

Civic Club Newsletter

Upcoming Events

Virtual Winlow Place General Meeting

September 9, 2021, at 7:30 pm Email president@winlowplace.org for information

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President's Letter

By Greg Utterback

I hope each of you enjoyed this summer as best we can in the current COVID wave. You get so much information about COVID and what to do, I'm going to strive for this month's newsletter to be COVID free (as I hope you are too). Your Civic Club Executive Board continues to work to represent your needs and to address concerns you may have. While we have to do things differently now, we are here to help.

There are new sections within this newsletter to provide additional information about the neighborhood, our elected representatives and what's going on in our community. I'd love to hear about your thoughts and what else you'd like to see. Sections I'd like to add in future issues may include local restaurant reviews (I recently had an amazing experience at March!), neighbor profiles, and reestablishing Yard of the Month. Those are my initial thoughts, but I'm sure there are others. Please send me a message at president@winlowplace.org.

I hope you join us for our next virtual General Meeting and please consider participating on the board in 2022.

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Ask the President

Every month we get multiple questions regarding our neighborhood and the Civic Club. We wanted to share some of the common questions and their answers.

- I'm looking to add on to my house.
 Are there regulations or rules that I need to follow?
- The Winlow Place Civic Club is a voluntary organization, but we do protect our neighborhood through enforcement of the deed restrictions. Our Deed Restriction Officer reviews plans and offers confirmation that your planned addition meets the deed restrictions, specifically structure height, number of visible stories and setbacks. The City of Houston has additional requirements that also need to be reviewed outside of our Civic Club.
- Where can I store my garbage cart and when do I put it out?
- City provided garbage and recycling carts should be placed at the street on Sunday evening after 6:00 pm or by Monday morning at 7:00 am. Your garbage and recycling carts must be stored on your property, out of sight from the street. At no time should containers be stored at the dead

end of a street or on neighboring properties. It is also important to return your container to your property by 10:00 pm on the day of collection.

- What can be done when a car is blocking the safe passage on a sidewalk?
 - Our sidewalks are important to keep clear and passable at all times. If a car is blocking the right-of-way, please call 311 to report the issue.
 With Lanier Middle School in our neighborhood, we need to think of the student's safety while they walk to and from school.
- My street always has cars parked on it preventing my guests from parking near my home. Is there something the Civic Club can do to address?
- Living in the city bring about its own challenges, and parking is definitely one of them. Winlow Place does not have permit parking, nor does it have "reserved" parking for residents. This may cause some frustration, but your guests can park anywhere in the neighborhood that is not clearly marked as a no parking zone.

Bylaw Highlight

In 2019, the Executive Board updated our Bylaws to better reflect and represent our neighborhood. An important part of that change was the establishment of three

Districts within our neighborhood. These districts are approximately equal in the number of living structures. The map below shows the boundaries for each District.



Neartown Association Update

By Kay Warhol

Neartown Super Neighborhood 24 continues to hold monthly virtual meetings, with a variety of guest speakers. In July, we heard from the METRO about plans underway for the 25+ mile University Corridor METRORapid project – a bus rapid transit (BRT) line that is part of the METRONext plan approved by voters in 2019. Access for Montrose is planned for Richmond Ave., part of Segment 2 running between Edloe and Main Street. Expect more opportunities to learn about plans - and give input - over the next year. There's also info on the METRO website

(https://www.ridemetro.org/Pages/METROR apid-University-Corridor.aspx) and in the Heights-River Oaks-Montrose edition of the Community Impact Newspaper (www.communityimpact.com and search on "Metro University").



In June, Board Chair of the Montrose
Management District Steve Madden gave an
update on the re-activation of the District and
took feedback regarding interest in the
services of the District. You can also read about
the District's plans in the Community Impact
Newspaper (search on "Montrose Management
District").

Neartown meetings are open to all. Check out www.neartown.org for info on how to partipate (/neartown-meetings), links to videos of past meetings (/minutes-archive), a calendar of other events of interest (/other-happenings), news of special interest (/blog), and to sign up for email updates (/contact).

