seen in the viral video at <https://youtu.be/TJPYSDctA8Y> or by doing a Google search for “Kiki Challenge Dog” where Supra can be seen riding a scooter in the viral video covered by national news.

Dog Photo Courtesy of Love For Dogs



Mike Bowlin Photography

Ana and the LFD staff train dogs for Frisbee competitions, obedience, agility, protection sports and temperament. They are very serious about “temperament” of the dogs, and all dogs are tested for temperament on their first visit with their dog owners present.

Dogs staying at LFD have a regimen that includes timely meals, naps, playtime and exercise.

Ana is very adamant about exercise for pet dogs. For the people who complain that they can’t get their dogs to settle down, Ana says it’s normally because their dogs don’t get the exercise they need.

Dogs staying at LFD get plenty of exercise, so when they go home at the end of the day, they are calm, as they’ve had their exercise while at LFD.



A list of LFD services and corresponding prices, along with lots of info about their facility, can be found on their website at LoveForDogsCanineTraining.com.

Love For Dogs generously is donating one group training lesson and three baskets with products from their store to four lucky winners! Lindale Park residents can enter to win by sending their name, address and phone number by email to: lp.contest@zohomail.com. Winners will be randomly selected just before the upcoming quarterly meeting.

Mike Bowlin is a Lindale Park resident, regular contributor to the newsletter and broker/owner of Lindale Park Realty. For all your real estate needs, call 713.539.2034.

Get Involved for Love of Lindale

The Love Lindale Park Beautification subcommittee is busy planning cleanup events for 2022.

If you're interested in helping at one, some or all of these events, there are plenty of opportunities to get involved and keep the neighborhood we know and love at its finest!

Save the dates! Join neighbors for cleanup and planting events on the second Saturday of the odd months (usually!). Find final details via Nextdoor and fliers along Helmers Street.

March 12 – Club House Landscaping & Powerwashing + Focus on Fulton Street

May 14 – Playground Mulching + Focus on Irvington Boulevard/Esplanade Planting

Bonus: July 4 – Post-Parade Cleanup on Irvington Boulevard

July 16 – Two Year Anniversary!

September 10 – Focus on Helmers Street

November 1 – DIY Special Post-Trick or Treat

Join the Nextdoor groups!

Love Lindale Park: Clean-up: We'll use this group to keep y'all informed about event details and share photos of our labor of love! <https://nextdoor.com/g/ddivwupre/>

Love Lindale Park: Trees: Did you get a tree in November? Share updates, care tip reminders and photos as we watch these trees grow! <https://nextdoor.com/g/7g22djfwj/>

Get Your Love Lindale Park T-shirt! Purchase a T-shirt on the Lindale Park website at www.lindalepark.org when you renew your voluntary Lindale Park Civic Club dues or volunteer for at least two Love LP cleanup events to earn a shirt.

Goodbye Dinah! Lastly, Love LP volunteer and Lindale Park Civic Club board member, Dinah Massie, left our neighborhood in early January.

“She was the first person I saw habitually collecting trash nearly every day I saw her walking Sweetie,” Jane Strohm remembers. “She found Ethan and Sara doing the same, and we chatted with them on Helmers one day and eventually got this “little-team-that-could” together as a LPCC subcommittee.

“Thanks, Dinah, for your commitment and consistency and love for Lindale Park,” Ms. Strohm continues.

- Love Lindale Park Subcommittee

Lodge Fundraises to Replace Stolen AC

Like many of those who post on the Nextdoor neighborhood platform about thefts or vandalism, our own Lindale Park Lodge 1347 was a victim as well.

“Despite two six-foot-tall fences, vandals cut the copper tubing from both of our 10-ton AC units,” Lodge Secretary Kenneth Sparks says. “They probably got less than \$100 for the copper, but the cost to us for the replacement and recharge of the units will likely exceed \$4,000.”

To help raise money toward replacing the Lodge's air conditioning units, the Lodge plans to hold a **Louisiana Style Crawfish Boil Fundraiser** beginning at **noon Saturday, March 26**. The Lodge is located at 202 Avenue of Oaks Street on the corner at Fulton Street.

- Kenneth Sparks, Lindale Park Lodge 1347 Secretary

It's time to renew (or initiate) your voluntary Lindale Park Civic Club dues! Be on the lookout for a brightly colored mailer with all the pertinent details!

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Urban Goods Makes a Difference in Near Northside

The next time you are shopping for top brand sneakers or your favorite sport team's jersey, consider dropping by Urban Goods at 805 Quitman St., the new go to spot for sports apparel in the Near Northside.

With a background in the culinary field, Chef Martin Herrera always dreamed of opening a retail store, so he first entered the retail business selling vintage clothing. Although a vintage clothing store, many of his clients asked for tennis shoes and sports jerseys.

From there, the idea for a sports apparel store became a reality. Opened in 2021 by owner Mr. Herrera, Urban Goods specializes in sports apparel with a big focus on giving back to their community.

Two things make Urban Goods successful.

