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We are very pleased with the recent community support we've received with the heavy trash issue in Lindale Park. Keep up the "GOOD WORK"!

SPECIAL DELIVERY

Tina Arias Peterman and Mitja Peterman, the proud parents of Logan Ales Peterman born on January 12th. Weighing 3 pounds 14 ounces and measuring 17 inches long were surprised six weeks early. Congratulations Tina and Mitja. The proud grandparents Victor and Lupe Arias of Avenue of Oaks are greatly blessed with another grandson.

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Anti-Cantina Legislation

Things are moving along here in Austin. All of the bills I have filed have been referred to committees. I am working on obtaining hearings for all my bills, in particular the legislation related to cantinas, burglary of a motor vehicle and sex offenders. All of these bills are crucial to the general welfare of our district and I am committed to having the voice of District 148 heard this session.

Respectfully,

Jessica Farrar State Representative, District 148
Lindale Park resident.

HB 140 Create grounds for permit denial for cantinas that are considered "grandfathered."

* Many of the cantinas in our areas were exempt from new statute and ordinances that require them to be located 300 feet from schools, etc. This law would create the grounds for denial of a wine and beer renewal permit if the location is within 300 feet of a school or area where children gather. In other words, when issuing a decision on a permit protest, the County Judge can base his denial of a permit on the proximity to a school, etc.

HB 141 Require beer and wine retailers in residential areas to close at 2:00 a.m.

* Current law states that these establishments must stop selling alcohol at 2:00 a.m. However, the establishments can stay open later than 2:00 a.m. In order to determine if an establishment is actually selling alcohol, law enforcement must enter the establishment. This change in the law would allow law enforcement to cite establishments simply based on the fact that they are open. This bill would also offer relief to residents nearby who are disturbed by the noise and traffic in the late hours.

HB 142 Allow municipalities to adopt ordinances to prohibit bars from being located next to areas where children gather such as parks, playgrounds, video arcades and swimming pools.

* Cantinas in our areas are frequently located next to areas where children congregate after school and on weekends. Cantinas must already be located 300 feet away from churches and schools. This bill would allow city council to adopt further limits on where cantinas can be located. City Council would be able to adopt an ordi-

nance which keeps cantinas away from areas where children gather.

HB 271 Allow neighborhoods to bring administrative cases for suspension and cancellation of permits before the permit is up for renewal.

* At this time, a neighborhood must wait an entire year to protest a cantina. This change in the law would allow a neighborhood to protest a permit for a nuisance cantina.

HB 272 Set standards for how distances between establishments is measured.

* City ordinances are in place that prevent establishments from opening when they are located within 300 feet of a school or church. There has been some discrepancy in the past about how to measure 300 feet. This change will clarify that measurements must be taken from the closest points on each property line.

HB 273 Prohibit certain relatives of former permit holders from receiving a permit for the same location.

* An ongoing problem with the cantinas has been family members applying for a permit after a member of the family has had their permit taken away. This change in the law would prohibit certain family members from applying for a permit to keep a nuisance cantina open.

HB 274 Require the owner of the establishment to notify all residents within 300 feet and elected officials when a beer and wine permit is up for renewal in a residential area

* Currently, notification is sent only for original applications for permits. Because neighbors only have the ability to protest a license when it is up for renewal, it is crucial that neighbors to the cantina have notification that they can protest the cantina.

HB 275 Increase fines and fees for beer and wine retailers in residential areas.

* There is a general consensus that the fees for violations are too lenient. Fines must be a deterrent for permit holders to actually abide by the law.

HB 276 Limit the amount of beer and wine retail permits that can be used in certain residential areas.

* In many neighborhoods on the Northside and East End, neighborhoods are saturated with cantinas. This law would allow the City Council to set permit limits for zipcodes within the City of Houston.

I-45 COALITION UPDATE

Lindale Park Civic Club has always voiced its concern with any widening of I-45. We stand united with other communities. If any construction is undertaken within the I-45 North Corridor between I-10/Katy Freeway and Loop 610 North, we ask and require TX DOT and/or others to follow these three (3) constraints:

1. All improvements must remain within existing Right of Way (no taking of additional property)
2. Alternative transportation modes and methods must be investigated.
3. Quality-of-Life Issues of Residents and Neighborhoods must not be affected (air quality, noise, flooding, increased traffic in neighborhood).

A meeting was held February the 8th. The attendance at the meeting was nearly 400 area residents at Zion Lutheran Church in the Heights. Many Lindale Park residents braved the rainy weather to listen to the presentation. Below is a brief overview of the meeting.