Constable Patrol Funding Update

By Mike Hawash

Although the Mandell Winlow Constable Patrol is a separate entity from the Civic Club, the organization provides an important additional level of support for the Houston Police Department in crime prevention and reporting. The Constable Patrol works to enhance safety and security throughout our immediate community by working in partnership with the Precinct 1 Constable's Office, neighborhood associations, and likeminded citizens. Working collaboratively, we accomplish these goals:

- Meaningfully enhance safety and security in our neighborhoods and city.
- Coordinate crime prevention efforts.
- Educate citizens throughout the greater Montrose area about the risks of crime.
- Teach ways to reduce the chances of becoming a victim.
- Work to reduce the likelihood of crime stoking our area.
- Assist law enforcement in the investigation of crime.

Your support benefits the whole neighborhood. They are close to the funding goal for this fiscal year, but need additional subscribers.

Become a subscriber at **mwpatrol.org**.



Council Member, District C Abbie Kamin Update

Council Member Kamin's office sends out frequent updates regarding her District, which includes Winlow Place. To be added to the mailing list, visit https://www.houstontx.gov/council/c/newsle tter-signup.html.

From her recent newsletter that effects our neighborhood:

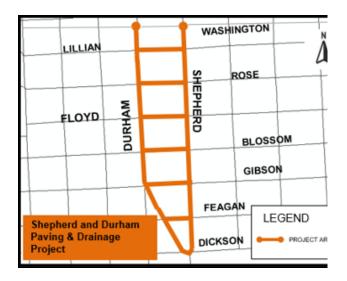
My [Council Member Kamin's] office continues to focus on improvements to communication and customer service for constituents. I'm excited to share that the City has launched a brand new 311 platform to make interaction for residents easier, quicker, and more convenient when reporting neighborhood issues. You should no longer use SeeClickFix to file service requests. There are three options for you to utilize: 1) smart phone apps (Apple and Google), 2) an internet portal [https://houston311.powerappsportals.u s/en-US/], and 3) the 311 call center.

The app and website now provide a chat box you can use this to check on a case you've already submitted and report new problems. As this is a new technology, there are still a few kinks to work out, but we're already seeing the difference this upgrade is making. Be sure you don't miss the last step in reporting by clicking the link in the chat box to complete your case and add photos or other notes (pictures are always VERY helpful!).



My office is here to guide you through this new 311 platform, help with troubleshooting, and follow up with the departments on your behalf if needed. In just a few short weeks, we've helped a resident in Meyerland get a replacement for her damaged garbage bin, ensured the restoration of a sinkhole in Timbergrove, and more! Call my office at 832-393-3004 or email districtc@houstontx.gov with the service request number, and we will follow up.

Recently, the City hosted a virtual public meeting for the Shepherd and Durham Paving and Drainage Project. This is a \$13 million project that will not only reconstruct, but improve drainage, add bike lanes, and include wider sidewalks from Washington to Dickson. Learn more at www.engagehouston.org/shepherdand durham.



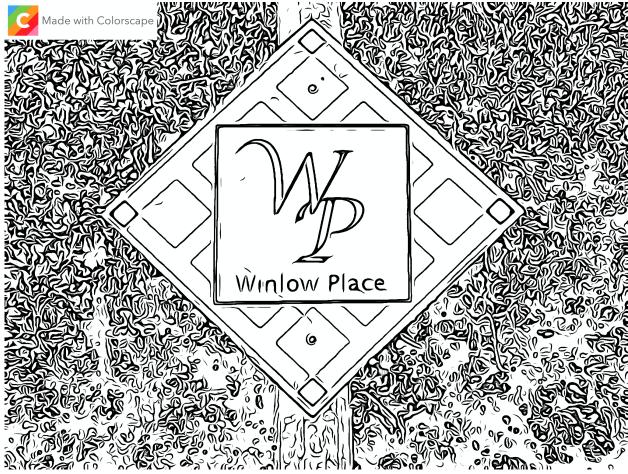
The entire Shepherd/Durham corridor from below I-10 up to 610 North is going to see these improvements, thanks to another project led by TIRZ 5 (Memorial Heights). I worked with them and others to secure federal funding to complete the corridor and ensure safe connectivity. To learn about the TIRZ project, visit https://memorialheightstirz5.com/projects/.

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- Heavy trash: 1st Wed of the month. **Download the app for HTX Collects for information.**
- City of Houston questions: Call 3-1-1 or use the new app and internet portal.

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Support Our Neighborhood with Your Membership

We need your help to sustain Winlow Place's resources and be ready for the future.

Please support our neighborhood by submitting 2021 dues at *winlowplace.org/pay-dues.*