The first is the business's solid commitment to offer high quality products. The store offers top brand sneakers, such as Jordan, Nike and Adidas, as well as sports apparel.

Another is Urban Good's passion to give back to their community. Raised with five brothers from a modest background, Mr. Herrera made a promise that if he ever achieved any level of success, he would share that success with his community.

He has kept that promise. Since opening, Urban Goods has sponsored many back-to-school events to give away new shoes to children attending schools in the Near Northside, and he has more back-to-school events planned this year.

During the holiday season, Urban Goods sponsored a "Toy Give-Away" benefiting more than 200 children.

Urban Goods is making a difference in our community! Be sure to stop by the next time you need sneakers or sports apparel.

- Vicky Salinas Colorado, Canadian Street

Q1 QUARTERLY MEETING
Tuesday, February 22
7 – 8 P.M.

IN-PERSON & VIRTUAL MEETING
OPTIONS AVAILABLE!
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CLUBHOUSE: 218 JOYCE ST.
MEETING ID: 828 1921 0137
PASSCODE: 744093

Join the Lindale Park Civic Club's first Quarterly Meeting of 2022 from **7 – 8 p.m. Tuesday, February 22** online via Zoom OR in-person at the Clubhouse at 218 Joyce St.

Go to Lindale Park's website at www.lindalepark.org and social media platforms, Nextdoor and Facebook, for additional meeting details and the meeting agenda.

Lindale Park's 2022 Events to Know

Pupusa Sale at St. Alban's Episcopal Church
Saturday, February 19 from 8 a.m.-1 p.m.

Q1 Quarterly Meeting
Tuesday, February 22 from 7-8 p.m.

Love LP Cleanup
Saturday, March 12

Easter Bunny Hops by Lindale Park
Sunday, April 10

Lemon Festival
Saturday, May 7 (TBD)

Love LP Cleanup
Saturday, May 14

Q2 Quarterly Meeting
Tuesday, May 24 from 7-8 p.m.

4th of July Parade
Monday, July 4

Patriotic Yard Decorating Challenge (Judging)
Monday, July 4

Love LP Post-Parade Cleanup
Monday, July 4

Love LP Cleanup
Saturday, July 16

Q3 Quarterly Meeting
Tuesday, August 23 from 7-8 p.m.

Love LP Cleanup
Saturday, September 10

National Night Out
Tuesday, October 4

Halloween Yard Decorating Challenge (Judging)
Monday, October 24

Q4 Quarterly Meeting
Tuesday, October 25 from 7-8 p.m.

Love LP Cleanup
Saturday, November 1

Neighborhood Nutcracker
Monday, December 12 (TBD)

Holiday Yard Decorating Challenge (Judging)
Sunday, December 18



**Congratulations to Lindale Park's
2021 Halloween Yard Winners!**

John & Norma Martinez
703 Gale St.

The Garcia Family
216 Woodard St.

Phillip & Alma Tamborello
501 Graceland St.



**Congratulations to Lindale Park's
2021 Holiday Yard Winners!**

Marie & Irvin Horton
911 Ave of Oaks St.

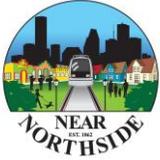
Louis & Mary Perales
703 Woodard St.

The Tellez Family
814 Sue St.



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LINDALE PARK Q2 NEWSLETTER
MAY 2022

Lindale Park Poised to Preserve Setbacks

“Individuality of attractive homes, accentuated in Lindale Park by large lots with homes set back at a uniform distance, makes every street a picturesque scene” boasts a Lindale Park sales brochure from the 1930s to 1940s.

“We work hard to keep the overall flow and feel of the neighborhood consistent,” says Nadia Heffernan, Lindale Park Civic Club President. “We worked with the City of Houston in 2014 to 2015 to establish Special Minimum Lot Sizes. We also ask that residents respect the front setbacks to maintain the beautiful front yards and streets that make our neighborhood.”

While the Special Minimum Lot Size protections Lindale Park has in place are good for 40 years, they only control the size of the lot. They do not set standards for setbacks.

A setback is the minimum distance that a building or other structure must be set back from a street or road.

Lindale Park is ready to take the next steps to preserve the character of our neighborhood by pursuing **Special Minimum Building Line (SMBL)** protection for Lindale Park.

For example, if a 15-foot Special Minimum Building Line is established for your block, no structures will be permitted to be built with a building line of less than 15 feet from the road, according to City of Houston’s Planning and Development Department application to establish SMBL.

One block in Lindale Park already is protected under SMBL, thanks to volunteer Kathy Gutierrez, who secured the protection for her block of Gale Street.

A planning group already met May 5 at Canary Café to start the applications for Special Minimum Building Line.

“There’s a group effort of neighbors who are concerned about our lot setbacks and preserving the character and trees in Lindale Park,” says Sara Eakens, who lives on Moody Street and attended the meeting at Canary Café.

Board members who helped attain the lot size effort were in attendance, too, as well as several concerned residents ready to volunteer.

