

# WINLOW Place

A WINNING DEED-RESTRICTED NEIGHBORHOOD OF OVER 400 FAMILIES RIGHT IN THE HEART OF HOUSTON!

## WINLOW PLACE GENERAL MEETING

**TUESDAY, OCTOBER 3**

**7:30 p.m.**

**LANIER MIDDLE SCHOOL  
2nd Floor Teacher's Lounge**

ACCEPTING NOMINATIONS  
FOR 2007 SLATE OF OFFICERS AND BLOCK CAPTAINS!

Hello Neighbors!

During recent walks with Sky through beautiful Winlow Place, I've noticed some lovely displays of early Fall color adorning your entryways. Our area certainly boasts some of the most charming front doorways I have ever seen. The next time you are out enjoying our (cooler!) weather, take time to notice and appreciate the architecturally-ornate and unique doorways imbedded throughout our wonderful neighborhood.

Speaking of entrances, we hope you will make one at our upcoming Fall gathering. Please come as you are to our Winlow Place Civic Club General Meeting on Tuesday, October 3rd, 7:30 p.m. at Lanier Middle School (Teacher's Lounge.)

We will be discussing pertinent Winlow Place issues including deed restrictions, neighborhood security and Houston's city-wide recycling contest. A city Recycling Program representative will be with us to speak briefly about the contest. We also will be accepting nominations for our 2007 officers and block captains. If you would like to be a part of our all-volunteer group, this is the perfect opportunity to jump right in and make a difference in your neighborhood!

To nominate yourself or another Winlow Place resident to serve as an officer, block captain or on a special committee or task force, please notify President Mary Needham at our October 3rd meeting or contact her at 713.521.7979. All interested persons are welcome and encouraged to enter the elections for any position or committee.

We have a definite need for a new Treasurer and Membership Officer, as Jim Cooney will be resigning at the end of this year (after many faithful years of handling our finances!) As stated in our bylaws, all nominations will be published on our website in November and voted on at our December General Meeting.

Winlow Place Civic Club is led by neighbors just like you who care about and are dedicated to keeping our neighborhood safe, clean, desirable and valuable. Please consider lending a hand next year and getting involved in this worthwhile organization. It's a great place to meet neighbors, make friends and stay tuned into what is happening around one of your largest investments.

Again, please enter the date on your calendar and make an effort to support your friendly neighborhood civic association. We look forward to seeing each and every Winlow Placer at the entrance of Lanier's Teacher's Lounge on October 3rd!

—Kris Kelly  
Editor/Publisher



## PRESIDENT'S REPORT

### IS YOUR PROPERTY SAFE?

The WPCC Board has had numerous discussions about safety and security since our rousing cooperative success with modifying the Trammel Crow Westheimer project. This summer, our area has had several armed robberies, break-ins, construction equipment thefts and verbal abuse from panhandlers.

We all want additional security—ideally in the form of the constable patrol—and we are working on ways to fund it. We have tried to link with several of the adjacent neighborhood groups; however, this simply has not turned out to be productive. The major issue is obviously the cost, which is minimum of nearly 60K a year for a full-time constable.

As we figure out how to re-establish the Constable patrol, please consider inspecting your own property. Below are some very basic safety features that every police department in the country endorses. Do you have:

- A front porch light that is on all the time, making it harder to figure out who is home when? Use CFBS—compact fluorescent bulbs—they last for months and consume about 25% of the wattage of a regular bulb.



- A couple of timers for inside lights that you use all year?
- Motion sensor lights that really illuminate your back and side yards? These are very reasonable and can be obtained at Southland Hardware, Home Depot or Lowes.
- Shades / blinds on your windows?
- Keyed dead bolts on both front and back doors? If you have a vulnerable door, replace it or consider a Medeco lock (more expensive, but the bolt goes deeper into your door frame than others and only a licensed Medeco locksmith can make duplicate keys.)
- A friend or neighbor who will pick up papers and empty your mailbox if you are away for more than a day? Piled mail and papers are dead giveaways to potential burglars that you are not home!
- Shrubbery that needs to be cut or is shielding your front door (giving someone a good a hiding place near your entryway?)
- A dog who barks or a monitored alarm system?
- Knowledge of your neighbors and their approximate departure and return times? Be sure to tell them when you are going out for any extended period.

Very few things are as effective as good neighbor relations. Many of us are in the habit of leading fairly isolated lives (at work and away from home every day) and many of us have trained ourselves not to interfere into our neighbor's business. Nonetheless, we need to all be watchful neighbors and also "our brother's keepers!"

