



Winlow Place

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The latest news from our neighborhood

UPCOMING EVENTS

WINLOW PLACE GENERAL MEETING

Speaker: Robin Holzer, topic: biking
Wednesday, June 6, 7:30 pm
 at 1827 W Alabama

COCKTAILS & CONVERSATIONS

Our neighborhood social!
 Renters and kids are welcome.
 Friday, June 8, 5:30–8 pm

To Bike or Not to Bike

Editorial by Mary Needham

BikeHouston's Build 50 Challenge urges local governments to build 50 miles of low-stress bikeways in the next 12 months. Mayor Turner has committed \$1 million a year to fund bike projects, and in April, Harris County Precinct 1 Commissioner, Rodney Ellis committed \$10 million more.

Our June General Meeting speaker, Robin Holzer, represents Neartown on the City's Bicycle Advisory Committee. She will talk about next steps and wants to hear from you. So come to the General Meeting and express your opinion!

In general, Houston is far behind many other major cities in providing access to bikers who could otherwise cycle to work (and help reduce our carbon footprint and our level of air pollution). With 6 fatalities and 37 serious injuries last year, it is clear that as it stands now, the roads are not being shared in a meaningful fashion. Texas is fond of

proclaiming that we are unique, and our dislike of the potential for any kind of transport other than cars is solid evidence of this attitude.

For additional info on the Commissioner's funding pledge, read the Houston Chronicle's coverage at tinyurl.com/ellisbikeplanfunding.

"More people will be riding when they believe it is safe to do so," said John Long, executive director of BikeHouston, to the Chronicle.

The "other side" of the coin is surely that all of us have seen egregious behavior on the part of cyclists, whether it is cutting in front of cars, or weaving in and out of traffic, but many countries and cities have achieved a middle ground of some sort. Houston is working on this, and it is important to express your opinion.

Come and meet Robin on June 6th—let's talk!

An Interesting Project!

The Constable has special task force for entering buildings while serving high risk warrants—for example, entering the home or hideout of someone wanted for violent crimes.

The officers like to train in real world situations, e.g. breaking down doors and windows to simulate the real thing.

Given this, the Constable would like to reach out to anyone who plans to demolish their home, so they can see if the task force can use it for training before it is demolished by a wrecking ball.

Can you help? Reach out to our constable patrol at info@mwpatrol.org

President's Letter

By Lindsey Aldrich Walsh

Welcome to summer in Houston! It has been great to see so many of you at Cocktails and Conversations these past months, and we have some great hosts coming up. Remember to join our email list to get invites!

I want to thank everyone who continues to give me the updates of what is going on in the neighborhood and helping us to meet our new neighbors. We are always looking for new ideas for the Civic Club, so please attend our June general meeting and let us know how we can continue to engage with Winlow Place.

A note to our neighbor

We want to offer our sympathy and our best wishes to Terri Frankel, a longtime resident, on the sudden passing of her husband Lonnie. The Frankels and their wonderful costume business brought joy to many a Houstonian for many years. Terri, we wish you well on whatever venture the next chapter of your life takes you.

Support Our Neighborhood with Your Membership

After successfully defending our deed restrictions last year in court, we need your help to sustain Winlow Place's resources and be ready for the future.

Please support our neighborhood by submitting 2018 dues and joining our Civic Club at winlowplace.org/pay-dues

Thank you!

A Tribute to One of Our Earliest Members

By Audrey Cook

We regret to report that longtime Winlow Place resident Donia Phelan Caspersen, 94, died in a Houston nursing home on April 2, 2018. She was well known for her sparkling demeanor and engaging conversations and served Winlow Place for over 50 years in different capacities. She and her husband Charles (1915–1987) bought their home at 1902 Kipling for \$18,500 in 1951. They had 14 children and owned Caspersen Realty. Charlie, as we called him, was the second president of the WPCC in 1966, but Donia did most of the work.

The trials and tribulations of living so close to the Old Plantation, a popular nightclub at 2020 Kipling in the late 1970s, was always among Donia's most

important revelations, including details of the WPCC's battle with the TABC in Austin and the ultimate sale of the property to Admiral Linen in 1981. The successful battle cost almost \$25,000 and funds were raised by two garage sales on the Lanier school grounds, knocking on doors for donations from surrounding residents and businesses, and \$1,000 from the Neartown Association.

Donia was a devoted member of the St. Anne Catholic Church and as late as 2009, at age 86, she was still ministering to the elderly and cooking at the church every two weeks! (*Editor's Note: And she was a block captain up to the time she moved her residence!*)

Neartown Association Update

By Kay Warhol

At the April Neartown meeting, we heard from Blueprint Houston, a nonprofit organization that supported the development and adoption of Plan Houston, Houston's general plan, and is now promoting the evolution and implementation of the plan. A key question posed by Blueprint Houston for the City—all of us—to consider is: How will Houston accommodate its expected population growth of one million?

To view Blueprint Houston's presentation, "The Next Million: Where and How Will We Grow?" visit tinyurl.com/blueprintnextmillion. For more on Blueprint Houston, visit blueprintheouston.org

Constable Patrol Update

By Mike Hawash

The constable patrol continues to work well, keeping crime rates very low. Some of you may have noticed that Cherryhurst is now included. Truly there is strength in numbers!

Sign up now if you can so that we can gradually swing to a membership renewal date in June, rather than September. Ideally, we will have the commitments for the coming year in by early June.

Your support benefits the whole neighborhood.

Become a subscriber at mwpatrol.org

Monthly Socials: Cocktails + Conversation

By Margo Fendrich

Winlow Place's socials are one of the highlights of living in our neighborhood. These events give us a marvelous way to meet new neighbors and catch up with familiar ones.

C+Cs are held monthly on the second Friday, so there are plenty of chances to attend.

All Winlow residents are welcome—this includes renters and kids. We'd love to meet you!

COCKTAILS + CONVERSATIONS

Friday, June 8, 5:30–8 pm
(Location included in email invite)

Sign up for emails at winlowplace.org.

Update on Lanier Traffic

The first thing to remember is that 11–13-year-old students can be unaware about their surroundings and safety while entering or exiting in front of traffic. They have a number of distractions—headphones to listen to music, cell phones to send messages—and are often supremely indifferent to their surroundings.

Secondly, we have been working diligently with HISD and Lanier to minimize hazards for the children during drop off and pick up times. Winlow Place Civic Club notified all residents about the implementation of a traffic & parking plan created by City of Houston engineers that had safe locations for entry/exit from cars.

Unfortunately, Lanier has not upheld their commitment to enforce this plan. Their parents continue to park in our driveways and on restricted streets to drop off & pick up their kids, which results in children running across oncoming traffic to get to school. Neighbors' security cameras show students often crossing the street distracted—which is dangerous.

We care about the safety of our kids and neighbors, and have worked hard to try to get Lanier to enforce the plan from City of Houston.

Our city council rep, Ellen Cohen, attended a recent meeting with WPCC and Lanier, and we are hoping she can help find an acceptable compromise that will keep the kids safe!

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- *Heavy trash:* 1st Wed of the month (June 6th). More info at: houstontx.gov/solidwaste/
- *Mandell-Winlow Constable Patrol:* mwpatrol.org
- *City of Houston questions:* Call 3-1-1
- *New neighbors in Winlow?* Let our welcome committee know by emailing president@winlowplace.org.

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