“The Civic Club is going to back this effort 100 percent, so it’s not a cost burden,” says Gwyn Guidy, who was instrumental in securing the lot size ordinance for Lindale Park.

It will take MANY volunteers to get applications submitted to secure setback protections for Lindale Park.

To volunteer to submit the application for your block or to learn more about the process, send email to info@lindalepark.org or come to the **Q2 Quarterly Meeting** at 7 p.m. Tuesday, May 24 to hear from **City Planner Abraham Zorrilla**, who will give a presentation about SMBL, followed by a question and answer session.

- Camille Webb, English Street, LPCC Newsletter Editor

Q2 QUARTERLY MEETING
Tuesday, May 24
7 – 8 P.M.

IN-PERSON & VIRTUAL MEETING
OPTIONS AVAILABLE!

CLUBHOUSE: 218 JOYCE ST.
MEETING ID: 876 7311 1794
PASSCODE: 372630

Congratulations to Lindale Park’s
April 2022 Yard of the Month
Winners!



Keith & Fran Galick
811 Sue St.

Al & Mary Lou Garcia
417 Canadian St.

Ed & Belinda Reyes
417 Woodard St.

Letter from LPCC President

There is so much happening in Lindale Park right now. It's so exciting to be part of it all.

We have a newly formed Lindale Park kids group - the **Lindale Park Littles**. Be sure to read more about it and get involved. "Kids" of all ages are welcome to play or help plan and participate.

Love Lindale Park, our beautification subcommittee, is going strong and will celebrate two years July 9. The neighborhood is looking great and loves all the work these residents do! It is so exciting to see all those newly planted trees growing and setting the foundation for years to come.

Speaking of beautification, please remember that **trash and recycling bins** are to be placed on the street no earlier than 6 p.m. the night before pick up and should be brought in promptly following pick up. Learn more at: <https://houstontx.gov/solidwaste/trashfacts.pdf>.

The Solid Waste Management Department has an app you can download to be informed if the schedule is delayed - **HTX Collects**. If your neighbors haven't pulled their bins in on time, consider giving them a hand. We can all use a little help sometimes.

Similarly, **tree trash and heavy trash** should not be placed out more than one weekend ahead of the scheduled pick up date. Not only is it ugly, it creates a flooding risk during heavy rainstorms. This being Houston, we never know when one of those will happen!

Thank you to those residents who have gotten involved to protect the character of our neighborhood by reaching out to developers and the City of Houston to preserve the beautiful trees and building setbacks. Read more about their efforts and be sure to join us to learn more at the **Q2 Quarterly Meeting at 7 p.m. Tuesday, May 24** in the Clubhouse (218 Joyce St.) or log-on to listen only via Zoom.

Until next time,
- *Nadia Heffernan, English Street, LPCC President*

Remember... It's ODD!!!

One way to remember that only tree/yard waste is collected in odd-numbered months is that "It's ODD!!!" **The approximate day for collecting Heavy Trash is the**



First Friday of Each Month, whether it's tree/yard waste or junk.

Let's help keep Lindale Park beautiful at all times.

According to the City of Houston:

"Tree Waste" is defined as "clean" wood waste such as tree limbs, branches and stumps. Lumber, furniture and treated wood will NOT be accepted.

"Junk Waste" is defined as items, such as furniture, appliances and other bulky material. The city won't pick up tires or construction debris.

Tree Waste is accepted during Junk Waste Months; however, to ensure your Tree Waste is recycled, you may hold your tree waste materials until the next Tree Waste designated month or take it to a Neighborhood Depository/Recycling Center **with a driver's license AND a recent utility bill for proof of residency!**

The closest location is at 9003 N. Main St., Houston, TX 77022. Find more at www.houstontx.gov/solidwaste/depositories.html.

- *Mike Bowlin, Canadian Street*

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Come Play with Lindale Park Littles

Lindale Park Civic Club president Nadia Heffernan is a mother of three. Back in 2012, she and a friend talked about starting a kid's group in the neighborhood. But, life got in the way for these two busy moms, and their idea never got off the ground.

Fast forward to the COVID-19 pandemic, when Helmers Street became a place where neighbors could—at a distance—see and be around other people. And on that promenade, moms, dads and kids noticed other moms, dads and kids ... and a lot of them. At arm's length, they started to get to know each other and dream of one day having play dates without distance and face masks between them.

So, while this pandemic kept more of us closer to home, it also brought us closer together and ignited a desire to be social. Ironically, this ended up being the perfect catalyst for getting the idea Nadia had 10 years earlier off the ground.

In March 2022, she and some other neighborhood moms who met during COVID, founded the Lindale Park Littles.

The group is centered on bringing kids and their parents together through fun, community-oriented events. With the growing number of families with young children in the neighborhood, these moms are excited about the group's potential.

The group's inaugural event was an Easter Egg Hunt held April 10 on the grounds of St. Alban's Episcopal Church, complete with the Easter Bunny and cookies from El Bolillo Bakery.