### LET'S ALL GO GREEN!

The City of Houston has instituted a program to assess the efficacy of its current recycling program and is now offering some enticing incentives to encourage citizens to comply more enthusiastically.

On the CoH website, you will find the ground rules and categories

([gogreenhouston.org](http://gogreenhouston.org).)

The bottom line is that Winlow Place could win one of four very attractive \$5000 cash prizes.



Mandell Place, our neighbor to the east, has higher participation than we do with 47% of households. Even little Lancaster Place to the south of us scores higher at 26%! Winlow Place is officially rated at a very low 19%. The good news is that we have a LOT of room for improvement and judging is partially based on the most improved neighborhood!

Scores will be determined on the basis of participation rate (50%) plus the weight of recyclables (50%.) Paper is being scored separately from aluminum and plastic; glass is not eligible at this time.

We have an excellent chance winning this contest! Could we use \$5000 for our Civic Club? The answer is YES, YES, YES! So how about it folks, will you participate? It doesn't take much to throw your aluminum cans and plastic bottles into one bag, your papers in another and tote them out to your green bin every two weeks.

If you don't have a green recycling bin, call good neighbor John Bradley at 713-524-2245. I promise, GOING GREEN doesn't hurt a bit!

—Mary Needham  
WPCC President

### CONDOLENCES

Our condolences are extended to the LeGros family on the death of long-time Winlow Place resident, Paul LeGros, 1700 Block of Marshall.

**NEIGHBORHOOD UPDATE**



**HOUSTON'S VANISHING NEIGHBORHOODS**

**A public forum sponsored by Save the Bungalows**

with special assistance from Congresswoman Sheila Jackson Lee

**Sunday, September 24<sup>th</sup> 2 - 4 p.m.**

**Houston Heights Women's Club  
1846 Harvard Street**

[savethebungalows.org](http://savethebungalows.org)

Save the Bungalows seeks to advocate and educate for the conservation and restoration of early 20th century neighborhoods and homes.

**WINLOWPLACE.ORG**

Please check our website frequently and share your news on our newly added blog! We ask everyone to be an active participant in improving the security and quality of life within our neighborhood.

**ALERT YOUR NEIGHBORS OF ANY SECURITY VIOLATION IMMEDIATELY!**

**SIMPLY GO TO:**

[wpccblog.winlowplace.org](http://wpccblog.winlowplace.org)

**AND SHARE YOUR INFORMATION!**

[houstonolidwaste.org](http://houstonolidwaste.org)



**WINLOW PLACE SURVEY**

The Winlow Place Civic Club wants to hear from you! We will soon be distributing a general survey to all residents. This is your chance to make known what is important to you and what you believe the Civic Club should be doing for the neighborhood. You can respond online at [SurveyMonkey.com](http://SurveyMonkey.com) or via hard copy (both anonymously if you wish.)

[SurveyMonkey.com](http://SurveyMonkey.com) is an online tool that enables instant collating of responses without identifying the person surveyed. If you wish to answer your survey online, be assured that your answers will be submitted anonymously. SurveyMonkey's website has comprehensive information assuring your confidentiality and answering your survey online will not add your name to Winlow Place rosters. SurveyMonkey simply compiles and submits online survey results.

Please take a few minutes to share your opinions with us as soon as you receive your Winlow Place survey. This information will be very helpful to us as we plan for 2007 and beyond.



**City Planning Sponsors Urban Corridors Workshop**

On August 26, the City of Houston planning department launched an "urban corridors" initiative. Combined with a community workshop, the initiative was designed to help shape the future of neighborhoods and commercial areas along Houston's urban transit corridors. The City stated its intent to set new standards for urban development with changes in city ordinances and policies. According to the City, over 300 participants attended the workshop.

Following presentations by the Director of the CoH Planning and Development Department, the CoH Planning Commission Chairperson, two consultants (who were involved in similar efforts in other cities) and participants were divided into small groups. With the help of a facilitator and a recorder, and using a large aerial map of a section of Houston's core, each group identified "treasures" that need to be protected (e.g., parks, neighborhoods, specific buildings,) problem areas, development/redevelopment target areas, etc. The program ended with a general session in which each group reported their key conclusions.