15-Minute presentation by TX DOT and consulting firm Carter Burgess:

- Kept stressing the design phase will begin at the end of 2005. Said it will take 3 years to develop the design. Wants our input on future schematic designs.
- Statistics from TX DOT's October public meeting were rattled off, based on 126 people signing in at meeting and 50 comment cards being collected:
 - 22% against any expansion whatsoever beyond existing lanes
 - 16% advocated widening highway in right-of-way only
 - 10% wanted more transit alternatives
 - 9% wanted sound/noise barriers
 - 5% wanted materials in Spanish
 - 5% against elevated freeway
 - 5% for elevated freeway 5% wanted no frontage roads
 - 5% against toll roads
 - 5% wanted 'gateway' treatment
 - 1% for toll roads

The following are questions submitted by area residence during the Question and Answer portion of the meeting: The letter A represents the answers by TX DOT.

- The No-Build Alternative vs. widening statistics looks similar. Please explain.

- Why not use underutilized hardy Toll Road rather than widen I-45?
- Won't widening simply create bottlenecks elsewhere? A: TX-DOT recommendation does not include widening of Pierce elevated.
- Will TX DOT commit to staying within the existing right-of-way? A: No.
- Who approves the final schematic? A: Austin planning committee.
- Does the public's input have any effect on final schematic? A: Yes.
- Would you please describe a scenario in which the public could successfully win the "no widening" solution? A: "No comment", per Mike Tello.
- Are we wasting our time here, as the I-45 plan has already been decided? A: No.
- What about supposed move of I-45 to Houston Avenue? A: Pat Henry doesn't see this happening.
- Why should inner-city homeowners be deprived of their homes if they choose to live in the inner city vs. those who choose to live in the suburbs? A: per Pat Henry, "don't see this being on as wide a scale as I-10." Denied that people are being deprived of their homes, as there has been no eminent domain declared to-date.
- When is the next TX DOT public meeting? A: Next year, about one year from now. You will receive notice of this meeting if you are on the TX DOT public mailing address list.
- Will our petition be acknowledged? A: **Mike Tello requested that the petitions be formally submitted to an address that he was to provide to Jim Weston after the meeting.**
- What is the forum by which OUR schematics can be presented? A: **Appoint someone to follow up/maintain communications with the project manager, Mike Tello.**
- Has the environmental impact of I-45 been considered? In what ways? A: Air quality will remain same or improve, per Carter Burgess rep.
- Why does TX DOT insist on pouring more concrete rather than follow Paris, France's, example of closing lanes when there is a traffic jam?
- The footprint is expanding from the footprint presented 3 years ago. Please explain.
- Is there a website to view TX DOT schematics? A: No, there are no schematics yet. Yes, when schematics are available.
- Have you considered a Big Dig (Boston) concept? A: No, we won't.

**Next Meeting April 2nd at U of H
downtown from 9:00a.m. until 2:00
Jessica Farrar's Public Meeting**

CRIME REPORT January 2005

BURGLARIES:

1/18 900 Eleanor = Pried open burglar bar and wooden door.

Items Taken: Pistol, Jewelry, DVD Player
Possible suspect known

1/3 300 Fairbanks = Left back door unlocked

Items Taken Shotgun, Rifle

1/22 200 Fairbanks = Left back door unlocked

Item Taken: Tools, Stereo, TV, Jewelry
Possible suspect known

Auto Thefts:

1/25 900 Canadian 1:00a.m.-3:00 a.m. 1999 Ford F-150 Recovered: Gaines/Chapman, Damaged and articles taken.

1/29 200 Kelley 7:00a.m.-8:30 p.m. 1998 Chevrolet Malibu Recovered 4500 Edsee, Damaged and articles taken

Please note these numbers are far better than our spike we had in October 2004.

October 2004:

Burglary = 13

Burglary of Motor Vehicle (BMV) = 3

Auto Theft = 3

Robbery = 0

Nov.2004:

Burglary = 0

(BMV) = 3

Auto Theft = 3

Robbery = 0

Dec.2004:

Burglary = 0

(BMV) = 1

Auto Theft = 1

Robbery = 0

Jan.2005:

Burglary = 3

(BMV) = 0

Auto Theft = 2

Robbery = 0

Numbers are available about a month later we will keep you posted. You can reach our Irvington Village Storefront @713.222.5408 Officer Beverly Bisso or via e-mail @ Bbisso@cityofhouston.net

March is "March on Crime" Month

"March on Crime" was born out of a growing concern for violent crimes being committed in December 1984. The central focus is to educate and inform the general public in their neighborhoods and crime prevention strategies available by Houston Police Department. This year's programs are Domestic Violence, Home Invasion, Child Safety, and Auto Theft (Car Jacking). For more information call 713.308.3200.