Next up will be a **Lemon Festival Saturday, June 11 with St. Alban's**, as well as summer movie nights under the stars.

Stay tuned for more information about these and other fun upcoming events. In the meantime, take a stroll down Helmers Street. You never know who you'll meet and what it might turn into.

If you're interested in getting involved, email us at LindaleParkLittles@gmail.com or find us on Nextdoor.

- Kim Erickson, Fairbanks Street

Quinn (top middle) takes a break from collecting eggs to sit with the Easter Bunny.



Love Lindale Park Updates

Do you still want to earn your T-shirt? Volunteer for at least two Love LP cleanup events and send us a photo of your effort to earn volunteer credit. Email lovelindalepark@gmail.com or post in the Nextdoor group "Love Lindale Park: Clean-up."

Recent Second Saturday Events: Here's a snapshot of what our group has been doing and cleaning up!

- **March 12:** A handful of volunteers cleaned up along Fulton Street, trimmed trees and added mulch at the Lindale Park Civic Club.
- **May 14:** Volunteers cleaned up along Irvington Boulevard and refreshed the mulch at the playground at St. Alban's Episcopal Church.

Upcoming Events: Watch our Nextdoor group or look for fliers or signs along Helmers Street.

- **July 4 (Monday):** Special Post-Parade Trash Cleanup on Irvington Boulevard
- **July 9:** Two Year Anniversary Celebration! Stay tuned for more details.
- **September 10:** Focus on Helmers Street
- **November 1 (Tuesday):** Special Trash Cleanup after Halloween Trick-or-Treat



Volunteers (left) help spread new mulch at the playground and spruce up the shared grounds May 14.

Congratulations to our graduate students! We wish them well on their next journey.



Alexa Rae Davis (*top left*) will graduate with Texas Connection Academy's Class of 2022 and plans to attend the University of Houston.

Alexa lives in Lindale Park, along with her parents, Veronica and Arturo Jurado, and younger brother, Christian. She is the eldest grandchild of Bob and Diane Garcia, also Lindale residents.

Even as a young child, Alexa expressed her individuality and confidence. She excelled academically and later joined the HITS Theatre, where she performed and worked her way up to leading roles and showcased her singing ability.

Alexa's academic interests appear to be leading her toward a career involving sciences but don't be surprised if someday she winds up performing on Broadway!

Amanda Marie Orozco (*middle*), of Avenue of Oaks, recently graduated from Houston Community College - Coleman College for Health Sciences with her second degree, an Associate of Applied Science as a Physical Therapist Assistant. Amanda holds bachelor's degree from the University of Houston in Kinesiology-Exercise Science.

"My husband, David, and I have lived in this neighborhood for over 10 years and have two beautiful children together," Amanda says. "I cannot wait to start working as a Physical Therapist Assistant in the greater Houston area!"

Jefferson Valdez Page (*top right*) will graduate from St. Pius X High School's Class of 2022. He plans to attend Oglethorpe University in Atlanta to study biology and play on the tennis team.

While at St. Pius X, Jefferson was on the Dean's list for academic achievement and National Honor Society all four years. He will graduate in the top 10 percent of his class.

He also played tennis for St. Pius X for four years and was district champ last year.



"My favorite aunt and uncle, Belinda and Ed Reyes, reside in Lindale Park," Jefferson says. "My parents also resided in Lindale for a short time along with my grandmother, who lived on Milwaukee Street. Although we do not live in Lindale anymore, I can still remember coming to celebrate Halloween at my aunt and uncle's home every year and attend the July 4th parade!"

- Diane Garcia, Amanda Orozco, Debra Page & Camille Webb



Scholarships Available for Senior Grads

The Lindale Park Masonic Lodge has \$500 scholarships available for selected high school seniors graduating this year who live in the Lindale Park area.

Those interested should send their information to Kenneth Sparks at kennethsparks@att.net for consideration.

Please include the following information: name, address, school of graduation, email address and what college or university they plan to attend, as well as their major.

Deadline to apply for the Masonic Lodge Scholarship is Tuesday, May 31!

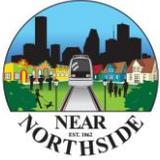
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AUGUST 2022

Beloved Parade Returns

After a two-year hiatus, the Lindale Park Civic Club proudly presented the neighborhood and community with the return of the 21st Annual 4th of July Parade! The parade began promptly at 10 a.m. Monday, July 4 along Irvington Boulevard from Eleanor to Gale Streets, heading south before turning back northbound to



Eleanor Street.

The LPCC Parade Committee, along with its hardworking volunteers, continued their tradition of putting on a spectacular parade with great participants for the crowd's viewing pleasure.

Plenty of neighbors, families and friends gathered all along the boulevard to watch parade favorites, like bagpipers, low-rider cars and Houston art cars, politicians, clowns and a train (new this year) organized by the newly formed Lindale Park Littles!