Preservation of neighborhoods and neighborhood-friendly development were common themes from the groups. The presentations from the workshop are posted on the City's website at [houstontx.gov/planning/urban](http://houstontx.gov/planning/urban). A full report is due to be posted in October. The City said that the August 2006 workshop was the first phase of the Urban Corridors planning process and will be followed by additional workshops in targeted communities.

**GOT RECYCLABLES?**

**TUESDAYS**

**October 10th & 24th  
November 7th & 21st  
December 5th & 19th**

**Materials accepted in our curbside program:**

- Mail, Envelopes, Home Office Paper
- Plastic Bottles #1 & #2 Only
- Aluminum, Tin, Steel
- Empty Aerosol Cans
- Flattened Corrugated Cardboard
- Newspaper and Magazines
- Catalogs and Telephone Books
- Used Motor Oil

**HEAVY TRASH**

**2nd THURSDAY of EACH MONTH**

Once a month, you can dispose of large bulky items such as furniture and appliances through the heavy trash pickup service. Heavy trash includes white goods such as refrigerators, washing machines and dishwashers (Freon must be taken out of appliances), old furniture, mattresses and wood waste such as large tree branches. A maximum of four cubic yards of building material (not including brick, plaster or concrete) generated by the resident in connection with the resident's property maintenance will be collected by heavy trash.

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**2ND FLOOR TEACHER'S LOUNGE**

**2006 WP OFFICERS**

**PRESIDENT** Mary Needham  
**VICE PRESIDENT** Bruce Smith  
**SECRETARY** Kay Warhol  
**TREASURER** Jim Cooney  
**NEARTOWN REP** Audrey Cook

**2006 WP COMMITTEE CHAIRS**

**SECURITY** Vernon Durke  
**MEMBERSHIP** Jim Cooney  
**PUBLICATIONS** Kris Kelly  
**DEED RESTRICTIONS** Denise Hanks  
**HISTORIAN** Audrey Cook

1700 Hawthorne  
 1900 Hawthorne  
 1700 Harold  
 1800 Harold  
 1900 Harold  
 1700 Kipling  
 1800 Kipling  
 1900 Kipling  
 1700 Marshall  
 1800 Marshall  
 1900 Marshall  
 1700 W Alabama  
 1800 W Alabama  
 1700 Westheimer

**2006 WP BLOCK CAPTAINS**

Pam Jenkins	1707 Hawthorne	713.927.2880
Paul Cobb	1900 Hawthorne	713.522.8030
Bill Barton	1742 Harold	713.294.2465
Connie Reilly	1829 Harold	713.524.9821
Bob Mercado	1901 Harold	713.522.4433
Kris Kelly	1756 Kipling	713.523.2721
John Bradley	1720 Kipling	713.524.2245
Donia Caspersen	1902 Kipling	717.522.6543
Audrey Cook	1745 Marshall	713.522.9398
Bruce Chambers	1848 Marshall	713.822.1577
Denise Hanks	1911 Marshall	713.520.1277
Randy Mitchmore	1722 Alabama	713.592.9300
Erick Borlasca	1864 Alabama	713.523.6194
Byron Rusk	1700 Westheimer	713.529.5855

**THANK YOU FOR YOUR 2006 DUES!**

Your annual WPCC dues payment goes directly towards improving our neighborhood. Funds are necessary to maintain deed restrictions, publish newsletters, complete special projects, maintain our website, etc.

**JOIN TODAY!**

PLEASE SUBMIT TO:  
**JIM COONEY, WPCC TREASURER**  
 PO BOX 980712, HOUSTON, TX 77098

Senior Owner(s) (65+)	\$ 5.00
Individual Owner/Renter	\$10.00
1+ Owner or Renters	\$15.00
Non-Resident Owner	\$15.00
Business Owner	\$15.00



**DIAL 3-1-1**

WPCC neighbors working together will enable us to maintain the beauty, security, value and strong community that makes our neighborhood so unique.

**CODE VIOLATIONS:**  
 Please report any seeming housing and property code violations, nuisances or city-related issues to City of Houston at 3-1-1.

**GRAFFITI:**  
 If you see a new tag in progress, immediately call 9-1-1. To report any other graffiti, call CoH at 3-1-1 and register the location.



**PLEASE EMAIL YOUR NEWSLETTER INFORMATION TO:**  
[kriskelly@houston.rr.com](mailto:kriskelly@houston.rr.com) or mail to: PO Box 980712, Houston, TX, 77098  
*All news is welcome and encouraged...help keep your WP neighbors informed!*