Power Card Weekends

The Houston Public Library; The Library's Power card is free to anyone residing in the city of Houston. The Museum of Fine Arts, Houston offers children ages 6 through 18 free museum admission every Saturday and Sunday when they show a Power Card. For more information call the Central Library between 9:00a.m. - 5:30 p.m. Monday through Friday: 832.393.2222.

Weed-n-Seed/Super Neighbor Council Meetings

Mark your calendar every 4th Thursday of the month you can be part of a monthly meeting and learn more about the area around Lindale Park. New projects Hardy Rail Yards, I-45 updates and law enforcement issues. Location 218 Joyce, time 6:00 p.m.

Marathon 2005 - 26.2 Miles

Over the past few years I've written many articles about my running career and the support I've received from Lindale Park residences. This year was extra special for me since my husband (Ed Reyes) decided to join me after a short retirement. Little did I know my husband would put me thru some of the hardest training I have experienced. Our long runs consisted of Houston's finest neighborhoods Lindale Park, Memorial, Tanglewood and River Oaks. The training would lead us to the 20K warm series and continue with a 25K, 30K and finally the Marathon. We had so many great experiences this year during our training, the snow on Christmas Eve and the wonderful weather on Marathon day. We both completed the Marathon with only a minute two second between us. Thanks again for the support from our families, neighbors and to the ex-Marathon runner on Woodard for his support and great running stories.

Belinda V. Reyes

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May 4th and 5th is our next Scheduled Heavy Trash pickup dates.

YARDS OF THE MONTH WINNERS

Calli Beauchamp of 1010 Joyce St

Joel & Gloria Hernandez 607 Woodard

Johnston R. William 502 Ave of Oaks

Congratulations to our three outstanding yard winners.

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Leash law

Dogs and cats may not “run at large” in Houston. "Running at large" means going on public or private property without the owner or another person having direct physical control of the animal. An animal on a leash is considered to be under direct physical control of a person.

When animals are not on a leash they must be otherwise restrained, either behind a fence or in some other enclosure that will prevent their escape. "Running at large" may result in impoundment of the animal or in the issuance of one or more citations.

For more information

<http://www.ci.houston.tx.us/departme/health/barc3.htm>

A number of complaints are reported via Lindale Park web site, please contain your pets it's the law.



Mark your calendars for our annual 4Th of July parade scheduled for Monday July 4th at 10:00 a.m. for detail call 713.697.0088 after 4:00

We got this from one of our readers and checked it out. You will be amazed with how many are living in our area, so please be aware. Pass this along...especially to people with kids.

JUST TYPE IN THE ZIP CODE TO FIND AN OFFENDER IN YOUR NEIGHBORHOOD

Just click the link at the bottom and type ONLY your ZIP code. <http://www.criminalcheck.com>

PRESENTATION: Neighborhood Advocacy: Q & A Session with Community Leaders Drexel Turner and Jim Blackburn

Both have experience in working with neighborhoods on transportation issues. Drexel Turner is a professor at University of Houston School of Architecture; worked with his neighborhood on the Spur 527 reconstruction issue. Jim Blackburn is an environmental attorney; worked w/ Katy Corridor Coalition.

Drexel Turner:

- Hold TxDOT's freeway plans to a rigorous scrutiny. TxDOT connects the highway dots – WE are responsible for looking at the plans from a community/neighborhood impact perspective. "Thorough, attentive analysis" is how Turner put it.
- Band together with civic associations/organizations.
- Regarding issue of 4 managed lanes (additions suggested by TxDOT): Some studies suggest freeway would run better with two managed lanes and five main lanes each side. This would maximize performance and efficiency of the freeway.

Jim Blackburn

- Knows about freeway environmental studies; says they are uniformly poorly done.
- As a community, we don't hold TxDOT to a high enough standard of analyzing the health effects of freeways.
- Get your politicians involved, or we won't get legal review – especially since funding is usually from federal agencies.
- Total opposition to freeway expansion is warranted if TxDOT does not respond to our concerns.

PRESENTATION: I-45 COALITION

Jim Weston, Chair of the I-45 Coalition.

- Indicated we are a group of concerned citizens and civic associations, that we have a petition circulating with our three guiding tenets. Indicated we want to work with TxDOT on acceptable alternatives, conveniently segueing into one alternative to be presented by a Professional Engineer on the I-45 Coalition...