Our neighborhood MD Anderson YMCA located at 705 Cavalcade St. opened its pool area free to the public from noon to 4 p.m. on the 4th of July, with the LaMacro Food Truck parked poolside on Moody Street for hungry swimmers to purchase tasty items!

“As you can see, the community has really opened

its hearts and doors once again to making the 4th of July a truly incredible day for all!” says Diana Lerma Pfeifer of LPCC’s Parade Planning Committee. “Thank you all for being supportive residents, not just during this great holiday, but in what you do daily to make this a wonderful place to live.”

Last but not least, the Lindale Park Civic Club and Parade Committee extend appreciation

to Lindale Park Realty for capturing parade day photos. More photos found at <http://www.lindalepark.org/>.

- Camille Webb, English Street, LPCC Newsletter Editor

Q3 QUARTERLY MEETING
Tuesday, August 23
7 – 8 P.M.

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CLUBHOUSE: 218 JOYCE ST.
MEETING ID: 876 7311 1794
PASSCODE: 372630

Join the Lindale Park Civic Club’s Q3 Quarterly Meeting + 2022 Board Elections from 7 – 8 p.m. **Tuesday, August 23** in-person at the Clubhouse (218 Joyce St.) or log-on to listen only via Zoom.

Board Elections: During the Quarterly Meeting, we will hold board elections where we will elect five (5) board members to serve two-year terms (August 31, 2022 - August 31, 2024).

Last call for nominations is 7 p.m. Tuesday, August 23! Candidates will be given two minutes at the 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.

Letter from LPCC President

How is it August already? The hot days of summer don't seem to slow life down at all.

Our residents and Civic Club here in Lindale Park have been busy - the 4th of July Parade, Lindale Park Little's Movie Night and Lemonade Market, Love Lindale Park cleanup events and all the dog-walking, early morning, evening and in-between strolls through the neighborhood that bring neighbors out and make our little corner of the world such a wonderful community.

The fall is shaping up to be no less busy - mark your calendars for Back to School Bingo for our Littles (**August 20**), upcoming Quarterly Meeting (**August 23**), Love Lindale Park Cleanup (**September 10**), National Night Out (**October 4**) and Community Wide Garage Sale (**October 15**).

All these events have one purpose - to bring neighbors out, build connections and strengthen our community. I know for many of our new residents, this was their first 4th of July Parade. I hope you had the chance to meet some new people while attempting to find a smidge of shade. Thank you to the committee for another great parade!

You also may be meeting some new neighbors as volunteers from each block ask for signatures on the Special Minimum Building Line effort. I do hope you'll support this effort when your neighbor asks, as I believe it is a way to protect the character of the neighborhood while still allowing growth and change. If you have questions or would like to get involved, please reach out to info@lindalepark.org.

If you're really ready to get involved, consider running for a position on the Lindale Park Civic Club board or serving as an alternate. Elections take place at the **August 23** meeting, and we would love to have some new faces, voices and ideas. The LPCC Board meets once a month. **Nominations are due by 7 p.m. Tuesday, August 23.**

Lastly, I want to say a sad farewell to Canary Café. We could not have asked for a more community-minded local coffee shop and café. Thank you for all of your support of Lindale Park events. We wish you well at your Montrose location.

I hope to see many of you at the upcoming events. Please don't be a stranger. If you want to get involved, have ideas, questions, concerns or even the occasional gripe, let us

know via email to info@lindalepark.org. In the meantime, I hope you find ways to stay cool.

Your neighbor,

- *Nadia Heffernan, English Street, LPCC Board President*

Shining the Spotlight on Local Businesses *El Paraiso Mexican Café*



Roberto and Beatriz Torres have lived in and around Lindale Park for almost 35 years. They and their adult children live in four homes in Lindale Park.

They opened the small family Mexican restaurant located on the corner of Irvington Boulevard and Moody Street at 4707B Irvington Boulevard in May 2020. (Because of the COVID-19 pandemic, they closed the restaurant temporarily only one month later. They were closed for exactly one year and reopened June 1, 2021.)

El Paraiso is a true "family-owned business," as one of the owners' sons, a CPA, is their business accountant, and their daughters help in the restaurant from time-to-time.

El Paraiso was formerly located in the Montrose area starting in 1978. Beatriz's mother opened the restaurant with Beatriz's help. Then, Roberto and Beatriz took over ownership three years later and have operated it ever since.

The recipes used by El Paraiso are mostly old family recipes, including the homemade salsa, original chips, menudo and enchiladas, including the popular green enchiladas. Mole sauce is made from scratch as well and is a favorite of regular diners.

Although they serve beer, wine and margaritas, the drinks are available for the diners to enjoy, as El Paraiso is all about "the food." That's what makes El Paraiso a great asset for all Lindale Park residents.

El Paraiso has donated two \$50 gift certificates for two Lindale Park residents. To be included in the drawing August 23, just before the LPCC Quarterly Meeting, submit your name, address and phone number to lp.contest@zohomail.com.

Writer Mike Bowlin is a Lindale Park resident, regular contributor to the newsletter and the broker/owner of Lindale Park realty. For all your real estate needs, call him at 713.539.2034.

Let's Work Together to Combat Litter

Walking my dogs daily through the streets of Lindale Park always sparks a sense of gratitude for the privilege of being a homeowner in this community dubbed *Houston's Hidden Jewel*.

Unlike many inner-city neighborhoods in our area, our mostly modest bungalow-type homes have ample space between neighbors and are situated on wide-curbed streets. Downtown buildings are easily viewed from the sidewalks on Irvington Boulevard, which is separated by bike lanes and beautiful esplanades.

However, coupled with my sense of gratitude, unfortunately, is dismay at the amount of visible litter along the way. As a sort of public service announcement, I would like to address the litter issue and suggest ways we can help alleviate this problem that defaces and devalues our neighborhood.

Next time you are out, make a conscious effort to note the ubiquitous litter around Lindale Park. There is litter on side streets, along Irvington Boulevard and around surrounding businesses.

Curb litter directly in front of homes includes scratched off lottery tickets, remnants from recycle or trash bins that got away on trash day, uncollected *La Voz* newspapers, empty water bottles, empty beer cans and heavy trash placed on curbs way ahead of collection day.

On Irvington Boulevard, litter includes soft drink and beer cans/bottles, fast food trash, empty cigarette packaging, expired garage/yard sale signs, dirty rags/clothing/or towels, wiring of various sorts or just tiny litter, such as gum/candy wrappers or cigarette butts.

The nearby businesses host an array of litter, despite trash receptacles between gas pumps.

Addressing the litter problem on an individual basis is like "moving the deckchairs on the Titanic." As such, here are easy steps we ALL can take toward a less littered Lindale Park community:

1. Keep your immediate living area clean and free of litter. Ensure your front yard and the street area in front of your home is free from litter and debris.
2. Keep heavy trash off the curb and out of sight until the day before heavy trash pick-

up day. If items are not picked up, remove from the curb until a pick-up date is confirmed.

3. If you walk yourself or your pets, take an extra plastic grocery bag and pick up litter along the way. Once the bag is full, dispose of it properly.

4. Participate in Love Lindale Park events that occur on the second Saturday of the odd months. The next Love LP Cleanup event **September 10** with a focus on Helmers Street. It is great way to help AND to meet people who live in our community.

5. If you have a bus stop at the corner of your street at Irvington Boulevard, please contact METRO Customer Service (713-635-4000) and insist that a trash receptacle be placed there.

6. Politely ask business owners/employees to keep their premises litter-free and offer to assist them in doing so.

- Edith Foret, Woodard Street

Lindale Park's next community wide "Garage Sale Day" will be from **8 a.m. to noon Saturday, October 15!** Just like the last one held June 26, 2021, residents will hold their own yard sale or garage sale on their properties.

Building on the success of previous community wide garage sales organized by Avenue of Oaks Street resident Kevin Hoffman, Moody Street residents Nate Mack and Sara Eakens are taking the helm to organize the next event.

Advertising will be done to promote the sales on social media outlets, as well as directional signage along Irvington Boulevard and Cavalcade Street.

Plans are in the works to make this a twice a year event with a reputation for great turnout. The more households that participate, the more successful the event will be!

To participate in the October 15 Garage Sale Day, send a message to Sara Eakens at sara.eakens@gmail.com or drop her a line on Nextdoor to let her know you want to be part of the event.

- Sara Eakens & Camille Webb



**Lindale Park's
2022 Events to Know**

Lindale Park Littles Back to School Bingo
Saturday, August 20 from 5-7 p.m.

Q3 Quarterly Meeting
Tuesday, August 23 from 7-8 p.m.

Love LP Cleanup
Saturday, September 10

National Night Out
Tuesday, October 4

Halloween Yard Decorating Challenge (Judging)
Monday, October 24

Q4 Quarterly Meeting
Tuesday, October 25 from 7-8 p.m.

Lindale Park Littles Family Halloween Festival
Saturday, October 29

St. Patrick's Catholic Church invites you to their 142nd Annual Fall Festival to be held on church grounds, 4918 Cochran St., from 2-10 p.m. September 3 & 4.

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<p>SAT. SEPT. 3</p> <p>1:15P - OPENING PRAYER/DJ Lrod 2:00P - LAST CALL (Classic Rock) 3:15P - LA RAZA CONNECTION 4:25P - ZENTENO SPIRIT 5:30P - MASS - NO MUSIC 6:45P - JOHN LOPEZ & SILVERADO 8:00P - GRUPO FIRME - Conjunto 9:00P - TILLURIDE - Headliner (Country Western)</p>	<p>SUN. SEPT. 4</p> <p>1:30P - ANNOUNCEMENTS/DJ Lrod 2:00P - LA COMPADRIA NORTENA 3:15P - RAE RAE & THE ZYDECO ALLSTARZ 4:30P - GRUPO DELIRIO 5:45P - GRITO CONTEST 7:00P - GEORGE RIVAS (from SA) 8:00P - LIVE AUCTION / RAFFLE 9:00P - STEVIE D - Headliner (Tejano)</p>
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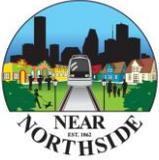
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LINDALE PARK Q4 NEWSLETTER
OCTOBER 2022



A 2nd Cup, Glamour House Move to Lindale Park

Lindale Park residents soon will have a new coffee shop to fetch their morning brew. A 2nd Cup, currently located at 1111 E. 11th St., will be moving into the space formerly occupied by Canary Café.