Gonzalo Comacho:

- PowerPoint presentation of alternative I-45 expansion design: Tunnel.

The presentation on I-45 alternative design is on the web at www.camachoassociates.com

Use the link I-45PP located on the lower left hand side of the home page.

We will keep you posted on the next public meeting our THANKS goes out to **Jessica Farrar for a very informative Town Hall meeting.**

Pooper Scooper Law -- Section 6-24 summarized (dog and cat poop)

Defecation by dogs or cats

Pet owners must remove all fecal material deposited by their pets on property they do not own, including neighbors' yards, city parks, school property, public rights-of-way, etc.

Defecation by dogs or cats

- A person in control of a dog or cat must promptly remove and dispose of, in a sanitary manner, feces left by their dog or cat, when walking outside of your own yard with their pet.
- Each person in control of the dog or cat must have materials to remove feces left by their dog or cat when they are off their own property.
- If the person in control of the dog or cat is the owner of the property, this law does not apply.

Violation of this section is punishable upon conviction by a fine of not less than \$75 or more than \$500. Each violation of this section is a separate offense.

For more information

<http://www.ci.houston.tx.us/departme/health/scooperlaw.htm>

Town Hall Meeting Notes

April 2, 2005

TOWN HALL ON I-45 EXPANSION

**Organized and Hosted by State Representative
Jessica Farrar**

State Rep. Jessica Farrar:

This Town Hall is first in a series of Town Hall meetings regarding I-45 expansion. The goal of these meetings is to educate the public about the affected areas, plus present freeway expansion alternatives to TxDOT.

PRESENTATION: Preserving Our History

Dr. Stephen Fox. Architectural historian. Purpose: To present history of affected areas and importance of preservation.

David Bush: (Colleague of Dr. Stephen Fox)

- Freeways are barriers between neighborhoods.
- Has worked with the East side on the recent Elysian Viaduct project. Elysian Viaduct (built in 1954) was imposed on the neighborhood with no local input; today is an opportunity to instill cooperation.
- Preservation is about saving the best and incorporating new, better design.
- There are economic as well as environmental advantages to preserving neighborhoods.

Stephen Fox:

- I-45 follows White Oak Bayou and was built along a series of waterways already set aside for parkland. First Ward may have the oldest homes in Houston. Woodland Heights, Brooke Smith, Lindale Park, and Moody Park: These various neighborhoods tell the story of Houston and its people from the 1870s – mid 1950s.
- Legally, TxDOT must recognize and not destroy historically designated areas.

PRESENTATION: Air Pollution/Environmental Impact

Dr. Winifred Hamilton, Professor at Baylor College of Medicine. Purpose: To present the impact of freeways on health.

- TxDOT's Katy Freeway/I-10 environmental study had hardly any information about the health effects of freeways.
- Pollution, noise, heat, health impacts, and loss of communal aesthetics: Results of freeways.
- A lengthy PowerPoint presentation was given, complete with stats, study references, etc.

M.D. Anderson Family YMCA

Marie Arcos, Executive Director
705 Cavalcade Houston, TX 77009
713.697.0648

**Beer & Wine Protest
Notice of Hearing**

Lindale Park Civic Club has filed a protest against the granting of a beer & wine license against,

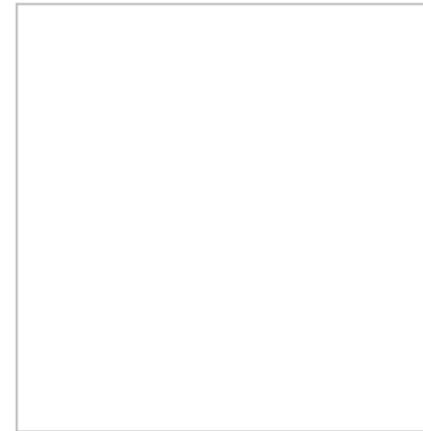
Applicant: Edward Gonzalez, D/B/A
Trappers Sports and Social Club
(Formerly known as "Friendly's Ice House")
Located at: 5802 Fulton (between Avenue of Oaks and Eleanor Streets)
**Type of Permit: Wine and Retailer's Permit
Retail Dealer's On-Premise Late Hours License**

The hearing on this new permit will take place on Friday, April 22, 2005, at 1:30 pm. at the Office of Harris County Judge, The Honorable Robert Eckels, 1000 Preston, 9th Floor, Hous. TX 77002.
Please show your support of the efforts of your civic club and your neighborhood by making plans to come to be a part of this protest hearing. This could be your one chance to voice your concerns in this matter.
**Contact for Lindale Park Civic Club:
Kevin Hoffman (713)305-5468**

Lindale Park Civic Club has also filed a protest against the renewal of a beer & wine license against, M L Knoll & G C Meza, La Pantera, 5801 Fulton Street, Houston, TX 77009, LIC#BG 54109. This "Wine and Beer Retailers Permit – Late Hours License" is up for renewal on the 28th of April, 2005. To date no hearing has been set on this protest.