The opening date is November 18 with plans for a grand opening weekend November 18 to 19, with plenty of free drip coffee available.

Mike Bowlin spoke to staff at A 2nd Cup. "They stated that they are very excited for their new location and hope to serve coffee for many years to the Lindale Park folks," Mr. Bowlin says.

More information about A 2nd Cup will be in the next quarterly newsletter.

Another new business, Glamour House Studios, opened in April. It's adjacent to the old Canary Café with a physical address of 4928 Fulton St.

Glamour House Studios offers the following services to clients: hair services (haircuts, hair color); teeth whitening; spray tanning; nails; lash extensions; and a fashion boutique. Hours are 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. by appointment only.

- Camille Webb, English Street and Mike Bowlin, Canadian Street

National Night Out Returns to Lindale Park

Lindale Park residents, friends, police officers and local elected officials gathered October 4 for our neighborhood's first in-person National Night Out (NNO) since 2019!

Due to the pandemic, most NNO events were held virtually or online due to comfort levels, safety and social distancing surrounding large gatherings. Last year, instead of the usual National Night Out event, Lindale Park hosted a community clean-up event the morning of October 9, 2021.

However, this year, Lindale's NNO event was back better than ever, returning to the St. Alban's Episcopal Church Courtyard where Lindale Park held many successful National Night Out events.

Neighbors young and old enjoyed music, face-painting, raffles, Lindale Littles' Go Fish For Safety Pond game and delicious bites from Abuelita's Ice Cream and coffee and goodies from A 2nd Cup, soon to be one of our newest local businesses!

Another local Lindale Park business, Love for Dogs, put on a helpful dog obedience training demonstration and talked about pet safety, as many neighbors walked to the park with their furry friends.

The Lindale Park Civic Club extends appreciation to our event planner, **Vicky Salinas Colorado**; **Ed Reyes** and **Norma Martinez** for their invaluable help; the staff of **St. Alban's**; all our **volunteers**; **Re/Max Metro** and **Larry Mercer** for his very generous donation that helped buy many raffle prizes; **Love for Dogs** for donating \$100 worth of gift cards; and to **Lindale Park Realty** for capturing posed and candid event photos. More photos found at www.lindalepark.org.



- Camille Webb, English Street, Newsletter Editor

Letter from LPCC President

I wanted to write quick note from the Lindale Park Civic Club to say how much we appreciate all the ways our residents get involved and make our neighborhood such a special place.

If you want to do a little bit but don't know where to start, here are some ideas:

- **Love Lindale Park** (our neighborhood beautification committee) Email lovelindalepark@gmail.com. No regular commitment is needed. Look for volunteer opportunities or join the committee and help set the priorities.

- **Lindale Park Littles** (our neighborhood kids' group) Email lindaleparklittles@gmail.com. No regular commitment is needed. Watch for upcoming events and let us know how you'd like to help or join the committee to help plan the next super fun event!

- **Neighborhood Preservation Committee** - Reviews building plans and ensures compliance with our deed restrictions. Meets once or twice a month. Email info@lindalepark.org.

- **Lindale Park Civic Club** - Our civic organization is tasked with building community and preserving the character of our amazing neighborhood. Dip your toes in and consider being an alternate to learn more. Email info@lindalepark.org.

- **Call 311** - Report your issues and concerns to the City of Houston. You are welcome to tell the Civic Club, but often, we aren't the ones able to force change, but the City can and does if they get enough reports of a problem. It just takes 5 minutes and makes a big difference.

- **Block Walk for Special Minimum Building Line** - This is a resident led, Civic Club supported project. It takes an afternoon or two to gather the signatures. Then, we have wonderful volunteers who will walk you through the rest of the process. Email info@lindalepark.org.

A special shout out to the residents who volunteered their time in these committees and to those who organized a neighborhood-wide garage sale, shepherded the Special Minimum Building Line applications through the approval process and for putting on a great National Night Out.

Wishing everyone a Happy Fall,
- *Nadia Heffernan, English Street, LPCC Board President*

Updates from Love Lindale Park

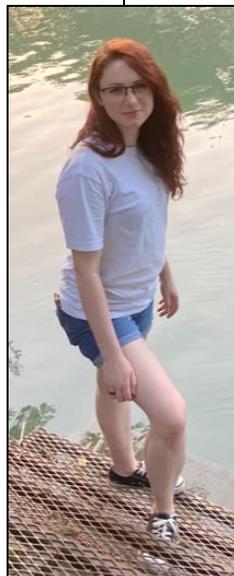
Over the past two years, we've diverted hundreds of pounds of trash and recycling from our streets and planted 100-plus trees! Thanks to all the neighbors who continue to pick up on daily walks and volunteer at our planned events!

- Last event for 2022! Special DIY trick-or-treat clean-up. Where: Walk your block and pick up wrappers and candy. When: **Tuesday, November 1, recommended time 6-7 p.m.** If you're inclined, meet at St. Alban's playground at 7 p.m. to take a group photo and eat any safe leftover candy!
 - If you DIY any other time, please share a pic on the Nextdoor group *Love Lindale Park: Clean-up* or email it to lovelindalepark@gmail.com. This is the last event of 2022 to earn credit for your T-shirt this year.
- Did you earn your T-shirt but haven't gotten it yet? Please email us if you've checked in for two or more events but didn't get your T-shirt.
 - Tree planting 2023. Look for more information in the next newsletter.
 - We want your input! Please take our survey about how we can improve Love Lindale Park events. We're using your input to make some changes for 2023 that will hopefully include new swag, sponsors and format! Thanks to several neighbors who've already given us feedback.



Find the Love Lindale Park survey here <https://tinyurl.com/54eutru4> or scan the QR code.

- *Jane Strohm, Graceland Street*



Life in Lindale Park Our granddaughter, AnneMarie Dickey (left), joined the Army Reserves and leaves for basic training October 31. We couldn't be prouder!!! We've lived in Lindale Park since 1986.

- *Roland & Kathy Torres, Woodard Street*

Do you have something you'd like to share about living in Lindale Park? Send it to camille.webb@gmail.com, and we'll be sure to print it in our next quarterly newsletter!

Shining the Spotlight on Local Businesses

Gagootz

Gagootz, 5903 Fulton St., the new bar located at the corner of Fulton and Delaney Streets (between Eleanor and Kelley Streets on the west side of Fulton Street), former location of K Bar, is now open.

It is an “eclectic” establishment, a fusion of Mexican, Italian and American, in their décor, food and drinks. Even though it’s a “bar,” they serve great food, including Mexican tacos and tostadas, Italian pasta and seafood dishes and American specialty burgers and wings.

The very original name of the bar, “Gagootz,” is an Italian slang expression meaning “crazy in the head” or “loco en la cabeza” in Spanish.

Eduardo Alvarado, the owner and operator of the bar is of Mexican-American heritage, born in the United States and got his experience in hospitality working from a young age in an Italian restaurant in the greater Houston area.

The bar’s décor is mostly all recycled materials, but it all “fits together.” For instance, not all the chairs match, but one doesn’t really seem to notice as there is so much to look at in the colorfully decorated Gagootz.

Wall murals are in the works and already show likenesses of Frida Kahlo and Emiliano Zapata on the south wall. They’ll soon be joined by other colorful individuals.

The drink list at Gagootz is lengthy and is supplemented with four infused tequilas, with more choices to come, maybe as many as 10. So far, infused tequilas include flavors blueberry-jalapeno, mango, pineapple and strawberry. (I tried a combination of mango and pineapple in a margarita, and it was delicious.)

All the healthy juices used in their drinks are freshly mixed daily, and they discard juices left over at closing time. (And, to keep it healthy, they rarely use sugar, as agave syrup is their sweetener of choice.)

Eduardo is very friendly and personable and likes feedback from his customers, especially now as it’s a new business. So, if you have suggestions, don’t be hesitant to let him know. He’s very happy with his location here.

Drop by, and welcome Eduardo to the neighborhood!



Gagootz kindly has donated 15 - \$25 single-use food gift certificates for Lindale Park residents. To be in the drawing announced October 25, just before the Lindale Park Quarterly Meeting, submit your name, address and phone number to lp.contest@zohomail.com.

Writer Mike Bowlin is a Lindale Park resident, regular contributor to the newsletter and the broker/owner of Lindale Park Realty. For all your real estate needs, call him at 713.539.2034 or email lindaleparkrealty@gmail.com.

Q4 QUARTERLY MEETING

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Gagootz restaurant/bar

Special Minimum Building Line (SMBL) Update
City of Houston speaker from Urban Forestry (TBD)

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St. Alban's Episcopal Church
420 Woodard St.

Saturday, October 22 / 8 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Halloween Yard Decorating Challenge (Judging)
Monday, October 24

Q4 Quarterly Meeting
Tuesday, October 25 / 7-8 p.m.

Lindale Park Littles
Family Halloween Festival
Saturday, October 29

Love LP Cleanup
Saturday, November 1

Neighborhood Nutcracker
Monday, December 12 (TBD)

Holiday Yard Decorating Challenge (Judging)
Sunday, December 18

The Positive Interaction Program (PIP) holds monthly PIP meetings featuring speakers from different divisions (Burglary and Theft, Homicide, K-9, Helicopters, etc.) explaining how their division operates. This is done so citizens will know what to expect, should they ever need the police.

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