Lindale Park Civic Club has always voiced its concern with these types of businesses in our back yard. We stand united with the community. If you're on our e-mail distribution you will get this before the hearing and hopefully you can show your support. Others will receive this newsletter after the hearing however we know you are in support and we will keep you posted.

Pre-School Program offers a year-round developmentally appropriate Daycare program for children 18 months to 5 years. Call today to find out about other programs.



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522 Lindale St.
Houston, TX. 77022

Church: (713) 695-2933
School :(713) 695-0236
Fax:(713) 695-2726
e-mail: bethanylutheran@aol.com
web site: bethanyhouston.org

Sunday Service: 9:00 am.
Sunday School & Bible Class: 10:30 am.

**“NOW ENROLLING FOR 2005-2006 SCHOOL YEAR”
PK4 – 7TH**

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Lindale Park Civic Club - National Night Out 2005

When: August 2, 2005

Time: 6:30pm - 8:00

**Place: St Albans Episcopal Church,
420 Woodard Street**

I-45 Town Hall Meeting on August 13

Please Attend this Important Meeting!

The Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) will present findings from the I-45 Corridor Study at a **Town Hall Meeting on Saturday, August 13, at 2:00 p.m.**, at Jeff Davis High School Auditorium (1101 Quitman, More details on page 4).

Lindale Park Civic Club General Meeting

When: August 23, 2005

Time: 7:00 pm

Place: 218 Joyce Street, Houston, TX 77009

Guest Speaker: Rep. from Houston SPCA

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Peter Brown, a proud American and United States Army veteran, celebrated Independence Day on July 4th with Houstonians all across our city.

He began the day by riding in the Lindale Park 6th Annual Parade, sponsored by the Lindale Park Civic Club. Stylish floats and good music were a hit with the thousands of folks who lined the streets of the north side neighborhood.

Peter's next stop was the Kingwood July 4th Celebration at Town Center Park. He met and greeted folks, sampled items from the numerous vendors there, and enjoyed live music under the much-needed shade of the park's pine trees. Some 25,000 residents take in the festival every year.

July 4th Parade Overview 2005:

An estimated crowd of over 2100 came out to watch our 6th annual 4th of July Parade on Irvington. The parade kicked off shortly after 10:00 a.m. to the sounds of 75 plus motorcycles from Carnales and La Familia Harley Bike Team, what a site to see and hear. The Color Guard from VFW POST 8930 followed carrying the American flags. Houston Fire Department was on hand with a clean bright red fire truck. Our Grand Marshall Congressman Gene Green brought on many cheers from the crowds followed by Congresswoman Sheila Jackson Lee. Other elected officials on hand were County Commissioner Precinct 2 Sylvia Garcia, State Representative Jessica Farrar and District H Councilmember Adrian Garcia all Lindale Park Residents. Vincent Arenas news anchor for channel 11 provided great TV coverage at noon, 5 and 10 o'clock news slots. "Elvis" a-k Ray Covey joined us this year along with the VFW POST 581 and the Ladies Auxiliary. This was the first year for the Ladies Auxiliary and they are already planning for next year. Thanks to all the volunteers and committee workers - GREAT JOB!

We recently were contacted by a concern resident regarding Registered Sex Offenders in our Neighborhood. The report as of 07/17/2005 has eight living in the general area of Lindale Park. For more information please visit the website at www.criminalcheck.com just type in the zip code to find the offenders' in your area.

Special Thanks to the Concern Resident.

From the Membership Committee:

Our 2005-2006 membership drive is underway residents will be receiving an invoice by mail shortly. If you are new to Lindale Park or have not had the time to join we invite you to do so today. Membership is only \$25.00 per household. This small amount of \$25.00 goes a long way: taxes on the club house, maintaining the club house, utilities cost, plants on Irvington, our American flag on Irvington, 4th of July parade, postage and more. Please send your check to: 218 Joyce, Houston, TX 77009, Attn: Membership Drive. Thank you again for being an active part of the best neighborhood in the Near North Side.